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SATURDAY, FEB. 27

◆ Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, Connelly Auditorium, 468 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe, hosts "A Healthy Heart Event" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. 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.

MONDAY, MARCH 1

◆ The Grosse Pointe Woods city council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza.
◆ The mother daughter book group meets from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Ewald branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. For more information, call Kathleen Gallagher at (313) 343-2074, ext. 206.
◆ Classes are forming for low impact dance aerobics at First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Classes are from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cost is \$68. For more information, call Judy at (313) 886-7534.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

◆ The movie, "Easy Living," is shown at 7 p.m. by the Woods branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, 20680 Mack.
◆ "The White Tiger" is discussed from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the adult book discussion group that meets on the second floor of the Central library, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, call Cynthia ZurSchmiede at (313) 343-2074, ext. 209.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

◆ Kim Steggle discusses "The 40 Developmental Assets: Building Blocks for Your Child's Future" from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, Connelly Auditorium, 468 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe. Admission is

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Police investigate sexual assault

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Police said they face roadblocks in their search for a Detroit teenager accused of raping an underage girl on her way to Grosse Pointe North High School.

"It appears the family is hiding the suspect and has consulted with a lawyer who has notified police he will

turn in the subject if a warrant is authorized," said Mike McCarthy, a Grosse Pointe Farms detective.

McCarthy expects the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office to oblige.

The girl, a 15-year-old Dearborn resident, told police the assault happened at 7 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, in the alley behind stores in the 19200 block of Mack. The location is about 1 1/2 blocks from a bus stop near St. John

Hospital, where the girl transfers buses in her cross-town course to school.

The girl qualifies to attend Pointe public schools because her mother has an address in the Harper Woods portion of the district, McCarthy said.

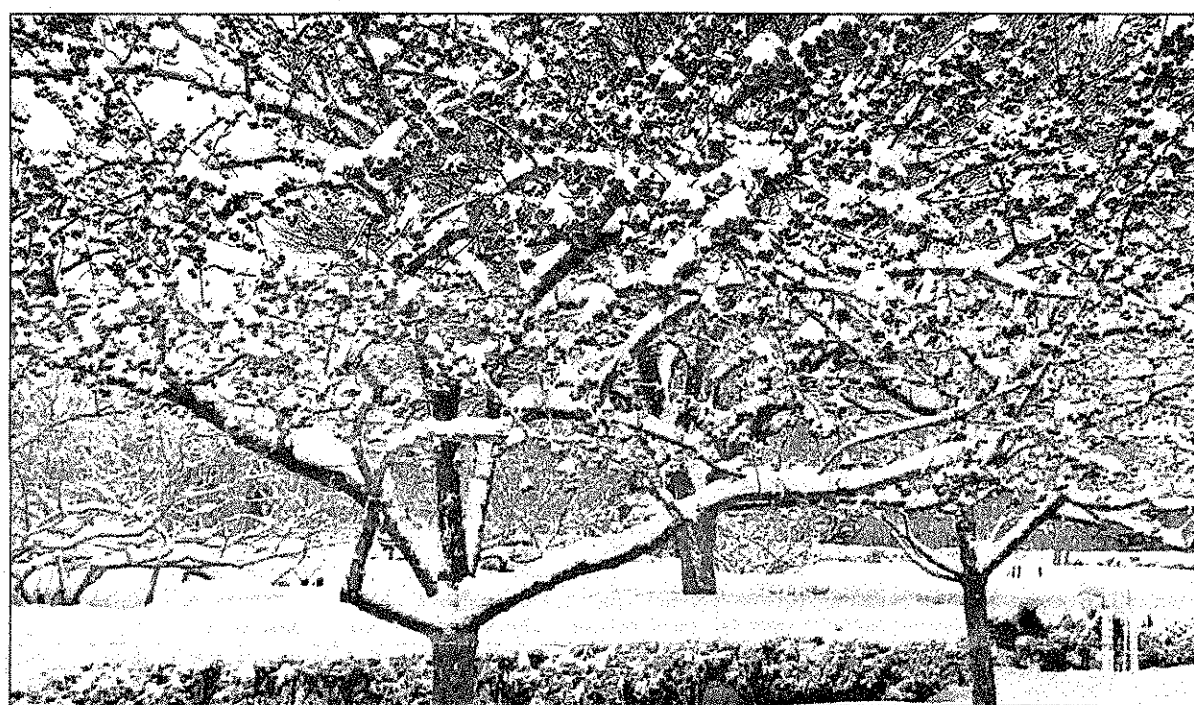
The alleged rapist attends Martin Luther King High School, police said.

"We don't have a serial rapist out there," said Lt. Richard Rosati, head detective. "These two knew each other."

"She met (him) six weeks ago on the bus she takes to school," McCarthy said the girl told him during an initial interview at headquarters the day of the reported attack.

The morning of the alleged assault, the boy wasn't on the bus, the girl told police. She reportedly said that when she got off the bus, the boy approached

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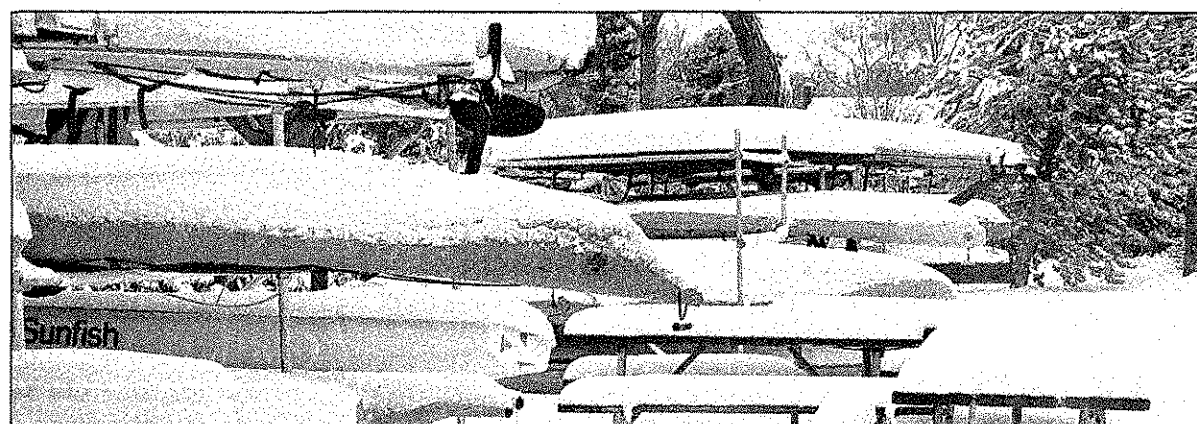


Snow day

Six inches of snow covered southeast Michigan Monday, Feb. 22. Above, the trees at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial didn't look very spring-like. At left, Ron Infantrino, head engineer at Kerby Elementary, clears the front steps of school.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Our Lady Star of the Sea school siblings Carly and Kyle Gesell sled down a hill at Moross and Lakeshore after a good push from their father, Dave Gesell. Below, Farms Pier Park has that winter feeling.



GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Recall targets resign

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Two of four councilmen being recalled in Grosse Pointe Shores have resigned.

The mayor, also being recalled, wants the remaining council members and himself to agree by the next council meeting, March 16, on replacements to serve out the vacated terms ending November 2011.

Resignations at the Feb. 16 city council meeting by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Brian Hunt and Councilman Fred Minturn came a week after Wayne County election officials certified petitions for a May 4 recall election.

Recall targets had until Thursday, Feb. 18, to challenge the certification.

Hunt, a dentist and 10-year veteran of the council, did not attend the council meeting. He resigned by letter. He wrote that he'd decided months ago that the February 2009 election, which included rechartering the village as a city,

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GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Man's last 12 hours speculated

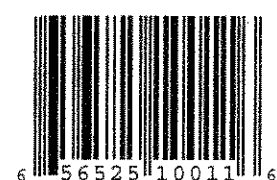
By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The recovery of a wallet Sunday afternoon answers what police think happened to a man who died last week shortly after being found unconscious in the driveway of a house on lower Lakeshore.

The wallet, \$20 and related personal items were in a fanny pack found near where the man was discovered at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15.

The intact wallet and money rule out robbery in

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Crime flat in Shores

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Police fought costs as well as crime last year in Grosse Pointe Shores. Despite a two-man reduction in manpower, overtime was cut by more than 50 percent compared to the year before, according to the 2009 public safety department annual report. "Also, in 2009, officer training was increased to 2,108 hours, a significant increase over prior years," said Director Stephen Poloni. The department's 17 officers and Poloni, who often suits up on weekends rather than issuing overtime to patrolmen, made a combined 323 arrests during 2009, a 25 percent increase from the year before. Poloni attributed the increase to "aggressive traffic en-

forcement, quick response and aggressive investigation at crime scenes." Overall crime reported during 2009 remained essentially unchanged from the year before. A total of 252 incidents occurred last year compared with 254 during 2008. Burglary dropped from four cases in 2008 to one in 2009. Among Part I crimes, rated by the FBI as most serious, larceny increased from 24 cases during 2008 to 26 in 2009. The number of larcenies reported during the last three years has been three to five times greater than during 2005 and 2006. Contributing to the increases were a string of car break-ins committed by local males. They were convicted. Among Part II crimes, which are those listed by the FBI as less serious than Part I, fraud more than doubled to 10 cases. Weapons charges quadrupled to four. Drunken driving increased five cases to 53, a frequency of about one per week. The number of drunken driving arrests for 2009 brought the most recent five-year average to nearly 57 cases per year. Patrol officers conducted 7,472 field investigations, an 11 percent reduction from 2008. Deployments ranged from assisting one mentally disabled person to checking vacation homes 5,851 times. There was only one fire last year in the Shores, matching last year and down from three fires in 2007 and seven in 2006.

Fire damage in 2009 totaled \$6,500. Department personnel includes 11 paramedics and seven emergency medical technicians. Together, they accounted for 126 runs during 2009. Emergencies included four auto accidents, 41 sick people and 53 assists of other jurisdictions. Poloni called the figure a "significant decrease" from 212 runs in 2008. "Both in the areas of emergency medical and fire response, our officers responded in a professional and proficient manner," Poloni said. He attributed a 14 percent drop in motor vehicle accidents to "the diligence of our officers in enforcing traffic laws." Nixle.com Poloni announced the Shores has registered to join the Nixle information network. Nixle is an Internet site reserved for law enforcement agencies to post updates relating to public safety. "It is a free service to both the community and residents that will allow us to send out emergency alerts as well as information to residents," Poloni said. The service is free and is accessed by subscription. "We'll be getting information out on the (municipal) website and (cable) TV for people to sign up for that service once the registration process is completed," Poloni said.

Fortified

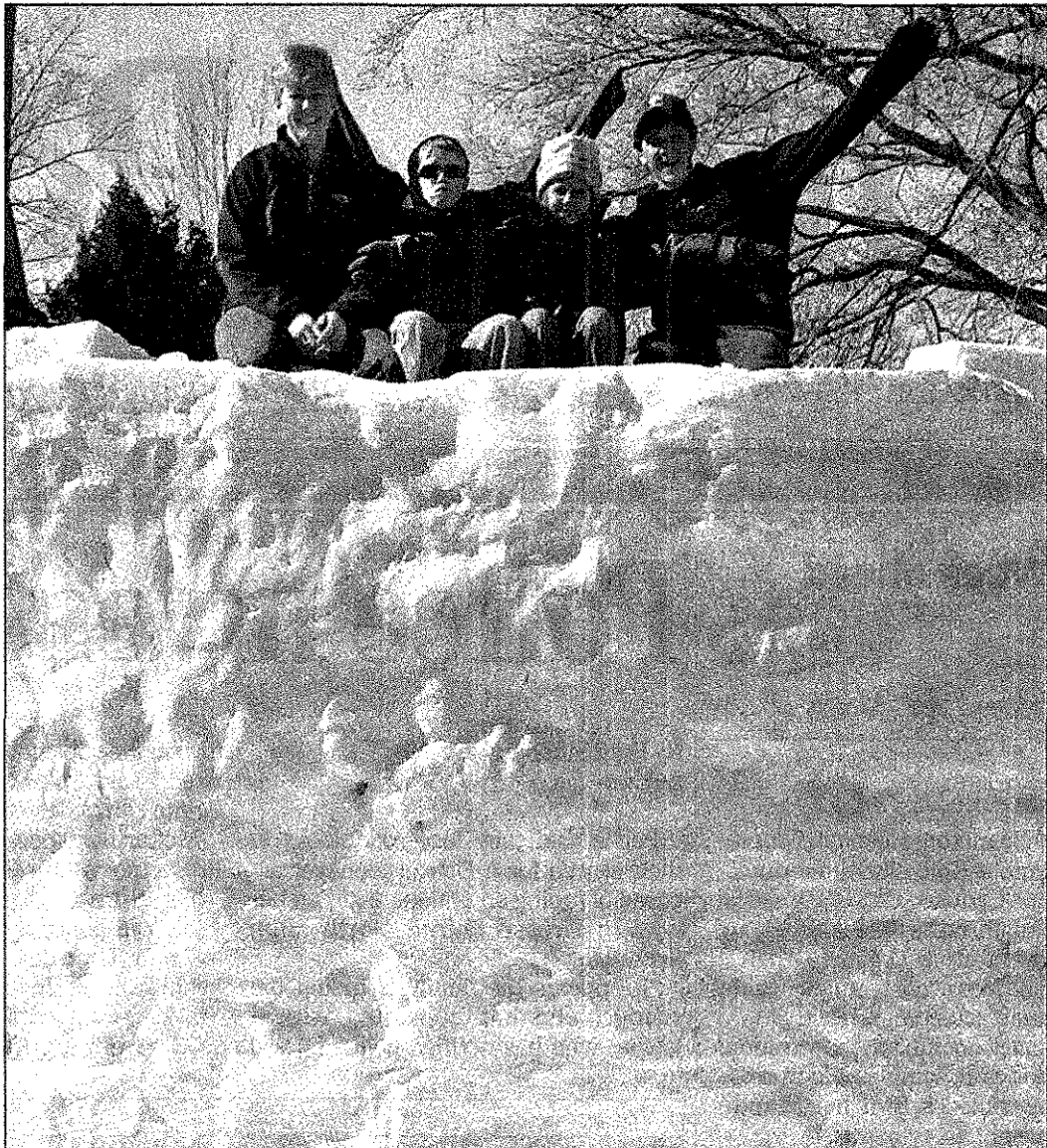


PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Using a recycling bin, from left, Jan and Morgan Warner and Maria and Joseph Haddad of the City of Grosse Pointe, constructed a snow fort some 6-feet in height on the Morgans' Lincoln Street lawn. Also helping build the fortress were Jenny Ponkowski and Jack Kuchta of the City of Grosse Pointe.

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Weather kind to DPW crews this winter

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Brett Smith began his February update of public works activities in Grosse Pointe Shores with what his colleagues have come to call his weather report. "We finally had a significant snowfall this year," said Smith, public works di-

rector, referring to more than six inches that fell Feb. 9. Weather plays a big roll in DPW operations. Daily duties literally change with the wind or storm front. This year's easy winter, minus Monday's snow, has put the Shores in fine shape for road salt. "We're way under budget for road

salt," Smith said. While weather cooperates, DPW crews can spend more time this winter refurbishing decorative streetlights on Lakeshore. Lights are being taken down, painted and lenses recut. "Hopefully this summer, we'll have the opportunity to start working on the poles as well," Smith said.

Upcoming road projects in the Shores include repaving Vernier from Lakeshore to the Grosse Pointe Woods boundary, and Lakeshore from the St. Clair Shores limits to Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms. "Within the next 18 months, you're

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Jenny from the block

New chamber executive director is ready to roll

Jenny Boettcher loves a good challenge.

The life-long Grosse Pointe resident will find it as the new Chamber of Commerce executive director, a job she takes over from Mary Huebner. Huebner founded the chamber with Jane Lightfoot several years ago, and left to spend more time with her family.

"It was time," she said. "It's been a great experience and I've been happy with the direction we've gone. We've worked really well with the businesses and the cities here."

Which is exactly what Boettcher looks forward to continuing.

"My goal is to continue the success of the chamber, to keep our community thriving during these difficult times and to promote the great things about Grosse Pointe," Boettcher said.

Boettcher, 44, is a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and Northwood University. Her husband, Christopher, is serving his first elected term on the City of Grosse Pointe City Council and is president of Airtec Corporation.

They have five boys ranging from 9 to 19 years old.

"I'm used to being busy, and this is a job I couldn't do without the support of my family," Boettcher said. "I believe in giving back to the community. There are some great events we're a part of and I love talking to people, promoting what we're all about."

Boettcher worked as the director of membership the last four years, and hours increased as time passed.

"Mary and I worked as a great team together and now I have Mary Jo (Harris) to work with," she said. "Mary will always be supportive of us. She's handling the census work for the chamber this year, so we'll still see her."

Boettcher said she looks forward to serving the 400-plus members of the chamber.

"It's important to support our local businesses and we're doing everything we can to help."

For more information about the chamber, call (313) 881-4722 or visit online, on Facebook and Twitter.

-Joe Warner



PHOTO BY JOE WARNER

Jenny Boettcher is the new executive director of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Benefits eyed for cuts

By Brad Lindberg

Staff Writer

Employees of this financially besieged bedroom community are working under the prospect of a prized perk being reduced or taken away.

A hint came at the Feb. 16 city council meeting when Councilman Ted Kedzierski asked about the \$37,500 sick-pay benefit outgoing park director Jim Cooke spent more than 31 years accruing.

"Does he still intend to receive his sick time?" Kedzierski asked Brian Vick, city manager.

"Our current policy speaks to that issue and I think we'll

talk about it further," Vick said.

Cooke resigned recently, having seen "the handwriting on the wall" of impending cost cuts via staff reductions, Councilwoman Victoria Boyce said at the time.

The Shores offers employees pay in exchange for not taking allotted time off due to illness. Many employees accumulate, or bank, unused sick time in exchange for often substantial financial payouts upon retirement.

Kedzierski, newly-named head of the financial committee, opposes the policy. He said its too generous, needs to be scaled back and capped at \$10,000.

Council members a few weeks ago assigned the city attorney to determine whether the sick bank can be altered.

"We've been talking since November about certain cost savings," Kedzierski said at the council meeting. "One was banked sick time. This may be moot because you are going to discuss it (in closed session)."

"We are definitely going to discuss this further," Vick said. "I anticipate the council will take a vote on this topic some time in the future."

The council soon went into closed session to discuss "a legal opinion related to employee benefits," Vick said.

Upon returning to open ses-

sion, Vick suggested the sick bank matter might be resolved at the next council meeting, March 16.

Cost-cutting, one of Kedzierski's election promises, remains one of his, the council's and Vick's biggest concerns.

Kedzierski said current cost-saving efforts have put the city on the "right track," but he'd like changes to be made faster.

"Maybe most 'difficult' is to reduce legacy costs," he said. "These liabilities are not on our balance sheet. Post retirement health care is a footnote only. The unstated liability, which is \$10 million, is not part of the financial statement."

A chance to say goodbye to Cooke

By Brad Lindberg

Staff Writer

High attendance at the residents-only snow hill behind city hall has Grosse Pointe Shores officials wondering if the guest admission policy should be scaled back.

The hill's normal weekend attendance of 200 sledders doubled one day this month when schools closed due to snow, according to Brian Vick, city manager.

"When there was a snow day, (attendance) bumped all the way up to 400," Vick said.

Such high numbers put a

strain on managing the facility, especially during tough economic times when Shores officials are trying to cut payroll.

The hill is part of the city park system for residents and guests.

"Some residents were concerned about the number of guests kids were bringing in," Vick said. "We'll talk about that at a later date."

In other park news, the annual chili cook-off at Osius Park is scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28.

The cookoff doubles as a goodbye celebration for former park director Jim Cooke.

Cooke announced his retirement recently amid city council discussions of ways to cut personnel costs.

Cooke worked for the Shores more than 31 years.

"I want to thank him for all he's done for this community," said Mayor Dr. James Cooper. "He was a friend of many of our children and someone they respected and looked up to. He ran our park and harbor with a friendly and professional demeanor. I will miss Jim, but understand his desire to spend more time with his family."

Cooke's replacement will work part-time without bene-

fits. The job has been posted on websites for the Shores and the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association.

Applications are due March 15, Vick said.

As for the municipal marina, about 60 percent of boat slip renewals mailed to boaters have been returned.

"We will be having an automated phone call to those who have not replied, reminding them the deadline's past and to submit their deposit as soon as possible," Vick said.

The Shores is offering free boat wells for one year to new home buyers in the city.

Coyote snared at Lochmoor

By Kathy Ryan

Staff writer

One down.

But the coyote counters in Grosse Pointe Woods aren't quite sure how many are left after a female coyote was caught Saturday morning in a snare trap set on the grounds of Lochmoor Club.

"There is evidence that there are one or two still around the site where we trapped the female," said Woods Director of Public Safety Al Fincham. "The traps were reset and are being monitored by the maintenance crew at Lochmoor. We just have to wait and see what happens."

The Woods, along with Grosse Pointe Shores, hired

the trapping company called Varmint Police to set traps following several reports of coyotes attacking family pets in backyards near Lochmoor Club. After one attack, police tracked the coyote through newly fallen snow, with the prints leading back to the Lochmoor grounds.

This was at least the third coyote taken down in the past few months. Grosse Pointe Farms shot and killed one on the grounds of the Country Club of Detroit, and another was shot on the ice on Lake St. Clair.

"The recent snowfall helps in seeing tracks and getting an idea of numbers," Fincham said. "There are nine snare traps set. All we can do is wait."

Car found minus parts

By Joe Warner

Editor

The car is back - with parts missing.

A Grosse Pointe Park woman recently carjacked by a man with a gun near Warren and Radnor has her bright red, 2002 Pontiac Aztec back from Detroit, where it spent time as a "rental car."

The 63-year-old woman named Anne, whose last name is being withheld by the Grosse Pointe News, said police called with the news they found her car in motion Feb. 17 near Van Dyke and Seven Mile Road.

The driver and passenger were arrested at the scene by Detroit police.

The elderly passenger was released and the driver held for questioning. Anne said he told police he rented the car for \$50. She said the man couldn't remember who rented the car to him.

Anne said police don't believe he was the man who put a gun to her head and demanded the car and her purse as she left a Detroit business Feb. 12. The carjacking and robbery occurred at 2:30 p.m.

After police found the car, it was towed to an impound lot and fingerprinted. Anne said

she has viewed a photo line-up and a live line-up of potential suspects, but she didn't spot her robber.

The Aztec was released to Anne, who took it to her dealership to repair the estimated \$1,100 in damages.

"Everything of mine was missing from the car, even the weird stuff," she said. "An ice chest, some food, a shovel. It was all gone."

Replacing her items were two car fenders, a jack, a black hoodie, cinder blocks and a huge toolbox filled with tools.

"Police believe my car was being used to commit other crimes," Anne said. "They've done a good job keeping me informed."

Happy she has her car back, she continues to heal from the scary ordeal. Because her purse and personal information was taken, her locks were changed and other safety measures taken with the help of Grosse Pointe Park police.

"It's hard to trust people," she said, "but I refuse to be a prisoner in my own home. When I am home, I have two pit bulls that aren't very friendly to other people. On the road, I'm more cautious. I hope they catch the guy, but it's not like CSI in real life. It's different in Detroit."

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Replacement program up for approval

By Kathy Ryan

Staff Writer

A program to install new water meters in houses and businesses in Grosse Pointe Woods could begin in July after funding for the replacement program was discussed by the city council.

The meters are part of an overhaul of the city's water infrastructure which, when completed, will include a new water reservoir, replacement of several aging water mains and the new meters.

The cost of the meter replacements and the software to operate the system is expected to be \$1.1 million.

"We replaced the meters 10 years ago," said Joe Ahee, director of public works. "But the company that made the meters has gone out of business and you can't get parts or service

Installation of the meters will be done by city employees, which saves the city approximately \$150,000. Two employees will do the work, which could take up to one year to complete.

for them."

Ahee also explained the battery life on the current meters was good for 10 years and that the software that operates the system is no longer supported.

He also said only the head of the meter needs to be replaced with the new program. The new software to operate the program will send direct feeds to the water billing clerk at city hall.

Installation of the meters will be done by city employees, which saves the city approximately \$150,000. Two employees will do the work, which could take up to one year to complete.

"We can keep the work in-house and save a considerable amount of money," Ahee told the council.

Water meters are not the only item on the council's water wish list, as the committee of the whole also recommended approval of several water main replacement projects.

Eleven mains will be replaced, at a cost of approximately \$2.5 million. Bid specs for the projects will be completed by the end of March, but construction work won't begin until 2011. Funding for the project will come from a low interest loan from the state's Drinking Water Revolving

Fund.

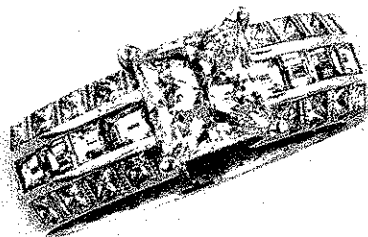
Repayment funds for that loan will come from an estimated 4 percent increase in water rates, which will take effect July 1.

Streets scheduled for main replacement include Allard, Hollywood, Ridgemont, Hampton, Lochmoor, Anita, Sunningdale, Toles, Newcastle and the Harper service drive.

In order to qualify for replacement, mains had to have a history of repeated breaks or had demonstrated pressure problems. Many of the mains are 70 years old and are made of cast iron. Replacement mains will be made of ductile cast iron, which is considered more flexible and elastic than traditional cast iron.

Council is expected to vote on the final approval for the projects at its Monday, March 1 meeting.

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Mary Treder Lang follows advice from Winston Churchill as she guides the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club into its ninth decade — 'We made a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.'

Mooring traditions and new ideas

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

It's a long-standing tradition for the newly-elected Grosse Pointe Yacht Club commodore to receive a set of buttons to be worn on the blazer cuffs.

As the 77th and first woman commodore of the nationally ranked yacht club, Mary Treder Lang is proud to show off the classic buttons — blue and red flags on a white background.

"A former commodore was into die casting and he had a connection with an English jeweler. He had 20 or 30 made and part of his estate was to continue the button tradition. The buttons are presented to the incoming commodores," she said.

During her year as head of the 750-member yacht club, Treder Lang plans to maintain traditions begun when it was founded in 1914 and lay ground for new ideas to bring the community in and entice new members, all with her feminine touch.

"I'm proud to be a member here and sustain my family here," she said. "This is home away from home. To be commodore is an honor."

The commodore's position is elected by members who are on the active roll and have a boat in one of the marina's 260 slips.

This is a position for which Treder Lang has been preparing since her family joined the GPYC in the late 1960s.

The Treder family's first boat was a 31-foot Cavalier and was only one reason she and her two brothers spent summers at the yacht club.

The resident of Grosse Pointe Farms said, as a young girl, she took swimming, tennis and sailing lessons there.

"At a young age, I fell in love with the club. My parents had a boat and we lived here in the summer. We made lunch on the boat. It was our cottage on the lake. We traveled to Lake Erie, Georgian Bay, Canada, Mackinac Island, all around Lake St. Clair and up and down the river," she said. "I've been fortunate to be raised here and be a member."

Thus, she said, the GPYC members became her family; second to the Lang family, husband, Paul, and children J.P., 20, a sophomore at the University of Dayton; Killeen, 19, a freshman at Aquinas

'I love the club. I'm giving back to ensure the future.'

MARY TREDER LANG,
Grosse Pointe Farms

College; and Shannon, a Grosse Pointe South High School sophomore.

The family has a 25-foot whaler, Proud Mary, moored at the yacht club. Her parents have a 41-foot Viking, also in a yacht club slip.

"I love the club. I have childhood memories (here)," Treder Lang said.

The friendships she made during her summers at the yacht club have continued beyond high school and college.

She graduated from the formerly all-girls Star of the Sea High School in Grosse Pointe Woods and the University of Dayton, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting and marketing. She worked for a time in public accounting with the Detroit firm KPMG. Today she has her own accounting firm.

Treder Lang confesses her financial background is an asset to her job as commodore, as well as other past positions.

Elected to the yacht club's executive board, Treder Lang has served as treasurer, rear commodore and vice commodore, among other elected and volunteer positions. Or, as she puts it, "What haven't I done?"

She has been on the finance committee for more than 10 years, being the only woman sitting on that board, and has run the children's programs for four years. She has been chairwoman of bowling, party, membership, harbor and the youth swim finals committees.

As commodore she is overseeing between 30 to 40 committees that keep the yacht club active year round.

She pops into the club every day to check on committees, talk with families in the dining room and chat with the 120 full-time employees.

"I'm here every day, if not attending a direct function, I am walking into the dining room and talking to members.

"The employees are good to us and we are good to them. The staff has been here more



Mary Treder Lang is the 77th commodore of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

than 20 years — some 25 years. We owe them everything," she said.

Describing herself as a take-charge woman, Treder Lang doesn't see this as a hindrance but rather as a challenge to keep the GPYC on the right track, keeping traditions alive and inserting new ideas to help draw in new

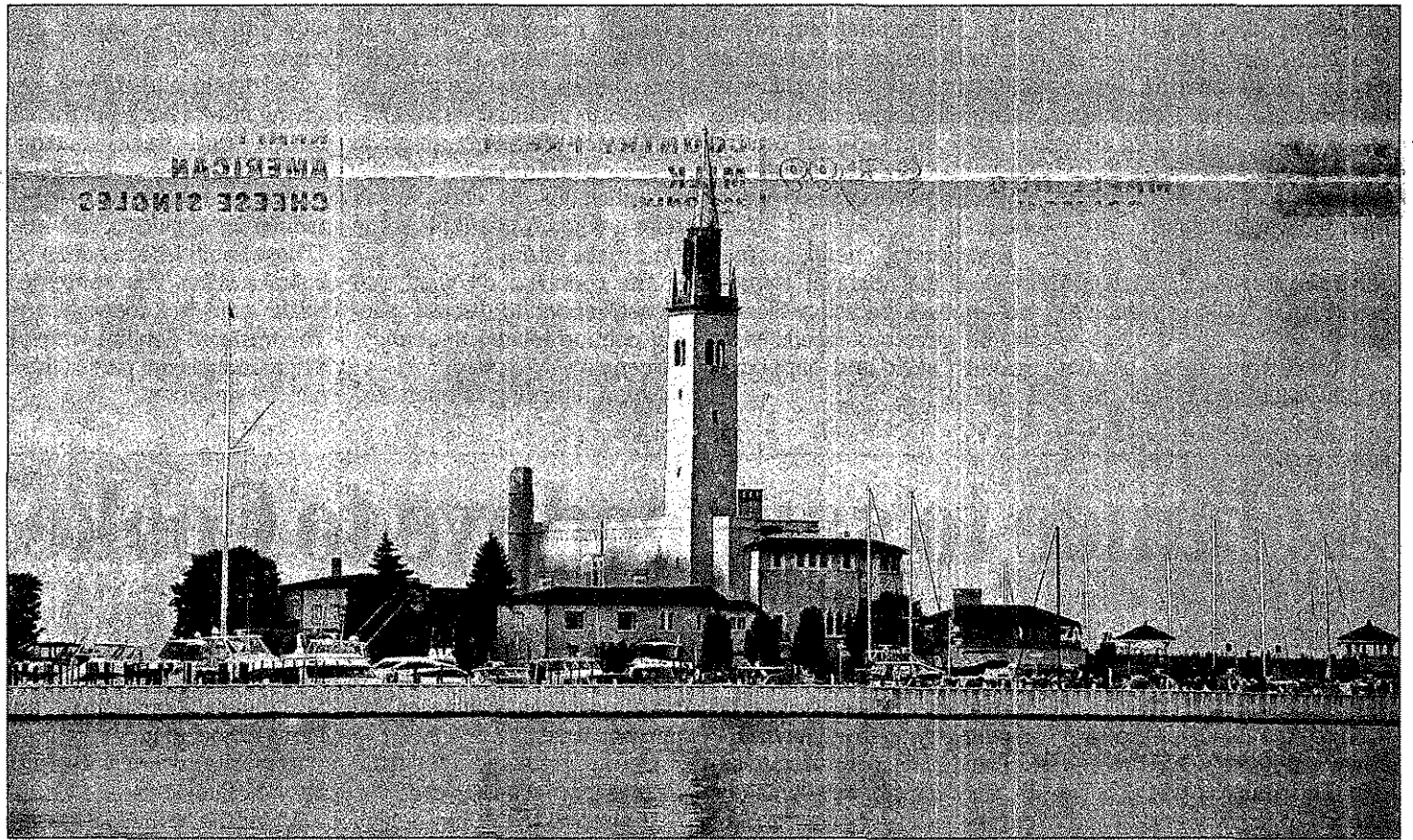
members, one of her goals.

She said she is organizing a summer swim team reunion with her friends and the teams' coaches, as well as a fleet review.

"I always have creative ideas," she said. "I'm going to do neat things. Bring in key speakers. We open the doors to the community for their

functions."

Treder Lang is looking forward to the swim team reunion because of how close she became with its members. Some, who have moved from Grosse Pointe, returned for her inaugural ball, one of 22 she will attend during her term. Traditionally, the GPYC commodore attends yacht



The familiar outline of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

RECALL: Two resign at Feb. 16 meeting

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would be his last.

"I wanted to assist with the transition to a city," he wrote.

He cited rancor and the recall drive as contributing to his decision to step down.

"There is a group of residents that want to take Grosse Pointe Shores in a direction that I, with good conscious, cannot take it," Hunt wrote. "I

urge residents to ... end the acrimony and distortions that are hurting the image of Grosse Pointe Shores. You may have an issue with the council, but the method you are choosing to resolve it damages the image of our city."

Minturn, an auto industry executive and councilman since 2002, said his resignation was in the best interests of himself and the city.

"I should be spending more time with my family as we battle cancer," he said. "This is right for Grosse Pointe Shores if it helps calm the strife that has divided our village this past year."

Minturn said he's not resigning as a trustee of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education.

Recall organizer Dr. Robert Lee, a cardiovascular surgeon, saw the resignations as calculated to circumvent the recall.

"By resigning now, they're giving their cronies on the council the opportunity to appoint somebody for the full duration of their term," Lee said. "It's troublesome that they're using this window of opportunity to resign."

Replacements will be chosen by Mayor Dr. James Cooper, a dentist, and a majority of the remaining council. Those offi-

cials consist of Victoria Boyce and Robert Graziani, both being recalled; and Ted Kedzierski and Dan Schulte, elected last February and not being recalled.

Schulte recommended that the appointments be made by unanimous decision.

"There was discussion about division in the community and council," Schulte said. "Anything less than a unanimous appointment is going to result in even more division."

Lee organized the recall against officials who voted last year for a 1-mill tax increase. He's also criticized Shores' officeholders for operating without transparency.

He said the appointees should serve only until the May recall election.

"What's the threat to let voters go to the polls in May and have a say?" he said.

"Anybody appointed to the vacancies would serve to the remainder of those terms," said Mark McInerney, city attorney, referring to the charter. "All terms on this council end in November 2011."

Thereafter, council terms are staggered.

"In 2011 we have an election," McInerney said. "The first three (top vote-getters) get

four-year terms. The next three get two-year terms."

Cooper accepted the resignations with regret.

"For almost 10 years, Brian has served this community with integrity and dedication," Cooper said about Hunt.

Cooper said to Minturn, "No one can ever say you didn't give 100 percent of yourself. Grosse Pointe Shores will miss your financial expertise."

Resident Dr. Bryan Lane criticized the recall drive.

He called Hunt's resignation "one fallout already from this recall stuff. My message is simple: be careful what you wish for. We've got a good thing going with these people."

Graziani called for an end of "repetitive criticisms and finger pointing."

"Now more than ever," he said, "we must band together to address practical solutions to concerns and issues facing our community."

Cooper appointed Kedzierski, a CPA, to fill Hunt's seat as mayor pro tem and chair of the committee of the whole.

Residents wishing to fill the empty terms should submit resumes to City Manager Brian Vick "as soon as possible," Cooper said.

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City of Grosse Pointe

Packing

A blue backpack found at about noon Wednesday, Feb. 17, outside the entrance to Staples office supplies, 17410 Mack, contained a small white purse and one gram of marijuana.

Mail found in the backpack was addressed to a man living on Laing in Detroit.

Card found

A Co-op Services debit card was found at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, on the sidewalk near Mack and Neff.

Cooked

A 30-year-old Detroit man, employed in the Village as a cook, was arrested at 10:55 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, on an outstanding felony warrant from 3rd Circuit Court for assault with a dangerous weapon.

A City patrolman cruising the Village had spotted the man's vehicle parked in a lot off Kercheval.

—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

Cash turned it

A woman dropped off at police headquarters \$75 she

found at about 3:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, on the sidewalk in the 100 block of Kercheval on the Hill.

The woman said high winds blew away five to 15 additional bills before they could be recovered.

Packs pistol

Police found a small bag of marijuana and a loaded pistol in the car of a 38-year-old Southfield man pulled over for a traffic infraction at 8:44 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, on northbound Mack near Moross.

The man had a concealed weapons permit but was cited for not disclosing to police he had the gun.

Car B&E I

A \$500 black leather briefcase was stolen out of a silver-colored 2009 Mercury Mariner parked from 7:10 to 8 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, in the 18400 block of Mack.

Whoever stole the briefcase entered the vehicle by smashing its rear window.

Car B&E II

A Mac Pro laptop computer and backpack containing college textbooks were stolen from a white 2003 Jeep Liberty parked from 3:30 to 4:12 p.m., Monday, Feb. 15, behind a store in the 18800 block of Mack.

Credit fraud

A City woman noticed her recent Best Buy credit card bill

contained two charges totaling more than \$3,350 for transactions she didn't make. Both charges occurred in Illinois.

Shoplifting

Employees of Kroger at Mack and Moross flagged down a patrolman at 12:26 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, to report a man suspected of shoplifting.

Police said the 62-year-old suspect from Detroit had hidden under his shirt three packages of catfish, two packs of shrimp and two fruit bowls worth a combined \$52.18.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Theft

The storage room in the basement of an apartment building on Beaconsfield was entered and a mountain bike and tools were taken within the last two weeks.

Car break-in

Sometime overnight Thursday, Feb. 11, a stereo was taken from a Jeep Cherokee parked on Yorkshire.

Recon mission

Shortly after midnight Saturday, Feb. 13, United States military clothing was removed from the bed of a pick-

up truck parked at Charlevoix and Lakepointe.

Vehicle theft

Overnight Tuesday, Feb. 16, a white 2000 Ford E-350 van with a ladder rack was taken on Charlevoix.

Home invasion

A house in the 1200 block of Berkshire was entered between 11:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, and jewelry, coins and a laptop computer were taken.

Anniversaries

Congratulations to Detective David Loch on 24 years of service and PSO Jeremy Pittman on two years of service.

—Kathy Ryan

Grosse Pointe Shores

No one there

Someone at 11:10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, banged so hard on a Hampton resident's door that the window frame was damaged.

The female resident called police when she opened the door and no one was there.

"(She) was expecting her son to return home from Michigan State University this evening and thought the noise was him coming through the door with a basket of laundry," said a public safety officer.

Leaky alarm

Officers responding to a fire

alarm shortly after 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, in the 500 block of Lakeshore found a water leak instead.

"(The) roof was leaking," said a public safety officer. "Water from the leak was running through the fire alarm which activated same."

Car B&E

An iPod was stolen during the night of Tuesday, Feb. 16-17, from a white Mercury Milan parked in the driveway of a house on Hawthorne.

The owner at 8:29 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, discovered the car's driver-side window smashed.

Windows shot out

Someone with a BB gun broke windows of a 2010 Buick Lacrosse parked overnight Tuesday, Feb. 16, in a Michaux Lane driveway.

Many I.D.s

A 45-year-old male motorist from Detroit was arrested at 4:09 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, on northbound Lakeshore near Vernier for violating three license suspensions.

A search of his Dodge Neon turned up a purse in the trunk containing six Michigan health cards in different people's names.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Low miles

A new car with a temporary license tag was stolen from a parking lot at St. John Hospital and Medical Center Saturday,

Feb. 13. Police verified the car was purchased before it was stolen, but the title hadn't been filed with the Secretary of State when the car was taken.

The dealership promised to hand the paperwork.

South of the border

The United States Border Patrol notified Woods police at 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, they had a woman in custody wanted on a failure to appear charge in Woods municipal court. Woods police retrieved the woman who also owed \$262 in fines.

OWI

Police responded to a report at 1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 12, from residents on Brys regarding a traffic accident. A male driver smashed a 2010 Lincoln into a tree after hitting a parked car. The driver was disoriented, but not injured.

Tests revealed the driver's blood alcohol level was .19 percent. He was taken into custody and charged with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

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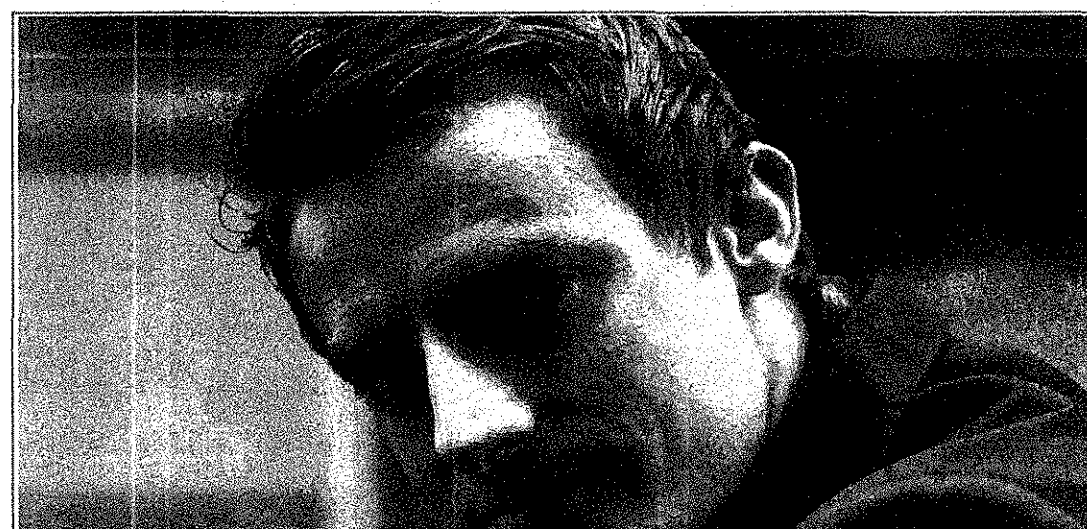
A Manchester homeowner returned from an overnight trip Monday, Feb. 22, and noticed her two wicker chairs missing from the front porch.

Some music

Overnight Wednesday, Feb. 17, an iPod was taken from a parked car in the backyard of a house on Hawthorne.

—Kathy Ryan

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



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HOURS: Man's death ruled an accident

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the death of Raymond Schroeder, 47, of St. Clair Shores, according to Detective Mike McCarthy of the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department.

"Pending the final autopsy report," added McCarthy, "the case will be closed and ruled an accidental death."

Schroeder died at St. John Hospital of head injuries less than two hours after a public works rubbish crew found him in the driveway bleeding from the back of his head.

"The (Wayne County) medical examiner did an autopsy (and) said his injuries were consistent with what was given: that he smacked his head on the cement," said Lt. Richard Rosati, head of the detective bureau.

Schroeder about 12 hours earlier had checked himself out of St. John against medical advice. Soon thereafter, he

bought peanuts at the all-night BP service station at Mack and Moross.

"He was seen in the video camera walking away under his own power into the winter night," Rosati said. "He was having a hard time keeping his pants up because of all the weight he lost. He was found at the (Lakeshore) scene with his pants kind of down."

When found at 12:30 p.m. three miles away in the driveway, his fanny pack and wallet were gone.

Several volunteer members of the Farms police auxiliary helped search Sunday afternoon, Feb. 21, for Schroeder's possessions.

Officers traced routes Schroeder may have walked during the time he presumably walked from the service station to the Lakeshore driveway.

McCarthy found the wallet and related items behind another house a few lots up Lakeshore.

Police believe Schroeder,

weak from illness and disoriented by pain killers administered during the hospital stay, died from multiple falls during his missing 12 hours.

"At this time, there is no indication of foul play, nor is there any indication he was up to no good," said Rick Good, also a Farms detective.

Two days before his death, Schroeder had been admitted to St. John for treatment of abdominal pains. Sunday night, Feb. 14, he left the hospital against medical advice, but returned eight minutes later.

"He tried to check himself back as a different person and argued with security," said Lt. Richard Rosati, head of the detective bureau. "He wanted a pain killer."

A stolen car found in Schroeder's driveway turned out to be his. He'd reported it stolen in 2007, Rosati said.

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

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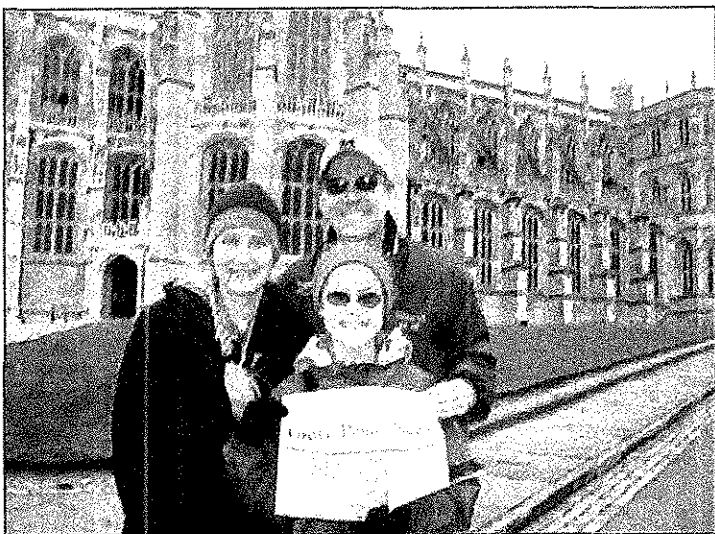
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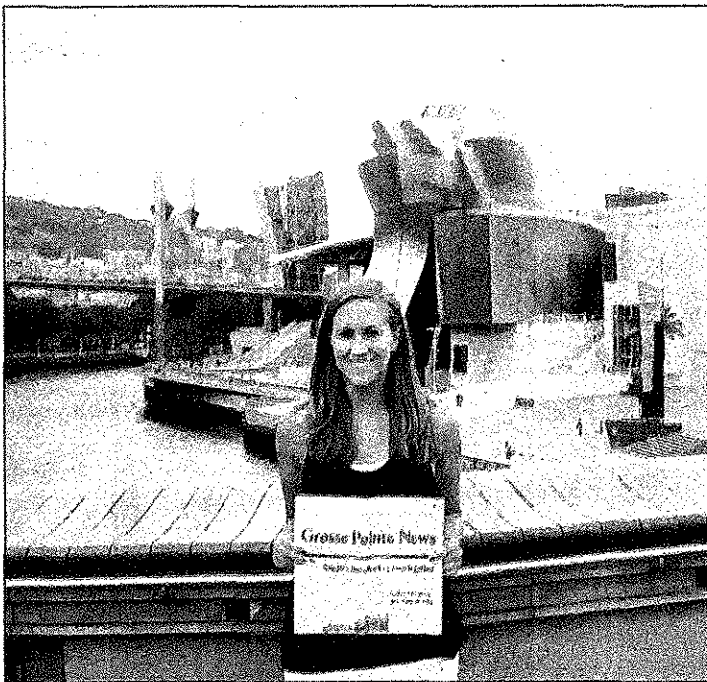
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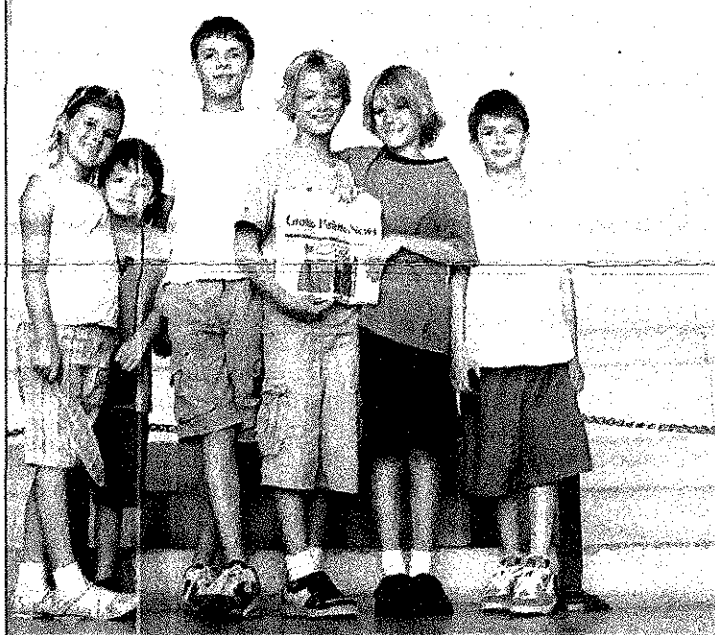
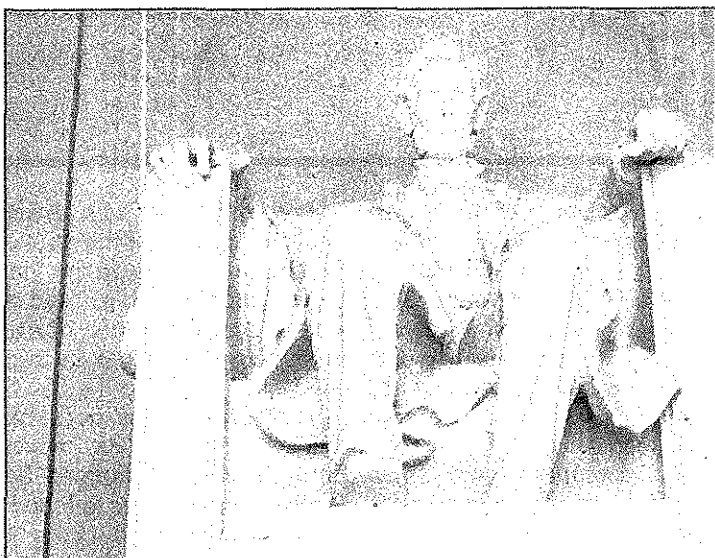
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Grosse Pointe Park resident Emily Solecki at the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain.



Linda and Mike Brady of Grosse Pointe Shores at the State Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, Russia.



Left to right, Alexandra Hill of Grosse Pointe Farms, Hobey, Quincy and Pearce Manson of Marquette and Dylan and Zachary Hill of Grosse Pointe Farms at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C.

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OUR VIEW

Asian carp and Lake St. Clair

The possibility of Asian carp entering Lake Michigan through the Chicago Shipping Locks poses a great threat to the ecosystem of the Great Lakes and Lake St. Clair. Asian carp have been found in the Illinois River, which connects the Mississippi River to Lake Michigan. Researchers say the carp would disrupt the food chain that supports the native fish of the Great Lakes. One concern is if the carp get into Lake Michigan from the Chicago Shipping Locks, they could wipe out the Great Lakes fishing industry.

“Right now our Great Lakes and especially the very shallow Lake St. Clair are on the brink of a potential environmental catastrophe.”
—Rep. Tim Bledsoe

Asian carp can grow more than 4 feet long and weigh up to 100 pounds. They have ravenous appetites and a rapid rate of reproduction. They jump out of the water — as high as 10 feet — when a boat passes them. Boaters and water skiers have been injured by the airborne fish. The U.S. Supreme Court has denied Michigan's request for an injunction closing the locks, a request supported by Minnesota, Wisconsin, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York. Illinois opposes the temporary closure, claiming it will disrupt the economy without stopping the spread of aquatic invaders. President Barack Obama's administration is against the closure of the locks, but recently dedicated \$78 million to fight the threat of Asian carp. The Obama administration introduced a five-year plan to rescue the Great Lakes by protection and cleanup of the most polluted areas in the lakes, combating invasive species, protection of high priority watersheds and reduced runoff, restoration of wetlands and other habitats, implementation of accountability measures, learning initiatives, outreach and strategic partnerships. “Right now our Great Lakes and especially the very shallow Lake St. Clair are on the brink of a potential environmental catastrophe,” said State Rep. Tim Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe, at a town hall meeting about Asian carp he recently hosted at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. This issue is far from over.

GUEST OPINION By David R. Breuhan

Sign of the times

Michigan boasts the longest coastline in the United States, has more than 12,000 inland lakes, hundreds of golf courses, state parks, camping facilities, snowmobile and hiking trails, wonderful towns and cities and a great human capital base. We enjoy four seasons, a temperate climate and have very few natural disasters: No hurricanes, mudslides, earthquakes, wildfires. Our road system, power grid and access to unlimited supplies of fresh water are superb — all critical elements for business expansion. Our universities compete head to head with other institutions in the U.S. and attract students from all over the world. So with all this going for our state, why has Michigan consistently ranked highest in unemployment this entire decade, seen its per capita personal income plunge to 37th among the states, and now has a falling population as outmigration increasingly outstrips the number of people moving into the state. Some point to the decline of the Big Three automakers, but this begs the question of why dozens of new “trans-plant” auto factories have opened in other states in recent decades, but

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Not for birdseed

To the Editor:
Coyotes are here to stay, and the quicker Grosse Pointers come to terms with this new reality the better. I say they are here to stay because the coyote population in North America has never been larger than it is today. And even if the coyotes currently living in Grosse Pointe were eliminated, others would move in from Detroit or come across a frozen Lake St. Clair next winter. We can, however, do a few things to make the Pointes less hospitable for coyotes, which will help to minimize the population:
◆ We must never leave food

out for stray cats or dogs. Encourage your city to vigorously enforce its city codes regarding the feeding of strays.
◆ We all must look around our yards to determine if there is anything there that would attract a coyote. Is there an easily available source of food, such as an open trash can? Is there a place where coyotes can find shelter, such as under a deck or an open garage? Do what you can to eliminate these attractions.
◆ We should never spread birdseed directly on the ground. Seed on the ground will attract rats and mice which will, in turn, attract coyotes.

Always put seed in feeders that hang well off the ground.
◆ It should be obvious by now, but never let your cat out of your house. If you let your cat out and it fails to come back, you have only yourself to blame. If you truly love your cat, keep it inside.
◆ Accompany your small dog into your yard when it's dark.
◆ Never attempt to befriend a coyote. They are naturally afraid of humans, and we need to keep it that way. A coyote who is unafraid of humans is far more dangerous than one who is afraid. Finally, I need to respond to Grosse Pointe Woods animal control officer Debbie Reed's comments in the Jan. 14 Grosse Pointe News article, “Coyotes: Is trapping the solution? And if not, what is?” In that article, Reed said people need to take down their bird feeders until coyotes are removed from the area. I am not sure exactly what Reed intended to say, so I will give her the benefit of the doubt. But I will say there is absolutely no connection between the presence of coyotes in the Pointes and bird feeders.

I recently spoke with an animal pathologist for the state of Michigan who said he has never once seen bird food in the digestive tracts of the many coyotes he has necropsied. Furthermore, he does not believe coyotes have moved into the Grosse Pointes because of easy access to food in the form of birdseed. Neighborhood cats, on the other hand...
BILL RAPAI
President
Grosse Pointe Audubon

Coyote on road

To the Editor:
I was doing the old Michigan turnaround right across from Meade Dodge Chrysler-Jeep Ram near Fisher Road. A coyote was crossing from the median into the lanes going northeast on Mack. Another driver saw it and had to avoid hitting it. I was stunned. I looked at coyote pictures on Google to make sure of what I saw. Yes, it was a coyote. I tell you, nothing surprises me now.
JOHN KOVACH
Grosse Pointe Woods

GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

Is that one my truck?



Most of us in the area have never seen the trucks and that is a good sign. It means we are in the warm confines of our homes, gainfully employed, and have never experienced the trauma of life on the streets.

Country singers have a way of expressing their thoughts and views unlike any other artists. How else can we account for songs such as, “I guess I had your leavin’ coming.” “I bought the shoes that just walked out on me,” and “If the phone doesn’t ring, it’s me.” Rhett Akins had a hit a couple of years ago with this ditty titled, “That ain’t my truck.” Here’s a verse:
“That ain’t my shadow on her wall
Lord this don’t look good at all
Cuz That’s my girl — my whole world
But that ain’t my truck”
While on the subject of trucks, every day thousands of our fellow citizens look for the distinctive red and white Salvation Army Bed and Bread trucks that traverse through the various neighborhoods of our community. These are people who through no fault of their own have become disenfranchised. Imagine, if you can, being hungry and homeless — especially during this coldest time of the year. It’s a heartbreak-

ing thought but unfortunately for many in our community it’s a way of life. Fortunately, the Salvation Army Bed and Bread trucks have become a lifeline for the underprivileged. Each day the trucks serve nearly 5,000 meals on the streets of Detroit. In some cases, the cup of soup, sandwich, and perhaps a cookie, is the only sustenance some of our fellow citizens will receive for the entire day. No matter the weather, the bed and bread trucks are there to provide what is a life saving meal for too many. Most of us in the area have never seen the trucks and that is a good sign. It means we are in the warm confines of our homes, gainfully employed, and have never experienced the trauma of life on the streets. Not seeing The Salvation Army trucks means our lives have not been impacted by the strains of unemployment or some tragedy not of our making. As such, I think it is incumbent upon us to assist those people who look for and see the bed and bread trucks every day.

The country song may claim “it’s not my truck” but I truly believe the Salvation Army trucks belong to everyone in the community who want to assist those less fortunate. The Salvation Army trucks make no distinction to race, color or creed because the trucks provide nourishment to everyone. There are people who have had the trucks in their lives and as a result of the assistance from The Salvation Army, are now back on their feet and contributing to the Salvation Army Bed and Bread program. How can we be a part of this tremendous movement? From 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Dick Purtan of 104.3 WOMC will be hosting his 23rd annual Dick Purtan Radiothon live from the Oakland Mall to raise money for the Salvation Army’s Bed and Bread Program. To support this endeavor, you can become a member of The Bed and Bread Club by contributing \$120 or \$10 a month that will help feed one person in Detroit for a year. Or, for \$240 or \$20 per month, you can help feed two people. And for that \$240 donation

you will receive a commemorative collectible plate signed by Dick Purtan. No donation will be refused and all are welcome. Dick Purtan has been conducting this radiothon for 22 years and because of his commitment and the generosity of the community, nearly \$22 million has been raised for The Salvation Army’s Bed And Bread Club. Last year’s campaign raised more than \$2.2 million. We need the trucks to keep running for those less fortunate. The Salvation Army campaign strikes at the very heart of our own community. To contribute, call (248) 307-1043 between now and Feb. 26 and make your donation so those who rely on the trucks will continue to see them every day. Don’t be the person in the song, “If the phone doesn’t ring, it’s me.” Dick Purtan and his team are waiting for your call. Make their phones ring. If you happen to pass one of the trucks on the road, give a wave knowing your contribution is helping to provide a lifeline to many of our community’s neediest citizens. And contrary to the country song, that truck belongs to all of us! I’ll be doing my part — won’t you join in too! Bill Kalmar is the former director of the Michigan Quality Council and a former resident of Grosse Pointe.

I SAY By Brad Lindberg

Worth more than gold



Tilley the golden retriever is still getting her feet wet as a member of the Scott and Amy Miller family of the City of Grosse Pointe. Tilley is less than one year old.

The Millers brought Tilley, named after the floppy-style hat Amy wears sailing, into the family a few weeks after their wonderful female golden, Casey, died of, essentially, old age.

Amy and I overlapped for a while at the Grosse Pointe News. Her coverage in July 1997, before I hired in, of five people killed in a windstorm at Farms Pier Park filled most of an edition.

When she went to work in downtown Detroit as an executive speech writer in the

communications department of DTE Energy, I'd go to her house during the week to visit Casey. We'd play and eat Ritz peanut butter crackers. Casey preferred drinking water out of my cupped hands rather than from her bowl.

During walks, Casey sometimes reached up and held my hand in her mouth. At crosswalks, she'd stop and put a paw on my foot. Then came the golden lean, nudging her shoulder against my leg, sometimes almost making me lose my balance.

When the visit was over and I started getting ready to go back to work, Casey often gave me such a sad look that I relented, stayed and we went through the whole routine again.

Nothing will replace Casey. I hope when Scott and Amy's young twin daughters, Caroline and Lydia, grow up, they remember what a nice and snugly big sister Casey was.

I learned last week that another loyal friend died.



Cassidy

Cassidy, the most slow-poke golden retriever ever, gave in to old age.

Cassidy belonged to Greg and Chris Bassett of Grosse Pointe Farms.

I remember seeing Chris, during the late 1990s, taking Cassidy as a puppy on walks through the Hill. Cassidy would stop to smell flowers in sidewalk planters.

As an adult, Cassidy never picked up the pace. She lagged behind Greg and Chris



Casey with Lydia and Caroline Miller, left. Tilley and Amy Miller.

on walks through the neighborhood. They'd stop every so often and wait for Cassidy — sauntering along taking in the sights, sounds and smells of

the world, plus greeting other pedestrians — to catch up.

During winters, Cassidy liked to roll on her back in the snow. Her family called it

making snow angels.

Cassidy gave hugs. We'd sit on the ground facing each other. She'd put her front paws on my shoulders and squeeze.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

If you wrote a letter to your older self what would you say?

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



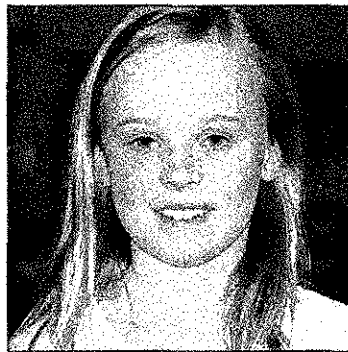
'Don't screw up and don't fall, it hurts.'

JOHN HOGREBE
Grosse Pointe Woods



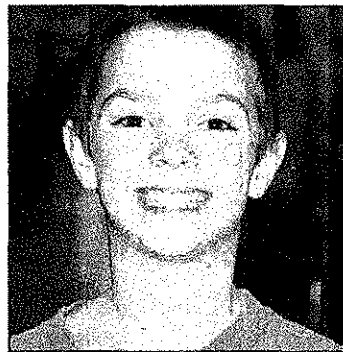
'Try to be helpful and most importantly, be nice to your children.'

KATARINA CASSAR
Grosse Pointe Woods



'Never give up on swimming, remember to have fun, take care of the Earth and don't litter.'

CAROLINE WEAVER
Grosse Pointe Shores



'Don't be too strict, play with your children more and get a good education.'

WESLEY PETERS
Grosse Pointe Woods



'Keep practicing basketball, spend more time reading, joke around and laugh more.'

CASEY SCOGGIN
Grosse Pointe Shores

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 the last of a two-part series.

Life at "Grants Castle," as the commodore's house was popularly known, was full of gaiety.

Eleven daughters, beautiful, of course, attracted many young naval officers attached to the little fleet stationed in Detroit and Army officers on duty at the fort.

The Grants kept open house. Tecumseh, the great Indian Chief, was entertained at the "castle," as was every other im-

portant visitor to the settlement in Detroit. The first harpsichord ever known in the vicinity is said to have enlivened the guests at numerous festivities at the "castle."

As Grants only son died early and left no children, there is not one of his blood who bears the commodore's name in Detroit today. His estate too, has been divided long since, sold and resold, and no traces of his gardens remain. On the site of his plantation now stands the Convent of the Sacred Heart, the houses of John T. Nichols, Mrs. Strathern Hendrie, and "Tonnancour," the estate of Theodore P. Hall.

Each June during the English occupation, the orchards of the Pointe were filled with Indians, squaws and papooses breaking their journey to Fort Malden to receive their annual present from the British government. Pontiac had his main camp there during the siege of Detroit, having with him about

1,000 braves.

Early in the 18th century, the Indians gave 2,000 acres of land to William Forsythe. He obtained a deed, based on their Indian grant, from the English in 1776 and lived on the farm with his family of six sons.

As there is no account of his having an important house or garden, he probably was content with the usual house of the "habitant," a farm and a large orchard of cherry and pear trees, which extended along the lakeshore to Moran Road. This is of interest because now stands the modern Homes and Gardens belonging to Mrs. Cyrus Lothrop, David Whitney, Lawrence Buhl, Charles B. Warren, and B.B. Joy.

This same William Forsythe bought at about the same time, land at Grosse Pointe Shores, east of Provencal Road, with 3,000 feet on Lake St. Clair and extending back into the country for three miles. This was one of the largest ribbon farms



This mansion, built by Alexander Grant sometime between 1774 and 1780, sat on nine frontage acres on Lake St. Clair.

and is divided today into five places, on which are old trees and delightful gardens now occupied by the houses of Mrs. E.S. Ford, Mrs. Joseph B. Schlotman, Mrs. Henry D. Shelden, Mrs. N. N. Torrey and Mrs. E. D. Speck.

Up the shore of the lake is a tract of land recorded as given to Jean Baptiste de Marsac, whose ancestors were among the first white men to reach the New France. On it now is the beautiful modern garden of Mrs. Benjamin S. Warren, which preserves three fine old French pear trees and the original old log house once occupied by the French habitant. The House and Gardens of Mrs. Harry M. Jewett and the Lochmoor Country Club are also on this original farm.

An early house that remained in the hands of the heirs of the original owner down to present times was the Provencal homestead. In 1619 a young Detroit merchant, named Pierre Provencal, bought a large tract of land in

"a place known as Grosse Pointe." He cleared the primeval forest, planted his garden and built his house for his wife and himself. For many years no children came to the young couple, so they adopted several and soon held to erect a separate building on their estate, where they found room for 24 children, all orphans, of varying ages. This was Pierre Provencal's private charity. Not only did he bring up the children in his house, but when ready to go out into the world, he gave to each a sum of money to start him on his career as a useful citizen.

As there was no church in that part of Grosse Pointe, Pierre Provencal made an altar and confessional box and set them up in his house. A priest came each Sunday and celebrated mass for the scattered neighbors. This is now the property of the country club.

The shores of the lake as well as the river were lined with the picturesque windmills of the French habitants and the

air was full of their legends and superstitions. "The Loup Garou," carried off maidens and, terrified at the sign of the cross or a touch of holy water, leapt into the open mouth of a giant cat fish or turned into a stone still to be seen at "Tonnancour."

The malicious goblin, Le lutin, haunted the Pointe. He looked like a bristly haired baboon, with horns and gleaming eyes. He rode the horses of those who offended him all the night through and brought them back in the morning dripping with sweat and trembling with exhaustion. All good habitants made the sign of the cross daily on their horse's heads to protect them from this fiend.

The only feature common to old Grosse Pointe and the new is the shape of the various pieces of property that provided landscape artist with a unique problem — designing gardens and grounds on the narrow disproportionate lots which were once the ribbon farms of the habitants.

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none in Michigan. That leaves just one culprit: Destructive government policies.

Economics is based on human incentives. Linear-thinking policymakers implicitly recognize this when they authorize selected tax credits for firms in the solar, batteries and the movie industries.

But such efforts fail because government is incapable of reliably picking winners and losers in the economy. Thus, this state is losing the competition for job creators and en-

trepreneurs with the other states in the country even as it hands out ever greater numbers of selective, discriminatory subsidies and tax breaks.

All those special favors actually amount to a tax shift, one that further aggravates the manner in which the Michigan Business Tax increased taxes on some companies more than 400 percent.

Another excuse often proposed for Michigan's decline is blaming foreigners for manufacturing job losses. Yet increasingly, technology is at the root of these changes as plants become more efficient. This excuse also ignores the truth most of Michigan's job losses are to other states, especially right-to-work states with lower overall tax rates. The sign says it all. We are

relying on federal money rather than local imagination and creativity to foster job growth. When the stimulus money runs out, be it borrowed or printed, the unemployment will be the same and the currency will be weaker.

Michigan is a great state. A Renaissance in public policy is needed most. Businesses are not leaving the state willingly; they are being run out by unenlightened leadership that does not attract as many innovators as it should.

David R. Breuhan is a money manager based in Bloomfield Hills, and author of "Spread The Wealth: More Haves Fewer Have-Nots."

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Drug law resurfaces

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

When Edward Gaffney in 2005 tried to repeal a Michigan law shielding pharmaceutical companies from product liability, he said opponents killed the effort because it would drive off business.

"They said when fighting my bill to back off because Pfizer had operations in Ann Arbor," said Gaffney, the Pointes' three-term Republican state representative from 2003 to 2008. "I got in trouble with the chamber of commerce and people who think its un-Republican."

Opponents won, but Pfizer still left the state.

"They closed and left the place to the University of Michigan," Gaffney said. "So, I don't think (my bill) would have had a detrimental effect on our well-being."

Now, Gov. Jennifer Granholm wants legislators to try again.

As part of her recent budget for the coming year, Granholm recommended the repeal of a 1996 statute preventing Michigan residents from suing drug manufacturers for injuries caused by products approved by the Federal Drug Administration.

"We are the only state that gives pharmaceutical companies a blanket immunity," said the Pointe's current State Rep. Timothy Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe. "It doesn't seem to make a lot of sense to me."

"I can't see it as anything other than good lobbying by the pharmaceutical industry," Gaffney said.

Last year, Bledsoe supported a bill to end blanket immunity for drug companies.

Yet, he voted against a bill subjecting drug companies retroactively to lawsuits for alleged damages that happened since the 1996 law had been in effect.

"I was among a small number of

Democrats who voted against the retroactive change," Bledsoe said. "It sends a very bad message to businesses thinking about locating in Michigan that we have a political climate that is unpredictable."

Companies would have been liable for things that had happened within the scope of the law.

"It's a terrible message to be sending to businesses at a time when we need to be attracting new businesses," Bledsoe said.

Gaffney introduced his legislation on behalf of a Grosse Pointe Woods constituent in his early 40s who had a series of strokes possibly caused by a prescription drug.

"He could never even get in the front door of a courtroom because of the law we have," Gaffney said. "If you're harmed by a drug, you should be able to get recourse through the courts. It shouldn't be easy. It should have a lot of rigorous requirements, but you should be able to get in court to state your case."

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looking at about \$3.5 million to be put into major roads in Grosse Pointe Shores."

The bulk of construction is being paid by federal and state grants.

To qualify the city to receive federal money for "shovel ready" projects, Shores officials a few months ago authorized a \$25,000 pre-engineering study of Lakeshore. The study was in preparation for resurfacing of Lakeshore from Vernier to St. Clair Shores.

"That is a nice investment on \$1.3 million," said Brian Vick, city manager. "If we hadn't done that, we would have been

out that full amount."

Resurfacing Lakeshore south to Moross will cost \$2.6 million, with \$1.7 million for the stretch of road in the Shores. The Vernier project is costing \$380,000.

Smith said he's on the lookout for more grants, including those proposed in federal "jobs for main street legislation."

"This would bring \$847 million to the state and approximately \$24 million to Wayne County," Smith said. "This bill is in review. We're hoping for passage some time in March."

Regarding state legislation, Smith is concerned about a bill he said would impose a \$7.50 surcharge per ton on garbage handling.

"These funds would be distributed throughout the state for recycling programs and public works education," Smith said.

Another bill would let compost be combined with household waste in landfills that recover methane gas.

"I've not had the opportunity to find anybody in favor of the bill, due to the fact it would increase costs for municipalities," Smith said.

In other news, Vick said the Shores has qualified for a \$50,000 state energy efficiency grant.

"There is still some paperwork that has to be gone over for approval by the council," he said.

He expects the matter to be on the March agenda.

ASSAULT: Girl knows alleged attacker

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from the Farms side of Mack, forced her to walk with him down the alley where he sexually assaulted her several times, police said.

"She repeatedly told him to stop and attempted to scream for help as the subject covered her mouth," McCarthy said the girl told him. "After the (reported) assault, both youths walked to their respective bus stops. (The girl) continued to North High."

Classmates found her at 11 a.m. crying in a school bathroom. They told an administrator, who told Farms police.

The girl was interviewed at Farms headquarters at 1:15 p.m. and taken to St. John Hospital at 3:12 p.m. for treatment of injuries suffered in the attack, McCarthy said. A second round of questioning followed at headquarters regarding "discrepancies" in her accounts, McCarthy said.

Further questioning took place Friday, Feb. 19, by a Kids-TALK forensic interviewer in Southgate.

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free. For more information, call The Family Center at (313) 432-3832.

◆ Meet Raleigh, the City of Grosse Pointe's police dog, and his handler, Sgt. Mike Almeranti, from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Ewald branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. For more information, call Kathleen Gallagher at (313) 343-2074, ext. 206.

◆ Pajama-Rama story time for children 3 to 5 years old and parents is from 7 to 7:30 p.m. at the Woods branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, 20680 Mack. For more information, call Patricia McClary at (313) 343-2072, ext. 205.

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Board OKs free all-day kindergarten

Enrollment will begin for 2010-11 school year

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

"We are the new first grade."

Grosse Pointe Schools elementary teachers and principals are expressing support for establishing all-day kindergarten, citing more rigorous state and national standards that assume a child attends kindergarten for a full day.

At the Monday, Feb. 22, board of education meeting, they contended the difficulty in implementing curriculum in half the time for which it was designed.

"Curriculum demands have increased due to the No Child Left Behind Act," said Poupard Elementary School kindergarten teacher Deb

Kraft, noting materials are based on a full-day program. "At the same time, the needs for play and language development have not changed."

Across the state, 330 of 780 districts are already operating ADK.

"National practices promote all-day kindergarten in affluent districts, as well as districts that are struggling financially and academically," Kraft said.

"Needs are unique. There is no other grade that compares in this respect," added Richard Elementary School teacher Nancy Schulte. "For 4-, 5- and 6-year-olds, learning is exciting, but also frustrating. We need to model face-to-face with frequency. We need to differentiate."

The district has long looked at replacing its tuition-based Extended Day Kindergarten program, in which 125 families are currently enrolled. In 2005, the Early Childhood Study Committee recommended the switch, and more recently, officials have explored the feasibility of establishing a tuition-free, full-day format.

Last month, the district posted a survey on

its website to gauge interest for ADK. More than 830 residents responded: 65 percent in favor of the full-day format and 32 percent who would prefer the half-day option.

Of those who took part in the survey, 74 percent have preschool-aged children, 64 percent have students in the district and 29 percent are interested in enrolling their youngsters.

Lee Warras, executive director for instructional services, says research shows students in ADK have higher reading and language skills, and down the road, score better on math tests.

"We're looking to make a greater impact with greater emphasis on first-hand experiences, informal interactions with adults and other children and balancing whole group, small group and individual activities," he said. "It's simply a superior program."

Lower enrollment has provided for flexibility in classrooms across the district, so space is not an issue, Warras added.

Some 15 to 35 families, however, may be asked to place their child in a neighboring

school for the kindergarten year to maintain an appropriate teacher-to-student ratio.

Warras and the district elementary principals recommended the approval of ADK — capped at 24 students per class — with the option for parents to remove their students at mid-day if they prefer only a half-day experience.

"It's something we're very proud about. It's been a long time coming," he said.

Curriculum would not change from what is taught in the current half-day program, but more time could be invested in extended in-depth instruction of key language or math skills, remediation and enrichment activities, he said.

To allow parents to enroll students and the administration to finalize staffing plans, the board unanimously approved the ADK program.

Officials next month will provide board trustees more details on how the kindergarten day will be set up to ensure those children who leave mid-day don't miss core curriculum.

Musical at North Auction planned Players perform

Grosse Pointe North High School presents "Crazy For You," at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4, through Saturday, March 6, at the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The musical intertwines a love story, mistaken identity, comedy and timeless Gershwin favorites.

Tickets are available in advance at Wild Birds Unlimited, 20485 Mack,

Grosse Pointe Woods, or at the box office each night of the show.

Cost for reserved seat adult tickets on the main floor are \$15; students and seniors pay \$12 for main floor reserved seats; and balcony open seating tickets are \$8. Gold Card members with balcony open seating can upgrade to main floor reserved seating for \$4.

For more information, call (313) 343-3200.

St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School hosts a Monopoly-themed auction Saturday, March 6, in the church social hall, 16231 Charlevoix, Grosse Pointe Park.

A silent auction and strolling supper begins at 6 p.m. The live auction is at 8:45 p.m.

Items up for bid include a deluxe suite at the MGM Grand Las Vegas; A Mackinac Island Grand Hotel getaway;

and jewelry, wine and dining opportunities.

Gourmet food is provided by Angelina's Bistro, which has modeled the menu after the Monopoly board, including chocolates shaped in the form of game pieces.

Ticket prices are \$40 before Feb. 28; \$45 from March 1-5; and \$50 at the door. For more information, call (313) 647-5100 or visit stclarem.org.

University Liggett School Liggett Players present Stephen Sondheim's award-winning musical "Into the Woods," at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11, through Saturday, March 13, and at 2 p.m. March 14.

The show combines favorite fairy tales into one twisted tale. Characters face heartaches and unhappy endings.

The Liggett Players have rated the show a PG/Parent Guidance and invite students from grade 3 through 12.

Tickets for "Into the Woods" are \$5 for general admission and \$8 for reserved seating.

The show is held at Liggett's main campus, 1045 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods.

For more information or to order tickets, call (313) 884-4444, ext. 312.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Snow much fun

Above: Maire Elementary School student Natalie White and University Liggett School student Caitlin Breen build a snow family in their Grosse Pointe Park neighborhood. Below: Nick Connell, Sebastian Simon, Alyssa Katarski and Maddie Hamilton make color-coordinated snow angels in freshly fallen snow on Kerby Elementary School's front lawn in Grosse Pointe Farms.



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A passion for sharing history's stories

Educator honored as
DAR's History Teacher
of the Year

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

History units spent costumed as figures past has paid off for Our Lady Star of the Sea teacher Paul Ignagni.

Not that he was ever looking for recognition or reward.

The longtime educator was recently selected as the statewide Daughters of the American Revolution 2010 Outstanding Teacher of American History.

And he'll learn this spring if he's been chosen as the national winner, an honor that comes with a \$3,000 prize awarded at the DAR annual Continental Congress convention.

"I was really blown away. I thought I didn't have a chance," said Ignagni, who teaches seventh-grade geography and eighth-grade American history.

The Alexander Macomb Chapter of DAR nominated Ignagni after inviting him to speak at a meeting. He submitted to judges a brief biography, along with letters from parents and students.

Out of 40 regional finalists, Ignagni was chosen as best in the state.

"I was totally floored. I did not expect it at all," he said.

Around his Grosse Pointe Woods school, Ignagni is best known for bringing the past to life.

To students' delight, he morphs, head to toe, into characters that have shaped history: A patriot from the American Revolution; a Michigan Civil War infantryman; a French legionnaire from Africa; A French citizen from Detroit in the 1700s; and an 18th century Native American, for which Ignagni shaves his head and works with students to build a period house from birch bark.

Often, a matching artifact accompanies his look, as Ignagni asks students to use their imaginations to unlock the mystery of the item and

how they could use it today. Some are authentic antiques.

"It goes back to my philosophy that to really know history, you need to know the people," Ignagni said about his days dressing up. "I try to bring that first-person experience into the classroom."

He says he also strives to stir his classes' interest in exploring history on their own.

"They can look up the information, but to inspire a student to want to look it up is what my job is all about."

And while each of his students appreciates the unique approach to social studies, Ignagni believes it's those who struggle slightly who learn most from the interactive presentations.

"They tend to get a lot out of it. And I have a real passion for that," he said.

Ignagni's enthusiasm for history partly comes from his father, whose "love for anything old" rubbed off on him.

Ignagni's time in the U.S. Marine Corps — he was discharged because of an injury — also shaped his interest in the past.

Before donning a teacher's hat, the Grosse Pointe Farms resident spent three years at Greenfield Village as a costumed history interpreter, training oxen on an 1860s-era farm. He also developed different programs for the outdoor museum.

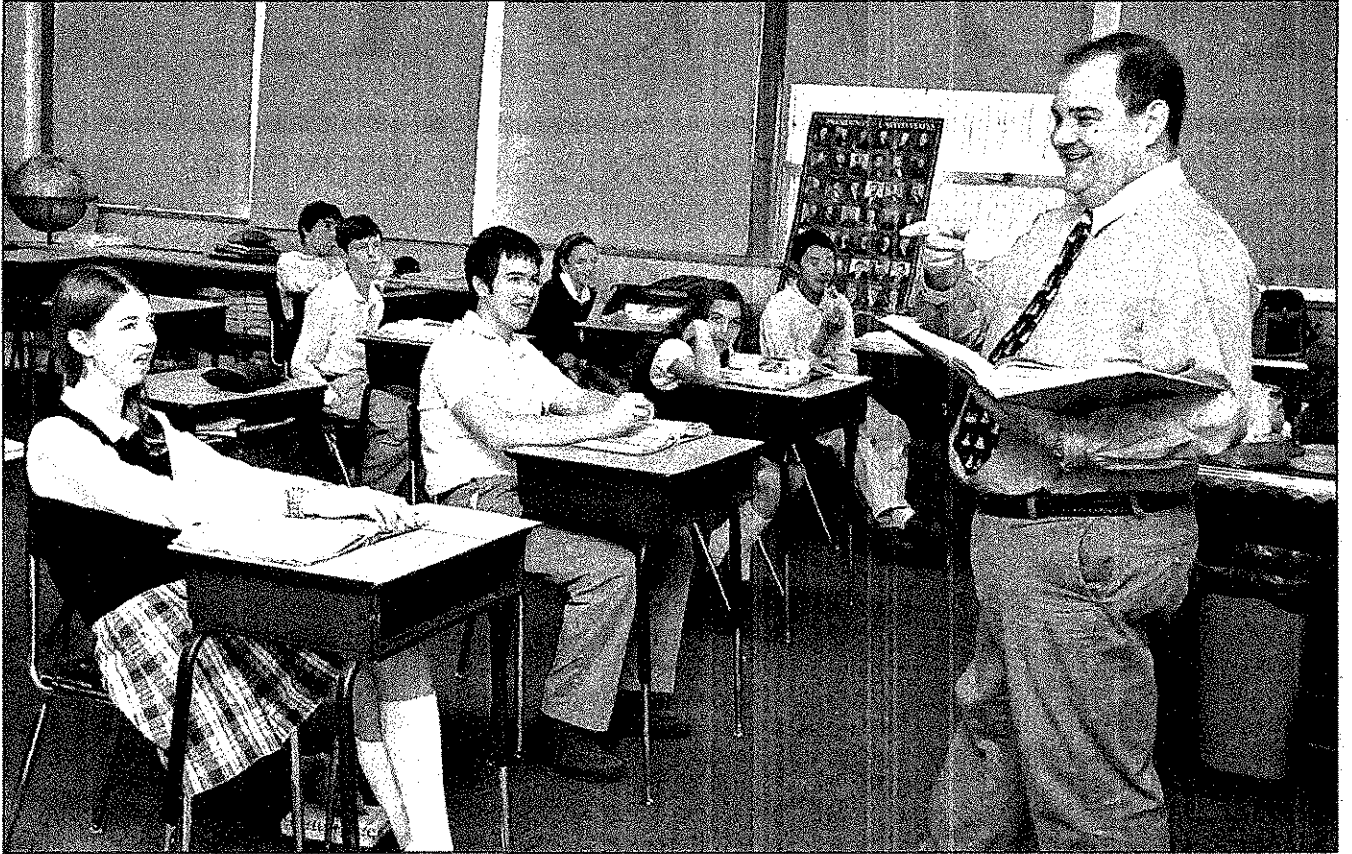
It's there, he says, that he realized his career would take a different direction.

Generally, Ignagni had only a minute or two to share historical tidbits with each person who came by.

And he wanted more. "I thought the best way was to become a teacher."

Eleven years later, Ignagni still enjoys coming to work each day.

"It's all about the kids. I have great students and learn something new from them every day," he said. "I love what I do. I share the story of our country and the stories of our people."



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Above: Social studies teacher Paul Ignagni brings history to life in his classes at Our Lady Star of the Sea school, donning period-appropriate outfits for different units. Below: In the fall, Ignagni shaves his head as part of his Native American costume, and helps students build a house out of birch bark and poles.



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Teacher of the Week

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

Here, students celebrate their favorite teacher.

This week, it's **Kerby Elementary School fourth-grade teacher, Bill Pfeuffer**.

He was nominated by Brownell sixth-grader Marylise Reiber: "I consider Mr. Pfeuffer to be the best teacher. He has a great sense of humor."

"He is also very patient. He takes the time to make sure all of the students understood the lesson. Whether it was coming to the school early or staying late, which he does all the time, he spent extra time to help his students."

"Also, he has a positive attitude and he gives students the confidence that they need to do their very best and excel."

"Finally, all of my classmates and I admired him because he had experienced another career, but he decided to teach because that is his passion. Teachers like Mr. Pfeuffer make a difference."

Years at the Grosse Pointe Farms school: Five

Previous work: Prior to be-

coming a teacher, I was an attorney for 14 years in Naples, Fla., where I practiced real estate, corporate and small business law. It is a profession about as far removed from teaching as you can get.

While I respect the profession and the people in it, I knew I did not want to be a lawyer for the rest of my life, and have been very fortunate to have found a second career that I love.

Why did you become a teacher?

While in Florida, I had coached youth sports for a number of years and really enjoyed working with kids. I felt very comfortable teaching and guiding them on these various teams.

So that helped to plant the seed, and then several people that were very influential in my life suggested I might want to consider teaching as a full time endeavor.

When my family and I decided to move back to Michigan, it provided a natural break in careers and allowed me to pursue my passion, helping and teaching kids.

What do you enjoy about teaching?

There are so many things I enjoy about what I do. It is so exciting to meet the students on the first day of school and know we are about to embark on this fourth-grade adventure together.

As we move through the year, seeing the growth in each child, the moments where the 'light bulb' goes on, is very special and rewarding.

I have always loved math, and being the fourth-grade math teacher, I have the opportunity to teach a challenging subject and try to make it fun, interesting and a successful experience for each child.

The kids themselves make each day worthwhile, whether it is the laughter we share or the important learning we accomplish.

And my fellow teachers and staff at Kerby are a great group of dedicated professionals that are a pleasure to work with.

Overall, I am very lucky as I enjoy coming to school every single day. It is hard work and can be exhausting at times, but worth all the effort.

How do you feel about be-

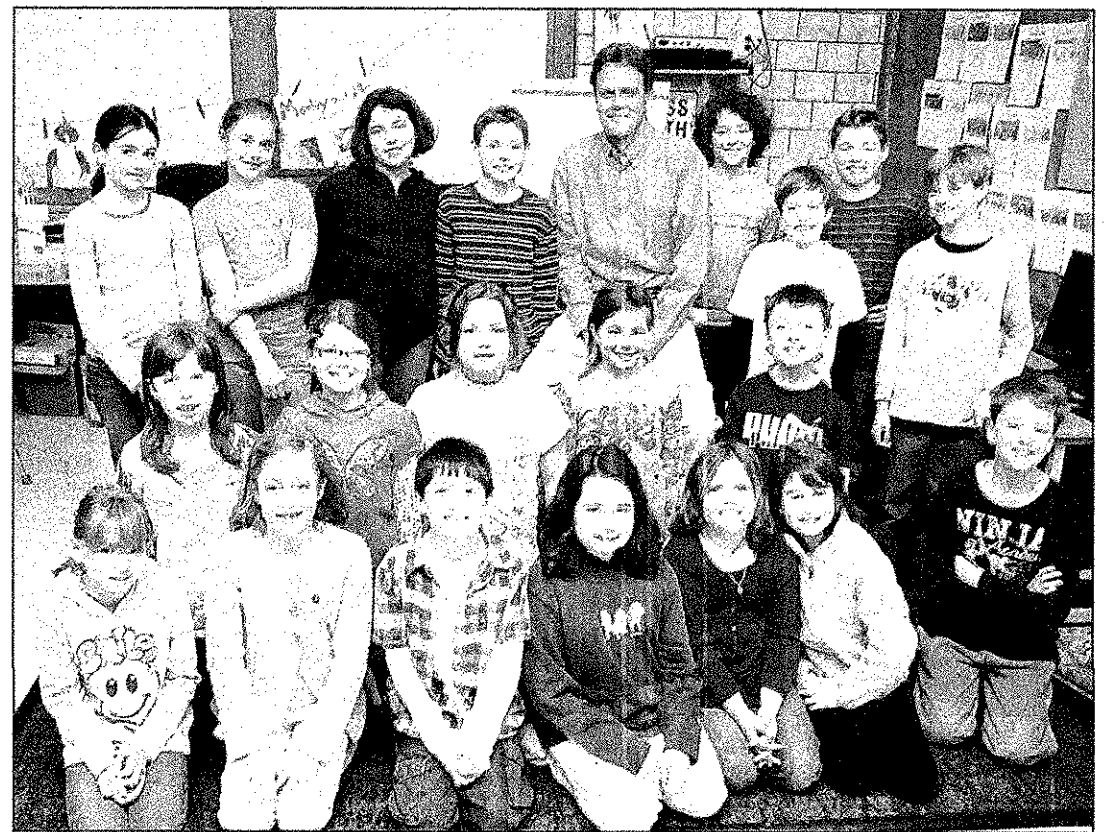


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Teacher Bill Pfeuffer with his fourth-grade class at Kerby Elementary School.

ing nominated?

I was very flattered, honored and surprised that Marylise nominated me. But, I am part of a great team at Kerby with superb colleagues who have taught me so much.

My mentor, Brenda Sikora, has been instrumental in helping me learn how to be an effective educator. Having wonderful kids and support-

ive parents at Kerby is also integral to my effectiveness.

So while I am extremely appreciative of this honor, and of Marylise thinking of her former fourth-grade teacher, I know that I owe a great deal to the people that surround me every day at Kerby.

Favorite book to share with students?

"A Pizza the Size of the Sun," by Jack Prelutsky. A great book of funny, clever and witty children's poems. The children will stop everything they are doing and listen intently, chuckling at the humorous verse while learning about figurative language and verse.

—Amy Salvagno

South teacher honored

The Louisa St. Clair Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented its chapter award for Outstanding Teacher of American History to Grosse Pointe South High School social studies teacher and department chair David Rayburn.

Rayburn has worked as a professional historian for the past 37 years and a teacher for 35. He's conducted research in topics such as "The Quakers in

Western Wayne and Oakland counties" and "Nullification as Constitutional Theory."

Rayburn has taught American history, world history, world geography and American government, civics and economics at the high school level. He has also lectured at Eastern Michigan University. Rayburn always asks students who visits after graduation if they are registered to vote.

Open house held

Families with middle school-aged children can attend an informational session about University Liggett School's Middle School at 7 p.m. Monday, March 1, at 850 Briarcliff Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods.

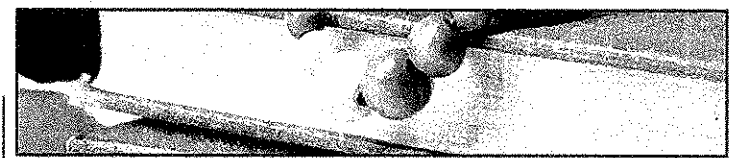
Families can learn about the middle school program, including its outdoor educa-

tion program.

There will be tours of the school and time to ask questions and learn more about Liggett's innovative approach to education.

In addition, students will lead a panel discussion for future students and parents.

Call (313) 884-4444, ext. 406 for more information.



Teacher's Pet

Give your teacher something better than a shiny red apple. Nominate him or her for an upcoming Teacher of the Week. Students in grades K-12 can submit the name of their favorite teacher, along with a few reasons why your teacher is outstanding.

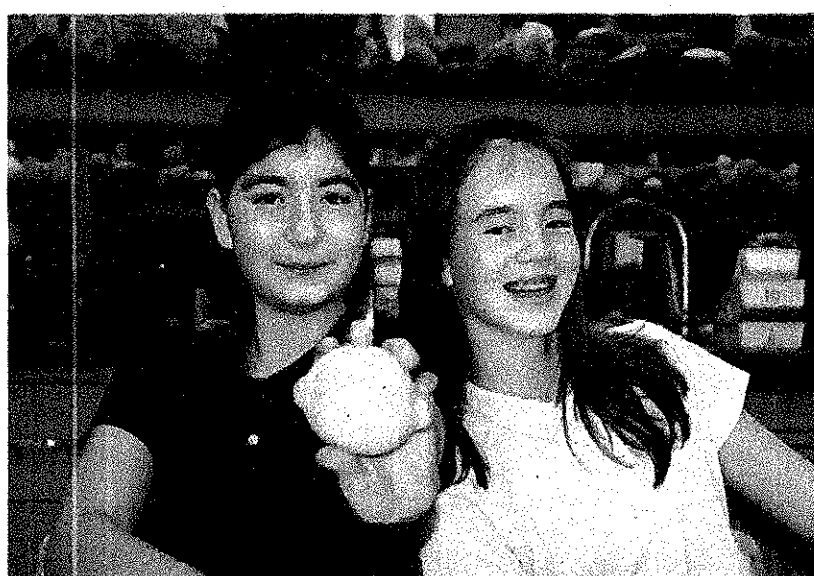
Submissions should include the teacher's name, current school and grade they teach, along with the nominating student's name and contact information.

Featured teachers will be entered into a monthly prize drawing. Call or e-mail the information to Amy Salvagno at (313) 343-5592 or asalvagno@grossepointenews.com.



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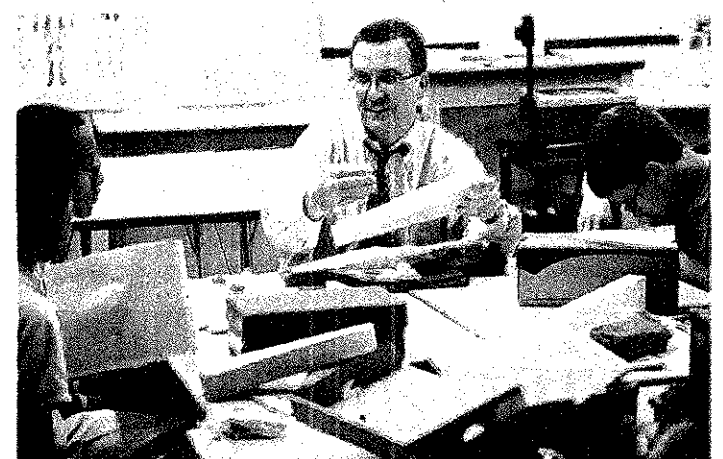


Why are the sixth-graders grabbing lemons out of a bowl? Is this a productive use of class time? If those lemons are planets, it is. The novice astronomer grabbing her planet now recognizes its mass and circumference. She has done her calculations, recorded her findings and taken scientific notes. The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

"At his previous school, my son spent five weeks reviewing information he already knew, supposedly in preparation for the MEAPs. He has learned more math in his first two weeks at Liggett than he did that whole semester."

— Current parent

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.

And after school, there's tennis, field hockey, cross country, soccer, volleyball, basketball, baseball, lacrosse, robotics and drama.

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Middle School Information Session

7 p.m. Monday, March 1

850 Briarcliff Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods

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Sweets for sale

Parents and staff at Barnes Early Childhood Center recently hosted "Our Hearts go out to Haiti," a Valentine's Day bake sale featuring cupcakes, cookies, flowers and frosted treats. All money raised goes toward Hands Together, an organization in Haiti. From left, co-chairs Deb Sutherland and Leslie VandeWyngaerde ring up items for Helen Landuyt while Pat Quinn decides what to buy.



are directed by Leslie Saroli; North's choir is directed by Ben Henri and the Poupard choir is directed by Carolyn Sevin.

On key

Choirs from Grosse Pointe North High School, Parcels Middle School and Ferry, Mason and Poupard elementary schools treated audience members to a concert extravaganza Thursday, Feb. 11.

Each school's choir performed individually, then wrapped up the evening with a group rendition of "God Bless America." The Mason choir is directed by Glen Hipple and Mary Jane Faila; the Ferry and Parcels choirs



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY LINDA KUSCH

Science stars

Our Lady Star of the Sea School hosted its annual Science Olympics. Fifth- and sixth-grade volunteers participated in a variety of activities in which they tested scientific laws in such subjects as physics and aerodynamics. Bennett Burke attempts to build a house of cards. Sixth-graders Olivia Asimakis and Maddy DesNoyer construct a tower made entirely of drinking straws.

Playing along

Univeristy Liggett School music instructor Rich Fanning, bottom, plays with Carl Cafagna's Northstar Jazz at a recent appearance at the Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe. Right: James Hughes on alto sax; Fanning; Carl Cafagna on tenor sax and flute; Scott Kretzer on drums; Jordan Schug on bass; and Scott Gwinell on piano.



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City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

BOARD OF REVIEW

Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the 2010 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010
From 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
and
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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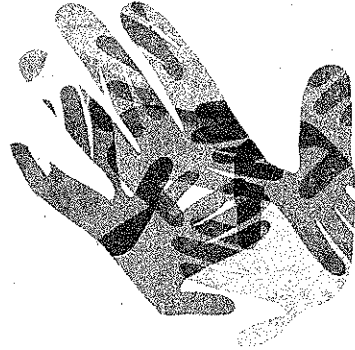
at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236.

Hearings will be scheduled by appointment. Please contact City of Grosse Pointe Farms at (313) 640-1618. You may also petition the Board in writing through the mail if you cannot make the hearing dates. These letters HAVE TO BE IN THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 19th.

Timothy E. O'Donnell
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OBITUARIES

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

Harold C. Buckler

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Harold C. Buckler, 96, died Monday, Feb. 15, 2010, at Masonic Pathways in Alma.

He was born in Marine City to Frank and Louisa (nee Neal). He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and retired from Buckler Steel Products after working with his brother, Elmer Buckler, for 35 years. He and his wife were among the earliest members of Christ the King Lutheran Church and he was an active member of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club.

Mr. Buckler was predeceased by his loving wife of 62 years, Helen Buckler.

He is survived by his sons, Norman (Linda) Buckler and Dennis (Brenda) Buckler; daughter, Janet (Michael) Moore; grandchildren, Kristin (Dr. Gilbert) Padula, Stacie Buckler, Dr. Brian (Rachel) Buckler, Meredith, Megan and Jeffrey Moore and great-grandchildren, Isabella, Nino and Gabriella Padula and Emma, Anna and Abigail Buckler.

Funeral services were held Feb. 18 at Christ the King Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Woods. Interment is at Woodlawn Cemetery, Marine City.

Donations may be made to Michigan Masonic Pathways, 1200 Wright St., Alma, MI 48801 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Angeline Cook

St. Clair Shores resident Angeline Cook, 85, formerly of Grosse Pointe, died Sunday, Feb. 21, 2010, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

She was a fan of the Detroit Tigers and an avid reader.

Mrs. Cook is survived by her loving children, Josephine (Michael) Stieber, Larry (Sandy) Cook and Kathy (John) Gucciardi; dearest grandchildren, MaryAnn Paolucci, Dan, Laura, Paul, Robert, Philip, Evan, Hunter and Kendall and great-grandchildren, Johnny, Benji and Allison. She also is survived by her brothers, Sam and Joe D'Angelo.

She was predeceased by her husband, Elmer, on Sept. 15, 1999; daughter, Mary Cook, on Feb. 3, 1978; parents, Vito and Josephine (nee Cavataio) D'Angelo and her brother, Augustino D'Angelo.

A funeral Mass was held Feb. 24 at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Park.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 105, Bingham Farms, MI 48025 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Walter Buhl Ford III

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Walter Buhl Ford III, 66, died Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010, peacefully in his sleep in Palm Beach, Fla.

He was born Oct. 27, 1943, in Detroit to Josephine F. and Walter Buhl Ford II.

Known as Buhl to his family and friends, Mr. Ford, a great-grandson of Ford Motor Co. founder Henry Ford, worked at Ford from 1978 to 1993. After graduating from Cleary College in Ypsilanti with a degree in business administration, he started his career in the Ford Design Center and moved on to several positions in advertising and marketing for Ford and Lincoln Mercury.

To his family and friends, Mr. Ford will be remembered as a person who loved life and lived it to the fullest. He was known for his sense of humor and infectious laugh. His passions included hunting, fishing and es-

pecially his dogs. He also enjoyed playing hockey as a child and was a life-long Detroit Red Wings fan.

Mr. Ford is survived by his wife, Roxanne; daughters, Bridget (Lucille May); Lindsey (Tom Buhl), and children, Jeffrey, William, Elise and Christian; Wendy (Bader Behbehani) and children, Alex and Gracie; B.B. (David Veverka) and children, Joe, Sam and Ben.

He also is survived by his siblings, Eleanor Sullivan, Josephine Ingle and Alfred Ford.

A funeral service was held Feb. 22 at Christ Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Road, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI, 48025.

Shirley R. Jablonski

Shirley R. Jablonski (nee Hutchinson), also known as Shirley R. Jay, 78, owner of Carriage Services Inc. along with her beloved husband, Clifford Anthony Jablonski, also known as Cliff Jay, died Sunday, Feb. 21, 2010.

She was the dear mother of Linda (Thomas) Keck, Donald (Suzanne) Hutchinson and Richard (Alla) Hutchinson and dear sister of Beverly (Donald) Hansen. Seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren also survive her.

Mrs. Jablonski's husband, Clifford Anthony, is the eldest grandchild of the late Lillian and Anthony Wujek, founders of the Wujek Funeral Home in Detroit.

Mrs. Jablonski will be missed by her "kids," Misty and Princess, along with all of her bowling friends. She loved to do crosswords, garden and cook. Family and friends raved about her potato salad. Millie Ferri and Dolores and George Lange were like family to Mrs. Jablonski and her husband.

A funeral service was held Feb. 24.

Donations may be made to Oakland Animal Hospital, c/o Dr. Patti A. Pillsbury D.V.M., 180 East Second St., Rochester, MI 48307.

Sally Maitland

Sally Maitland, 61, of Matlacha, Fla., died suddenly at her home Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010, of an apparent heart attack.

She was raised in Grosse Pointe and attended St. Paul Elementary School and St. Paul High School. In 1964 she moved with her family to northern Virginia where she graduated from Bishop O'Connell High School. She attended Marymount College in Arlington, Va.

She was predeceased by her parents, Irene and Kenneth Maitland of Grosse Pointe and Falls Church and Arlington, Va.

Ms. Maitland is survived by her beloved husband of 36 years, Andy Meltz; sisters, Gail (John) Urs of Grosse Pointe Park and Dr. Lynn Maitland of Ann Arbor; six nieces and nephews and her stepmother, Rita Maitland of Lenox, Mass.

Ms. Maitland was an activist whose causes spanned politics, the arts and animals. She left a corporate position in Washington, D.C. to open PAWS, A Store for Pets in 1984 which advocated against pet stores selling animals, preferring instead to promote animal adoptions through events at the store.

After she and her husband moved to Matlacha, Ms. Maitland managed an art gallery in Fort Myers, Fla. and was an active supporter of artists in the southwest Florida area.

She later became the special events and media relations manager for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southwest

Florida.

In 2004, Ms. Maitland and her husband opened Andy's Island Seafood on Matlacha. Their market was written up in Coastal Living and other publications. The market provided an outlet for Ms. Maitland's creativity and marketing skills, as well as her concern for the environment by providing local, fresh food for the community and preserving the ocean's resources.

She was politically active in progressive causes and worked on Barack Obama's campaign for president. She attended his inauguration and was particularly excited to meet and be photographed with First Lady Michelle Obama.

Ms. Maitland also was an avid lover and supporter of animal rights organizations and was a volunteer puppy trainer at a local animal shelter.

A celebration of Ms. Maitland's life will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the Lee County Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, Fla.

Donations may be made to C.R.O.W. Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, at crowclinic.org or the Humane Society of the United States at humane.org.

Bette D. Matthews

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Bette D. Matthews, 79, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010.

She was born Sept. 20, 1930, in Detroit and attended Southeastern High School. She was predeceased by her parents, Thomas and Anne Cunningham and her husband, Jim Matthews.

Survivors include her only son, Tom Matthews. She was a kind and caring person and a loving mother.

Mrs. Matthews was a gourmet cook and a voracious reader. She had a great sense of humor, an infectious smile and loved to talk politics.

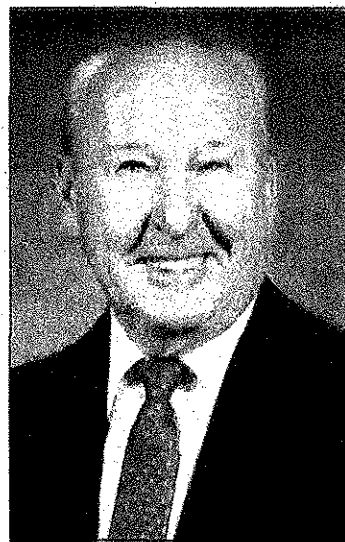
A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Friday, March 5, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Leonard Oscar Roellig

Former Grosse Pointe resident Leonard Oscar Roellig died Friday, Feb. 12, 2010, in Colorado.

He was born May 17, 1927, in Detroit to Oscar and Laura Roellig. He graduated from Denby High School and the University of Michigan, where he received bachelor, master's and doctorate degrees in physics.

Mr. Roellig served at Wayne



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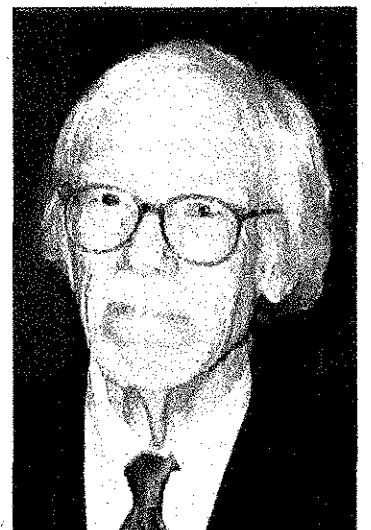
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Leonard Oscar Roellig

State University as a physics professor, dean of the school of arts and sciences, and university associate provost. From there he moved to the City University of New York, where he served as vice chancellor for more than a decade before moving back to his first love, physics research. He finished his professional career as professor of physics at City College, N.Y.

Throughout his career Mr. Roellig was a research scientist, affectionately known by his colleagues worldwide as "Dr. Positron." While at Wayne State, he founded the university's positron annihilation group. As a visiting faculty member, he founded a similar program at the University College, London. While in New York, he conducted his research at Brookhaven National Laboratory, and in Switzerland he worked at the Paul Scherer Institute for Natural and Engineering Sciences.

Mr. Roellig also served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was active in the Lutheran church throughout his life. Although he lived in many cities and countries, most of his life was spent in Detroit, Ann Arbor, Grosse Pointe, New York and Boulder, Colo., where he retired as a professor emeritus at the University of Colorado.

Mr. Roellig's family said he loved watching waves breaking on the beach, or flames jumping from the log, because they were always changing and never the same. Driven by curiosity, he believed each day was an opportunity to investigate the unknown, to learn something new and to finish in a new place.

While his work was his accomplishment and defined his days, his family was his contribution and defined his life. Mr.

Roellig is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Pauline; his brother, David; sons, Tom, Mark and Paul and grandchildren, David, Brittany, Andrew and Corrie.

A funeral service was held Feb. 17 at Atonement Lutheran Church in Boulder. Arrangements were handled by Howe and Yockey Funeral Home in Strasburg.

Donations may be made to the place where Dr. Roellig and his family enjoyed their time: YMCA of the Rockies, 2515 Tunnel Rd., Estes Park, CO 80511 or at YMCADonations.org.

Clarke Scholes

Longtime Grosse Pointe Park resident Clarke Scholes, 79, passed away Friday, Feb. 5, 2010, at Henry Ford Hospital of congestive heart failure.

He was born in Detroit, Nov. 25, 1930, and spent his entire life in the Detroit area, but he became known on the international stage when, in 1952, he won an Olympic gold medal in the 100-meter freestyle swimming event at the summer games in Helsinki, Finland. In addition to his Olympic achievement, he won two gold medals at the 1955 Pan American games, two national AAU titles, five NCAA championships and three Big Ten championships. He received further global acclaim with his induction into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1980.

Mr. Scholes graduated from Michigan State University and was still a student at MSU when he participated in the Olympics. To this day he is the first and only MSU athlete to win an Olympic gold medal in an individual event. In 1992 he was one of the 30 members of the inaugural class inducted in-



Clarke Scholes

to the Michigan State University Sports Hall of Fame. In 2008, he was inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame.

Mr. Scholes was a 46-year member of the Grosse Pointe Theatre, the group he considered "his only family." He appeared in more than 30 GPT productions from musicals to comedies to dramas. Longtime patrons will remember seeing him in "Moon Over Buffalo," "Arsenic and Old Lace," "Sly Fox," "Barefoot in the Park," "Sugar," "Mame," "Cactus Flower," "Cabaret," "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" and many more.

His booming voice and infectious laugh were known by all, from his many friends at the Indian Village Tennis Club, where he was a former president, to his fellow Beavers at the Detroit Athletic Club, where his gold medal is on permanent display.

A retired manufacturer's representative, he is survived by three nieces, a nephew and a huge adopted family of close friends from the theater. A private memorial will be held.

Donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Theatre, 315 Fisher Road, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Christopher Vens, a sophomore at Albion College, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester. He is the son of John and Susan Vens of Grosse Pointe Woods and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

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

Christopher Scott was accepted into the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Institute at Albion College. He is the son of Clyde and Joyce Scott of Grosse Pointe Woods and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

Grosse Pointe Park resident

Andrew M. Augustine received a master's degree in business administration from Northwood University's Richard DeVos Graduate School of Management. He is the son of Harold and Terri Augustine and a Grosse Pointe South High School graduate. Augustine received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Northwood in 2008 and is employed at Dorian Ford in Clinton Township.

The following students were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester at Western Michigan University: **Sean M. Buckley, Alexander P. Marshall, Benjamin R. Maters, Christopher A. Maynard, Sareen L. Papakhian, Evan Wouters and Stephanie J. Yaklin**, all of Grosse Pointe Park; **Catherine A. McClary, Timothy B.**

Smolenski and Alaina R. Whitney, all of the City of Grosse Pointe; **Steven J. Cox, Katherine A. Doms, Matthew C. Girolamo, Daniel P. Houff and Andreana C. Tassopoulos**, all of Grosse Pointe Farms; **Alexandra Filippelli and Laura M. Maisel**, both of Grosse Pointe Shores; and **Nicole A. Crawford, Michael T. Czarnecki, Joseph M. DiStefano, Stephanie E. Jerger, Caroline A. Krausmann, Edward H. LaCombe, Kelly N. MacDonald, Katie L. MacDonald, Erika V. Mammen, Caitlin S. Mathews, Peter M. Mitchell and Katherine L. Uppleger**, all of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Emily C. Solecki was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester at Grand Valley State University. She is the daughter of Gregory and Cathleen Solecki of Grosse Pointe Park.

The following students were

named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester at Northern Michigan University: **Gregory A. Posada, Michael Y. Robinson**, both of Grosse Pointe Farms; **Ian M. Bojanic and Benjamin F. Vandelinder**, both of Grosse Pointe Park; and **Michelle L. Karwowski and Maryl K. Masserang**, both of Grosse Pointe Woods; and Grosse Pointe residents **Nicholas T. Ireland, Chloe A. Silver and Charles A. Sullivan**.

Antoinette Bryk of Grosse Pointe Woods was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester at Loyola University Chicago. The Grosse Pointe North High School graduate is the daughter of David and Mary Bryk.

Simone M. LaHood has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester at Elon University. The 2008 University Liggett School graduate is the daughter of Al LaHood and Marquita Bedway of Grosse Pointe.

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AUTOS By Jenny King

Firehouse collections educate, excite



Made and/or used in Michigan is a prominent theme for the firefighting equipment on display at the Michigan Firehouse Museum.

But the intent of the varied collection is to show how fires have been fought. And the purpose of all the equipment was to preserve lives.

"Saving people is the focus," said Steve Wilson, manager of

the Ypsilanti-based Michigan Firehouse Museum. "The equipment is dedicated to that purpose."

Many of the thousands of items in the two-building museum were purchased from or donated or loaned by individuals or groups in Michigan, Wilson said.

Telling a story of the development or demise of equipment also includes showing pieces from elsewhere, he added.

A 1955 triple combination engine was built by the General Fire Truck division of General-Detroit Corporation. The company had been located in Detroit before a move in 1950 to St. Clair Shores.

Another truck — the huge 1980 high-pressure fog apparatus — has ties to the mitten state. Built on a Ford chassis, the firefighting apparatus was designed to finely atomize water at very high pressure for putting a damping fog atop certain kinds of fires. The FMC vehicle served the South Shore Hubbard Lake (Michigan) Fire Department.

There are other triple combination engines that could pump water, chemicals and serve as a hose bed built by the major fire equipment manufacturers and used by cities including Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo and Detroit.

"The triple combination engines that could both pump

water or chemicals and carry hoses probably appeared late in the first decade of the last century," Wilson said.

Prior to that, hoses were transported separately.

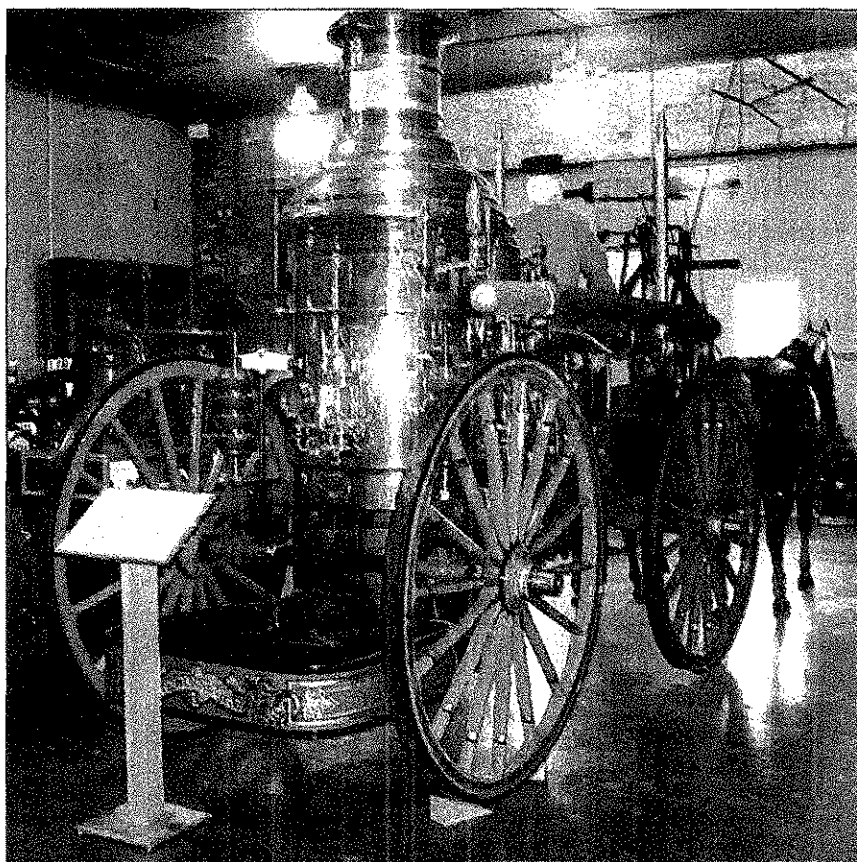
The Michigan Firehouse Museum rotates exhibits, he said. An approximate collection of 75 sirens and lights were recently donated and are currently being hooked up with a source of electricity to function for visitors.

"It will include some excellent restorations of originals," Wilson said.

The museum has one of the largest collections of fire truck bells in the country.

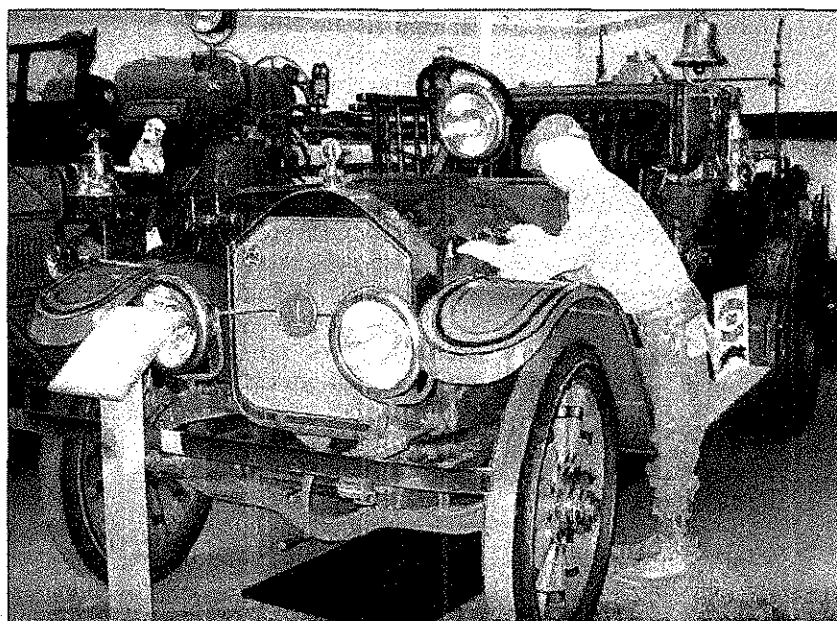
A snappy red 1935 Ford sedan, designated transportation for a fire chief, sits on the floor of the newer display area. While most large items in the museum are described on plaques, the origins of the 1935 Ford are being researched.

Behind the chief's car is a 1964 Seagrave aerial ladder truck once used by firefighters



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This gleaming, horse-drawn steam engine (Size 3), above, dates from 1878 and was built by the Ahrens Manufacturing Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio. It sits inside the wooden doors of the century-old firehouse. Chain-driven and riding on solid tires, this 1919 American LaFrance Type 40 triple combination engine, below, could pump water and chemicals and provide an output hose bed.



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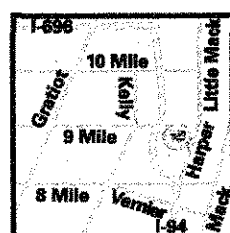
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in Kalamazoo. Its information

states the truck was specifically ordered with an open cab so its occupants could clearly see what was going on atop the ladder. The placard also states Seagrave trucks had their sirens on the hood.

Ahrens-Fox trucks, such as the 1931 in the museum, featured large metal spheres atop

their hoods. The company used a piston pump and employed ball-shaped air pressure chambers to ensure a stable output of water. The Ahrens-Fox was purchased new by Detroit's fire department for \$10,000.

A 1916 American LaFrance engine was capable of pumping an amazing 1,000 gallons a minute. One of the triple combination trucks, this Type 45 saw 44 years of service in Battle Creek.

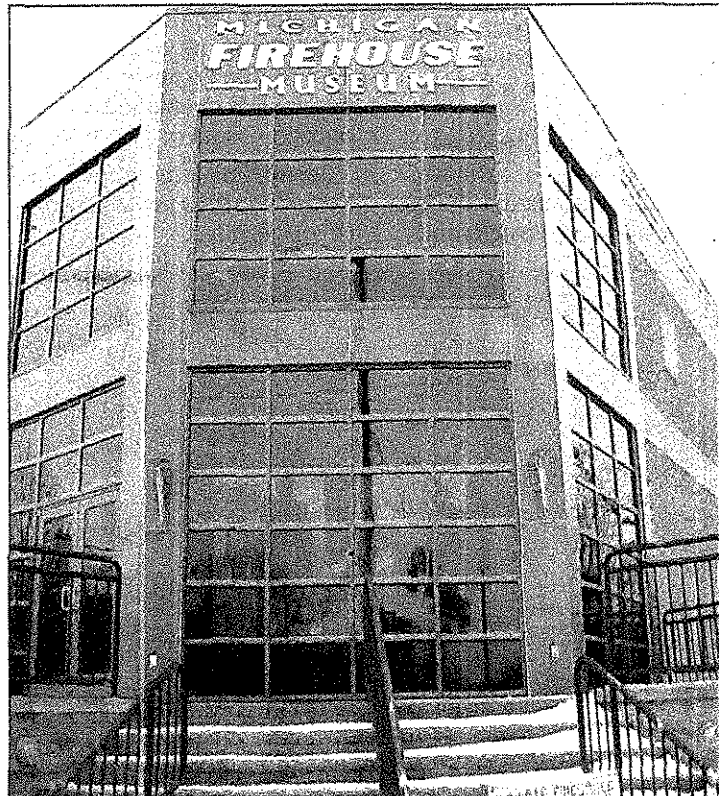
A "newer" 1919 American LaFrance Type 40 from Littlestown, Pa., was chain-driven and rode on solid tires.

On the first floor of the 1898 firehouse section of the muse-

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The Michigan Firehouse Museum comprises a newer, natural-light two-story museum attached to the Ypsilanti brick firehouse that dates from 1898. The latter served the community for 75 years. The 1898 firehouse today features the second-floor bunk room, office and kitchen where staff lived and worked.

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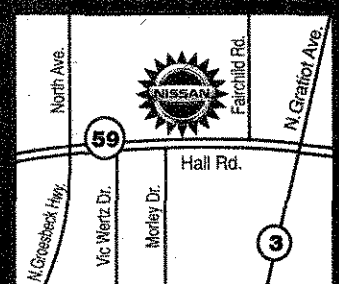
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um a gleaming, horse-drawn steam engine by Ahrens Manufacturing of Cincinnati rests from earlier duties in Parkersburg, W. Va. A clever ceiling suspension system could lower horse harnesses quickly. While better than a bucket brigade, the steam engines were temperamental

and had to be carefully monitored lest they blow up.

The second floor of the century-old building served as quarters for staff. Visitors today view several beds, the original brass pole, an office space and a large kitchen area.

Wilson says Ypsilanti had two volunteer firefighting teams in the late 19th century. A professional department was organized around the time the firehouse was built in 1898.

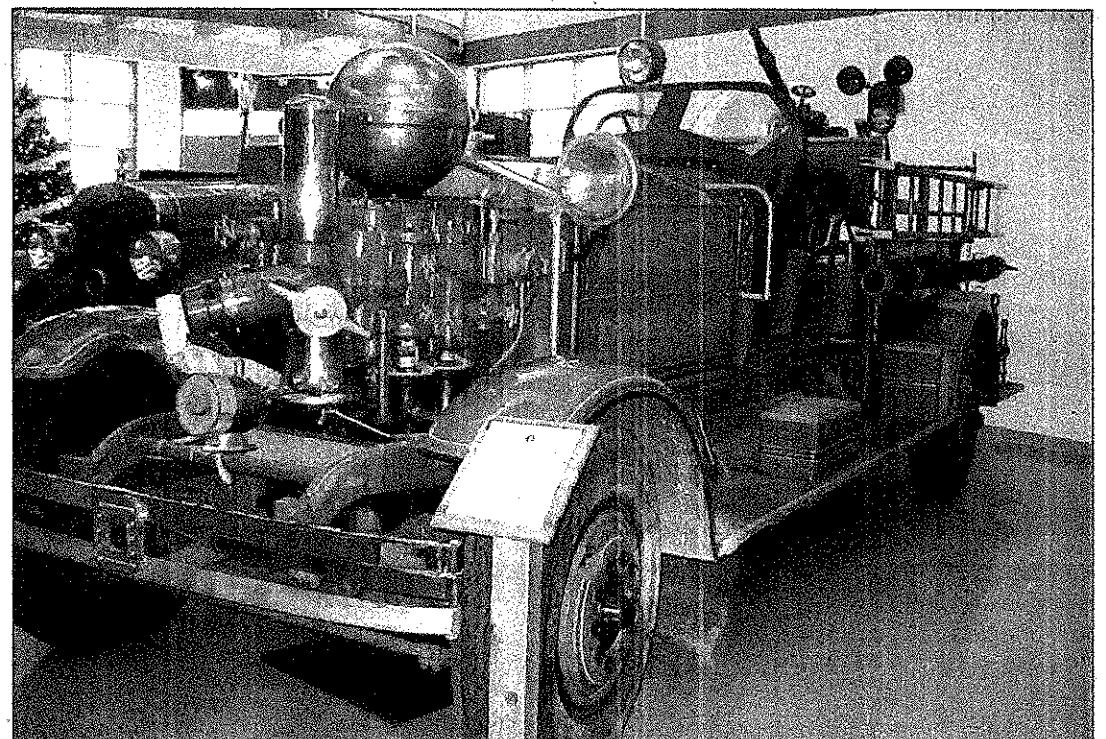
A mezzanine in the new 12,000 square-foot exhibit area has cases filled with beautiful scale-model trucks and

lots of toys and publications.

"There is a certain excitement about visiting a collection like this," Wilson said. "It comes from childhood memories of fire trucks and firefighters."

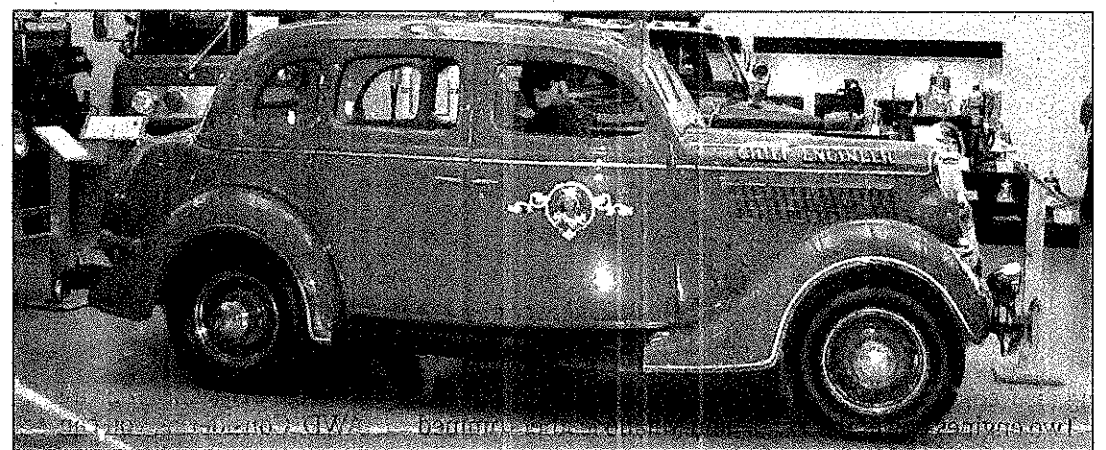
The Michigan Firehouse Museum was founded 1998. It anchors the west end of Ypsilanti's Depot Town on W. Cross Street. Its website, with information on hours and admissions, is michiganfirehousemuseum.org

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



The fire department in Detroit paid \$10,000 for this 1931 Ahrens-Fox engine, above. The company preferred a piston pump. A large, silver-colored sphere atop the hood was part of the design to stabilize water flow and was a trademark for Ahrens-Fox.

A snappy red 1935 Ford sedan, below, served as a fire chief vehicle.



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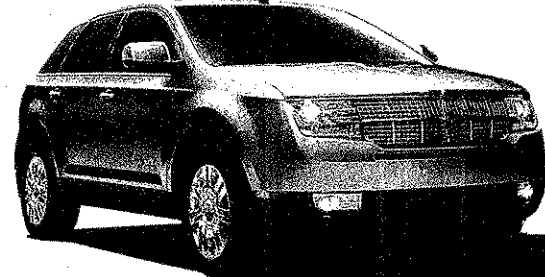
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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

2010 Acura TL SH-AWD Tech



This week, we're driving Acura's 2010 TL SH-AWD, a performance based personal luxury car that is easy on the checkbook when compared to the competition — base price: \$43,385; price as tested: \$44,195.

The TL line also offers extraordinary styling, race car inspired performance and state of the art technology.

While motor racing is sometimes overlooked when consumers shop the major luxury brands of BMW, Infiniti, Cadillac, Lexus, Mercedes and Lincoln, Acura and parent Honda are highly respected motorsport concerns. From all types of road racing to the top tier IZOD IndyCar competition, Acura develops and enhances many of the mechanical and technological innovations that end up in its road cars.

Our tester TL came in SH-AWD Tech dress — Super Handling All-Wheel Drive — a name Acura has trademarked. Our TL also featured a 6-speed manual transmission that comes as part of the technology package, which is the "Tech" part of the TL autograph.

For those who don't like manual shifting, a 5-speed Sequential SportShift automatic replaces the 6-speed on non Tech equipped Acuras. Thus, if you want a six speed, you must order the technology package, and I admit I enjoyed the 6-speed manual during the week-long test.

Two engines power the TL,

2010 Acura TL

Engine: 3,664 cc 3.7 liters V-6 front with 90.0 mm bore, 96.0 mm stroke, 11.2 compression ratio, overhead cam, variable valve timing/camshaft and four valves per cylinder

Fuel: Premium unleaded 91 and petrol. Multi-point injection fuel system.

Fuel tank: 18.5 gallon main premium unleaded 15.4.

Power: 227 kW, 305 HP SAE 6,300 rpm; 273 pound-feet, 370 Nm 5,000 rpm.

either a 280 horsepower, 3.5 V-6 in the front drive TL models or a 305 horsepower 3.7 V6 version that powers the TL SH-AWD models. Since there were 305 horses at our beckon, accelerating on merge ramps or passing became a breeze, with 0 to 60 arriving in six seconds.

The ride is perfection, as the fully independent double wishbone front and multi-link rear suspension system mate with road grabbing 19-inch summer ZR rated tires to offer the ultimate in cornering and comfort.

When it comes to sporty appointments, things such as integrated quad-outlet chrome sport exhaust, bumper-integrated front brake cooling ducts and special black carpeting are just a few items worth mentioning.

As for standard fare, TLs are loaded with near every amenity, including heated front seats, remote window functions, solar sensing climate control, Bluetooth wireless telephone interface, steering wheel-mounted controls, HomeLink remote, power moonroof, heated side mirrors with reverse gear tilt-down and integrated directional signals, XM Radio, spoiler with integrated rearview camera and Milano leather trimmed

sport seats.

In addition to the 6-speed manual, the technology package includes Acura's high end Navigation system with voice recognition, rearview camera, ELS

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Important numbers include a wheelbase of 109.3 inches, 3,389 pound curb weight, 12.5 cubic-feet of trunk space, 18.5 gallon fuel tank, and EPA ratings of 18/26 for front drive and 17/25 for AWD. Considering you can



2010 Acura TL



buy a TL front drive for \$35,105, this car is indeed worth a close look. Our top line TL AWD model, which was loaded and had no options, bottomed at \$44,195

with \$810 destination.

Overall, Acura TL is one of our favorite 2010 test drives thus far.

Likes: Price, performance, tech, 5-star safety ratings, fuel

mileage.

Dislikes: Some blind spots, fifth passenger tight in middle rear seat.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated auto columnist.

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St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church offers a week's safe haven for the homeless through the Open Hearts - Open Doors program.

More than shelter

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

It's so much more.

It's more than homemade meals and hot showers. It's more than a new sweatshirt. It's more than freshly laundered clothing and a haircut.

Open Hearts - Open Doors Homeless Week at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church is more than offering 40 to 60 homeless men, women and children a cot on which to sleep for a week, Feb. 20 - 27. It's more than a brown bag lunch with enough food to feed two.

"It's a warm, safe environment," said City of Grosse Pointe resident Tom McCarren, who has co-chaired the program for the past 15 years with Tricia Kesteloot. "We create a safe, dignified environment."

The Open Hearts - Open Doors is a rotating shelter project sponsored in conjunction with Cass Community Services, a multifaceted facility service for those recovering from financial difficulties or substance abuse.

A couple years ago a family was in economic crisis. They had lost their house and car. The husband and son came to St. Paul's; the mother and daughter were in another program. Today, the family is in subsidized housing and as an ordained minister, the father has a congregation.

The requirement for each Wayne County church involved is to house guests for the evening, providing dinner, breakfast, a place to sleep and a bag lunch.

St. Paul's, McCarren said, goes above and beyond the minimum requirements furnishing both necessities and a few luxuries.

The church provided new sleeping mats, sheets, pillows and blankets, as well as a new duffel bag for each guest, he said.

A "department" store is set up in St. Paul's Canfield



Center, the parish's large conference room.

"We offer clothing in one half of the Canfield Center. We set it up like a department store with clothing, shoes, coats and it's organized. It's more than giving them a coat or sweatshirt."

One man pulled McCarren aside saying, "I don't have anything. I don't have underwear."

"If we don't have stuff, someone will go out and buy it. There are a group of people doing that. They do it quietly and within 24 hours, all his basic needs were met," McCarren said.

"It's a very dedicated group of people," he said of the volunteers.

Dedication to the program goes well beyond volunteering for one aspect or another of the project. It costs \$9,000 annually to run the program.

"There are 500 people who touch this project, whether it's dropping something off, providing snacks, a check. It takes



Maria Couvreur hangs coats in the "department store."



John Chartran of Grosse Pointe Farms stacks boxes for guests to easily find items. Top left, New or gently worn shoes are sorted and lined up in the store.

all of those people to get the job done. There are clothing merchants who donate off-season clothing, clothing that would be thrown away. All they ask is that the labels be cut off and the items not be used for personal use, but for the program.

"We make an effort to extend the program beyond the basic program. We hire a coach (bus) and provide showers because we have the facilities. We have freshly laundered towels."

If the guests don't need new clothing but are in need of

clean clothing, McCarren said, there are a few women who launder the clothing, having it back to the church within a day.

At 4:30 p.m., the guests re-

turn for a hot meal after a day in Detroit.

Showers and entertainment in the form of games, access to the gym and television, are available. There is a doctor, a

podiatrist and hair stylist who offer their services.

"There was a conservative guy, an accountant, a bit shy, introverted. He came four or five years ago and talked to a man who had an unusual sized foot. His shoes were taped. The two had the same size feet. The accountant took his \$250 shoes off and gave it to the man. That's how some people are in our program. As a result of the Open Door program the accountant joined St. Paul," McCarren said.

"We have a team of people who feel so strongly of the ministry and the good we are doing that has been the continuity of the program. It's a very dedicated group of people about the work they are doing. We try make it better than last year," he said.

"We give them (guests) freedom. There is an element of trust. They chose what they want to do. We get them to relax," he said.

The feedback, according to

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Brownell Middle School students James Wenzler, Brennan Ifkovits, Jeshua Yglesias, Henry Leto and Jeffrey Judson carry boxes filled with donated clothing.

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Brownell Middle School students Lizzy Steinhauer, Olivia Monette, Grace Harper, Catherine Caputo, Stefanie Rowsell and Kara Couvreur check sizes, separate and fold pants in preparation for the Open Hearts - Open Doors Homeless Week at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. The church sets up a "department" store in which guests can select clothing.

OPEN DOORS: Going the extra mile

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McCarren, is "I slept so well last night."

There is a worship component in the Open Doors program.

McCarren said, "There is a time of worship and we pray before meals. We let them guide the discussion. We might give them a topic to talk about and it is usually Scripture-based."

After a good night's rest and a hot breakfast, the guests, as McCarren refers to them, are sent off for the day. In their possession is a brown bag lunch.

"We give them a hot breakfast and enough lunch for two people. They feel responsible for those on the street. They get off the bus in downtown. We feed 100 people extra due to the extra food in the lunch.

We give them the courtesy to feed other people and that makes them feel good," he said.

There was a guest who asked to help and was tall and larger than average.

"I said, 'You don't belong in this program,'" McCarren said.

The man replied he had played a little basketball and when he couldn't play for the Detroit Pistons anymore he played in Mexico. Returning to Michigan with \$200 in his pocket, he found someone else living in the house. While he was Mexico, his wife had divorced him, put all his possessions on the curb and disappeared.

He said he couldn't call his friends, Isaiah Thomas or Bill Lambeer.

"I'll endure this for a while," he said.

"Why are we going to all this trouble to make it look good," he asked. "The answer is 'how do we know the Lord Jesus is not sitting here?'"

Some 500 members have embraced the program of 20 years to fulfill Matthew 25. "For I was hungry, and you gave me food to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me drink; I was a stranger, and you took me in; naked, and you clothed me...inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

"It makes us really proud," said McCarren of being able to provide for people who have lost their jobs and houses. "What if that were me? We are blessed exponentially."

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Grosse Pointe Theatre

Grosse Pointe Theatre offers a three-week costume design class from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Thursdays, March 11, 18 and 25, at 315 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe.

Mary Lou Olszewski, professional costumer and long time Grosse Pointe resident, teaches the class. This is not a sewing class, but a class in the elements of designing a live theatrical show.

The fee is \$50 or \$25 for Grosse Pointe Theatre members.

A six-week introductory level acting class, "Yes, You Can

Act!," is from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., beginning March 24.

The class is taught by veteran actor/teacher Harry Burkey and features video feedback.

Each student receives a private one hour one-on-one progress analysis and a DVD of exercises.

The fee is \$85 or \$60 for theater members. The class is limited to 12 participants.

To register, call (313) 881-4004.

Both classes are at 315 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe.

Theater membership is open to those 18 years and older that have an interest in theater. Annual dues are \$30.

For more information, visit gpt.org or call the theater at the aforementioned number.

Henry Ford Cottage Hospital

Henry Ford's sports medicine professionals perform a brief assessment of golfer's swing and provide a customized program to help increase strength and flexibility from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital Athletic Medicine and Physical Therapy, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Each participant receives a GolFitness exercise booklet.

The cost is \$40.

To register, call (313) 972-4167.



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vegetable, coffee and tea.

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



Festival support

David Widlak, president and CEO of Community Central Bank, presents Diane Zedan and Linda Lloyd, co-chairwomen of the 100th anniversary of the Alger House, and Mark R. Weber, president of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, with a check to support events commemorating the anniversary. An April 17 gala and a community celebration May 23 are being planned. From left, Zedan, Lloyd, Widlak and Weber.

What's happening

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

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

The cost for advanced tickets are \$28 for mother and a child; \$14 for each additional child and \$16 for each additional adult admission.

St. Patrick's Day Middle School Dance, 7:30 to 10 p.m., Friday, March 5 — Students in sixth through eighth grade can attend with a War Memorial ID. Advanced tickets cost \$12; tickets at the door \$14.

Ski Hi trip to Pine Knob, leave at 4:15 p.m., Friday March 5 — Attendees must be signed up with the Ski Hi Club.



"The Complete Works of William Shakespeare," March 7 - 20 — Grosse Pointe Theatre's comedy encapsulates all 37 Shakespearean plays. The show is a parody in a fast-paced circus of improv, gags, pratfalls and audience participation. Sunday performances begin at 2 p.m., evening performances at 8 p.m. Tickets must be purchased through the theater at gpt.org, or by calling (313) 881-4004.

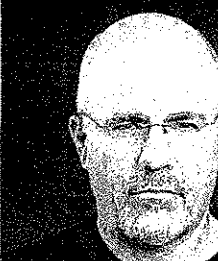
A 6:30 p.m. dinner buffet is served March 11, 12, 13, 17, 18 - 20. For reservations, call (313) 881-7511.

Music of The Night, Friday, March 26 — featuring Joe Amijo with Arnie Johnson and Hector Qyteri. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and the performance at 8 p.m.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Cirre - Dunlap

Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Cirre of Bagdad, Ky., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Katie Cirre, to Eric Dunlap, of Chicago, Ill., son of Dr. and Mrs. J. Richard Dunlap of the City of Grosse Pointe. A summer wedding is planned.

Cirre earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Miami University in speech communication and is pursuing her Master of Arts in counseling psychology with art therapy from Adler School of Professional Psychology in Chicago.

Dunlap earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Miami University in finance and is a chartered financial analyst. He is a proprietary trader for Torus Capital, LLC.

Hennessey - Mardirosian

Eileen Ryan and Kevin Hennessey of Ann Arbor have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Hennessey, to Paul Mardirosian, son of Mark and Elaine Mardirosian of Grosse Pointe Park. An April wedding is planned.

Hennessey earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan and is a research technician at Wayne State University Center for Urban Studies.

Mardirosian earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from U of M and a Master of Urban Planning from WSU. He is a planning consultant with Albert Kahn Associates, Detroit.

Henry - Kelly

James and Merle Henry of Acworth, Ga. and Elaine Henry and Richard Garber of Sheridan, Wyo., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Julie L. Henry, to John J. Kelly, son of Joseph and Joan Kelly of Beavercreek, Ohio. A July wedding is planned.

Henry earned a Bachelor of Science degree in zoology from Miami University and a MD degree from Medical College of Ohio. She is an or-

thopaedic surgery resident at the University of Michigan.

Kelly earned a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial systems engineering and a Master of Business Administration from the Ohio State University.

Hunsaker - Ahee

Emily Hunsaker of Tuscon, Ariz., has announced the engagement of her daughter, Ashley Hunsaker, to Daniel Ahee, son of Joseph and Betty Ahee of Grosse Pointe Woods. A fall wedding is planned.

Hunsaker earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology, with a minor in criminal justice and business, from the University of Arizona. She is the pool supervisor for the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation.

Ahee earned a Bachelor of Science degree in crop and soil science from Michigan State University. He is the assistant superintendent of Grandview Golf Club, Sun City West, Ariz.

MacCormack - Kaselitz

Paul and Janet MacCormack of Waterford have announced the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth MacCormack, to Timothy Kaselitz, son of Bruce and Mary Kaselitz of Grosse Pointe Woods. An August wedding is planned.

MacCormack graduated from Cranbrook Upper School in 2003 and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in human development and social relations from Kalamazoo College in 2007. She earned a master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan in 2009.

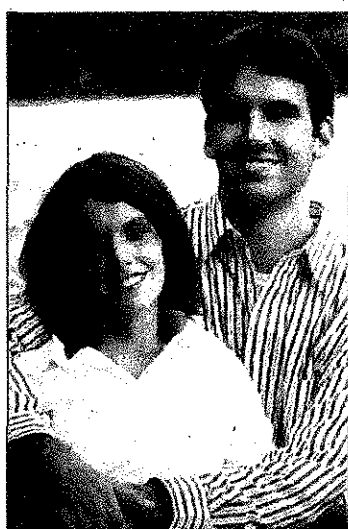
Kaselitz earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in health sciences from Kalamazoo College and is a third year medical student at U of M.

Mullinger - Cloe

Mike and Amy Mullinger of the City of Grosse Pointe have announced the engagement of their daughter, Megan Mullinger, to Adam Cloe, son of Alan and Susan Cloe of Indianapolis, Ind. A June wed-



Eric Dunlap and Katie Cirre



Elizabeth MacCormack and Timothy Kaselitz

ding is planned.

Mullinger earned a bachelor's degree in theater from Oakland University and is pursuing a master's degree in library and information science from the Dominican University, River Forest, Ill.

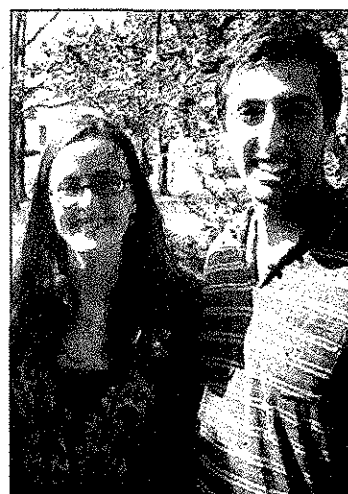
Cloe earned a bachelor's degree in biochemistry and molecular biology from Boston University. He is pursuing a M.D. degree and Ph.D. degree in biological sciences from the University of Chicago.

Plackman - Kimmel

Reinhold and Lora Lee Plackman of LaSalle, Ont., Canada, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mori Anna Plackman, to Geoffrey Andrew Kimmel, son of Gail Bradford Kimmel of Grosse Pointe Park and the late Henry Andrew Kimmel. A May wedding is planned.

Plackman graduated in 1999 from Sandwich Secondary School and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from the University of Windsor in 2003. She earned a Doctor of Audiology degree from Wayne State University in 2008. She is an audiologist and cochlear implant clinical specialist for Med-El Canada.

Kimmel graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1995 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in



Mary Hennessey and Paul Mardirosian



Megan Mullinger and Adam Cloe

management from Purdue University in 1999. He is the president of E.W. Ensroth Company in Warren.

Schmitt - Rashid

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Schmitt III of the City of Grosse Pointe have announced the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Schmitt, to Carl Thomas Rashid, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rashid Jr. of Grosse Pointe Woods. An October wedding is planned.

Schmitt earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University and is employed by Neiman Marcus.

Rashid earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in prelaw from MSU and graduated from MSU's College of Law with a juris doctorate degree. He is an attorney with Kitch, Drutchas, Wagner, Valitutti and Sherbrook, PC.

Siefer - LaBeau

Daniel and Anita Siefer of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Alicia Siefer, to



Julie L. Henry and John J. Kelly



Mori Anna Plackman and Geoffrey Andrew Kimmel



Alicia Siefer and Matthew LaBeau

Matthew LaBeau, son of Judge Michael and Delores LaBeau of Monroe. An October wedding is planned.

Siefer earned a Bachelor of General Studies degree from the University of Michigan and a juris doctorate degree from Wayne State University. She is an attorney with Garan Lucow Miller, PC.

LaBeau earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, with a finance major, from Western Michigan University. He is an attorney at Garan Lucow Miller, PC.

Zeller - Koontz

Michael and Marie Zeller of



Daniel Ahee and Ashley Hunsaker



Elizabeth Schmitt and Carl Thomas Rashid



Noel Koontz and Molly Zeller

Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Molly Zeller, to Noel Koontz, son of Sandra Haynes of VanBuren, Ind. An August wedding is planned.

Zeller graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Valparaiso University. She earned a Master of Arts degree in speech-language pathology from Indiana University and is a speech-language pathologist with a Spencer, Ind., elementary school.

Koontz earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Valparaiso and a Master of Arts degree in English from IU. He is pursuing a master's degree in education.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Lori Warner, Ph.D.

Behavior is part of child's development



Q. I'm concerned about my son. He is 20 months old and not talking yet. His hearing is normal. What should I do?

A. Although there is variety in the times children reach different developmental milestones, many use at least 2-word phrases ("go car," "want juice") by age 2. If you suspect language delay, ask your child's doctor. You may be referred to a speech pathologist, a psychologist, or a local school program for further

testing.

Q. Our 18-month-old daughter does not respond to her name very often. When we tell her "no," she doesn't stop what she is doing. Is it OK to take a "wait and see" approach or should we be concerned?

A. Parents often worry about behaviors that are part of typical development, but some behaviors are "red flags," indicating the need for a closer look. Always raise your concerns with your child's doctor. For more information about what milestones to watch for as your child grows, visit cdc.gov/actearly. For more information visit the American Academy of Pediatrics website: aap.org/healthtopics/autism.

cfm.

Q. My friend told me her son has autism, but he can talk and he plays with my son. I thought kids with autism were "loners" who could not socialize with others.

A. Autism is a "spectrum" disorder. Some children are severely affected and may also have cognitive impairments, but others are much less affected and attend regular education classrooms and form friendships. Some high-functioning people who are diagnosed with autism or Asperger Syndrome attend college, work and have families of their own.

Q. How can I tell if my child has an autism spectrum disorder?

SAVE THE DATE

"Is My Child on the Spectrum?"
6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 17
Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, Connelly Auditorium, 468 Cadieux, Grosse Pointe
Presenter: Lori Warner, PhD
Free
RSVP by Wednesday, March 10 at (313) 432-3832

A. Experts look for three core areas of impairment: delayed communication, impaired social interactions and restricted or repetitive patterns of behavior. Children with autism have trouble communicating, playing appropriately, and engaging with other

people. For an excellent "video glossary" see autismspeaks.org.

Q. I know my child has a language delay, but I'm wondering if it could also be something more. He sometimes flaps his hands when he is excited or walks on his toes. Does this mean he has autism?

A. Children with language delays use eye contact and gestures to communicate, even when words do not come easily. Although children with autism may hand-flap or toe-walk, typically-developing children may also do these things.

Experts can help you determine if there is cause for concern. Experts in diagnosing autism spectrum disorders can help make a differential diag-

nosis and determine if there is anything more than a language delay.

Warner is a licensed psychologist and director of the HOPE Center, Center for Human Development at William Beaumont Hospital in Berkley. She can be reached at (248) 691-4774.

The Family Center, a 501(c) 3, non-profit organization, serves as the community's centralized hub for information, resources and referral for families and professionals. To view more Ask The Experts articles, visit familycenterweb.org.

E-mail questions to info@familycenterweb.org. To volunteer or contribute, visit familycenterweb.org or call (313) 432-3832.

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

Technology – a blessing and a curse



We've all had positive and negative experiences with technology.

Folks love it when their cars work... but don't love the repair bills.

Thomas Edison is loved for his invention of the light bulb... but when the electricity goes out, it doesn't help us much.

Our recent life with Andrew has included some technological blessings and curses.

Andrew has had a hard time

focusing on work lately. Ted's new iPhone has been a blessing in this arena. Andrew can get a quick reward for a task with a short YouTube video on Ted's iPhone.

If he does his spelling, he gets to choose a Laurie Berkner video.

If he engages with us in a game of Zingo, he gets to hear Puff the Magic Dragon. Andrew, the ultimate American Idol-like judge of who sings best, votes between Peter, Paul and Mary's version or his dad's recorded version. Sorry Dad, but your version is always voted off the island.

The curse of this technology involves Ted's schedule: he and his iPhone are often not available. But when they are,

they can be a big motivator for Andrew.

Public outings can cause Andrew a lot of stress, in part, because of severe sensory issues. In many ways, this has gotten worse instead of better over the years. A half-dozen years ago, we brought along a portable video player to make long car rides easier. Portable is all perspective and we laugh when we think of the size of that video player.

Andrew's poor public behavior often prevented him from going to stores with us. His behavior did not improve. Not even with his favorite food, a Leapster computer game, promises of computer time when we got home and the like.

With the size of today's portable DVD players, and the addition of headphones, he has recently done quite a lot of shopping. The sound of a much-loved Little Bill episode can drown out some of the scary world while still allowing him to pitch in with the shopping and load his staples: veggie chips and cheese pizza. The extra gear brings some stares and some jealous looks by a few, but it works for us.

Unfortunately, the transition from car to house, which were always troubled times, have become worse. He realizes some time soon, he'll be losing his DVD player which is only for special times outside the house. But let's focus on the positive right now.

Andrew has recently handled a number of furniture shopping sessions like a pro. He's had more shopping stamina than a number of adults we know. With his DVD along, he has patience and can even relax and judge the furniture himself.

Comfortable enough for

Little Bill? Andrew votes yes.

Grosse Pointe residents Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan created this column to share experiences from their journey as parents of a child with Fragile X syndrome (fragilex.org). Send questions or comments to mblangan@hotmail.com.

Family Center offers four sessions for caregivers

Parents, grandparents, caregivers and professionals have a chance to "Ask the Experts" at 6:30 p.m. on four consecutive Wednesdays in March at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

Sponsored as part of The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods "Ask the Experts" series, topics address common concerns for parents and caregivers of all ages, from toilet training to behavior management.

On March 3, Kim Steggle, coordinator of Beaumont's Parenting Program, discusses 40 development assets —

building blocks that ensure all children are healthy, caring and productive.

"We all have the power to bring positive experiences and qualities into the lives of children and youth," Steggle said. "As a parent, you can and should be the most influential asset builder in your child's life. In this workshop, you will learn simple techniques for building these assets on a daily basis."

Steggles has a master's degree in counseling. As a coordinator for the Beaumont Hospital's parenting program, Steggle works primarily with

first-time parents.

On Wednesday, March 10, Jennifer Arnold, M.S. and Lori Warner, Ph.D., lead a behavior management discussion, titled "They did WHAT?" "Tantrums? Noncompliance? Meltdowns? We will discuss an overview of common challenging behaviors in children and why they occur," Arnold and Warner say. "Parents and educators alike will benefit from learning about concrete strategies for understanding and solving these challenges."

Arnold earned her master's

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CHURCH EVENTS

Mariners' Church

Mariners' Church hosts Lenten concerts at 12:35 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, and Thursday, March 4, at 170 E. Jefferson, Detroit, following the 12:10 p.m. holy communion services.

The first concert features organ music by Bach performed by Kenneth J. Sweetman. The March concert features organ music by Bach and Reger and piano music by Schumann, performed by Kevin J. Bylsma.

Free parking is in the Ford underground garage with an entrance at the median on Jefferson and Woodward.

For more information, call the church at (313) 259-2206.

Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Ecumenical Men's Breakfast meets from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26, in the Fellowship Hall of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Rev. Matthew Parker Wrzeszcz of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church is the speaker.

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

St. Ambrose

A Lenten buffet dinner is served from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at the ARK at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park.

Adult tickets cost \$15, \$12 for seniors and \$10 for children 6 to

10 years.

Assumption

The annual Grosse Pointe/St. Clair Shores Area Empty Bowls event is from noon to 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 28, in the Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

The cost is \$10. Proceeds benefit Gleaners Community Food Bank.

For more information, call Bonnie Mellos at (313) 882-1909.

Career networking group

The Eastside Take Control Group, an ecumenical career networking organization, meets from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 3, at Grace Community Church, 21001 Moross, Detroit.

A panel addresses the topic "Managing Your Financial Resources."

For more information, call Gina Hemingway at (313) 882-3000.

St. Michael's

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, offers the second in a video series entitled "From Jesus to Christ" Wednesday, March 3. A potluck supper is served at 6 p.m. The video and discussion are from 6:45 to 8 p.m.

For more information, call (313) 884-4820 or visit



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Empty bowls

The annual Empty Bowls fundraiser, hosted by the Greek Assumption Orthodox Church planned for Sunday, Feb. 28, began in January with painting soup bowls. Christopher Routsis of Grosse Pointe Woods simultaneously used five cotton-tipped sticks to decorate his bowl. Tickets for the fundraiser are \$10 and available by calling (586) 779-6111, ext. 3. Proceeds benefit Gleaners Community Food Bank.

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884-3075 or visit gpcc-ed@sbcglobal.net.

Money is due by Thursday, April 1.

Congregational Church

Grosse Pointe Congregational Church members caravan to the 23rd annual ALIVE Festival, one of the nation's largest contemporary Christian music festivals, June 21 - 27, at Atwood Lake Park, south of Canton, Ohio.

Tickets are \$107; \$61 for 12 and under with a guardian. The price includes transportation, admission, camping, meals and all worship and recreational activities.

More than 50 artists and speakers are scheduled to appear.

For more information, call Alison Scarfone at (313)

St. Paul Lutheran

Compositions by Bach and Brahms are featured works performed by the Detroit Lutheran Singers at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 22915 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores.

Advanced tickets are \$5 or \$10 and \$7 for seniors and students at the door.

Tickets may be purchased at the church office or during regular weekday business hours.

For more information, call (586) 777-0215.

PASTOR'S CORNER

By Rev. Richard Bartoszek

What fires need to be rekindled

My Ash Wednesday began at St. Joan of Arc parish to celebrate the 7 a.m. mass. I began the homily by asking people to state one, two or three when they approached to receive ashes. Looking out into the sea of puzzled faces, I explained. One signifies a light dusting, nothing too dark that their face looked dirty. Two meant a really dark cross of ashes to last the day so everyone knew they attended church. Then, into my pocket I reached for a half-inch tip black permanent marker and said "three, you're covered until Easter Sunday!"

As suspected, I solicited a few laughs.

In reading Lenten reflections, I came across one addressing where ashes originated. At the afternoon mass at Shorepointe Village in St. Clair Shores, I asked the residents where they thought ashes originated. After several good responses came, the answer I was looking for —

FIRE.

Ashes symbolize the end of fire. Ash Wednesday, the first day of our Lenten journey, is a good time to ask ourselves what fire has gone out, grown dim or not been fueled in our lives?

As pastor of a large parish in Woodhaven, I looked forward to celebrating the Catholic Easter Vigil service at dusk the night before Easter Sunday. It's a night of great anticipation for those being received into the church or adults receiving the sacraments for the first time. The blessing of the fire and spreading the new light through the church is always so exciting!

As we experience this holy and joyful season of Lent, let us reflect upon what fires of life need to be rekindled. Perhaps the fire of our prayer life; finding the time to talk to God; refueling the fire in a marriage or family relationships; refueling the fire to be more charitable with our money or time; reestablishing a religious commitment or attending services once a week. The list is endless and personal to each of us.

What fire or flame do you need to reignite this Lenten season?

May your Lenten journey to Easter be blessed and filled with fire.

Bartoszek is director of Pastoral Care at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

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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

◆ CROW ROOKERIES

PLAGUING POINTE: The thousands of crows that have invaded the Pointe shorelines within recent weeks are fair game to the small game-licensed hunter who wants to improve his shooting skill, but not within the Pointe itself.

This came to light when Park police arrested a hunter shooting the birds as he stood on the ice a good distance from the shoreline and contacted the state conservation department.

While hunting crows is not a violation of the state hunting law, authorities in the five Pointes wish to make it known that there are local ordinances which prohibit the use of firearms within the corporate limits of their communities and that includes a reasonable distance out in the water.

◆ POLICE SEEK DOG

OWNER: A City of Grosse Pointe teen may have to go through a series of rabies shots unless the owner of the dog that bit him contacts the City police.

The teen was bitten on the right leg while pedaling his bicycle in the City municipal park, by what appears to be a collie. A woman who was wheeling an infant in a baby carriage appeared to be the owner. She pulled the dog away, looked at the bite, said it was OK and then left.

When the boy got home, the bite began to discolor and he was treated by his family doctor.

◆ PARK SEEKING SUB-

MERGED LANDS: The Park council approved a resolution to withhold consent to the purchase of state-owned submerged lands by two private



From the Feb. 28, 1985 issue of the Grosse Pointe News

1985: 30,000 stamps later

Business was pretty much back to normal for clerks Carole Lombardini, center, and Rose Hillgendorf, far right, last week after customers earlier swamped their tiny post office in the Book Village for thousands of 22 cent stamps.

property owners, in the hopes that the city can acquire the lands for recreational purposes.

The Park owns the former Army camp site at the foot of Three Mile Drive and seeks to purchase the submerged lands at the rear of the property, plus the submerged lands behind two adjoining lots, for a passive recreation park development.

1985

25 years ago this week

◆ WOODS ENDS ONE-

WOMAN CRIME WAVE: Both the Farms and Woods police believe the recent arrest of a 22-year-old woman may help

both departments clear up to 60 burglaries in the two communities.

The suspect was arrested while allegedly robbing a house in the Woods when the homeowner returned to his house, heard a noise upstairs and saw the woman walking around. He called police.

The suspect's fingerprints were sent to the Farms police department and matched those found in several ransacked homes.

◆ CROWDS GET THEIR 2

CENTS' WORTH: There was a stampede in Grosse Pointe last week, but it didn't involve cattle. Hundreds of persons lined up to buy thousands of two and twenty-two cent stamps when they went on sale.

The first-class postage rate

increased to 22 cents from 20 cents.

◆ **RISE AND FALL OF ASSESSMENTS:** Homeowners in the Woods, Shores and Park will see lower property assessments this year, while assessments will rise slightly in the City and remain essentially the same in the Farms, according to local assessors.

2000

10 years ago this week

◆ SHORES VOTERS RE-

JECT RECREATION CENTER: Grosse Pointe Shores voters were asked to do more than decide between Bush and McCain Tuesday night. They decided the fate of a proposed recreation center in Osius Park.

With a total of 1,274 votes cast, 773 Shores voters voted against the building and 501 voted for the building.

◆ **CITY AND SHORES APPROVE DREDGING CONTRACTS:** The City of Grosse Pointe and the Village of

SESSIONS:
Enhancing
knowledge

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degree in clinical behavioral psychology at Eastern Michigan University. She has a limited psychology license in Michigan and a board certified behavior analyst.

She specializes in treating children with autism spectrum disorders, developmental delays, toileting issues, problem behaviors and anxiety disorders.

"The Family Center does a wonderful job providing information that is relevant and important to today's parents," she said. "They are a great resource to connect parents to professionals and other parents in the community."

"I am happy to be involved with The Family Center so that parents can learn about the services that we provide at the Center for Human Development."

"The Family Center offers a wealth of resources to families and links parents and professionals from many different areas together," Warner said. "At the HOPE Center, we are thrilled to be able to reach families who might not have heard about them (the services provided) and programs we provide."

Warner speaks Wednesday, March 17, on "Is My Child on the Spectrum?"

"Parents and professionals who work with young children are often concerned that something may be different with their children's development," Warner said, "but are not sure if they should seek evaluation or 'watch and wait.' It is critical that any child suspected of having a developmental delay receive early and appropriate intervention."

In this presentation, Warner clarifies the different disorders on the autism spectrum and highlights early warning signs and risk factors for diagnosis. She also describes available

treatment options.

Discussion focuses on common parental questions about development in young children and how to decide whether something is "just a phase" or raising a red flag for concerns.

Warner and Arnold speak again Wednesday, March 24, for the final session on the topic, "Potty Progress: Behavioral Strategies for Toilet Training and Bed Wetting."

"Is your child able to tell you s/he needs diaper or sits happily on the toilet or potty chair but never 'produces'?" Arnold asked. "(The) talk will teach

you how to identify readiness signs and develop a structured, successful approach to toilet training. We will also discuss bed wetting in older children and how to address this and other toileting problems."

All programs are free and held in the Connelly Auditorium at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, 468 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe.

For more information, call The Family Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods, (313) 432-3832 or visit familycenterweb.org or e-mail info@familycenterweb.org.

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11:30 am Senior Men's Club

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1:30 pm Great Lakes Log
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2:30 pm Legal Insider
3:00 pm Things to Do at the War Memorial
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CULTURAL EVENTS

Detroit Historical Society

Conservation and museum service with conservator Kenneth Katz begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Detroit Historical Society, 5401 Woodward.

Katz guides guests through his Detroit studio and demonstrates techniques used to preserve and restore sculptures, paintings and artifacts.

The cost is \$20 for society members and \$30 for guests.

Tickets are on sale for the Detroit Historical Society's Historic Houses of Worship tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, March 1. The tour leaves from the Detroit Historical Museum's parking lot, 5401 Woodward.

Tickets cost \$30 for mem-

bers and \$40 for guests. The price includes a guided tour, bus transportation and lunch. For more information or reservations, call (313) 833-1801 or visit detroithistorical.org.

DIA

West 73rd performs music in the Kurt Weill Project at 7 and 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 5, at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit.

Adult admission is \$8, \$6 for seniors and \$4 for students.

Dossin Museum

The Detroit Historical Society kicks off a year-long observance of the 50th an-

niversary of the Dossin Great Lakes Museum with a free symposium for maritime enthusiasts from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, March 6.

Guests can meet maritime authors, divers and historians.

The event features keynote speaker Robert Schultz, author of "We Were Pirates" and "The Madhouse Nudes," who discusses Detroit's WWII submarine, the U.S.S. Tambor.

Other featured guests include Joe Grimm, author of "Windjammers: Songs of the Great Lakes Sailors," and Patrick Livingston, author of "Summer Dreams: The Story of Bob-lo Island" and "Eight Steamboats: Sailing Through the Sixties."

For more information or to register, call (313) 833-1801 or visit detroithistorical.org.

Other events this year include:

- ◆ New exhibits at Dossin Great Lakes Museum: Celebrating 50 Years! and Life on a Long Ship: Great Lakes Sailors, open at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 24, with former Dossin curator John Polacsek appearing from 1 to 3 p.m.

- ◆ The Third Annual Dossin Regatta is at 11 a.m., Sunday, April 25, pitting the Detroit Rowing Club against challengers from Toledo, Ohio.

- ◆ A Curator Chat about the Dossin museum's two newest exhibits with Detroit Historical Society curator Joel Stone is at 6 p.m., Wednesday, June 16.

- ◆ Dossin Great Lakes Museum 50th Birthday Party is from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, July 24.

- ◆ Dossin Ship Spectacular is at 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 21 and 22; and Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 28 and 29. Hours

are tentative.

- ◆ Lost Mariners Remembrance Weekend is from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 6 and 7.

- ◆ The annual Lost Mariners Remembrance is at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 10.

The Dossin Great Lakes Museum, located at 100 Strand on Belle Isle, is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Admission is free and donations are accepted. For more information, call (313) 833-5538 or visit detroithistorical.org.

Scuba diving club

The Ford Seahorses Scuba Diving Club, the Detroit Historical Society's Dossin Maritime Group and the Dossin Great Lakes Museum hold the 29th Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at Washtenaw Community College's Morris Lawrence Building, 4800 E. Huron River, Ann Arbor.

Two Civil War wrecks, the Confederate Navy submarine the C.S.S. Hunley and the ironclad, U.S.S. Monitor, are featured.

Advanced tickets cost \$15 and \$20 at the door. For more information, visit shipwreckfestival.org or call (734) 485-0492.

Macomb Center

"And Still They Prospered: Living Through the Great Depression," a program series at Macomb Community College's Lorenzo Cultural Center, runs from Feb. 27 through May 8. It examines the economic, social and cultural changes that took place during the 1930s.

The center is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays and is at Garfield and M-59 in Clinton Township.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff



PHOTO BY VIRGINIA O. MCCOY

Look in the pantry for this recipe's ingredients.

Dinner in less than 30 minutes

For the Christian community, the season of Lent has arrived. This Friday I'm turning to my pantry and preparing a simple take on pasta with clam sauce. If you have fresh onion and garlic on hand, you can have dinner on the table in less than 30 minutes. Really.

Lenten Clam Sauce with Angel Hair

1/2 lb. dried angel hair pasta
2 tablespoons olive oil
2/3 cup finely chopped onion
4 garlic cloves, finely chopped
2/3 cup dry white wine
2 - 6.5 oz. cans chopped clams, juice reserved
1/2 cup reserved clam juice
1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper
1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley (or 1 tablespoon dried)
1/4 teaspoon dried oregano

(or basil)
chopped fresh tomato (for garnish)

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Cook the pasta until just al dente.

Meanwhile, heat olive oil in a large no-stick skillet over medium heat. Add onion and garlic and cook for 4 to 5 minutes. Add wine and cook for a few minutes. Add clams, reserved clam juice and salt and pepper.

Simmer for a few minutes, then stir in the parsley, oregano and the cooked pasta. Toss and cook until the clam sauce and pasta are well incorporated. Taste and season with more salt and pepper if you desire.

Transfer pasta to a serving dish and top with the chopped tomato and a sprinkle of Parmesan cheese.

This easy to make pasta will be a treat for your family this Lent. The flavor is light and delicious.



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Liggett's boys' hockey team goes
for unbeaten mark **PAGE 2C**

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

North captures 6th straight division title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' basketball team won its sixth straight Macomb Area Conference Red Division title last week, beating Utica Ford 48-30.

It was also the Norsemen's 10th title in the past 11 seasons. The only year they haven't won was in 2003, their second year in the MAC Red.

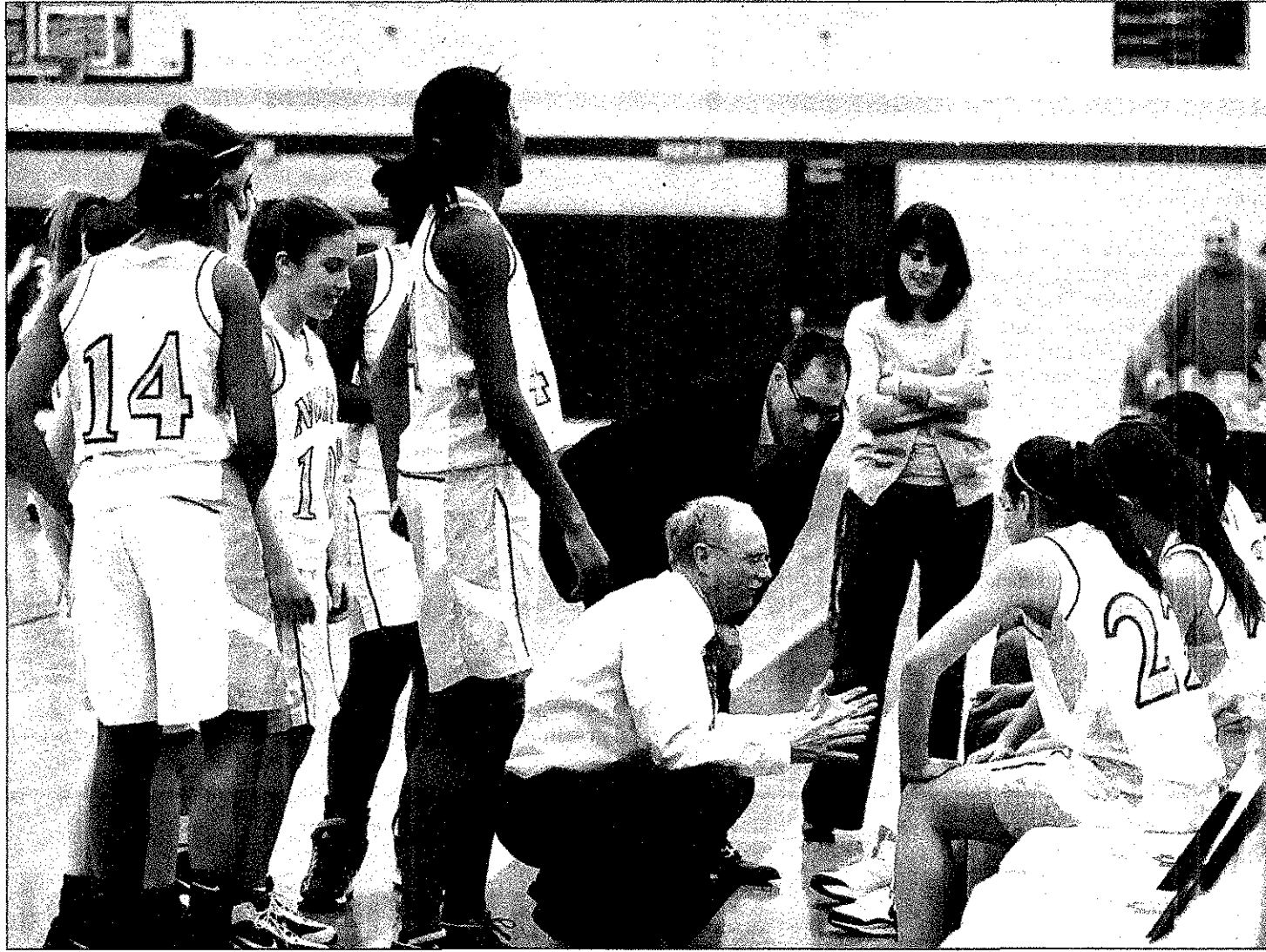
"I didn't want to place any burden on this team by comparing it to the last few years," head coach Gary Bennett said. "This team needed to develop its own identity and personality and I believe that they have done that."

"That is what is satisfying to me. They have really come a long way as a team, in terms of basketball, as well as team chemistry."

"I think this is a real credit to the players returning from last year. They have been great leaders and have really made it a fun group to be around. They have far exceeded my expectations."

The host Falcons tried to hand the Norsemen their first division loss since 2006 and were tied 8-8 after the first quarter.

The Norsemen turned up the heat in the middle quarters, outscoring the Falcons 18-9 in the second period and 10-5 in



Head coach Gary Bennett, kneeling, has received a tremendous amount of effort from the Grosse Pointe North girls' basketball team which wasn't supposed to be a title contender this season.

PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

'They have really come a long way as a team, in terms of basketball, as well as team chemistry.'

GARY BENNETT,
North head coach

Hamzey and Christine Bedway had four points apiece.

Junior Nicole Strickland chipped in with three points and junior Micaela Liddane had two points, two steals and two assists in the division title clinching victory.

In other action, North beat Sterling Heights Stevenson 51-35.

Against Stevenson, the host Norsemen could never really pull away until late in the third quarter when Braker was at her best, forcing turnovers, blocking shots and scoring points in the paint.

After leading 10-9 after the first quarter, the Norsemen outscored the Titans 17-9 in the second stanza and 17-10 in the third to take a 44-28 lead into the final eight minutes.

Braker finished with a triple-double, netting 21 points, 11 rebounds and 10 steals to go with seven blocks.

Kiah added eight points and five steals, followed by Liddane and Hamzey with seven points apiece. Womack added five points, six rebounds and three steals.

the third to lead 36-22.

The lead hit 20 points early

in the fourth quarter before

putting their game into cruise

control.

Senior Kayla Womack had 19 points to lead the Norsemen and senior Ariel Braker had a double-double with 11 points

and 12 steals. She also had six assists and four rebounds.

Freshman Taryn Kiah had five points, two assists and two steals, while seniors Kamille

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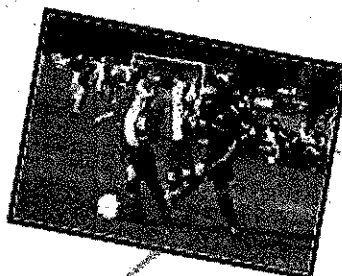
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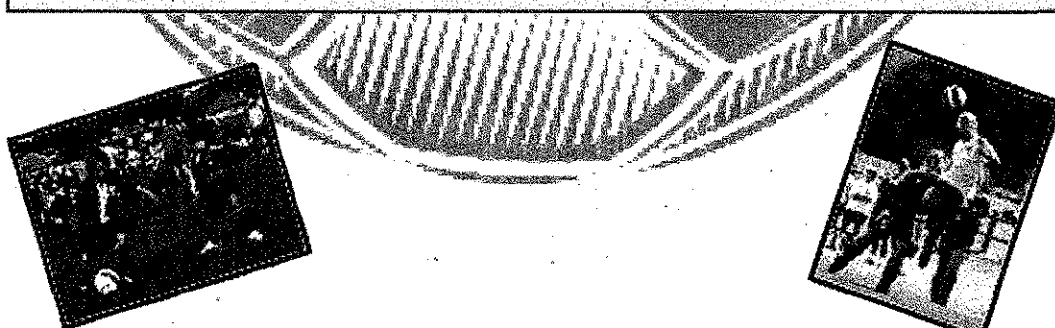
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Boys hockey

LIGGETT

Unbeaten regular season within reach

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Liggett's boys' hockey team is within one week of capping an unbeaten regular season, thanks to last week's 9-1 pounding of Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

"I want the guys to play their best hockey during the playoffs and we are still trying to get to that point," head coach Robb McIntyre said. "We have been up and down the past few weeks, so we need these last few games to fine-tune our game and make sure we're playing our best because I don't want to play poorly in the playoffs."

The Knights were on a mission as they came out flying in front of the home fans. Within the first five minutes of the game, the Knights built a 3-0 lead.

Senior Jake Goldberg, assisted by senior Dan Zukas, scored the first goal at the 11:52 mark and a little more than a minute later, sophomore Conner Wiggins tallied with freshmen Manny Counsman and Jacob Soyka netting assists.

Goldberg scored again off an assist from senior Patrick Gushee, giving the home team the 3-0 advantage.

The previous time Liggett faced Gabriel Richard, it jumped out to a 3-0 lead, but didn't play up to its potential during the final two periods.

This time McIntyre's squad put on the clamps, scoring three more second-period goals to build a 6-0 lead.

Wiggins, Counsman and freshman Mark Auk scored goals.

In the third period, Soyka, from Wiggins, tallied the Knights' seventh goal, while Zukas scored the final two goals. The first was unassisted and the second came from Auk and Goldberg.

Liggett improved to 20-0-1 overall and ends its bid for an undefeated regular season with road games Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26 and 27, against West Bloomfield, at Orchard Lake St. Mary's, and Lincoln Park, at the Lincoln Park Civic Center.

The Knights' playoffs start the week of Monday, March 1. The pre-regional foes include Madison Heights Lamphere, Marysville and host St. Clair, which gave the Knights a close game in January.

Looming in a potential regional championship game is defending Division 3 state champion Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

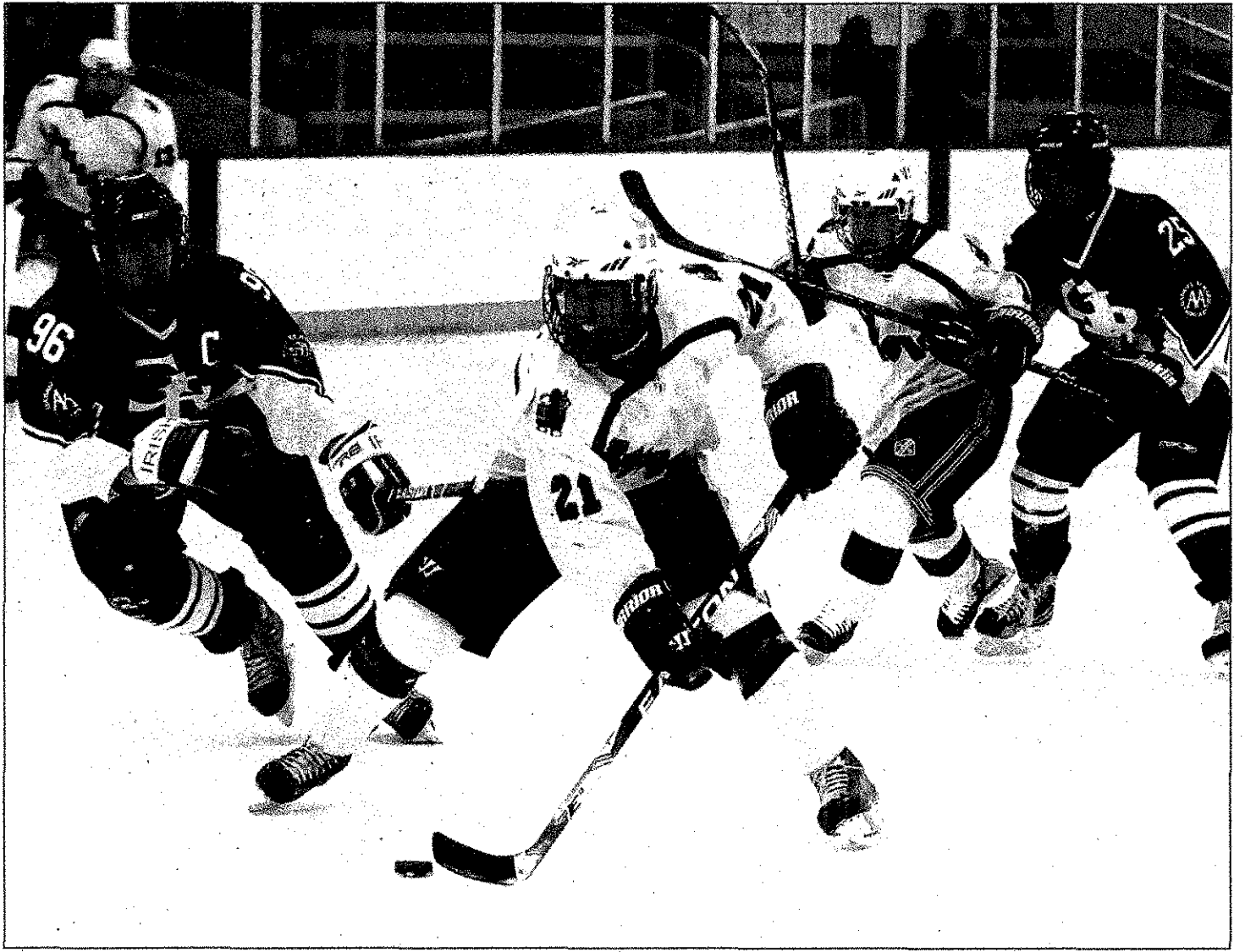


PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Freshman Jacob Soyka, No. 21, skates into the Gabriel Richard zone during the Knights' 9-1 win.

YOUTH HOCKEY

Bulldogs stay on solid ground

A heart-broken Grosse Pointe Bulldogs hockey team, having lost in the District No. 3 finals 48 hours earlier, scraped the way to a top finish in their Little Caesars Elite pool of top squads in the state.

In a do-or-die game against the No. 2-ranked Plymouth Stingrays, the '98 Bulldogs overcame a two-goal deficit to win and advance to the quarterfinals.

Mac Cimmarrusti opened the scoring, batting a rebound from a J.P. Navetta shot into the net for a 1-0 lead. Michael French fed Marshall Vyletel for the second score as Vyletel evaded two Stingray defenders before roofing the shot.

Mac Welsher tied the game with three minutes to play, taking a Luke Taber pass from behind the net and slipping the goal past former teammate and net minder Josh Wilk.

Bulldogs goalie Alex Grimm turned back countless Stingray shots throughout the game. The tie enabled both teams to advance to the quarterfinals in



PHOTO COURTESY OF TRACEY WADE

The '98 Bulldogs enjoyed a solid run through a recent tournament.

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LC State Elite Division play.

In earlier pool play, the Bulldogs beat Midland 6-4 in a seesaw battle. French opened the scoring and Vyletel followed with the first of two goals to tie the game.

Harrison Wujek scored on a play with assists from Griffin Brooks and Welsher, while Taber continued his solid play, netting the fourth goal with as-

sists from Brendan Nelson and Conner Miller.

Defender Jack Flynn fed Taber behind the net and Cimmarrusti slammed home the game winner. Vyletel stamped the win with an open netter on a feed from Navetta.

In game three, the Bulldogs upended Birmingham 5-3. Goalie Matthew Heald was solid.

Harrison Wujek drove home the first two goals with assists from Cimmarrusti and defensemen Brooks and Henry Moesta.

Brooks added a goal of his own with assists going to Wujek and Welsher. Nelson scored the final two goals with assists from French, Vyletel and defenseman Andrew Tomasi.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Martinelli's goal wins it

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' hockey team won a big game last weekend, 2-1, over host Wyandotte Roosevelt.

"It's a great win for the boys against a good Wyandotte team," head coach Jamie Bufalino said. "With a majority of the team plagued with illness, defense was going to be key to victory."

Sophomore goalie C.J. Schebil made 33 saves to lead the Blue Devils to the win.

Late in the opening period, sophomore winger Geoffrey Welsher received a nice break-out pass from junior Max Corbett and outworked two Wyandotte defenders before beating the goalie for the goal and a 1-0 lead.

The Bears drew even with a second-period goal, but just 38 seconds into overtime, senior Wes Cimmarrusti fired a slapshot on net, which was stopped, but junior Jess Martinelli was right there to put the rebound into the back of the net for the victory.

"We stuck to the game plan, stayed out of the penalty box and won the majority of the battles at both ends of the ice," Bufalino said.

South improved to 9-11-1 overall.

Coming up for the Blue Devils is the final regular season game at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, against Macomb Dakota at City Sports Arena, and a Division 2 pre-regional playoff game at 7:45 p.m. Monday, March 1, against Warren DeLaSalle at Great Lakes Arena in Fraser.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen battle, but fall

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The chance at a .500 season took a drastic hit last week.

Grosse Pointe North's boys' hockey team played well in two Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League games, but came up a goal short in each, losing 5-4 in overtime to Warren DeLaSalle and 3-2 to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

Depite the losses, head coach Scott Lock has said playing the tough teams will

make the Norsemen a better team come playoff time, which is Monday, March 1.

Against the Pilots, the Norsemen built a 4-2 lead on goals by senior Matt Lucchese, senior Mitchell Capp, sophomore Joe Giordano and sophomore Joe Aluia.

They couldn't seal the deal as the Pilots scored three unanswered goals, including the game-winner in OT.

The host Norsemen fell behind the Cranes 2-0 after the opening period, but came back with a goal in the second

stanza as senior Steve Herron scored.

The Cranes had all of the momentum in the second period, but couldn't get a shot past senior netminder Mike Held.

The Cranes scored a power play goal at the 7:35 mark of the third period and they would need it as the Norsemen were able to draw within one after sophomore J.P. Lucchese tallied a power play goal.

Grosse Pointe North dropped to 3-7 in the MIHL and 8-13-1 overall.

Girls hockey

LIGGETT



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Junior goalie Mariah Passalacqua, shown above from a game earlier this season, played well against a solid Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood team.

Knights fall to Cranbrook

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Liggett and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood played an intense regular season game last week.

The game had the feel of a playoff game and in the end, the host Knights came away with a tough 2-0 loss. The loss dropped the Knights into the bottom four of the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 standings, which means they will have to play one of the favorites in the first-round of the playoffs the second week of March.

"It was a great hockey game

and Terry (Cranbrook Kingswood's head coach) and I both said after the game this had the feel of playoff hockey," Liggett head coach Laura Owczarski said.

The teams could meet again in a quarterfinal matchup Tuesday, March 9, at City Sports Arena.

However, the Knights lost both regular season meetings with the Cranes.

The Knights scored four goals on Jacoby in the first meeting between the teams, but they couldn't get the offense on track in last week's game.

The Cranes put goals on the board in each of the first two

periods and then endured an onslaught of shots from the Knights, including several from all-state forward Paige Counsman and all-league defenseman Haleigh Bolton, but Jacoby stood her ground.

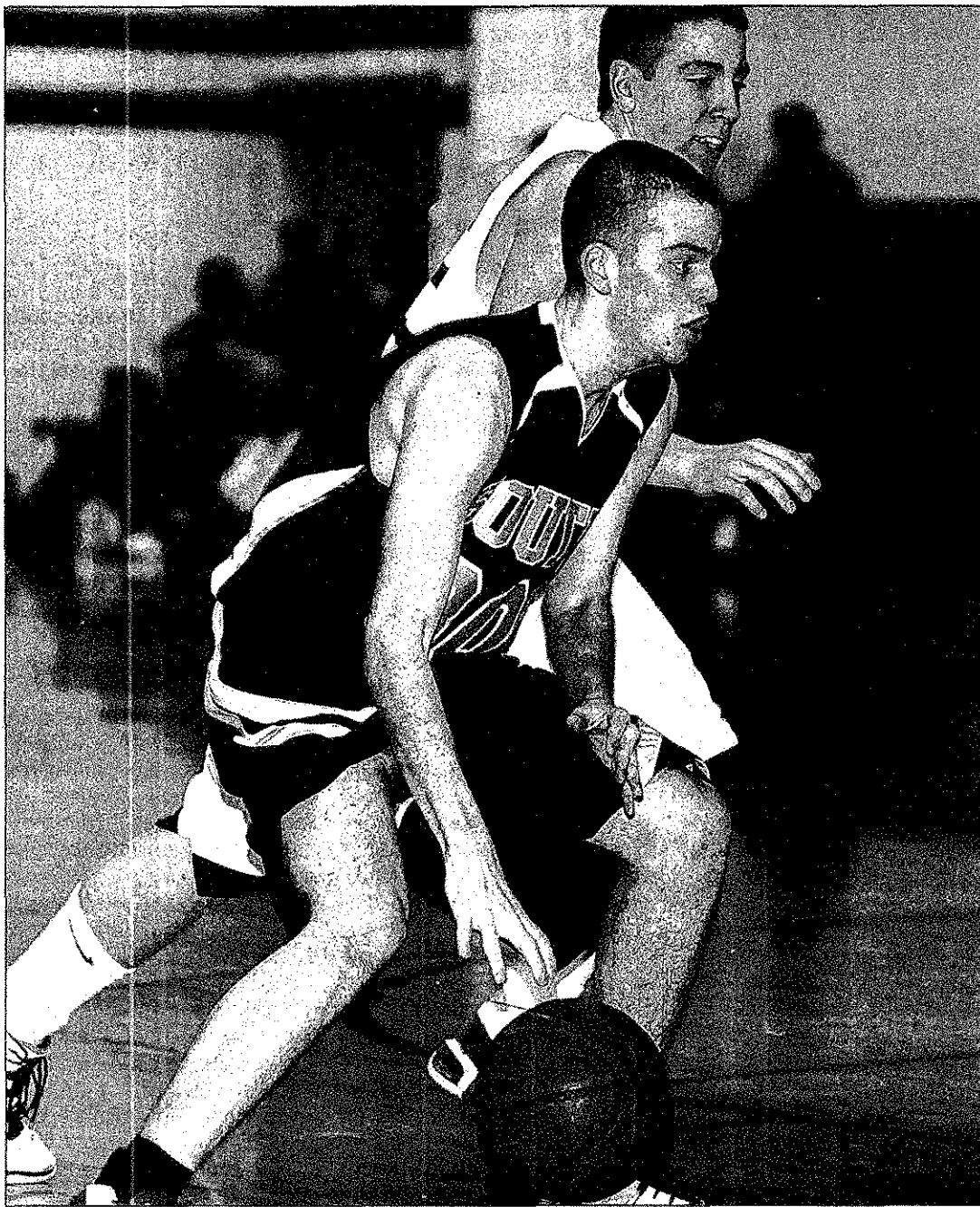
The Knights did a solid job defensively as junior Mariah Passalacqua made several solid saves. Also playing a solid game in front of her were senior Morgan Ellis, junior Natalie Peracchio, freshman Aria Ganz-Waple and Bolton.

"Mariah was solid in net, making some very nice saves that kept the game close," Owczarski said.

Liggett dropped to 9-8 in the MMGHS and 9-10 overall.

Boys basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



Junior Corbet Conroy, with ball, drives to the hoop to score two of his 11 points in the Blue Devils' win over Sterling Heights Stevenson and added 21 points in a win over Roseville.

Blue Devils hit big shots to win at horn

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It took a little longer than anticipated, but the Grosse Pointe South boys' basketball team is playing with the heart and soul of a champion.

Last weekend, senior Jarvis Wise hit a running jumper with 2.6 seconds left to lift the visiting Blue Devils to a 56-55 win over Roseville in a Macomb Area Conference White Division game.

The Blue Devils were in the same situation a month ago before city rival Grosse Pointe North ruined the evening by hitting a game-winning half-court bomb to win it.

This time, Wise and head coach Jim Twigg were telling the players to defend every second of the final play so a replay didn't happen.

Roseville's desperation pass was deflected and fell to the floor, sending the Blue Devils to the victory.

"Jarvis has stepped it up and

hit another tough shot," Twigg said. "We hit some big shots in the fourth quarter and played some tough defense."

"The guys have played well the past few weeks and they're getting more confidence."

The Blue Devils trailed 25-24 at the half and fell behind 40-36 at the end of the third quarter after Roseville scored the final nine points of the stanza.

The Panthers scored the first basket of the fourth quarter, but then juniors Corbet Conroy and Ben Fry hit several long-range three-pointers to keep the Blue Devils within striking distance.

Several turnovers allowed the Blue Devils the opportunity to hit the go-ahead basket with 7:33 seconds left, but a missed shot and a Roseville rebound looked to send the visitors home with a loss.

Roseville missed two free throws and five seconds later, Wise hit the driving jumper to win the game.

Conroy hit seven three-point

baskets, finishing with 21 points and had eight rebounds. Wise finished with eight points, eight assists and four rebounds, while Fry had 12 points and six rebounds.

Junior Victor Mattison had six points and four rebounds, while junior Alex Bedan had five points. Junior Brandon Barkley added four points and nine rebounds as the Blue Devils won their season-best third straight game.

Earlier in the week, South won another road game, 51-44, at Sterling Heights Stevenson as Mattison and Conroy scored in double digits, netting 15 and 11 points, respectively.

The score was tied 10-10 after the first quarter, but the Blue Devils were able to jump ahead for good with a 14-8 second period and they never looked back.

With the wins, Grosse Pointe South improved to 5-5 in the MAC White Division and 6-10 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Division title a reality

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

Last season's boys' hoops squad from Grosse Pointe North was undoubtedly the team to beat in the division.

They were experienced, talented, athletic, well coached and could play the game.

They won the division with a 12-0 record and advanced to the regional finals of the state tournament.

This season, however, there were few names on the roster that fans of last year's squad would recognize.

Names such as Bramos, Nadeau and Horne have been replaced by Brown, Juhasz and Ritchie.

"We were inexperienced this year for sure," North head coach Matt Lockhart said. "So we knew we would take some lumps."

They did.

North started the campaign 1-5 and the rebuilding process appeared to be in effect.

But, something happened to this team after the rocky start — it started to come to-

gether.

Now, as the regular-season draws to a close, the Norsemen find themselves 8-2 in the Macomb Area Conference White, 10-7 overall, and in the most admirable position in the division — on top.

"We've gotten better every day," Lockhart said. "That's what I really wanted to see from the beginning of the season. We've done that, and as a result, we've gone out there and played hard and won some games. We've put ourselves in a spot where we can win the division if we play well over the closing stretch."

A 53-51 road win over Utica last weekend set the stage for North, and kept the team's division-title destiny in its own hands.

"It was a tough game on the road," the coach admitted. "We hadn't played in eight days and we went on the road against a team that is much better than its record. It was tough, but we managed to find a way to get a win."

"We're in a good place now,

and we've put ourselves there by doing what we have to do to get the job done," Lockhart said. "But, it's anything but over for us. We've got a tough week ahead. We'll see where we're at after that."

North's tough week began with a showdown Feb. 25 at second-place Cousino, then wraps up at home against South (a team they beat in dramatic fashion earlier in the season) Feb. 27.

Regardless of how the division race turns out, North, as well as Lockhart and his staff, have earned the respect of opposing teams and fans. A team that was essentially reconstructed and expected to struggle, has blossomed into a team that appears poised to win a division title.

"I think playing in our division, and playing a tough schedule outside of the division will help us in districts," Lockhart explained. "I really do."

The state tournament tips off March 8 for North at home against none other than Grosse Pointe South.

LIGGETT

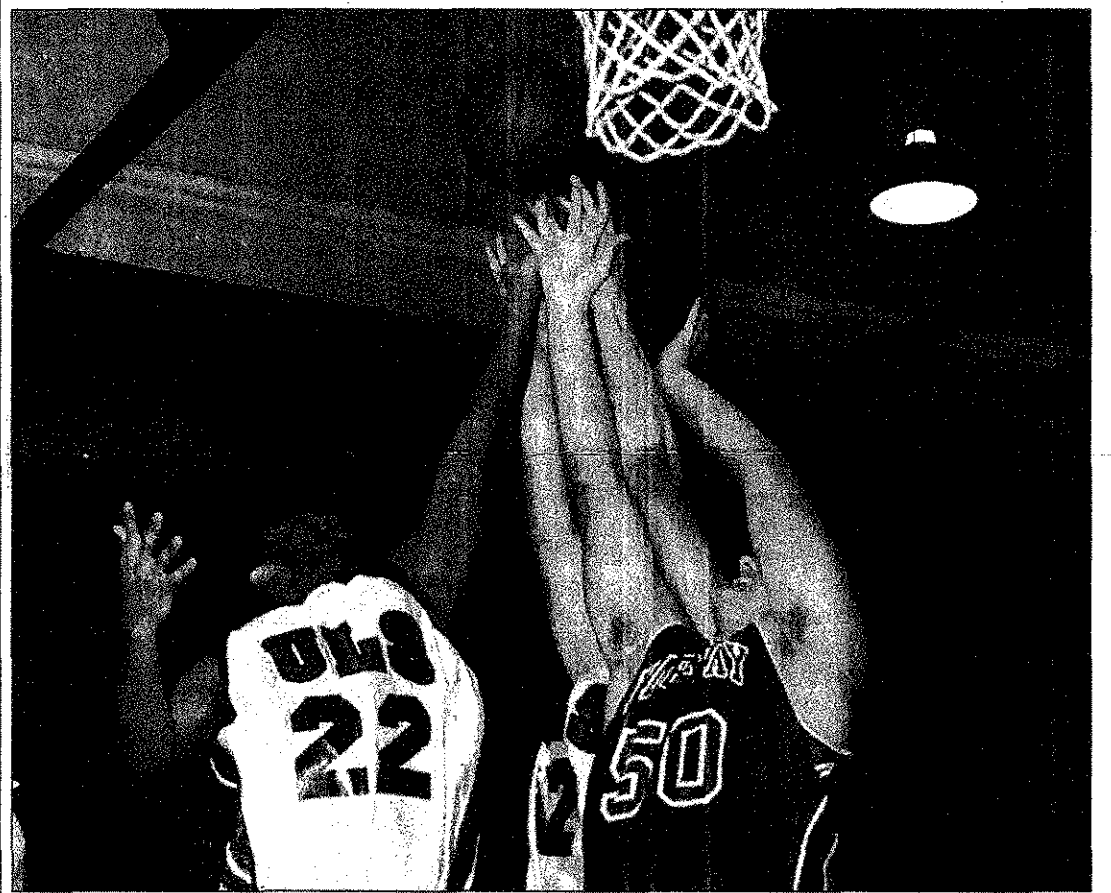


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Tough defeats

Head coach Sidney Johnson knew this would be a make or break week for his Liggett boys' basketball team. The Knights headed into the three-game road swing tied for first with Bloomfield Hills Roper in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. The trek started fine as the Knights beat Lutheran Westland 65-63, but then came a 74-67 overtime loss to Roper in the showdown game and the following night the squad lost 53-50 to a physical Lutheran Northwest team. Seniors Mark Ghafari and Joey Shannon had plenty of help from underclassmen Eddie Thomas, No. 22, Andrew Zinkel, KeVaughn Jackson, Carl Ghafari and Eric Ewing, but it wasn't enough as the Knights dropped to 11-4 in MIAC and 12-4 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils still in first

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

A clear-cut path to a second straight division title was on the line last week.

Grosse Pointe South's girls' basketball team had to beat host L'Anse Creuse to move within one game of the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division championship.

In their most exciting finish of the season, the Blue Devils came up short, losing 54-51 in double-overtime.

"It's disappointing," head coach Kevin Richards said. "We got off to a great start, but didn't play well in the second quarter. We didn't defend the way we should and it cost us in the end."

The Blue Devils endured a rollercoaster ride throughout the game. After taking a 15-7 lead in the first quarter, the Lancers battled back to lead

21-19 at the half and the deficit reached seven points, 35-28, heading into the fourth period.

Halfway through the final stanza, the Blue Devils trailed 40-30, but found a spark and forced several turnovers to get within a point, 40-39, with under 30 seconds remaining.

Lancer junior Kelsey Castiglioni hit two free throws to give the home team a 42-39 lead, but with time running out, senior Chloe Srebernak hit a long three-pointer to tie the game, sending it to overtime.

The Blue Devils milked most of the final two minutes of a low-scoring first overtime and had a 45-43 lead after junior Aisha Rodney made two free throws with 4.6 seconds left.

However, senior Alanna Chambray received the inbound pass, dribbled to half-court, passed to senior Carlay Stahl, who was fouled on the final shot attempt.

With no time left on the clock and standing alone at the free-throw line, Stahl made both free throws, sending the game to a second overtime.

The Blue Devils had a shot to win it in the end, but a Castiglioni free throw and layup by senior Christina DeMaster put the game away.

Senior Katie Hamm had a shot to force a third overtime and her half-court bomb hit the back of the rim, but bounced out.

Rodney led the Blue Devils with 24 points and Srebernak had 12.

The difference came at the foul line where the Lancers had the luxury of taking 27 free throws, making 18, compared to the Blue Devils, which only had 13 tries, making nine.

South rebounded by beating Mount Clemens 56-48 as Rodney continued her hot shooting, scoring 27 points to



PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Junior Aisha Rodney, pictured above from a game earlier this season, was on fire last week, scoring 24 points in a loss to L'Anse Creuse and 27 points in a win over Mount Clemens.

go with seven rebounds and four steals.

Srebernak had 15 points and five steals as the visiting Blue Devils were able to jump out to a 28-19 halftime lead and hang on through the final two quarters.

LIGGETT

Ristovski leads way to victories

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Wayne Gigante knows his players will have to be sharp to beat an improving Plymouth Christian team.

"They played us tough the first time at our place and now we have to go on the road," Gigante said of his Liggett girls' basketball squad. "We have to be at the top of our game because they took Roper to the limit."

The Knights played a strong first half, building a 39-17 lead. They cruised through the second half as sophomore Madison Ristovski finished with 27 points and freshman Haleigh Ristovski had 14.

Earlier in the week, the Knights blasted Bethany Christian 55-28, bolting out to a

28-10 first-quarter lead and never looking back.

Everyone scored as the Knights had three players in double figures, senior Hannah Baird with 11 points, Madison Ristovski with 10 and sophomore Adriana Evangelista with 10.

Haleigh Ristovski, Amber Baldwin, Julia DeRoo and Ariana Castillo each scored four points, while junior Grace Edmonds, freshman Courtney Slabaugh and freshman Blair Blackwell each scored two points.

"The girls are getting better with each game, learning our system and gaining confidence," Gigante said.

Liggett improved to 10-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 15-2 overall.

Wrestling

NORTH & SOUTH

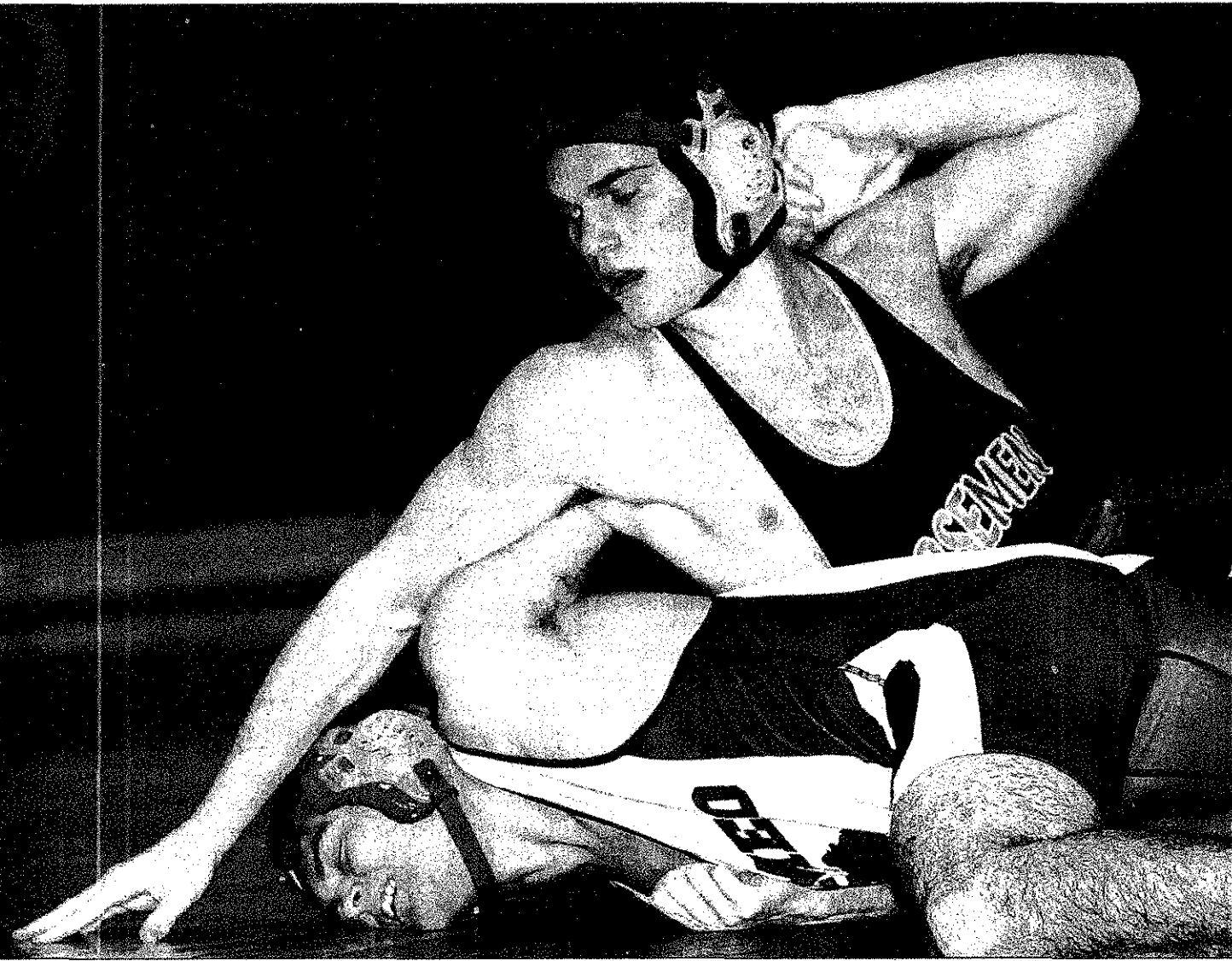


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North senior Alex Doetsch, top, put the clamps on his foes during last weekend's individual regional tournament, making it into the top four to make the state finals.

Doetsch makes state finals

Grosse Pointe North senior Alex Doetsch is heading to the state finals after finishing in the top four in the 171-pound class in last weekend's Division 1 individual regional at Rochester.

He pinned Warren DeLaSalle's Brennan Kelly in the first period of his consolation championship match. Earlier, Doetsch beat Utica Eisenhower's Joë Valente 8-2 in his first match, but dropped to the consolation rounds after getting pinned by L'Anse Creuse's Josh Batkins.

He battled back to beat teammate JeJuan Henderson 10-3 before beating Kelly to

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get to the finals. He takes a 40-13 record to the finals March 4 to 6 at The Palace.

Henderson lost his first match, 16-0, to Rochester's Alec Camp, but rebounded to beat Romeo's Shane Toreki 12-7. His loss to Doetsch ended his run, finishing the season 12-6 overall.

Grosse Pointe South also had two competitors, Reggie Lewis at the 285-pound class

and Sergio Rodriguez at the 103-pound class.

Lewis finished 43-8 and was eliminated after beating Birmingham Brother Rice's Ted File in the first round and then losing 3-1 to Royal Oak's Mikhail Prince and by pin to Fraser's Jimmy Froehlich.

Rodriguez finished 42-10. He lost his first match 4-1 to Romeo's Tayron Womble, but came back to beat Sterling

Heights' Jose Galeano by pin. He was eliminated with a 9-7 loss to New Baltimore Anchor Bay's Eric Rybarz.

Earlier in the week, Grosse Pointe North's team lost 51-23 to L'Anse Creuse in a regional semifinal.

The Norsemen had to void three weight classes, which gave the Lancers an automatic 18 points.

Winners for the Norsemen were Patrick Salazar in the 112-pound class, John Testori in the 130-pound class, Devin Palmer in the 140-pound class, Jake Brazil in the 152-pound class and Shawn Miller in the 160-pound class.

Swimming

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils gain split

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' swimming and diving team split its quint meet last weekend.

Head coach Eric Gunderson and the Blue Devils beat U-D Jesuit 134-51 and Birmingham Detroit Country Day 127-58, and lost 94-91 to Birmingham Groves and 95-90 to Midland Dow.

Groves and Dow are two of the toughest teams in the state. In the opening event, the 200-yard individual medley relay, the Blue Devils' team of junior Roby Boggs, sophomore Cam Laney, senior Joe Hessburg and junior Cam Johnson placed fourth with a time of 1:44.84 and in the 200-yard freestyle, senior Michael Shook took second with a time of 1:50.30 and senior Matt Schmidt was seventh at 1:54.29.

Junior Craig Campbell was third in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:03.05 and in the 50-yard freestyle, senior Matt Mandel won with a time of 22.37, while Johnson was third and Hessburg fifth with times of 22.90 and 23.07, respectively.

In the diving competition, senior Kyle Eschenburg was

second with 224.85 points to give the Blue Devils some added points, while in the 100-yard butterfly, sophomore Joe Zampardo was fourth and senior Wayne Brackett sixth with times of 56.61 and 57.54, respectively.

The Blue Devils were impressive in the 100-yard freestyle as Mandel and Campbell took first and second with times of 48.55 and 48.98. They finished within a hand of each other in the final stretch.

Shook took first in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:54.17 and the 200-yard freestyle relay quartet of Johnson, Campbell, Hessburg and Mandel won with a time of 1:29.99.

In the 100-yard breaststroke, Laney was third and Boggs fifth with times of 1:01.32 and 1:04.25.

The close finishes came down to the final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay. Groves won with a time of 3:15.26 and Dow was second at 3:17.70.

The Blue Devils' team of Shook, Campbell, Hessburg and Mandel came in third with a time of 3:18.45.

Grosse Pointe South finished its brutal dual meet schedule 12-6 overall.

LIGGETT

Cranes' depth too much for improved ULS

Liggett's co-ed swimming and diving team lost 131-45 to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood last week.

"We did have a lot of personal best and season best times that night, however, it just wasn't enough to hang with a very solid team in Cranbrook Kingswood," head coach Mike Mullinger said.

The visiting Knights didn't win any events, but had several second-place finishes, including the 200-medley relay team of Kara Zmyslowski, Brian Gutermuth, Stavros Bricolas and Nick Valice with a season-best time of 2:00.56.

Mallory Jamett was second in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:06.23, while Ben Gellman and Mary Nehra finished fifth and sixth with season-best times of 2:33.03 and 2:33.82.

Connor Borrego was third in the 200-yard individual medley with a personal-best time of 2:20.62 and Valice and Veeral Patel took third and fourth in the 50-yard freestyle with times

of 27.14 and 27.19, respectively.

Zmyslowski was fourth in the 100-yard butterfly with a season-best time of 1:09.15 and in the 500-yard freestyle, Jamett was second at 2:34.92.

Also in the 500-freestyle, Nehra was fifth and Gellman sixth with season-best times of 6:56.42 and 6:58.53.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, Borrego, Patel, Valice and Jamett placed third with a season-best time of 1:46.64 and the 400-freestyle relay quartet of Jamett, Valice, Borrego and Gutermuth took third at 4:05.02.

Other top individual placements were posted by Zmyslowski and Bricolas in the 100-yard backstroke with times of 1:12.03 for second place and 1:12.12 for third place.

Gutermuth was third in the 100-yard breaststroke with a season-best time of 1:13.32 and Borrego had a season-best time of 1:13.86 to take fourth.

Liggett's swim team fell to 6-2 overall.

— Bob St. John

FUNDRAISER

North graduate giving back

The Harper Woods High School Auditorium is the site of a fundraiser concert at 7 p.m., Friday, April 30.

Tickets for the show are \$5 and available at the door.

Grosse Pointe North graduate Matt DiMambro and his band, Burton's Garden, will perform.

The band plays, a blues/rock genre, is currently playing throughout the midwest and is taking time out to help the Harper Woods Little League.

"Matt feels is is only right to give back to an organization that has given so much to him," said Matt's father, Mark DiMambro. "As his father, I am very proud of what he is doing for the league."

"Fundraising helps us keep our registration fees one of the lowest in our district and as a board we appreciate a well-

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MARK DIMAMBRO,
VP Harper Woods Little League

known band like this doing something to help out our cause, which is to help keep the children of Harper Woods off the streets and giving them a chance to not only learn the fundamentals of baseball, but also the importance of friendships."

Matt DiMambro is a substitute teacher and has worked in the Grosse Pointe Public School System, coached middle school football at Harper Woods and the junior varsity

baseball team at University Liggett School to its first winning season in 2009.

He is currently enrolled at Michigan State University to get his Master's Degree in coaching.

"Being a substitute in both the GP district and Harper Woods should help us fill the house," Mark DiMambro said.

Special guests include Kurt Gersch who opens the show with his band The Rockafellas.

Jazz saxophonist Alex Colista, a Baker's Lounge regular, will also join the group on-stage.

"We also have invited one-time rhythm guitarist from the 70's/80's band, Adrenalin, Mike Haggerty to step up on stage to play a few songs with the band," Mark DiMambro said. "Plus a few more guests will appear."

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For more information, visit batterupsportsacademy.com or call (586) 465-4421.

INSTRUCTION

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Baseball players of any age can receive personal instruction on all aspects of the game from Grosse Pointe South's baseball coaches.

South coaches are available for inside or outside instruction throughout the year. Players may choose to have one or more coaches at a time and can focus on hitting, pitching, fielding, catching, or any specific element of the game.

"We will continue to run the camps we have for years at South in January and March, and at Defer in June," South varsity baseball coach Dan Griesbaum said. "Now, we are responding to the demand for private instruction throughout the year by offering instruction to individual players, a group of players or teams as a whole."

For details, call Matt Reno at (313) 999-3487. All MHSAA rules regarding out of season participation will be followed.

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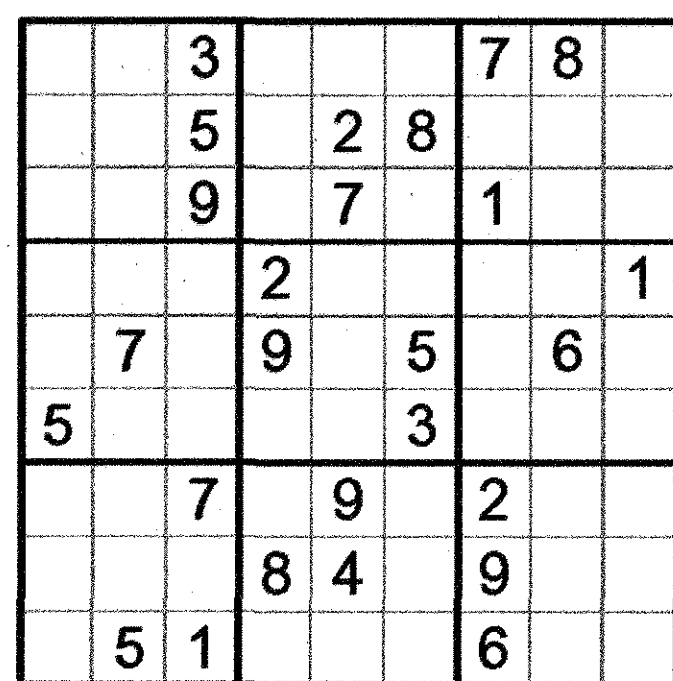
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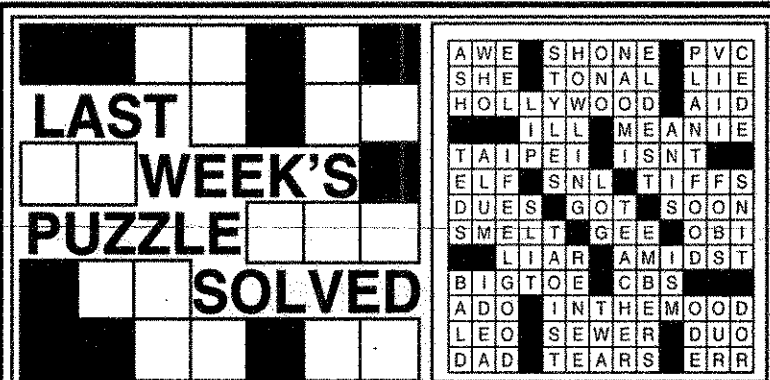
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ASK THE 'STAT' DOCTOR By Alex DePetro

Comparing taxes



Most of us have heard the saying "perception is reality" whether the facts support otherwise. For some reason in the past several weeks clients' perception has been the taxes in any of the Grosse Pointe cities are much higher than in most Michigan cities.

As I pulled out my trusty tax rate

Table 1
Estimated 2009 Property Tax Rates** & Taxes
For A House With A Taxable Value (TV) of \$150,000
For Each Grosse Pointe City
Exclusive Of Any Additional Property Fees

City/Township/Village	School District	Taxable Value Rate Per 1000**	Estimated 2009 Property Taxes
G. P. Woods	Grosse Pointe	47.0172	7052.58
G. P. Shores	Grosse Pointe	46.3801	6957.02
G. P. Park	Grosse Pointe	44.1561	6623.42
G. P. City	Grosse Pointe	43.7255	6558.83
G. P. Farms	Grosse Pointe	43.2255	6483.83

schedule and started to quote the tax rates for the Grosse Pointes and some of the other cities they were looking for a house, they seemed surprised.

I also ran into some who were unaware of the tax rates in each Grosse Pointe city.

To address the subject, Table 1 shows the estimated property taxes that would be paid by a homeowner

Table 2
Total Number of Households and Residents
In Each Grosse Pointe City
As Of The 2000 U. S. Census

City / Township	Number*** Of Households	Number *** Of Residents
G. P. Woods	6,531	17080
G. P. Park	4,816	12443
G. P. Farms	3,804	9764
G. P. City	2,388	5670
G. P. Shores	1,058	2823

assuming they owned a \$300,000 house that had a "state equalized value" and a "taxable value" — on which we pay property taxes — of \$150,000.

The 2009 property tax rates I used in Tables 1 and 3 came from the First American Title/Metropolitan Title Company and I assumed the property being taxed was used as the homeowner's principal residence.

Note: There may be additional taxes or fees charged to property owners not included in the tables to try and compare apples to apples — published estimated tax rates.

The tax rates for any city are a function of the number of households who pay taxes, whether there is a commercial district — Grosse Pointe Shores

for example, has none — as well as the percent of houses that sell each year in that city. A city typically collects more taxes from the new owner since the taxable value on which we pay taxes — gets set to the SEV — which is usually higher than the taxable value. So the higher the percent turnover, usually, the more revenue generated by that city without having to increase taxes.

Table 2 shows the total number of households as well as the total number of residents in each Grosse Pointe city as of the 2000 U.S. Census.

The 2009 estimated property taxes for Michigan cities outside of the Grosse Pointes are also shown in Table 3 for comparison to Table 1.

When looking for a house, I tell my clients, especially first-time home buyers, not to look at the tax rates in isolation. I ask them to look at what they

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Accurate Mortgage Solutions	(800) 593-1912	4.875	0	4.25	0	3.625	0	J
Ameripius Mortgage Corp.	(248) 740-2323	5	0	4.375	0	3.875	0	J/V/F
BRINKS Financial	(800) 785-4755	4.75	0.75	4.125	0.75	3.5	0.375	J/B/V/F
Client Services by Golden Rule	(800) 991-9922	4.75	0.75	4.125	0.75	3.875	0	J/B/V/F
Co-op Services Credit Union	(734) 466-6113	5.125	0	4.5	0	NR	NR	J
Cornerstone Community Fin.	(800) 777-6728	5.25	0	4.5	0	4.75	0.5	J/B/F
Dearborn Federal Savings Bank	(313) 565-3100	5.125	0	4.625	0	5	0	J/B
Fifth Third Bank	(800) 792-8830	5.125	0	4.5	0	NR	NR	V/F
First State Bank	(800) 372-2205	5	0	4.375	0	NR	NR	F
Gold Star Mortgage	(800) 784-1074	4.875	0	4.25	0	4.125	0	J/B/V/F
Golden Rule Mortgage	(800) 785-4755	4.875	0	4.25	0	4.125	0	J/B/V/F
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Mortgages by Golden Rule	(800) 991-9922	4.625	1.375	4	1.25	3.75	0	J/B/V/F
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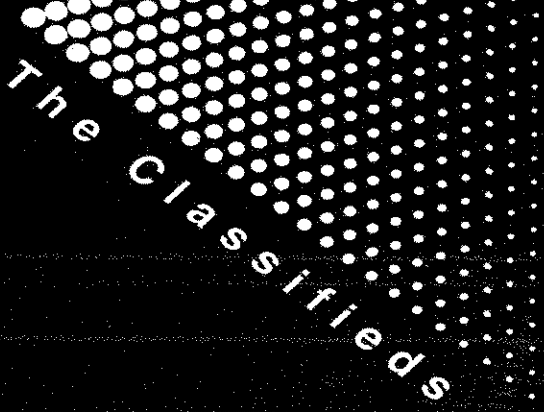
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Basement remodels a favorite for homeowners

Basement remodels are becoming more popular.

With advancements in television and home theater technology, homeowners are looking to their basements to enhance their home entertainment experience.

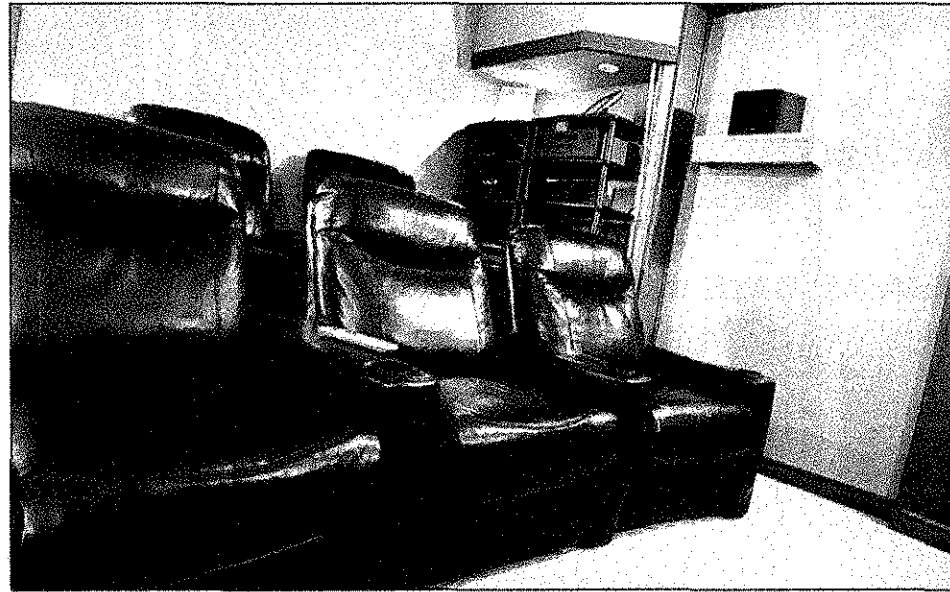
Before doing anything with the basement, it's best to prepare the area to ensure the home theater experience is as enjoyable as possible.

◆ Check for moisture. Nearly every basement has issues with moisture. Perhaps victims of floods or heavy rains, basements do not typically boast ideal living conditions, requiring work before homeowners and their families and friends can spend time in them knowing they're safe.

Many times, fixing moisture inside a basement involves going outside the house, particularly to inspect gutters and the external surface area around the basement. Gutters and downspouts could be channeling water in the direction of the basement. If so, direct downspouts away from the house.

Surface area around the basement could also be directing water toward the house. If that's the case, consult a landscaper to determine if that area can be dug up and possibly made to slant away from the house.

◆ Decide what to do with the ceiling.



Few home improvement projects provide a more rewarding finished product than installing a home theater.

ing. Many basements have ceiling tiles, which create an ambience more suited to a basement than a theater. Consider replacing ceiling tiles with drywall. Work on the ceiling before doing anything with the floors, as paint or debris from the drywall will likely drip or fall onto the floor, creating a mess.

◆ Home theaters tend to have dark walls like those in movie theaters. If the walls are white, paint them with a

darker color.

If the walls need new drywall, plan a layout of the room. This will give a

sense of which walls will need holes for cables and other cords, and holes can be cut in the drywall accordingly once that layout has been determined.

◆ Fix the floors. For those hoping to get a genuine theater experience in their basement, it's best to lay down carpeting. Much like the walls, carpets should be a darker color to create an ambience more like that of a movie theater. If putting a refrigerator or bar area in the basement, avoid laying carpet down in that area as spills might stain the new carpet.

◆ Before buying any products, determine if they will fit. Chances are large products can fit through the doorways and into the basement. However, for homeowners who have used their basement largely for storage, it's best to do some measuring before buying a big screen television and leather armchairs. Though homeowners will eventually find something they like that will fit, the doorway measurements might dictate that decision.

HOUSE CHECK: Install heat tape

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lighter around the attic access to see if there are any drafts. If the attic is especially cold, consider putting down another layer of insulation. If you're going to do it yourself, get guidance at the hardware store about whether you need insulation batts with or without the vapor barrier. In the wrong place, that vapor barrier can cause moisture damage to the rafters.

Use that same lighter around windows and doors. Seal windows inside with a clear plastic sheeting kit, the kind that shrinks with a hair dryer, or put up insulated drapes. Install a draft guard at the bottom of exterior doors.

If you have an unheated basement, consider installing heat tape around the water pipes. Read the instructions carefully: Tape wrapped over itself is a fire hazard. Heat tape will only add a very small amount to your electric bill, especially when compared to the cost of fixing any frozen and cracked pipes.

At the same time, check the heating

ductwork. Look for air leaks and seal them with foil tape — duct tape doesn't seem to do well in this instance. Consider adding insulation to ductwork: Over half the value of the heated air is lost before it gets into the rooms above if ducts aren't insulated.

Check the basement for leaks or moisture. Run a dehumidifier if necessary to keep mold from getting started.

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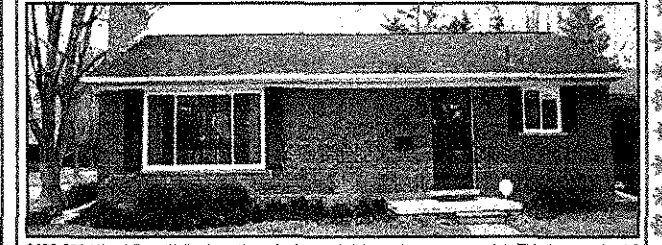
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Completely refinished master bedroom with a
Jacuzzi tub and huge shower. All the bath-
rooms have been refinished (2004). New win-
dows (2004), new furnace and central air
(2009). New carpeting (2004). Finished base-
ment with a kitchen and fireplace and bath.
Second floor laundry. Six bedrooms, 5.1 baths.
\$1,200,000

'STAT' DOCTOR: Comparing taxes

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get for those taxes ranging from the quality of the school district, to garbage pick-up (curbside/door side), to amenities such as parks, swimming pools, libraries, etc.

I also make them aware they can take their property taxes as deductions on their state and federal income taxes (exclusive of income limits) so differences are not equal to dollar for dollar but rather dollar for dollar net of income tax deductions.

How many times has someone you know said taxes in the Grosse Pointes are the highest taxes of most cities in Michigan?

Hopefully, from reading this article, you are in a better position to answer that question.

Whether you are selling or buying or planning on doing

both this year, the data in Table 1, Table 2 and Table 3 should provide you with more information in helping you make your decision.

If you need any data related to your specific situation and this article, e-mail me and I will do my best to respond or address them in future articles.

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Source for all data used for DePetro's analysis: MiRealSource MLS Inc.

Table 3

Estimated 2009 Property Taxes Rates** & Taxes
For A House With A Taxable Value (TV) of \$150,000
For Other Michigan Cities
Exclusive Of Any Additional Property Fees

City / Township	School	Taxable Value	Estimated
Village	District	1000**	2009 Property Taxes
River Rouge	River Rouge	68.5206	10278.09
Detroit	Detroit	65.1384	9770.76
Harper Woods	Harper Woods	50.8577	7628.66
Eastpointe	South Lake	47.3469	7102.04
Rockwood	Gibraltar	46.4778	6971.67
Taylor	Taylor	46.401	6960.15
Wayne	Wayne/Westland	46.05	6907.50
Dearborn	Dearborn	45.7055	6855.83
Ann Arbor City	Ann Arbor	45.6098	6841.47
Allen Park	Allen Park	43.3678	6505.17
Southgate	Southgate	43.174	6476.10
Roseville	Fraser	43.1443	6471.65
Warren	Centerline	43.0595	6458.93
St. Clair Shores	South Lake	42.1237	6318.56

DOLLARS AND SENSE By David Uffington

Mid-winter house check

Many places in the country that don't typically experience harsh winter weather have seen records broken for low temperatures and snowfall.

Even if you're used to hard winters, it makes sense to check the mid-winter condition of your house because winter isn't over yet.

From a distance, check the roof with binoculars. Are any shingles missing? Look carefully around skylights, vents

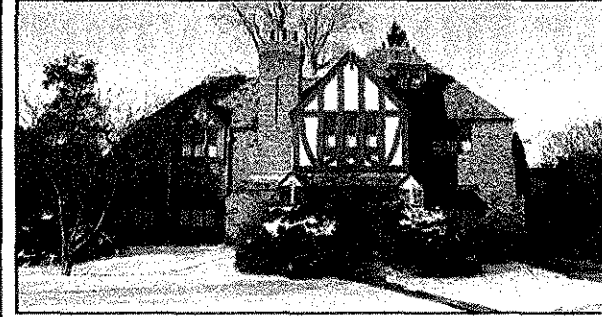
and chimneys.

While you're outside, check to see if the dryer vent is closed. If it's stuck in the open position, it creates access for cold air and creatures. Drain the outside faucet. Check downspouts to see if they're aimed away from the house and water hasn't accumulated next to the foundation.

If you have an attic, check inside for any wet spots on the plywood. Hold a

See HOUSE CHECK, page 6

851 PEMBERTON • NEW LISTING



• 5 BRs • 3.1 Bths • 3,400 Sq. Ft. • \$325,000
Handsome Tudor with classic architectural details and styling, all new mechanicals.

583 LAKE SHORE



• 4 BRs • 4.2 Bths • 6,000 Sq. Ft. • 3 Car Garage • \$1,550,000
The best of the best - State of the art electronics, views, charm, condition and style too.

45 CHRISTINE DRIVE



• 5 BRs • 3.2 Bths • 5,400 Sq. Ft. • 3 Car Garage • \$1,495,000
New construction in serene and private location. First floor master suite & 3 car garage.

60 RENAUD



• 6 BRs • 4.2 Bths • 6,099 Sq. Ft. • Over 1.2 Acres • \$1,100,000
Privacy plus - grounds 225 x 218 w/ pool house & pool, gourmet kitchen with fireplace.

161 IRVINE LANE



• 6 BRs • 4.2 Bths • 5,738 Sq. Ft. • 2 Car Garage • \$1,050,000
Location Location! Premier location near CCD w/ pool house & pool on separate double lot.

20 WINDEMERE



• 2 BRs • 2.2 Bths • 2,849 Sq. Ft. • 2.5 Car Garage • \$799,000
Low maintenance condo living. Lower level w/ addtl 2 bedrms, full bath, office w/ fireplace & rec rm.

17500 E. JEFFERSON



• 3 BRs • 2.1 Bths • 2,900 Sq. Ft. • 2 Car Garage
Home w/dramatic octagonal living rm and 1st floor master bedroom with fireplace. \$485,000

726 S. RENAUD



• 4 BRs • 2.1 Bths • 3,150 Sq. Ft. • 2.5 Car Garage
Gourmet cherry kitchen w/family room with vaulted ceiling & fireplace. Done and done. \$427,000

1168 BUCKINGHAM



• 6 BRs • 3.1 Bths • 3,500 Sq. Ft. • 3 Car Garage
Old world charm and craftsmanship, 2 new baths, and inground pool, 3 car garage. \$425,000

271 KENWOOD CT



• 4 BRs • 2.1 Bths • 2,900 Sq. Ft.
Heart of the Farms with charm galore, warm and inviting family friendly colonial. \$368,000

318 MERRIWEATHER



• 4 BRs • 3.1 Bths • 2,500 Sq. Ft.
Adorable colonial with newer kitchen & family rm, luxurious master suite w/ new bath. \$329,900

1110 N. RENAUD



• 3 BRs • 2.1 Bths • 2,636 Sq. Ft.
Ranch w/ wide open floor plan with gleaming hardwood floors & newer windows. \$285,000

1015 HAWTHORNE



• 3 BRs • 2 Bths • 1,700 Sq. Ft.
Architectural detail & private master suite with newer private bath with skylights. \$215,000

3212 COUNTRY CLUB



• 2 BRs • 2 Bths • 1,150 Sq. Ft.
Looking for low maintenance ranch style condo living in a full service building? \$85,000



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