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◆ University of Michigan professor Gregg Crane discusses "Room With a View: E.M. Foster's Discovery of Enchantment in the Modern World" at 7:30 p.m. in the Wicking Library, Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Admission is \$10. Friends of the Library are admitted free. For more information, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 6, or visit gpfriends.org.

◆ A wine tasting is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Art Center, 16900 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Tickets cost \$20 and are available at the door. Proceeds benefit the Grosse Pointe South High School choir.

◆ St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church Knights of Columbus host a Lenten fish dinner from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria, 170 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Adult tickets cost \$12.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

◆ St. Joan of Arc School's fourth annual gala auction, "La Bella Vita Italiana," begins at 6 p.m. in the Assumption Cultural Center, 22150 Marter, St. Clair Shores. Tickets cost \$20. For more information, call (586) 775-8370 or visit sjauction.com.

MONDAY, MARCH 8

◆ Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, meets with the public from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza.

◆ Grosse Pointe Park council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.

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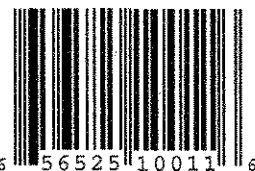
◆ Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce meets for business after hours at 5:30 p.m. at University Liggett School, 1045 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

◆ Jennifer Arnold and Lori Warner discuss understanding and managing challenging behavior in children up to nine years old from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Connelly Auditorium of Beaumont Hospital, Grosse

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Last winter B L A S T



PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER HARDENBROOK

Jack Bernard lines up for a shot in the hockey shootout competition. Winners from three different age groups won gift certificates for Harper Sports. At right, Animals abound at Neff Park during City Winterfest.



Winterfest wows 'em

Nearly 400 people attended this year's sixth annual Winterfest at Neff Park in the City of Grosse Pointe.

"The petting farm went over really well," said Christopher Hardenbrook, director of parks and recreation.

About 30 animals on hand included sheep, goats, chickens, rabbits, a llama and camel.

"Kids loved it," Hardenbrook said. Attendance matched last year's

festival.

"It was chilly but the sun was out — a beautiful day in all aspects," Hardenbrook said. "Ice sculptures turned out great. The pig roast was better than ever. We had both ice skating rinks open. A hockey shootout went well. A lot of guys played broom ball. It was a good day."

Other events included arts and crafts, warming fires and free s'mores and hot chocolate.

The park department's next big event is an egg hunt from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1, the day before Good Friday. The event is for children 8 years old and younger.

There will be golden egg prizes, photos with Peter Cottontail and a Village Toy Company raffle.

For more information about City recreation programs, visit grossepointecity.org.

— Brad Lindberg



Residents feed animals from Animal Oasis.

Survey says ...

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Most City of Grosse Pointe households will pay to pull their community through the economic downturn.

In exchange, they want what they pay for.

They'll forgo paying less property taxes, despite next year's forecasted 9 percent drop in taxable values, if the

city maintains most municipal services.

They'll do without city-sponsored concerts and special events. They'll step down to curbside-only garbage pickup and pay-to-play recreation fees.

The findings came in a recent survey of fiscal priorities developed by an ad hoc citizens budget committee. The nine-member, volunteer task

force of City residents has met more than a dozen times since Dec. 1.

"The committee believes citizens would be willing to forgo property tax decreases in the future if additional expenditure reductions are undertaken and there were no reasonable means to avoid significant reductions of highly valued services," said Chairman Gary Bresnehan, a Wayne County

prosecuting attorney. "We want to see excellent services continued and are willing to give back part of our (tax) decrease to maintain it."

Survey results are unscientific. Only 23 percent of the city's 2,200 households returned surveys. Commercial property owners weren't canvassed.

Yet, the survey wasn't billed as the final word in dealing with the city's nearly \$886,000

drop in property tax revenues this fiscal year.

In addition, a 14-year financial forecast showed a structural deficit with expenses exceeding revenues by about \$1 million through at least 2023.

The survey was intended to "take a pulse of people who live here and pay for services, what they value most and what

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Recall report canceled

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A legal analysis of how to operate a city minus its mayor and 2/3 of the city council was canceled last month because of a procedural error.

The analysis had been requested by the mayor of Grosse Pointe Shores as a non-agenda item during a Feb. 2 special meeting of the city council.

Such action violated the Open Meetings Act, which limits topics of special meetings to items posted beforehand on the agenda.

Mayor Dr. James Cooper and council members Victoria Boyce and Robert Graziani, all of whom face a recall election May 4, supported having the city attorney

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Resident thwarts snowblower midnight run

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

It's early in spring training, but Grosse Pointe Park Police Chief David Hiller has already witnessed a triple play.

A combination of citizen involvement, quick response by patrol officers and detailed follow-up by detectives resulted in an arrest and recovery of items taken from a garage and a car parked on Yorkshire.

Detroit resident Douglas Evans, 59, was arraigned on charges of larceny and home invasion. A pre-trial hearing was scheduled Wednesday, March 3 in Grosse Pointe Park Municipal Court. The arrest is what Hiller describes as great work on the part of a resident and police.

The resident noticed someone, later identified as Evans, pushing a snow blower in the middle of the street at 12:30 a.m. Thursday,

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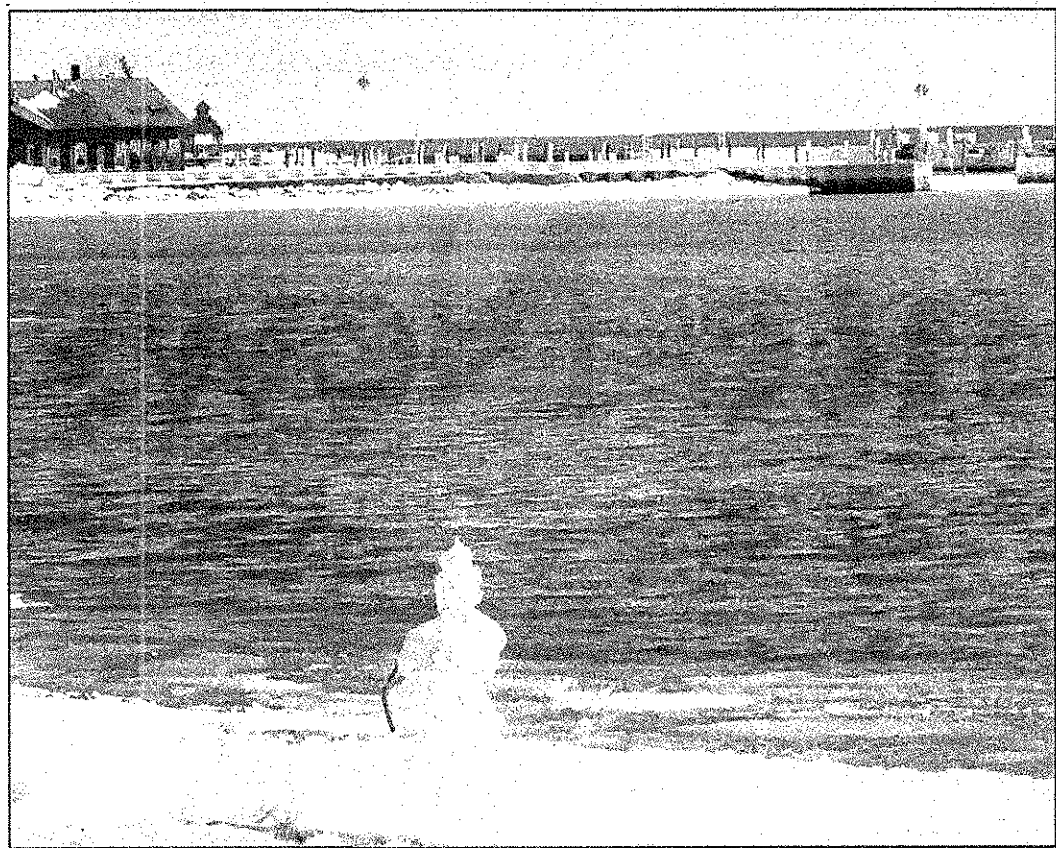


PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Pushing the season

A snowman built on the ice below Crescent Sail Yacht Club will be long gone before club members set sail on the upcoming boating season.

Vultures have taste for Pointes

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Turkey vultures are birds that live among the dead.

They feed on carrion, searching for food while riding thermals overhead, foregoing a songbird's sweet melodies, instead hissing and sniffing the air for malodorous snacks.

"Most birds don't have a sense of smell," said Bill Rapai, president of the Grosse Pointe Audubon Society. "Turkey vultures, on the other hand, have an acute sense of smell. It is tuned into one thing and one thing only: methyl mercaptan, a chemical released by rotting meat."

They can detect the scent a mile away.

"You'll see them circling,

circling and circling, constantly testing the air," Rapai said. "When they sense methyl mercaptan, they'll head in that direction. They'll lower themselves as the smell gets better and better, identifying the carcass by sight."

Turkey vultures range from beyond both the United States' northern and southern borders.

Two were reported last month feeding on the Lake St. Clair ice off Grosse Pointe Farms.

"They migrate through Grosse Pointe every fall and spring," said Rapai, of the City of Grosse Pointe. "I would imagine they'll start coming through next month. In another two or three weeks, we're going to start seeing them."

Turkey vultures have black feathers edged with gray-brown. Their featherless heads and necks are red. Adults grow to about 30 inches long with 6-foot wingspans. Some turkey vultures winter in metropolitan Detroit.

Two or three live by a landfill near the Palace of Auburn Hills, Rapai said.

"A few hang out at the Detroit Zoo all winter because there's food there," he added. Others roost in Macomb County.

"The birds come in at night and sit on top of a tall smokestack just west of downtown Mount Clemens," Rapai said. "If you pass it just about dusk, they'll all be sitting there getting ready to nap overnight. In the morning, they'll take off and look for food."

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Recall vote May 4

Signatures calling for the recall of Grosse Pointe Shores Mayor Dr. James Cooper, Councilwoman Victoria Boyce and Councilman Robert Graziani have received their final count and certification.

As a result, a recall election will be held in the Shores May 4.

The Wayne County Clerk has certified the following numbers of signatures appearing on recall petitions for the following office-holders:

◆ Mayor Cooper, 488;
◆ Councilwoman Boyce, 474;

◆ Councilman Graziani, 482. The figures were provided by Caven West, chief deputy Wayne County clerk.

Two other Shores councilmen targeted for recall, Brian Hunt and Fred Minturn, resigned last month and will not be on the recall ballot.

However, the number of certified petitioners seeking their recall were:

◆ Councilman Hunt, 466 and
◆ Councilman Minturn, 471.

The signatures were certified Feb. 24.

Cooper asked Shores residents seeking appointments to fill the terms of Hunt and Minturn to submit resumes to City Manager Brian Vick.

Cooper wants the council to appoint replacements at the regularly scheduled Tuesday March 16, council meeting.

—Brad Lindberg

Coyotes leave club life behind

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Apparently the coyotes that took up residence at the Lochmoor Club in Grosse Pointe Woods have pulled up stakes and moved on. There's no more golf course living ... for now.

No coyote activity has been reported at the club since one

female coyote was trapped there Saturday, Feb. 23.

Varmint Police, a private company hired by the city to track and remove coyotes from the area, reset the snares following the capture, but no additional activity has been reported.

Maintenance crews at Lochmoor Club have been monitoring the snares.

According to city officials, if evidence suggests the coyotes have returned to the area, trapping could resume.

In the meantime, residents are advised to report any coyote activity to the public safety department and to take precautions to not attract coyotes.

These include not leaving pet food outside and to keep rubbish in an enclosed container.

RECALL: City manager's report request canceled

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determine how a successful recall of the mayor and a majority of the council would affect municipal operations. Other unanswered questions included how vacant seats, if any, would be filled, by whom and when.

Cooper's motion was opposed by Councilmen Dan Schulte and Ted Kedzierski.

Cooper, Boyce and Graziani overcame the opposition by a 3-2 vote. Councilmen Dr. Brian Hunt and Fred Minturn were absent.

Hunt and Minturn, both re-

call targets, have since resigned.

The special meeting had been called by Schulte. The lone agenda item was to recommend a reduction in the non-refundable portion of municipal boatwell deposits.

That being achieved by unanimous vote, Cooper motioned that municipal attorney Mark McInerney be instructed to look into how the city would operate should the mayor and four of six council members be recalled from office.

McInerney had not been asked to attend the special meeting and was not present.

Schulte and Kedzierski asked that the matter be tabled until the next regularly scheduled council meeting.

Boyce seconded Cooper's motion, which passed with Graziani's support.

A number of residents attended the next regularly scheduled council meeting, Feb. 16, hoping to hear McInerney's report, which by then had been canceled.

"The motion that was considered was not acted upon," McInerney said, adding that if he'd been at the special meeting he wouldn't have allowed Cooper's motion.

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Dog hosts benefit for Humane Society cats

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

It doesn't matter what Sophie's friends look like, she wants to help those who are homeless.

In this instance, Sophie, a miniature dachshund, wanted to help cats and kittens of the Michigan Humane Society.

As a result, she and her owner, Joan LeGro Bushnell of Grosse Pointe Farms, threw a cat party creating no-sew fleece blankets for domesticated felines. The party, by all accounts, was a "howling" success, Bushnell said. The evening resulted in Bushnell's friends turning out three dozen blankets turned over to the Humane Society during a recent fundraising event.

As a member of the Humane Society, Bushnell saw the pattern in the society's magazine.

"There was a children's project for kitties and cats. It was no-sew. I don't sew," she said. "I was inspired to make more than a few. I called some friends for a potluck. The ladies came over. Sophie pro-

Fleece blanket

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- ◆ Sharp scissors for cutting cloth
- ◆ Measuring tape
- ◆ Fleece fabric: Machine-washable fleece in any color (solids preferred), or a printed pattern for one layer and a coordinating solid color for the other layer. One yard of fabric makes two large cat blankets or four small ones.

DIRECTIONS

LARGE (CAT-SIZE) BLANKET

- ◆ Cut two rectangles 17 to 18 inches wide by 28 to 29 inches long. Lay one rectangle on top of the other so they completely overlap.
- ◆ Cutting through both layers, cut a 3-inch square out of each corner and discard.
- ◆ Cut slits 3 inches long by about 3/4 inch wide along four sides. Make the cuts as even as possible. This will look like fringe.
- ◆ Tie individual fringes together, top layer fringe to bottom layer fringe, using double knots. To make it easier, skip every other fringe.

SMALL (KITTEN-SIZE) BLANKET

- ◆ Cut two rectangles 17 to 18 inches wide by 14-inches long.
- ◆ Follow the rest of the large blanket directions.



Sophie sits on a stack of fleece no-sew blankets made for cats and kittens at the Michigan Humane Society.

vided the comic relief."

Bushnell found colorful fleece on sale and called her friends for an evening of camaraderie.

Bushnell said her eclectic group of friends brought

casseroles, \$4, sharp scissors and a measuring tape.

During the course of the evening, the eight women turned out large blankets for cats and smaller blankets for kittens in bright red, turquoise,

royal blue, lime green and yellow. A yard of material makes two for cats or four for kittens.

"It looks like a rainbow," she said of the completed pile of blankets. "It gave everyone a lift. We will do it again."

"The cats will be appreciative. They need all the help they can get."

These blankets bring the total donated to the Humane Society to more than 300, said Jennifer Robertson, Michigan Humane Society's public relations coordinator.

"This is a project that is fun to do with friends," Robertson said. "We've received blankets from Girl Scout troops, high school students, senior organizations and work colleagues who have spent a few hours together creating the blankets. Students can receive community service hours for making these blankets."

Blankets are needed year-round.

"In 2009, the Michigan Humane Society helped over 4,500 cats and kittens find new, loving homes," Robertson said. "The blankets may very well be used by shelters nationwide, since they're easy-to-make and positively impact the cat's environment while they're at a shelter. The blankets will be providing our animals with a safe, warm sense of comfort

and will continue to do so when they go to their new homes."

Completed blankets can be dropped off at:

- ◆ Detroit Center for Animal Care, 7401 Chrysler, Detroit
- ◆ Rochester Hills Center for Animal Care, 3600 W. Auburn, Rochester Hills

◆ Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland, 900 N. Newburg, Westland

◆ Michigan Humane Society Administrative Office, 30300 Telegraph, Suite 200, Bingham Farms.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

No sacred cows in survey

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Residents responding to a municipal cost-cutting survey surprised City of Grosse Pointe leaders by skewering services that were presumed to be sacred cows.

"I was surprised that the single most favored expenditure reduction was the elimination of rear-yard garbage pickup," said Peter Dame, city manager. "Beyond that, I was surprised by the very high level of support for intergovernmental arrangements regarding public safety."

Respondents also overwhelmingly supported consolidating the five Grosse Pointes' public safety dispatch departments.

Dame, hired four years ago, wasn't in the Pointes years prior when City residents opposed consolidating dispatch services with Grosse Pointe Park.

"When I first got here, I asked if it had ever been considered," Dame said. "I was told there was a room full of people burning down the

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PHOTOS COURTESY MARIANNE SHRADER

Mary Ann Zinn, Shannan Matsche, Ann Jerome and Wendy Jennings made blankets which were given to the Michigan Humane Society for cats and kittens waiting to be adopted.

SURVEY: City hopes to match residents' expectations while reducing costs

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they value least," according to committee member Fran Twiddy, a certified financial planner.

In order for property owners to maintain their current dollar amounts of property tax payments on properties that are going down in value, the municipal tax rate would have to be increased.

"To increase the general tax levy rate, a vote of the citizens would be required," according to the committee report. "Due to the decline in the city's tax base, a tax rate increase would be needed simply to maintain the existing level of property tax revenues."

The proposed increase relates to the percentage rate, not dollars paid.

"They're not recommending us take property taxes back up to the level of property tax revenue we're even going to get this year," said Peter Dame, city manager. "Next year, it would still go down, it just wouldn't go down as much. The rate would go up, but the amount of dollars paid and tax revenue would go down."

Although the committee's recommendations aren't gospel, they won't be filed and forgotten.

Mayor Dale Scrace said he'll "use the report closely as we go forward with the budget."

The committee based its recommendations on findings revealed in the survey. Households were asked how the city should cut costs, raise revenue and maintain desired services.

"We have done things in the past when we had money, or thought we had money, that no longer seem appropriate," Twiddy said. "It is incredibly difficult to dial that down. Our residents have high expectations."

"In local government, there's direct correlation between what you pay and what you get," said Councilwoman Jean Weipert.

Bresnahan outlined the committee's 10-point plan to cut costs by \$340,000 and generate \$273,000 in additional revenue in one year. The figures combine for a \$613,000 two-way patch on the budget.

Recommendations are:

1. Save an estimated \$150,000 annually by not filling current full-time job openings, including assistant city manager, public works supervisor and recreation coordinator.
2. Reduce special events spending. Try to hold such events jointly with other communities.
3. Reduce or eliminate poorly attended recreation programs. Also, align recreation fees with costs.
4. Reduce legacy costs an estimated \$150,000 by:

- ◆ adopting a tiered retirement plan that reduces benefits for new hires;
- ◆ moving new employees to a defined contribution retirement plan; and
- ◆ putting new employees on a defined contribution retiree medical savings plan.

5. Increase efficiencies by sharing services with other Grosse Pointes, including:

- ◆ combining public safety departments,
- ◆ consolidating dispatch operations and
- ◆ replacing the Pointes' five individual municipal courts with a single, community-wide district.

6. Raise service and license fees.
7. Generate \$48,000 through a special levy to pay for swimming pool bonds and interest.
8. Make the solid waste (garbage pickup) program pay for itself by:

- ◆ raising \$200,000 through an additional .61-mill levy;
 - ◆ reducing services by instituting curbside pickup only, a \$30,000 savings; and
 - ◆ charging for bulk or extra pickups.
9. Delay all construction projects until at least 2014. There had been talk of upgrading the public works and public safety buildings.
 10. Establish a local levy to fund an existing need for more than \$6- to \$9 million in street repairs.

11. "Continue to reduce expenses wherever possible in upcoming years."

"We have to seriously consider every one of these proposals and implement most if not all of them," said Councilman John Stempfle.

Councilman Chris Walsh isn't sold on asking residents — 80 percent of whom received a tax reduction this year — to maintain current tax payments on properties that are declining in value.

He warned of "what's going on in Grosse Pointe Shores," meaning the recall of officials who supported a 1-mill tax increase, when saying, "I don't think we could pass a tax increase if we don't demonstrate concrete cost savings through a reduction in services."

Councilman Chris Boettcher speculated residents might "begudgingly vote for an increase here or there."

Committee member Glenn Watson, a municipal bond and financial consultant, praised City Manager Peter Dame for already cutting costs.

Dame last year produced a multi-year budget projection revealing a funding gap. Before that, he instituted a hiring freeze and required across-the-board spending cuts in every department. This winter he cut his own pay 5 percent.

"All the low-hanging fruit has already been grabbed," Watson said. "Everything a reasonable

and astute manager could have done has been done. Now, it's getting into the esoteric levels of municipal finance to find a solution to a problem we had nothing to do with creating. This is a direct result of a job loss driven property value decline and a state planning

mechanism that just doesn't work right now."

In Grosse Pointe Shores, where two of four council members targeted for recall resigned last month, officials are preparing to canvas their residents with a survey based on the City's.

SNOWBLOWER: Resident, cops work together on case

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Feb. 25. Suspicious of the late night route, he called police. Park officers were able to track the suspect through the snow and found him hiding in bushes on Yorkshire in Detroit.

A follow-up by the detective bureau led to the discovery of a GPS device in Evans' possession that had been reported stolen from a car parked in a garage in the 1400 block of Yorkshire.

"This is a case where a resi-

dent noticed something that just didn't seem right and made a simple phone call asking us to check it out," Hiller said. "Our patrol officers were there quickly, tracked the suspect and found him still with the snow blower."

Hiller said Evans is "known" to local police agencies, and this was not his first arrest.

"This was good work on behalf of citizens and police, and our officers are to be congratulated on great police work," Hiller said.

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Matt Mandel has plenty of action with the Division 2 state finals around the corner and continuing his academic and athletic careers in the Big East Conference.

South's Mandel to swim at Georgetown

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South senior Matt Mandel has used swimming and academic talents to earn a spot on Georgetown University's men's swimming and diving team next season. The 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms resident has grown into a sport he loves and will fulfill the satisfaction of competing at the collegiate level.

"I'm going to be a student-athlete at a Division I school where I can swim against some of the best in the nation and get a great education," Mandel

said. "You can't beat that." He has put in the work to achieve on both platforms, earning all-conference first team honors last weekend at the Macomb Area Conference Red Division championship meet and achieving a 3.55 grade point average in the classroom.

Not only did Mandel earn all-conference first team honors, but he did it in style, setting a pool record in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 21.69. He set the mark while swimming the first leg of a relay event.

He also set the pool record in the 100-yard freestyle with a

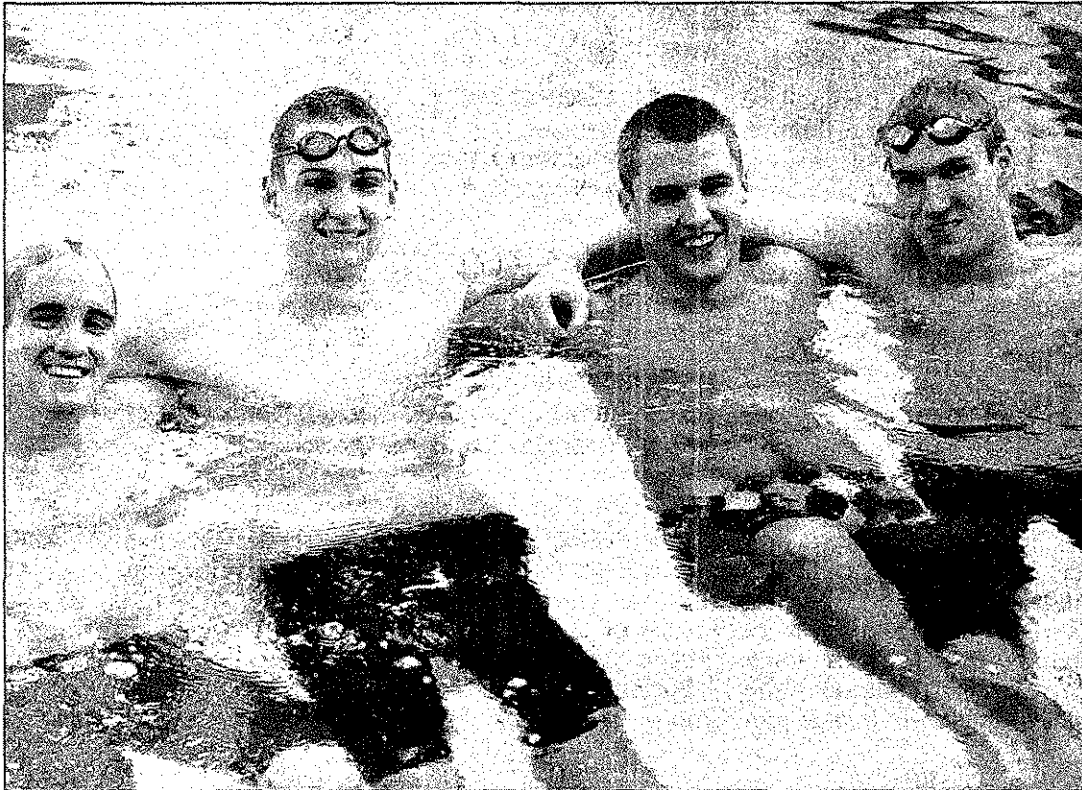
time of 46.93, which also happens to be a new MAC record for the event.

"It was great to set those records, but I'm focused on swimming well in the state finals," Mandel said.

The Division 2 state finals are Friday and Saturday, March 12 and 13, at Oakland University.

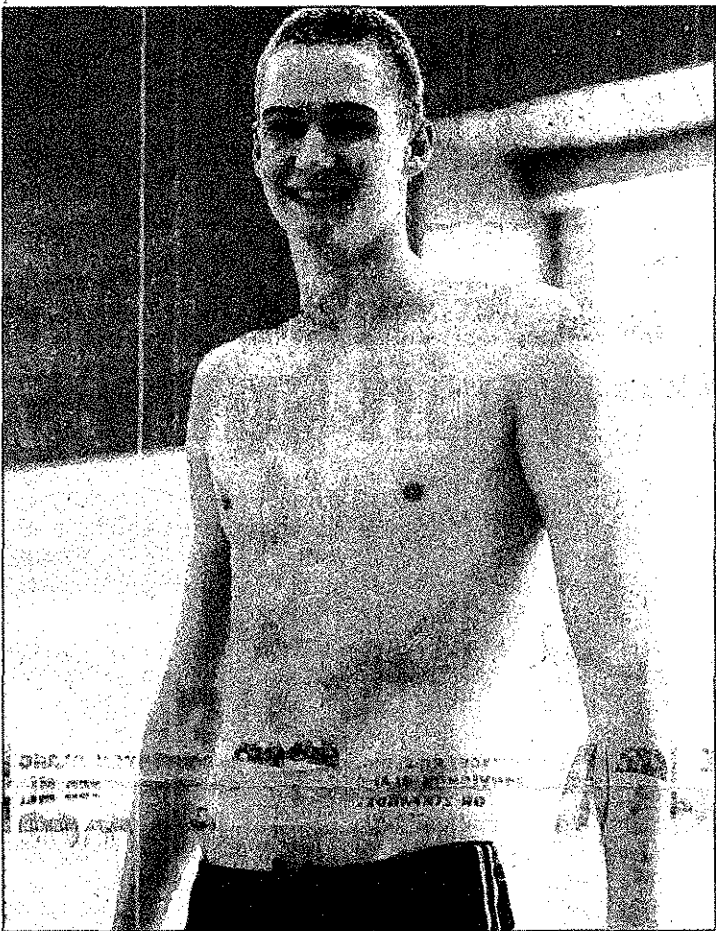
Mandel is one of a dozen Blue Devils who will compete on the biggest stage.

"I have been practicing since September for this opportunity and I can't wait," Mandel said. "The practices have paid off and I want to finish in the top three in my individual events at the finals."



PHOTOS BY DANA KAISER

Matt Mandel, second from left, joined teammates, from left, Craig Campbell, Joe Hessburg and Michael Shook as part of the MAC Red Division championship meet 400-yard freestyle relay team that won a gold medal.



Matt Mandel will take his swimming talent to compete for Georgetown University's men's program next year.

Mandel will swim the 50- and 100-yard freestyles, plus is a member of the 200- and 400-yard relay teams that earned a spot in the state finals.

"Coach (Eric) Gunderson and (John) Fodell, along with Liz (Nelson) have been very influential in my career," Mandel said. "Liz was my first coach who really taught me the proper strokes and coach Fodell and coach Gunderson have pushed me to be the best I can."

"I owe the three of them a lot for helping me be the swimmer I am today."

Not only will Mandel be in the Michigan state finals, but he has a great chance to medal in all four events. He could also earn All-State First Team honors.

He is also pushing to earn All-America status. As of now, he is .34 away from making the mark in the 50-freestyle and .60 away from the mark in the 100-freestyle.

Mandel will not get a chance to rest after the finals because he will be on his way to the United States's Junior Nationals March 16-20 in Orlando, Fla.

He competed in the Junior Nationals the week before Christmas and can use the experience to help him improve.

"It's amazing how well I do in the MAC compared to the level of competition at the Junior Nationals," Mandel said. "It was a humbling experience, but I'm ready to improve on those times this time."

"It's going to be a lot of fun and I feel prepared because I have trained for this for months."

He began swimming as a youth at the Farms' city pool and quickly found a love for it. He joined Pointe Aquatics and later joined the newly formed Grosse Pointe Gators' swimming program.

Once the end of March hits, Mandel will be able to take a

few weeks off to relax, enjoy the stretch run of his senior year of high school and get ready to take in a summer of fun.

However, he will be training during the summer months for his freshman year as a Georgetown Hoya.

The Hoyas finished 3-8 in dual meets this winter, but rebounded to do pretty well in the Big East Conference Swimming and Diving Championships in Pittsburgh.

Steven Cartwright is the head coach and his staff includes Josh Wegryn, assistant coach; Emily Richmond, diving coach; and Norman Wright, volunteer assistant coach.

Mandel has been able to set aside the happiness of making it to Georgetown because he

has to practice for the state finals.

"It's great to have a group of guys you can work with who make me a better swimmer," Mandel said of friends Mac Day, Michael Shook, Craig Campbell and Joe Hessburg. "We're a good team and hopefully we can finish in the top three and earn a nice team trophy."

"I know we will be ready."

Mandel has a twin brother, Clay, who will be attending Vanderbilt University in the fall and has an older brother, Jake, who attends Wayne State University.

His parents, Dutch and Becky, have never missed a meet and will find the time to watch as many of his collegiate meets as possible.

SACRED: Community weighs in with what's important moving forward

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council chambers in opposition. But, now we survey the whole community and its right up at the top of things people could support."

The new way of thinking comes from the recession.

Given the decline in property values and, hence, property tax revenues, Dame's municipal financial forecast shows a \$1 million annual structural deficit lasting more than a decade unless municipal services are cut, reduced or restructured.

To help plan solutions, a vol-

unteer citizens task force late last year drew up the survey of fiscal priorities for distribution to the City's 2,200 households. Some 513 households answered, plus another nine online, for a 23 percent response rate.

The biggest-ticket item cited for full or partial consolidation is public safety, which comprises more than half the Grosse Pointes' budgets.

"All manner of intergovernmental cooperation needs to be fully explored in the public safety realm," Dame said. "Those decisions are ultimately up to the city council."

The survey released last week measured the:

- ◆ priority of city services,
- ◆ potential reductions in municipal expenditures,
- ◆ sources of potential increased municipal revenue and
- ◆ willingness of residential landowners to pay more or less

in property taxes to cut or maintain services.

Firefighting and crime control easily topped services rated "very important."

Services rated "least important" were sponsorship of community events and concerts; and the municipal newsletters and website.

"If you put it all together, it showed an understanding that some things have to change," Dame said. "It showed that you have to set priorities; some things are less of a priority and shouldn't get as much money as they have been."

The top ideas to raise revenues were to increase fees for licenses, permits, inspections, facility rentals and recreation programs; and to collect the same amount of property taxes next year as this year, despite declines in property values.

Intergovernmental cooperation drew overwhelming sup-

port.

More than 86 percent of respondents want to eliminate the City municipal court and establish a Pointe-wide district court.

Nearly as many respondents want the Pointes to share the costs of firefighting equipment and vehicles.

Just as many respondents want some or all of the Pointes to jointly operate recreation programs.

Only 33 percent of respondents supported partial or full consolidation of the Pointes into one local government.

More than 80 percent of respondents were willing to pay the same or more in property taxes to preserve most city services at current levels.

"(The survey) also shows that we have to think of new ways of doing things through intergovernmental, eliminating inefficiencies and duplications," Dame said.

He was impressed with the nature of the overall responses.

"It showed a very thoughtful response to the financial issues we have," Dame said. "I think at least part of it is due to citizens' recognition that things have changed and things need to change in order to maintain

quality services."

Survey results

- ◆ Top 10 most valued services were, in order of survey tallies:
 1. Firefighting, 388,
 2. Crime control, 374,
 3. Garbage pickup, 333
 4. Water service, 297
 5. Ambulance service, 216
 6. Snow removal, 181
 7. Street repairs, 139
 8. Street maintenance, 124
 9. Recycling pickup, 115
 10. Yard waste and leaf pickup, 111
- ◆ Least 10 valued services, rated "not important" were, in order of least value, with survey tallies:
 1. Community events and concerts, 23
 2. City newsletters and website, 34
 3. Upkeep of City Hall, 40
 4. Recreation programs, 41
 5. Building permits and inspections, 67
 6. Municipal court, 70.
 7. Village upkeep, 86
 8. Elections and voter registration, 87
 9. Housing code enforcement, 96 and
 10. Tree trimming and replacement, 101.

- ◆ Top 10 services recommended for cuts were, in order of survey tallies:
 1. Institute curbside garbage pickup only, 256
 2. Defer buying city vehicles and equipment, 151.
 3. Eliminate city support of festivals, events and concerts in the park and Village, 141.
 4. Charge fees for extra garbage pickup, 124.
 5. Reduce street sweeping, 103.
 6. Reduce employee benefits and pay, 96.
 7. Reduce or eliminate recreation programs, 95.
 8. Reduce City Hall customer service, 93.
 9. Defer upkeep of municipal buildings, 91.
 10. Reduce pool hours, 90.

Committee members

Residents appointed to the City of Grosse Pointe ad hoc Citizens Budget Committee and their backgrounds are:

- ◆ Chairman Gary Bresnehan, Wayne County assistant prosecutor,
- ◆ Bill Beach, municipal attorney with Miller Canfield,
- ◆ Don Day, president of AE Equities,
- ◆ John Doerer, private equity executive,
- ◆ Jay Kaiser, CPA and retired partner of Plante & Moran,
- ◆ Steven Johnson, retired sergeant with the Grosse Pointe Park public safety department,
- ◆ Bill Rands, retired manager of financial institutions and foundations,
- ◆ Frances Twiddy, certified financial planner with Raymond James, Financial Service and
- ◆ Glenn Watson, municipal bond and financial consultant.

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◆ The Louisa St. Clair Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution host Judy Williston at 6 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Her topic is "The Life of a Puritan Boy: My Sixth Generation Grandfather." For reservations, call (313) 863-1015.

Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods. For more information, call (313) 432-3832.

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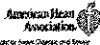

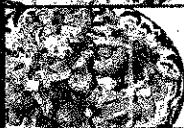
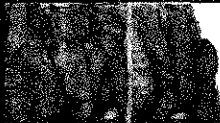

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	GROUND CHUCK	\$2 ²⁹	LB.
	BBQ BABY BACK RIBS	\$3 ⁹⁹	LB.
	CENTER CUT PORK CHOPS	\$3 ⁹⁹	LB.
	STUFFED PORK CHOPS	\$3 ²⁹	LB.
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	MAPLE BBQ SALMON	\$9 ⁹⁹	LB.
	BOSTON COD FILLETS	\$8 ⁹⁹	LB.
	POTATO ENCRUSTED COD	\$7 ⁹⁹	LB.
	TUNA STEAKS	\$8 ⁹⁹	LB.

	FRESH STRAWBERRIES	\$1 ⁹⁹	LB.
	BABY-CUT CARROTS	99¢	5 LB. BAG
	MINI CARROTS	99¢	5 LB. BAG
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	IDAHO POTATOES	2/\$3	5 LB. BAG
	FRESH PEACHES & NECTARINES	\$1 ⁹⁹	LB.
	WHOLE OR SLICED MUSHROOMS	2/\$3	8 OZ. PKG.
	EARTHBOUND SALADS	2/\$7	10 OZ. BAG
	GREEN BOSC PEARS	99¢	LB.
	ASSORTED BAGS DOLE SALAD MIX	2/\$5	10 OZ. BAG
	10 STEM BUNCH CUT TULIPS	2/\$10	10 OZ. BAG
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NORTHLAND JUICES 2/\$5 64 OZ.	 7.5 OZ. JAR
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SNO-BOL LIQUID BOWL CLEANER \$1 ⁷⁷ 24 OZ. BOTTLE	 24 OZ. BOTTLE

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Car crash

A man arrested last week for drunken driving is believed to have accidentally crashed his car into a vehicle parked on northbound Cadieux near Charlevoix.

A 911 caller alerted officers via General Motors OnStar service to the wreck at 3:07 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 21.

Police arriving on scene discovered a damaged Pontiac parked at the curb.

A trail of fluids and broken plastic car parts lead about 60 feet up the road to a damaged Mercury Sable occupied by a 29-year-old Belleville resident. The man smelled of intoxicants, police said.

The man refused to take a Breathalyzer, so police obtained a search warrant for his blood to be drawn at a local hospital for testing of alcohol

content at a crime lab.

The parked Pontiac belonged to a resident of the block.

—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

Flips van

A 50-year-old Farms man admitted being at the wheel of his

black 2005 Dodge Caravan when it toppled onto its right side in the second block of Muir next to Henry Ford Cottage Hospital.

The man said he'd been at a bar on the Hill, turned left from the Kercheval alley onto northbound Muir when the van hit a patch of ice, hit a snow pile and turned over.

"The pavement was wet, but free of ice," said an investigating officer. "(He) had a strong odor of intoxicants on his breath and slurred his words."

The man refused to take a Breathalyzer. While the man was at Cottage being checked for injuries, officers arranged for his blood to be drawn for testing of alcohol content.

Shovel stolen

A man living in the 300 block of Hillcrest reported the theft last week of his \$20 blue-handled, plastic snow shovel.

He said the theft took place between 2:45 and 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, while the shovel was unattended on his front porch.

"The same type of incident

occurred last year," said an investigating officer.

—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

Home invasions

Sometime during the day Tuesday, Feb. 23, someone tried to gain entry into a house on Westchester through a rear door. Glass was broken and security bars were bent, but no entry was made.

During the morning Friday, Feb. 26, someone gained access to a house on Lakepointe by breaking a rear door. Jewelry was taken.

Charged

Riccardo Barber, 49, of Detroit, was arraigned Monday, March 1, on two counts of entering a dwelling without the owner's permission and carrying a dangerous weapon (brass knuckles).

His arrest stems from a Sunday, Feb. 23, incident during which he entered a house on Wayburn through an unlocked rear door, was confronted by the homeowner and fled.

Police arrested Barber as he was running along Alter Road.

A pretrial hearing is set for Wednesday, March 10. He is also being charged as a repeat offender.

Anniversaries

Congratulations to Lt. John Sauber on 28 years of service and Sgt. Brent Merlington on 14 years of service.

—Kathy Ryan

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Car B&Es

A man living on Regal Place discovered before sunup Saturday, Feb. 27, that someone overnight had shattered a side window of his parked 2007 Chrysler Pacifica and stolen a \$300 Garmin GPS.

That afternoon on Regal Place, another resident discovered footprints in his backyard. A public safety officer traced the prints through backyards in the 800 block of Michaux to Regal and Michaux Court.

"The snow was melting and no distinguishing marks could be seen in the tracks," said the officer. Overnight Wednesday, Feb. 24-25, on Michaux Lane, a \$600 radar detector was stolen out of a parked vehicle.

The vehicle's driver-side window had been shattered.

Stiff statue

A woman motorists called 911 at 8:41 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, to report a suspected dead person sitting frozen on a bench on Lakeshore near Sheldon.

She didn't stop to verify her suspicion.

"(I) advised (her) that there was a bench near Lakeshore and Clairview with a statue of a person," said a dispatcher.

The woman didn't believe the dispatcher. She said a body was near Sheldon. A patrolman investigated.

"(The) officer confirmed that the 'frozen person' was indeed an ornamental lawn fixture near Lakeshore and Clairview," said the dispatcher.

Six suspensions

A 44-year-old Grosse Pointe Park woman was arrested at 9:39 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, for driving in violation of six license suspensions.

A patrolman pulled over the woman on southbound Lakeshore near Lochmoor for making an illegal turn.

It's his, not mine

Suspected drug residue was found lining a plastic pen found at about 2:30 p.m. Monday, Feb., 22, during the search of a 1998 Dodge Neon operated by a man pulled over for tailgating on Lakeshore near South Deeplands.

The driver, a 22-year-old Eastpointe man, "states it was probably cocaine and that the item belonged to a coworker," said a public safety officer.

Police arrested the man. He was released at 6:11 p.m. on \$600 bond.

Cameras found

A man removing Christmas lights Sunday, Feb. 21, from a tree in his front yard on Hampton found two digital cameras.

The cameras are a Kodak Easy Share and GE E850.

—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

The party's over

An alleged underage drinking party at a house on South Oxford was broken up by police at 11 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28. When police arrived, party-goers fled in several directions. Multiple beer cans were found at the scene.

Hit and run

A 49-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores resident was arrested and cited for failing to stop and leaving the scene of an accident at 7:56 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24.

A hit and run accident on Vernier that damaged a parked car had just been reported when police spotted the Shores resident driving a 2008 Lexus just a few blocks away from the crash with considerable front-end damage.

Home invasion

An employee who was dropping off a package at the Crescent Lane residence of his employer at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, noticed the front door of the house was open. He notified his employer, who found an upstairs bedroom had been ransacked. It did not appear that anything was taken, and it also appears that the front door may have been left unlocked, as there was no sign of forced entry.

Egged and caught

A Van K Drive resident heard a noise outside his house at 10:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, and when he investigated found that his house had been egged. He chased several teenagers, catching one, returned to his house and called police. Police took the juvenile into custody, charged her with a curfew violation and released her to the custody of her mother.

The homeowner requested his house be cleaned up, and the youth officer will follow up.

—Kathy Ryan



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Grosse Pointe Woods residents Sotiri and Viviana Raptis with their dog, Pebbles, in Nafpaktos, Greece.



Paul Wenger of the City of Grosse Pointe after catching this king salmon in Pentwater. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to editor@grossepointe-news.com. Your picture will appear in an upcoming issue.



Harper Woods residents Elizabeth Hastie and sons, William and Andrew Loner, on top of Mt. LeConte in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.



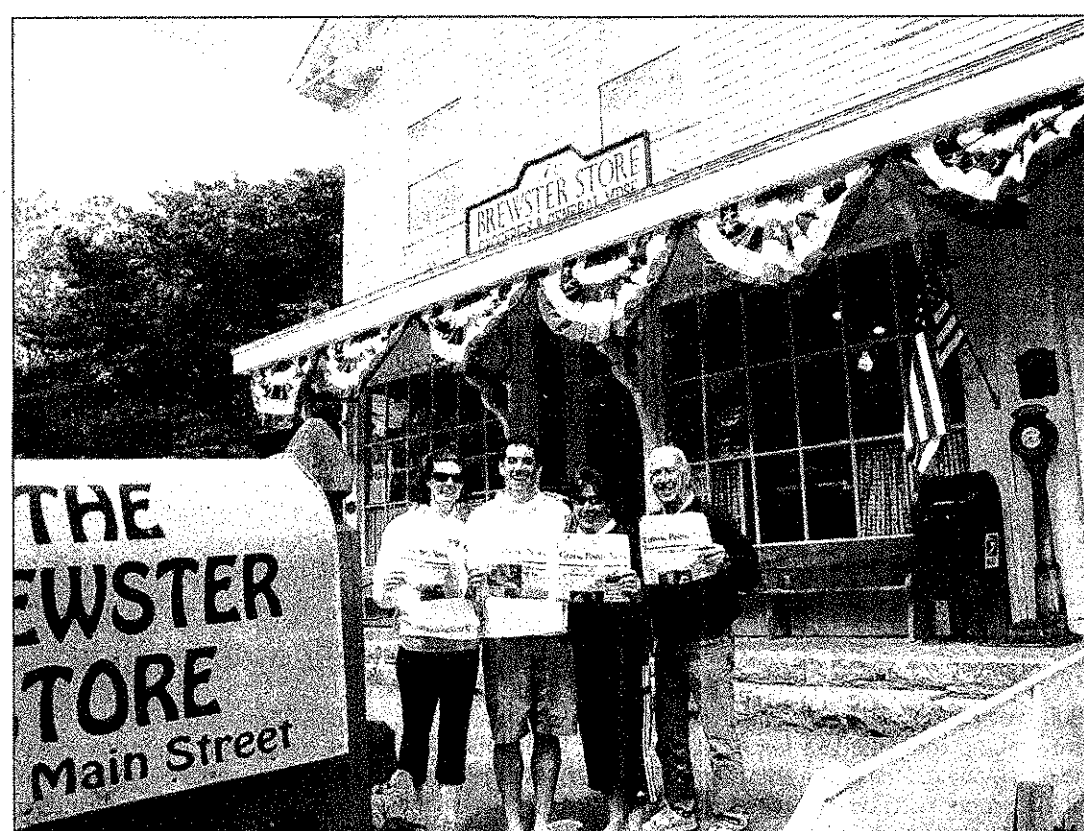
Howard Hill of Grosse Pointe Farms in front of the Gate of India in New Delhi, India.



Three generations of the Alcantara family of Grosse Pointe Shores in front of a Buddhist temple in Tokyo. From left, Tony, Robert, Lu, Nathan, Elsa, Adam and Christine Alcantara.



City of Grosse Pointe residents John, Emily, Johnny and Ann Walton, along with their cousin, Mary Teahan, in Iguazu Falls in Argentina.



Vacationing in Brewster, Mass. on Cape Cod, Kate and Jay Lytle of Grosse Pointe Farms and Carol Lytle and Jim Dunne of Grosse Pointe Park.

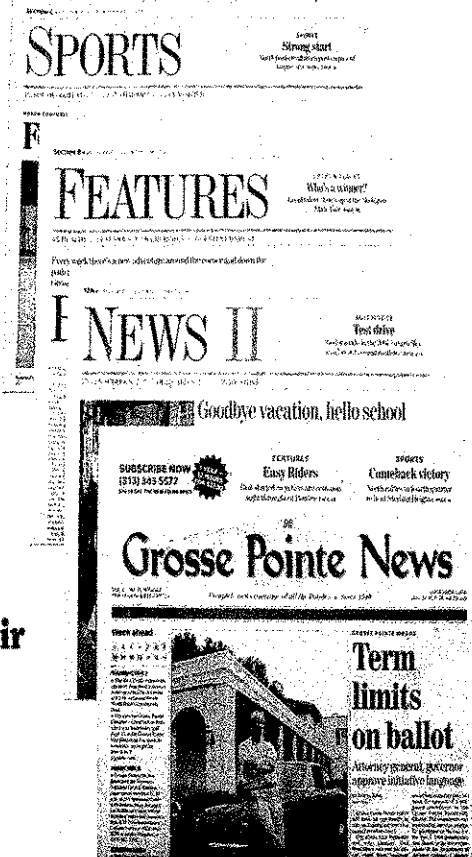
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CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 17, 2010

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

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Councilman Daniel S. Palmer.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilman Daniel S. Palmer from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meetings held February 1, 2010, and February 10, 2010, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held January 21, 2010, and the Planning Commission meeting held January 27, 2010.
- 3) To hold a Public Hearing on March 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public input and comment on the 2010 Community Development Block Grant Program.
- 4) To adjourn to the Conference Room for the 2010 Goal Setting Session.
- 5) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) To approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 89871 through 89998 in the amount of \$171,290.17 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) To receive and file for the audit, the 4th quarter financial statement. (3) Approve the payment to Northern Data Systems in the amount of \$6,380.00 for the annual maintenance for the period February 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011 for the City's PC server. (4) Approve payment to Martin, Arrington, Desai & Meyers, P.C. in the amount of \$5,250.00 for professional services in conjunction with the PAATS audit for 2008. (5) Approve payment to Oakland County in the amount of \$7,405.75 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department. (6) Approve payment to Badger Meter, Inc. in the amount of \$8,083.11 for the purchase of 54 new 5/8" automatic read water meters and transmitters.
- 2) To adopt the resolution in opposition of HB 5558 and HB 5559, and further, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governor, and members of the Michigan House and Senate. (Attachment #1)

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Mickey D. Todd, City Clerk

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GUEST OPINION By Jack McHugh

'Detroitification'

The term "Detroitification" — which I first coined in 2007 to describe the process by which the private sector is hollowed out to prop up an unsustainable government establishment — has been catching on in various places around the country.

The term generally implicates government employee unions that use their political muscle to keep the loot flowing to members in the form of outsized compensation and benefits and to bitterly resist reforms like privatization. In the term's namesake city, it also refers to patronage and corruption, with members of the local political class funneling boodle to their friends, relatives and key campaign supporters.

The broader concept can apply just as much at the state and national level, where the private sector hollowing may be accelerated by the related phenomena of "crony capitalism" and "industrial policy" — or "economic development" — a form of government picking winners and losers that slows economic growth by draining and causing misallocations of private sector resources.

Michigan is rife with such harmful policies. To cite just two, we have a film producer subsidy program, and a raft of corporate welfare subsidies that hand over hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars to so-called "green jobs" firms. In both cases, wealth is transferred from potentially more economically efficient enterprises to politically "sexy" and influential industries and players.

We also see incumbent firms in heavily regulated industries such as health insurance and electricity generation using their clout to protect their market share and extract larger "rents," as the term is used by economists — denoting profits a business garners not by providing greater value in the marketplace, but by obtaining special government protections and privileges from compliant legislators.

A package of bills passed by the Michigan Legislature in late 2008 provides a "two-fer" example of both crony capitalist rent-seeking and politically imposed resource misallocation in the energy field. One of the bills mostly repealed a limited electricity competition law passed in the final term of the Engler administration, essentially returning to Detroit Edison and Consumers Power companies the guaranteed regional monopolies they had enjoyed for most of the past century.

Another bill imposed a new "renewable energy" mandate on electricity producers, requiring 10 percent of the power they generate by 2015 come from faddish "alternatives" such as windmills — but not nuclear or hydroelectric plants. Both bills were "tie-barred" — neither could become law unless the other did.

Thus, Michigan's political class simultaneously weakened private sector firms here vis-a-vis competitors in other states by causing them to pay more for electricity, protected the bottom line of electric monopolies — politically powerful members of an old-guard corporate "establishment" — and buffed-up the "green" credentials of its careerist politicians with a bit of economically destructive posturing on behalf of trendy "alternative" energy sources.

A regulatory postscript to this debacle occurred last fall, when the Michigan Public Service Commission used the new powers it received under the "renewables" mandate law to stop or postpone construction of a new coal generating plant, killing jobs and accelerating the economic sclerosis that's hollowing out of the state's private sector economy — a.k.a. "Detroitification."

Jack McHugh is the senior legislative analyst for the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

GUEST OPINION By Jarrett Skorup

Progressing backward

Some high-profile climate change alarmists have been backtracking following recent revelations of significant errors and outright fraud involving the so-called scientific global warming "consensus."

The latest comes from Thomas Friedman of The New York Times, who is now encouraging the faithful to replace "global warming" with the more ambiguous "global weirding."

Notwithstanding the increasing levels of scientific doubt, Frieman is still quite convinced "the warming that humans are

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LETTERS

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State fairgrounds

To the Editor:

Like me, you might be hearing in the media the governor is seriously considering opening the state fairgrounds to the Huron-Clinton Metroparks.

Although we are still waiting on the details, I wanted to let you know I will be watching this development closely.

I have been working with you for the past 14 years to ensure our state fairgrounds were properly used for the surrounding neighbors and was good for our city. That is why I worked closely with you to fight a race-track at the fairgrounds, and worked for more than a year to make sure we found a good neighbor to use the fairgrounds after the governor proposed its closure.

I would like to commend John Hertel, who is currently a board member at the metroparks and was a director at the fairgrounds. He has been a strong advocate for the metroparks to move to the fairgrounds. No one knows the fairgrounds property and how to operate a great Michigan State Fair like he does and I do not question his interest in seeing that property thrive.

Also, Detroiters have been paying taxes to the metroparks system for decades, but we have never had a metropark in our city. It is time for our great city to have a great metropark.

Therefore, I support the concept of turning the state fairgrounds into a metropark, but it must be more than just "happy talk" coming out of the governor's office. Serious questions need to be answered before I will vote for any legislation or add my name as a sup-

porter of any fairgrounds project.

All financial questions must be answered before we can proceed. The metroparks are funded by a property tax millage, but with property tax values declining we must know how the metroparks plan to not only operate the property, but also upgrade the facilities. I will never accept a metropark in Detroit that is secondary to Kensington, Stony Creek, or any other metropark. Detroiters deserve to have the best facilities that every other metropark offers.

I also want to know whether, to fund this project, Detroiters and our suburban neighbors are expected to pay more in property taxes for this project to succeed.

Detroiters already pay too much in property taxes and I will not support an increase in property taxes for a metropark at the fairgrounds. I do not think our suburban neighbors will support an increase in taxes either.

Also, the state of Michigan cannot be put into a position to pay for any failures or missed deadlines by the metroparks.

Finally, we must have firm deadlines on any and all projects, including when the metroparks will take over the property and how long they will have a lease, when will the property be open to the public, when we should expect the Michigan State Fair to open, when and which buildings will be demolished and repaired, etc.

I was strongly opposed to this governor closing the fairgrounds. It was a slap in the face to Detroit and saves the state mere pennies a year. It is

irresponsible to announce another project in Detroit without Detroiters determining its fate and having a solid short- and long-term plan.

I take this issue very seriously and I would like to thank everyone in all our neighborhoods who have worked to make the fairgrounds the best it can be.

I will continue to update you on the status of this important project.

SEN. BUZZ THOMAS
Senate Democratic
Floor Leader
4th District
Detroit

Kindergarten plan

To the Editor:

I experienced a jaw-dropping moment while attending the Feb. 22 Grosse Pointe Board of Education meeting.

I was there to speak on a separate issue and was present to hear the board was going to vote on all-day kindergarten for this coming school year.

I know, as the parent of elementary school children, this proposal was just introduced to the public in January. I had no idea it was already being voted upon. My problem was not the issue itself, as my children have already been through kindergarten, but rather the way in which the board came to vote on this issue.

Board members questioned teachers and administrators for more than an hour. There was obviously no clear-cut plan on how this all-day kindergarten, with the option for half day, was going to be implemented this coming fall.

The longer this discussion went on, the more confused the board members seemed to become. Following "Robert's Rules of Order," this highly debated topic should have been shelved for the next meeting, until further discussion could have taken place.

Board member Cindy Pangborn made several disclosures on this topic. After a "bullying" speech by board treasurer Brendan Walsh, votes were hastily cast and a premature decision was reached, leaving us with a farcical full-day

kindergarten "plan" with no set curriculum in place.

First of all, before radical changes are made, I would hope our board members — elected public servants — would unearth all relevant facts and strive to develop a well-executed plan. Secondly, I would assume these same public servants would actually work to inform their public on the details that surround important decisions. Lastly, I cannot understand Walsh's need to belittle the ideas of others to get his vote to pass.

A word to our school board members: It is our children's educational future that you are charged with determining. Please... feel free to ask questions and demand as much time as you need to make well-educated decisions.

We, as a community, are counting on you to restore our district's academic excellence. If this is how you handle all important matters, please feel free to resign.

AMY ROGERS
Grosse Pointe Farms

Recall seems wrong way

To the Editor:

It never ceases to amaze me, how a few false misconceptions could divide such a quiet, pristine community such as Grosse Pointe Shores.

It saddens me to learn Grosse Pointe Shores councilmen Brian Hunt and Fred Minturn, two good, dedicated men, have resigned amidst all the unrest and turmoil.

They should be applauded for their service to our community!

It is time to put aside all this negativism and let these elected officials get on with the important business at hand.

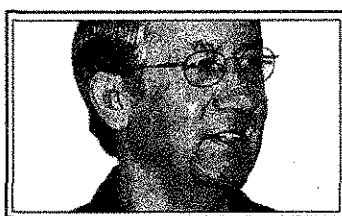
A recall seems the wrong way to go to solve the accusations being made and I would hope if this recall election takes place, our residents learn "the facts" before casting their vote.

Let's put a stop to all this discord that has tarnished this "prize" community and move forward.

GLENN W. PETERS
Grosse Pointe Shores

GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

Did I hear that correctly?



Maybe you've noticed as I have, the world is getting crazier by the day. Seems we are inundated every day by some "whacko" who either is in search of his or her 15 minutes of fame or someone who operates on a different wave

length than the rest of the civilized world.

Here's just a couple examples of people who have somehow entered the outer space black hole of uncommon sense:

◆ Seems a Warren TV producer is facing felony charges for copying and selling bootleg polka dance party recordings. Prosecutors said he was using city equipment for personal gain and faces up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Several questions arise: Is there really a market for boot-

leg polka party recordings, and who are the buyers? On the other hand, maybe the alleged felon is tying in the sale of tapes with an offer of a box of assorted paczkis — the pre-Lenten season's Polish fruit-filled delicacy.

And those of you who recall the movie "Home Alone" perhaps remember the scene with John Candy, aka, Gus Polinski, the Polka King of the Midwest and his band, the Kenosha Kickers, who try to assist Kevin's mom on her trip back home to rescue Kevin.

Polinski and his merry band

of "polkateers" said they had recorded "Polka, Polka, Polka," "Polka Twist" and the ever-famous "Twin Lakes Polka."

Wonder if the guy from Warren has bootleg copies. I'll look into it for all you polka fans — heck, I'm retired, what else do I have to do.

◆ Did I hear this correctly? Madonna, the singer, does not allow her children to watch television for fear it will corrupt their minds. Guess it was appropriate for Madonna to

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I SAY By

Hello, my name is Kathleen Ryan



No, my name is Kathleen Ryan. There I was, up north, minding my own business, when someone tapped me on the shoulder and said, "Are you Kathleen Ryan?"

Of course my first thought was, "Well, that depends, who wants to know?" but not noticing a subpoena in her hand, I admitted that, yes, indeed, I was.

She laughed and said, "I'm Kathleen Ryan, too."

And we quickly became, as the kids would say, BFF's.

I learned I lived in

Bloomfield Hills, I was a lawyer and I was running for probate judge in Oakland County. She learned she lived in Grosse Pointe Woods and was a writer for the Grosse Pointe News. Kathleen Ryan's life was far more exciting than Kathleen Ryan's life. And we both admitted to googling our moniker and discovering we were also the photo editor for the New York Times.

Didn't I tell you that Kathleen Ryan had an exciting life?

Truly, I was just minding my own business. I was sitting in the lobby of a Harbor Springs condo catching up on e-mail and the news on a computer provided for guests.

I left my laptop home, swearing my Blackberry was as connected as I wanted to be. In the end, I was weak, and the siren

song of that computer drew me in. After all, my Nigerian uncle might be wondering why I hadn't been in contact about my \$43 million inheritance, not to mention what was new on the coyote beat.

Little did I know I was actually sitting across the lobby at another computer doing the exact same thing.

I had taken my granddaughter and a friend up north for a week of skiing. It had been the perfect week for all of us, the girls, both avid skiers, were tearing up the hills from early morning until late at night, while I was curled up on the couch at the condo.

My daily routine went like this.....read.....sleep.....get up and eat a couple of Oreos.....read.....sleep.....get up and eat a couple of Oreos.....well, you get the

picture.

If there is anything better on a cold winter day than a big comfy couch, a down comforter and a book, I don't know what it is.....unless of course it's a lounge chair on a sunny beach and a margarita. But that is not my granddaughter's idea of fun.....yet.

It was our last day, and the girls wanted to ski. So I dropped them off, came back to the condo to check out and thought I would kill some time on the computer.

Going into the lobby, the desk clerk asked me if my name was Kathleen Ryan. Hoping she wanted to give me a huge refund on the condo bill, I admitted I was. "There's someone you need to meet," she said, and a few minutes later, Kathleen Ryan was meeting Kathleen Ryan.

And talk about small worlds.

Though she's a few years younger than me....OK, more than a few, but not that many.....it turned out that our paths had been crossing for years.

We attended the same high school, are both enamored with local politics, and in a real "small world" moment, one of her opponents in her upcoming judicial race used to live across the street from me.

Our chance meeting also served to remind me of how a shared Catholic upbringing helps to compartmentalize parts of our lives. Once Catholics discover where one went to high school, the next question goes to which parish one grew up in. Once that's established, putting together a shared history is easy because someone always has a cousin,

a brother-in-law, who grew up in the same parish, who, of course, had a sister who was best friends with their sister.

The conversation just flows from there, and the next thing you know you're talking about the annual Goodfellows Game and sock hops at U of D High School, and who from those little corners of our world grew up to be famous or infamous.

Kathleen Ryan and Kathleen Ryan chatted for nearly an hour, laughing at many shared experiences and acquaintances and parted by agreeing to stay in touch.

I can't wait to see if I'm elected judge.

Just remember, Oakland County voters, a vote for Kathleen Ryan for Oakland County Probate Court is a vote for a really great person. Just ask me.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

What would be a good flavor of mouthwash?

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



'Cherry because it's a good flavor and it's yummy.'

KATE GAVAGAN
Grosse Pointe Farms



'Blueberry because it's one of my favorites.'

SANDRA POPADIC
Grosse Pointe Farms



'Peppermint with a mix of bubblegum because I like random combinations and using my imagination.'

GRACE CUPOLO
Grosse Pointe Farms



'Chocolate ice cream because it's my favorite dessert.'

LAUREN THOM
Grosse Pointe Farms



'Root beer float because it's a delectable treat and it's very good.'

ABBY HURST
Grosse Pointe Farms

FROM THE ARCHIVES Compiled by Suzy Berschback

Movie theaters in the Pointes



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

There are two motion picture houses in the Grosse Pointe communities: The Punch and Judy, located in the exclusive residential neighborhood of Grosse Pointe Farms, at Kercheval Avenue and Fisher Road, and the Aloma, a smaller theater at Charlevoix and Wayburn Avenues in Grosse Pointe Park.

The Punch and Judy was sponsored by prominent

Grosse Pointers interested in having for their community a theater of an excellent standard, under the control of a board of directors, actuated by their interest in giving to Grosse Pointe interesting, wholesome and educational entertainment.

Only first run pictures are shown. There is no stage show and very seldom double features. The management is careful to have pictures adapted to juveniles Friday evenings and at the Saturday matinees.

The pictures are changed Sunday, Wednesday and Friday nights. The evening performances begin at 7:15 and 9:15 p.m. The matinee performances are at 2:15 p.m. Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays. Those on Sunday are continuous. The theater has a seating capacity of 600. There are 504 seats downstairs and 96 individual seats in the mezzanine where

smoking is permitted. The seats downstairs are priced at 25 cents and the reserved seats in the mezzanine are 40 cents.

When the theater was opened the prices were very much higher.

Theater officers are: President Arthur Gardner, Treasurer Whelps Newberry and Secretary Charles Wright, Jr. The directors are Wendell Anderson, Lawrence D. Buhl, Roy D. Chapin, Robert O. Derrick, Pierson Seyburn, Charles Wright, Jr., J. B. Ford, Jr., Arthur Gardner, John Kerby, Norbert Neff, and Phelps Newberry.

The further policy of the Punch and Judy is "that here on the screen and from perfect sound apparatus, there shall never assail you a subject which may be out of accord with the high purpose of those who made this theater possible.

The pledge that we shall af-

ford you the finest in pictorial dramatizations and the most constructive in music. For it is and shall be our policy to maintain at all costs the high intentions of those who build the theater."

The theater is housed in a building especially erected for it and since it is not run on a profit-making basis and is in a fine residential district, the aspects of commercialism is avoided as much as possible. The building occupies about half a city block and has been given the appearance of a terrace which harmonizes with the surrounding architecture. A very unique sign with figures of Punch and Judy is hung over the entrance. The name of the theater is taken from one in New York.

On opening night, Jan. 29, 1930, the program was very elaborate and broadcast on station WWJ. The picture presented was "Disraeli" featuring George Arliss and pro-

duced by Warner Brothers, with Graham McNamee as master of ceremonies. Arthur

Baer was the speaker and Elsie Ferguson was the guest artist.

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warp our children's minds with her dance routines, lifestyle and scanty outfits on various TV programs over the years.

Can't she just disappear into the relative obscurity she so richly deserves and take her cone-shaped bras with her!

◆ Not that I watch "American Idol," but there is a movement afoot, I hear, to have Howard Stern, the self-proclaimed "King of All Media," take the place of Simon Cowell.

Since Stern's transfer to satellite radio, he has become irrelevant as far as I am concerned. Can anyone define his talent, which seems to be off-color language and asking female guests to remove their blouses.

If he joins the show, maybe the producers will have to change the name to "American Ignoble Ideologies" or any name that signifies another lowering of our standards.

◆ And how's this for pomposity? Retired and "Hall of Famer" Charles Barkley claims the Basketball All-Star Game is the pinnacle of all the professional all-star games.

Have you ever witnessed an all-star basketball game where there is no defense and the scores usually close in on 150 points? In fact, the recent Basketball All-Star Game had a score of 141 to 139. Do we really care who won — I think not!

Or how about hockey all-stars, where 10 to 12 goals are scored. Or the pro football game that resembles flag football or powder puff football. None of these so-called games

are really games — they are exhibitions. The only true all-star game takes place in baseball where the game counts. Whichever league — American/National — wins, gets home field advantage for the World Series.

So Charles, please refrain from telling us something that is so ridiculous and laughable.

◆ Let's close with an idea so ridiculous, all of us will be thankful we don't live in Utah. Seems Sen. Chris Butters, R-West Jordan, perceives senior year in high school is slacker time for many students, so why not eliminate it altogether which would save his state \$102 million. Butters claims 12th grade means "nothing but playing around."

Certainly many of us feel our government is stocked with a cadre of mental midgets, but Butters suggestion has raised "ignoramus" to an art level. Perhaps he did not have a date for the senior prom or maybe he was bullied in senior year. Whatever the case, wouldn't we just be transferring the "playing around" time to junior year?

In any event, we in the Midwest can take solace in the fact Butters resides in Utah and not here. Congratulations Utah — he is all yours!

Well, there you have it. That's what I'm hearing. But then again I am approaching 67 years of age and maybe it's time to see an audiologist.

On the other hand, I just heard Mary, my wife, calling me for lunch, so my hearing seems to be intact.

As such, I think it's time to hear a foot stomping recording of "Polka, Polka, Polka" as I devour a Boston crème paczki. Can retirement be any better than this!

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

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doing is irreversible and potentially catastrophic," and urges policymakers to "buy some insurance — by investing in renewable energy, energy efficiency and mass transit — because this insurance will also actually make us richer and more secure."

Of course, by "investment" Friedman means government spending. Yet if the opportunities are so manifest, why wouldn't private citizens and businesses invest their own capital? Perhaps because Friedman's nostrums actually involve outdated technologies tried repeatedly and found to make us the opposite of "richer and more secure."

Most notably, in the late 1970s President Jimmy Carter poured billions into wind, solar and biodiesel, offering massive subsidies for "clean energy"

A decade earlier, enthusiasts believed electric cars and high-tech batteries were on the threshold of revolutionizing our transportation system.

and vowing America would never import more oil than it did then.

A decade earlier, enthusiasts believed electric cars and high-tech batteries were on the threshold of revolutionizing our transportation system.

Columnist James Kilpatrick of the Detroit Free Press wrote in 1967 "Companies are searching for a billion-dollar breakthrough in battery design. General Dynamics is working on a zinc-air cell battery. Ford is actively interested in a sodium-sulfur cell. Gulton Industries and General Motors are tinkering with lithium ... All the activity is bound to pay off probably within the next five years. ..."

Today, the big push is for mass transit — or "light rail" — as a "new" form of transportation. But as the economist Thomas Sowell explains in his latest book "Intellectuals and

Society," this is a fantasy as well.

Light rail has become the fashionable term used by mass transit advocates for things very much like what were once called trolleys or street cars, and which were once common in hundreds of American cities. Trolleys were replaced by buses in almost all those cities — for a reason.

But now the inconveniences and inefficiencies of trolleys vanish into thin air when they are presented as that new-sounding thing called light rail, whose prospective wonders can be described in glowing terms by city planners and other advocates, secure against experience rearing its ugly head through memories or histories of the decline and fall of the trolley car.

Likewise, there's nothing new or groundbreaking in the stimulus-driven spending on

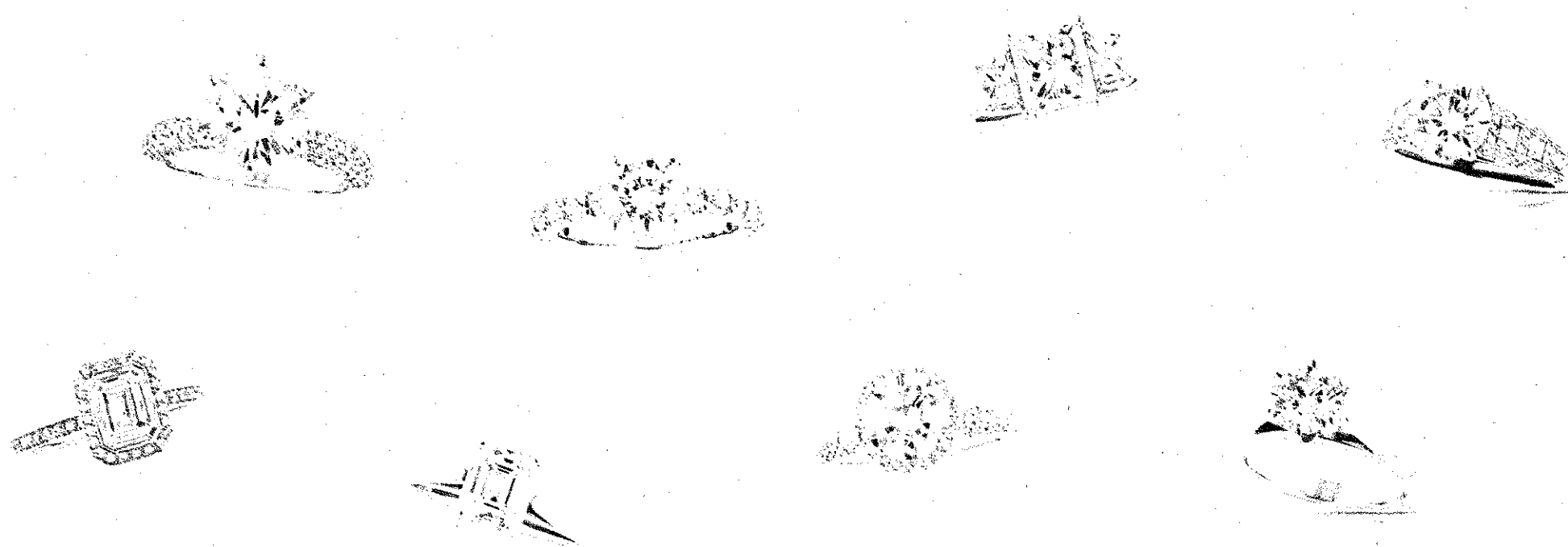
mass transit, light rail and other "new" forms of transportation. As with the new/old alternative energy fads, if an investment case could be had for public transportation, then it wouldn't be necessary for taxpayers to subsidize more than 80 percent of its operating expenses.

At some point, we may well replace coal and oil with some less expensive and easier technology, but in the meantime, coal still provides half of our domestic energy.

On the other hand, if one really does believe man-made climate change is an impending disaster worthy of dismantling our economy, then it may be rational to argue for a shutdown of oil, coal and other industries.

But don't make the case these are profitable investments; the only direction we're progressing is backward.

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Survey yields positive feedback

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

Of the results from a recent community-wide survey, one statement stands out to Grosse Pointe school officials: "Keep up the good work."

Calls were made to 377 randomly selected households Jan. 5-19 as part of a district goal to garner feedback from community members, staff and parents about the learning environment.

Banach, Banach and Cassidy, the marketing communications company which developed the survey and tabulated the results, retained volunteers and professional interviewers to administer a variety of different questions.

Overall, residents are pleased with the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Cynthia Banach reported to members of the board of education that 84 respondents gave GPPSS a grade of A or B, a score 33 percent higher than the grade given to local public schools in the Phi Delta Kappa/Gallup national survey.

Other key points find:

- 76 percent of respondents give the district an A or B for opportunities for citizen/parent involvement in the schools and the quality of GPPSS curriculum.

- 78 percent of residents say they are "very well informed" or "somewhat informed" about what is happening in the schools.

- 86 percent of respondents who had accessed the district website say they found it informative.

- 87 percent of those polled believe GPPSS provides a positive learning environment.

- 89 percent believe the district provides students with the skills they need to be successful after graduation.

When asked about the district's greatest strength, 27 percent of people named GPPSS teachers. Another 22 percent chose the academic program and 14 percent chose community and parent involvement.

Banach applauded district officials with listing a risky question — asking about the integrity of its staff.

Eighty-six percent of respondents said teachers are trustworthy, 79 percent believe support staff are trustworthy and 77

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Playing it green

Monteith Elementary School teacher Cheri Trefney recently put on her 19th play with first-graders: "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle."

Students sang songs, such as "Big Beautiful Planet" and "Everything Grows," and read lines about caring for the environment as parents looked on. All the props and backdrop were made from recycled materials. Pictured in back is Trefney and Paula DeCarlo, who played piano, surrounded by students.



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The Lower School at Liggett

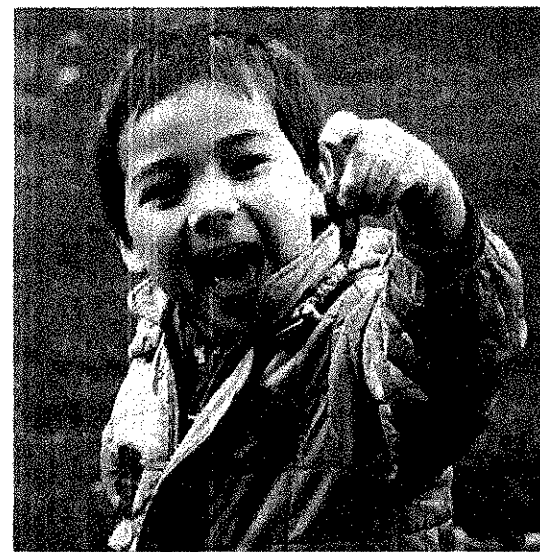


The joy of discovery. It really is a moment like no other — to learn and really know something creates pure joy. The whole purpose of learning in the Lower School at Liggett is to teach children to think, to imagine, to ask questions, to collaborate, share and discuss, to investigate, to experiment follow all these paths to the point of finding the answer, and EUREKA! This is what learning is for, the moment of understanding an idea and making it your own.

And after school, there's golf, yoga, Lego, chess, theater arts, book club, knitting, running and more.

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— Current parent

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A few minutes with ...

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

Hometown: Deerfield, Mich.
Background: Diver's parents owned a 160-acre working farm in the small Lenawee County village. He is the youngest of seven children.

Family: Married six years to Paula; father of three daughters, ages 35, 26 and 24, and two stepsons, ages 27 and 22; and grandfather of three, all his oldest daughter's children.

Education: Diver attended Monroe Catholic Central High School — 26 miles one way from his house. He was the only child in the family who didn't go to Deerfield High School, with a graduating class of 30 students. Diver's oldest brother, while attending Michigan Tech University, didn't feel he had received an adequate education from the small school.

Diver earned his bachelor's degree in social studies and his master's and educational specialist degrees from Eastern Michigan University.

Jobs up to this point: In college, Diver worked on a dredge in a quarry in Tecumseh.

Each day, he would drive a boat a half-mile out to the dredge, fire up the engine and, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., dredge all the rocks from shallow water. For lunch, his mother would fix a homemade TV tray that Diver warmed up atop the engine's manifold.

After college, he was hired to teach social studies at Blissfield High School, nine miles from where he grew up. He spent 14 of his 20 years there in the classroom, then served as assistant principal for four years and principal for two.

For 11 years, Diver was the school's football coach and

for 18, the basketball coach. From there, he was hired by the Chippewa Valley School District as principal of the high school for two years, then opened Dakota High School, where he was principal for five years.

Diver says when his mother died, he decided to retire from education and try something different.

He ventured into a consulting career for a year. One Friday evening, he received a phone call — while power-washing his deck — to take the interim principal job at South. Asked to give a quick answer, Diver agreed to no more than a semester.

He's led the Grosse Pointe Farms school for nine years.

Diver says he never planned on becoming a principal.

His mentor — whose slogans and sayings he still uses, including, "Make one tough decision rather than a hundred little ones" — was superintendent of Blissfield Schools.

The two traveled to Massachusetts for three years, working on innovative education approaches. He asked Diver to administrate.

Often, Diver regrets the switch.

"I'm most effective as a teacher and a coach. The immediate strokes are far more apparent. Little things can happen in a classroom and on the court that you really see your impact," he said.

Diver gave up coaching when he first became principal. But he is frequently asked to give tips to South's teams.

"It gives me a lot of satisfaction."

• Why did you decide to become an educator?

I had two big influences: My social studies teacher and my basketball coach. I knew

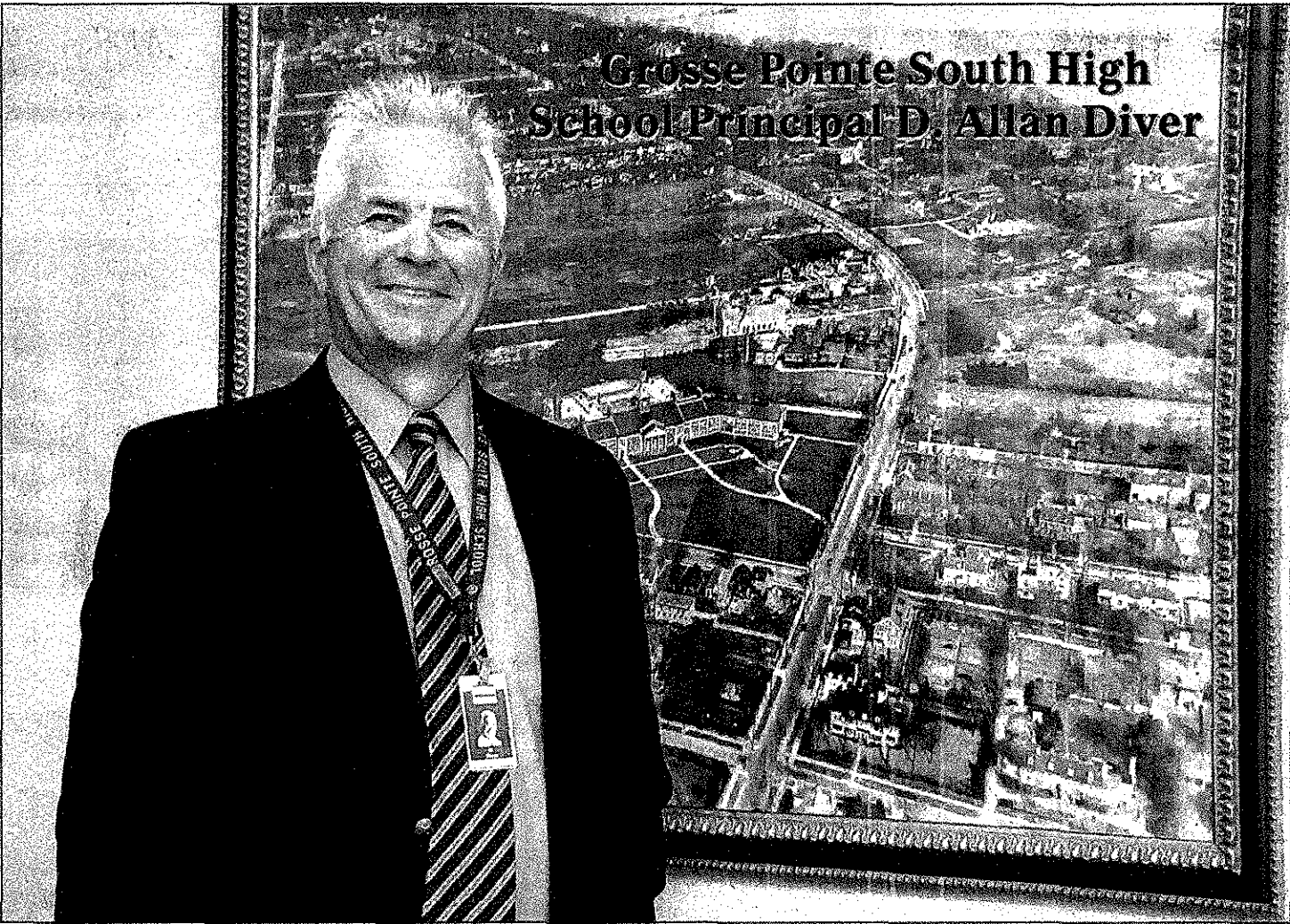


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South Principal D. Allan Diver has served in his current role for nine years, though the former teacher never expected to leave the classroom when asked 22 years ago by his longtime mentor to take the administration route.

late in my junior year that I wanted to teach and coach.

• What are your hobbies?
I play basketball three times a week. And golf — my wife and I play as often as we can in the summer.

• What is your favorite food?
I eat most anything — except maybe lima beans. My mom used to always make us eat lima beans.

• Where is your favorite vacation spot?
Garland Lodge and Resort. We go several times during

the summer. And the Carolinas and Virginia — somewhere we can be outside.

• If you could go any place, where would it be?
We'd spend more time visiting Paula's family in Colorado, Virginia and Florida ... she is one of 10 and all but one sibling lives out of state.

• Anything the South community may not know about you?

I grew up on a farm. We ate the eggs from our chickens, drank milk from our cows, had to go out to a well for our

drinking water, butchered our own steed, grew our own vegetables. We had pigs, horses ... we would harvest onions and at age 5, I was in the tractor. My dad would put it in neutral and I'd steer.

I had two uncles who each had a farm that adjoined ours. When we weren't busy, I'd work at other farms and bale hay, cultivate beans and drive a tractor. I had my farmers permit at 15.

It teaches you great work ethic.

• What are your days like as principal?

Ever-changing and unpredictable. Sometimes you can

have a plan set for the day and it can change dramatically. But it also makes the day and the year go by fast.

• What do you enjoy about your job?

Graduation day. There's always some kid that crosses the stage that you take great satisfaction with because you know they struggled. It's one of the very gratifying pieces of it.

That really is the work you do.

After the ceremony, there's a lot of reflection and a great deal of satisfaction. Those are my favorite few hours of the year.

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ULS Players perform

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.

Leading the cast are seniors Camille Langston, K.C. VanElslander, Skippy Faber, Katie Sheehy, Andrew Milenius, Devonte Melton and Ian Fitzgerald.

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.

ULS open house planned

Families with elementary school-aged children can attend a drop-in open house from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 10, at 1045 Cook Road,

Grosse Pointe Woods.

Families can learn about the Lower School program. There will be tours of the school and time to ask ques-

tions and learn more about Liggett's approach to education.

Call (313) 884-4444, ext. 407 for more information.

St. Clare auction planned

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.

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 \$45 from March 1-5; and \$50 at the door. For more information, call (313) 647-5100 or visit stclare.org.

Teacher of the Week



Longtime Grosse Pointe Academy educator Bob Lapadot sits surrounded by his fourth-grade students.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

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 Grosse Pointe Academy fourth-grade teacher Bob Lapadot.

He was nominated by Karina Minanov: "He is funny,

He plays a lot of fun games. I love his method of paying us for good work with Lapadollars, smiles and tickles."

Years at the Grosse Pointe Farms school: 30

Previous work: My most enduring impressions and memorable experiences started back in 1967 at a small

parochial school in Orville, Ohio, home of Smuckers jellies. I had just finished college with a degree in sociology and my parents thought I should get a job. I felt like Dustin Hoffman trying to find himself in "The Graduate." You know how they say, "If you can't do anything else, you can always teach."

I embarked upon my first teaching job with 16 fantastic

sixth-graders and an outlet for my creativity that I never thought existed in a classroom. I was on cloud nine at the end of that first day.

As the school year progressed, and no one told me how I had to teach, I began to have more fun, day by day. I couldn't wait to get to school.

I began to realize how much I had learned in school and how much fun it was to

share my knowledge with the kids in a variety of different ways.

My ideas were endless, but I quickly realized three very important aspects of teaching: You must put yourself in the shoes of your students because you first have to reach them before you can teach them. Furthermore, you have to have total respect for each and every one of your students. This enables you to command respect rather than demand it.

Once the kids know how much you care about them, the sky's the limit. And, finally, there is no substitute for patience.

The kids cried when I left after five wonderful years to go into the restaurant business. What a mistake that was. I was meant to teach, but the prospect of making more money in my own business soon became unimportant to me.

After feeling like a fish out of water for two long years and not becoming the millionaire I thought I would, I had to get back into the classroom and I haven't left since.

I guess my first teaching experience shaped me as the teacher that I am today by showing me how my right brain approach to life and learning can be so fulfilling, day in and day out, with just a classroom full of kids.

Why did you become a teacher?

I guess I just fell into my profession, never realizing how satisfying it would prove to be. My fourth-grade teacher, Miss Butler, had a profound influence on me. At that time, I thought I might want to teach school some day. You know, I met up with her when she was in her 80s. She actually remembered me. She asked me what I was doing. I was so proud to say that I was teaching fourth grade.

I guess I really don't know why I became a teacher. I'm just glad I did.

What do you enjoy about teaching?

I really enjoy all aspects of teaching. I'm always coming up with new ideas to keep the kids excited about learning. It's so much fun to interact with my class to introduce them to each new approach. It pleases me to hear them say, "We have so much fun and learn so much."

Teaching gives me an opportunity to be creative, innovative and understanding. It brings out the kid in me. I feel like I'm still in the fourth grade.

How do you feel about being nominated?

I'm happy to be nominated, but more importantly, to know that there is mutual respect between my students and their teacher.

Favorite book to share with students?

When I was in the fourth grade, I could never find a book that I wanted to read. The first thing I looked for in a book was big print and lots of pictures.

My friend knew about my lack of interest in books. One day she gave me a copy of "Haunted Bridge," by Carolyn Keen. I started reading and couldn't put the book down. Each chapter ended on a high note, which kept me reading until I actually finished the book. I was really excited to learn that Nancy Drew was a whole series. That summer I read every book. I had become a reader.

Today, more than 50 years later, there has been a resurgence in Nancy Drew and the Hardy Boys. They continue to motivate youngsters to become readers.

—Amy Salvagno



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Snowed out

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School sixth-graders enjoyed some snow-time during recess Friday, Feb. 26. From left are Lily Blake, Erin Gormley, Elizabeth Rauh, Ashley Brieden, Gracie Scarfone, Riley Ruffing and Lauren Bigelow. Front row is Elyse Knapp.

SURVEY: GPPSS gets good grades

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percent feel the administration is trustworthy.

The majority of those surveyed believe the greatest challenge facing the district is financial; 89 percent say they are aware of funding cuts and 54 percent say the board and administration keep them informed about financial issues facing the district.

Of the parents polled, 54 percent believe their children are receiving the right amount of testing, but 28 percent feel there is too much emphasis.

About communication from teachers, 67 percent of par-

ents say they are very satisfied.

Regarding educational programming, 76 percent of respondents believe counseling and guidance services are important for high school students and 58 percent favor the services for middle school students.

For struggling students to receive additional academic support, 70 percent of respondents backed it at the high school and middle school levels and 72 want it at elementary schools.

"I think this provides a nice foundation for the next years," said board trustee Brendan Walsh. "It's difficult to get your bearings on how you're doing. I think this is a good start."

Complete survey results are available under the board reports link at gpschools.org.

Pointes of Faith



Ever been hurt by a group of "church people" who promised to be loving, full of warmth and compassion? But turned out to be merely "friendly," even cold-shouldered? We at GPCC are looking at ourselves and into God's Spirit to discover what it means to extend the hand of fellowship, to live forgiven and forgiving. Peter, a key follower of Jesus, denied even knowing Jesus. Later, disciples stood with Peter when he shared the Good News of God. Together they were a forgiven and forgiving people. How are we doing?

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

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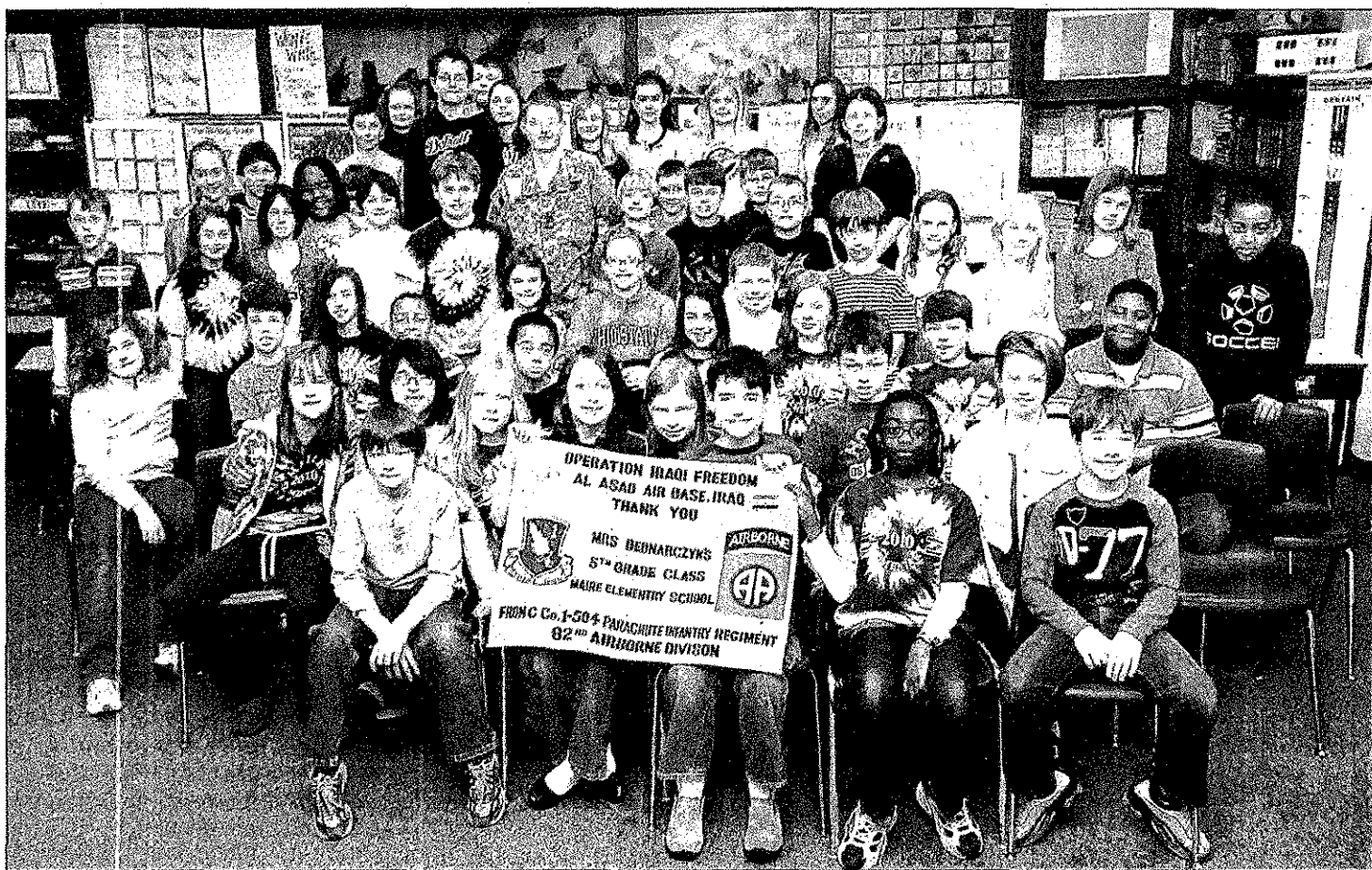


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Special thanks

U.S. Army Specialist Zachary Welsing, center, dropped by a Maire Elementary School fifth-grade class that has been writing letters to his parachute infantry regiment for the past two months. Welsing, a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division stationed in Iraq, visited the children during his recent two-week leave. He shared his thanks and appreciation on behalf of the deployed soldiers who receive the childrens' notes. Welsing explained his role while on tour in the Middle East, which includes flying the aerial vehicle R211B Raven. Before he left, Welsing presented the class with a banner created by the 82nd Airborne Division as a thank you.

Respectful stewards

The Grosse Pointe North High School Be the Change tutorial visits Monteith Elementary each Friday to help reinforce the school's message of students acting respectful, responsible and safe. One of the tutorial's main focuses is helping people make positive changes in their schools and communities. North students Emma Bernardi, Kaitlin Kane and Brianna Long, back row, helped Alexis Bernier, Tommy Mazzola, Michael Mocerri and Christina Raffail with the Pledge of Allegiance.



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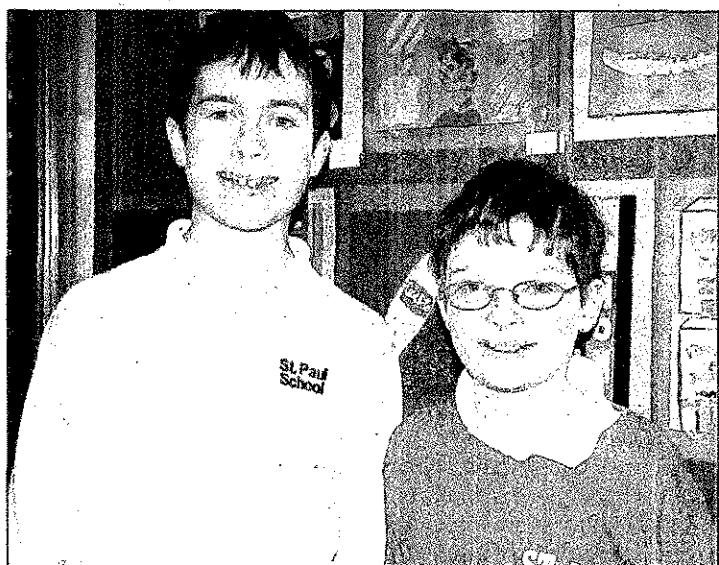


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Super spellers

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School students TJ and GR Dulac proved their spelling skills at the recent Knights of Columbus Regional Spelling Bee, hosted by St. Lawrence School. The brothers both qualified for the regional competition after competing in their school-wide spelling bee in November. TJ, a fifth-grader, placed third out of 36 children in the fifth- and sixth-grade regional competition. GR, a seventh-grader, took first place out of 24 students in the seventh- and eighth-grade competition. GR competes Saturday, March 6, at the state competition.



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Helping hands

Members of the Ferry Elementary School Safety Squad visited a local Walgreens to purchase items for Haiti earthquake victims. The school collected more than \$800 in donations and was able to buy: 63 tubes of toothpaste; 52 toothbrushes; 13 bottles of children's cough syrup; 17 bottles of aspirin; 14 packages of Benadryl; 12 bottles of peroxide; 12 packs of diapers; 168 packs of soap; 10 bottles of antacid; five boxes of cotton swabs; and 25 packages of cotton squares and gauze. The store will package and ship the items to the still-recovering country.

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Furry face lights up Star of the Sea

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

He has the most popular mug around Our Lady Star of the Sea School.

But, in between tail wags and face licks, you'd have to convince him.

Fletcher, the Rev. Gary Smetanka's happy-go-lucky sheltie collie, seems most at home strolling about the Grosse Pointe Woods campus, never far from an endearing hug, a special snack or a cheerful greeting.

Though he leaves the parish office for daily walks only, Fletcher receives dozens of visitors each day, usually coming from the adjoining school building.

And while many testify of his loyalty to Smetanka, the four-legged friend appears to have his own following.

When students come through the office on Fridays for all-school mass, they're keeping an eye out for the unofficial mascot.

"If they don't see him, everyone gets concerned," said Smetanka.

Fletcher leads the annual Halloween parade, has a jersey with his name on it from the eighth-grade football team and is eagerly greeted by children entering the building.

"He's very loving and he likes to play with people and he likes to get to know people," said third-grader Lillian



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Fletcher, Father Gary Smetanka's sheltie collie, makes friends easy around Star of the Sea school. Here, he shows his affection for Alyssa Carlino, as Lillian Kozak, Timo Lenhard and Connor Barthel show theirs for the loveable pooch.

Kozak.

"He loves to play fetch and loves to go on walks and chase squirrels," said Timo Lenhard, also in the third grade. "It's just fun because not a lot of schools have dogs."

Smetanka, who came to

Star of the Sea in the fall of 2008, remembers picking Fletcher up on a Sunday afternoon in late January five years ago.

The next day, he brought the then-puppy to work — in a basket.

"No one knew I was getting him. I surprised the office," Smetanka said of his former staff at St. Thecla Catholic Church in Clinton Township.

The routine continued when he became pastor at Star.

"I thought he was a beautiful

dog. His face is so kind-looking," said parish secretary Kay Abram. "He's just a loving dog. And the more you pet him, the more he comes by you."

Smetanka dog-sat a friend's sheltie a few times and says he

could see how different people were with one around. His friends remarked that he was, too. He found Fletcher soon after.

"He brings a different dimension to people and they do act a little bit differently. Not only children, but adults, too," he said.

Smetanka notes Fletcher is more apt to bark when visitors leave than when they stop into the office.

"He's very fun to play with. Sometimes he'll walk up to you and start sniffing you," said giggling third-grader Connor Barthel.

At quieter moments during the day, Fletcher can be found curled up under a desk or sprawled out in the middle of the parish office.

At times, his friendliness can provide a brief respite for a struggling student or soothe a sad heart.

"When people come in to make arrangements for a funeral, he brings a smile to their face," said third-grade teacher Joette Liamini, who adds that Fletcher unknowingly teaches her class about following directions, unconditional love and finding joy in life's simple things.

For Smetanka, it's nice to have company.

"It's very pleasant because you just know what that love from a pet gives you. And oftentimes, being alone, it's nice to have him around."



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A few good laughs

A (Habeas) Chorus Line, a local musical parody troupe made up of lawyers and one former federal court case manager, performed "The Days of Swine Neurosis," to raise money for Maire Elementary School. The Motown-flavored benefit show last month, which raised close to \$3,000, included tunes poking fun at current events, H1N1 and Grosse Pointe. Above left: Mike Leibson and Judy Zorn perform a parody on Grosse Pointers. Above right: Justin Klimko, Brian Figot, Leibson and Jim Robb perform "Pirates."

Students win awards

Seventeen Harper Woods High School band members participated in the recent Michigan School Band and Orchestra Solo and Ensemble Festival.

Students who earned Division 1 awards are: Alex Wells, clarinet solo; Jenna Atkinson, clarinet solo; Alex Colista, alto saxophone solo; Chelsea Wagner, baritone saxophone solo; Emily Rogers, euphonium solo; Eric Johnson, tuba solo; Madison Settles and Alex Wells, flute/clarinet duet; and Alex Colista, Mabelle Fagoaga and Chelsea Wagner, saxophone trio.

Students who earned Division 2 awards are: Madison Settles, flute solo; Erica Atkinson, alto saxophone solo; Brian Jaminet, trumpet solo; Charnay Woods and Mabelle Fagoaga, flute/clarinet duet; Elishia Johnson, Scott Bly and Josh Rice, snare drum trio; Will Wagner and Elishia Johnson, snare drum duet.



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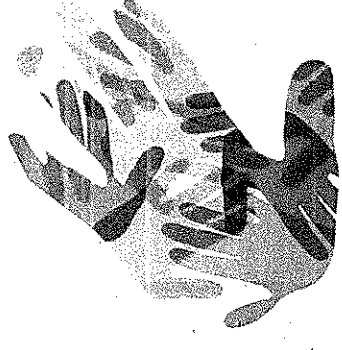
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City of **Grosse Pointe Park**, Michigan

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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.
and
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2010
From 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
and
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
and
MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2010
From 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
and
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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
City Assessor

GPN: 2/25/10; 3/4/10; 3/11/10; 3/18/10

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.

Janet VanStone Huthwaite

Longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident Janet VanStone Huthwaite, 95, died Friday, Feb. 19, 2010. She also maintained a winter home in Pompano Beach, Fla.

She was born Dec. 19, 1914, in Detroit to Catherine and Charles VanStone. She was a devout supporter of her community, especially as a member of the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library and as a donor to Pier Park where she and her late husband, John, spent many enjoyable, relaxing hours.

Mrs. Huthwaite is survived by her sons, John R. (Penny) Huthwaite, Robert G. (Dianne) Huthwaite, W. Barton (Nina) Huthwaite and Peter J. (Laura) Huthwaite; nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment also will be at the church.

Donations may be made to Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or Michigan American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division Inc., 1755 Abbey Road, East Lansing, MI 48823.

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.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association at lungusa.org/donate.

Dale G. Johnson

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Dale G. Johnson, 82, died Sunday, Feb. 14, 2010, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

He was born April 19, 1927, in East Jordan to Elwyn Johnson and Pansy Aderdice-Johnson and attended high school in Charlevoix.

Mr. Johnson worked since he was young, peddling newspapers, handbills and working with animals at the Loeb farm in Charlevoix.

He was left homeless by his mother when he was 15 and she moved from the family farm to live with her boyfriend.

He dropped out of school in the 10th grade, moved to Ypsilanti and lived with family and friends. He worked many jobs including as a tailor, soda jerk and car mechanic. He also worked at a state hospital.

Mr. Johnson's three brothers enlisted in the armed services, but he was rejected because of a heart murmur. He then joined the Merchant Marine at 17.

Later, he moved to Detroit, where he had a Hires root beer route, a Hostess snack cake route, sold insurance and worked for the state department building roads. He also worked as a bartender for several years.

Mr. Johnson was recruited into the army, obtained his GED and was stationed in White Sands, N.M. He worked in radar repair and developed an interest in technology, eventually leading to computers.

He attended Bennett-Hoyt Institute and in 1964 began work at Harper Hospital in Detroit. His family said he was a "computer guru" and in his 31 years with the hospital and Detroit Medical Center his information technology responsibilities ran the gamut from evaluating software for potential purchase, assisting in software installation, supporting executives and all departments and solving computer problems.

Mr. Johnson enjoyed retirement, continuing an active interest in amateur radio, traveling extensively, involvement with Amvets and interest in animal rights organizations. He loved his wife and "fur children" (dogs).

Mr. Johnson was a lifetime member of Amvets, Post 57 of Harper Woods and various amateur radio organizations.

His family said he was loved by family, friends and neighbors alike. He was known for his patience, humor and ever-present smile.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife, Diana Kay-Johnson; mother-in-law, Monica Kay; brothers-in-law, Ron (Shelby) Kay, Alan Kay and David (Debbie) Kay; nieces, Mackenzie Kay and Alexis Kay; nephew, Trevor Kay and sister-in-law, Betty Johnson.

He was predeceased by his parents and brothers, Donald, Desmond and Douglas.

A memorial service was held Feb. 19 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to the animal protection/anti-cruelty organization of the donor's choice.

Douglas Fergusson Roby Jr.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Douglas Fergusson Roby Jr. peacefully passed away Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010, after a courageous fight with pancreatic cancer.

Mr. Roby was born in Detroit Dec. 3, 1932, to Douglas and Ruth Clippert Roby. He was the loving husband of Mary McKean Roby and dear father of Patricia Roby (Edward C.) Gottfredson, Douglas F. (Lynne M.) Roby III and Charles Clippert Roby. He was the proud grandfather of Jenna Esther Roby, Douglas Fergusson Roby IV, Edward Courtney Gottfredson Jr. and George Edmunds Gottfredson. He also is survived by his sisters, Hermine Klingler and Ruth Glancy, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Roby graduated from the Kiskiminetas Springs School in Saltsburg, Pa. and the University of Michigan in 1956. He was affiliated with the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Following graduation, he served in the U.S. Air Force for three years. He took his flight training at the Marana Air Force Base in Tucson, Ariz., and finished his tour of duty at Hanscom AFB outside of Concord, Mass.

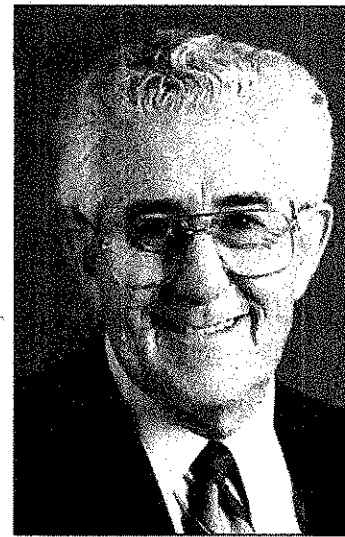
Upon returning to Detroit, he began his business career. He was first affiliated with American Metal Products, followed by FitzSimons Manufacturing and then Hydon Brand Electric. His association with these businesses was meaningful to him.



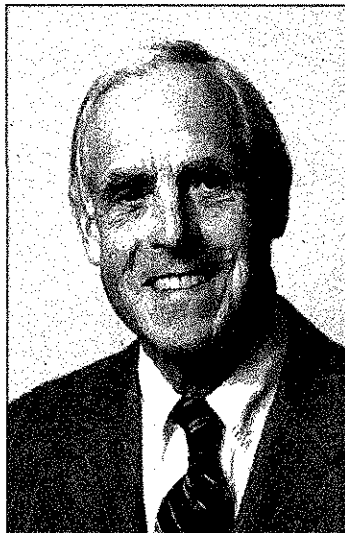
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Douglas Fergusson Roby Jr.



Judith Ann Pesto Quatrone



Laura W. Spurr

Judith Ann Pesto Quatrone

Judith Ann Pesto Quatrone, 67, passed peacefully at her home Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010.

She was the loving mother of Robyn Elizabeth and James Dennis; doting grandmother to Alexandra Elizabeth, Fox Robert, Benjamin Atticus and Ethan Daniel; daughter of Gertrude and the late Edmund and sister of Marcia, Elizabeth, Deborah, Denise and Ann Marie.

Ms. Quatrone retired from Fraser Public Schools after 38 years of educating special needs children at Salk Elementary School.

She was a world traveler and frequent fixture at the City of Grosse Pointe Starbucks.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, March 5, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park. A memorial gathering will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 6, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15004 Hampton Road, Grosse Pointe Park. The funeral Mass will begin at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to IHM Sister, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, 610 W. Elm Ave. Monroe, MI 48162 or at ihmsisters.org.

Laura W. Spurr

Laura W. Spurr, 64, tribal chair of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, died Friday, Feb. 19, while attending a conference at the Rancho Springs Medical Center in Murrieta, Calif.

Mrs. Spurr was instrumental in developing and expanding the facilities of the Huron Potawatomi reservation in Athens Township, arranging the transfer of the Huron Band's land into federal trust status, and leading a 10-year campaign to establish the FireKeepers Casino near Battle Creek.

Mrs. Spurr is survived by her husband, Stephen, a professor of economics at Wayne State University; sons, Nathaniel of Grosse Pointe Park, and Josiah, of Cambridge, Mass.; her mother, Irene Wesley of Athens, and a sister, Mary Wesley of Athens.

A memorial service was held Feb. 27.

Memorial donations may be made to the Laura Wesley Spurr Memorial Fund, c/o Stephen Blann, Rehman Robson, 2330 E. Paris Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. Checks should be made payable to NHBP.

BUSINESS



Gelato and dogs

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce recently celebrated ribbon cuttings twice with the owners of the newly-opened Drummy Dogs Coney Island Café who also purchased the Gelato Café. From left, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce membership director Jenny Boettcher, café co-owner John Drummy, Mayor Dale Scrace, and co-owner Brad Drummy. Drummy Dogs is at 317 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe, and offers breakfast, Coney islands, hamburgers, salads and daily specials. For phone orders, call (313) 469-9872. Store hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturdays and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays. Gelato Café, 375 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe, opens at 7 a.m. daily and features Illy coffee, Danish, pizza and gelato, among other items.

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Supplying sanctuary

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

Around the Detroit Zoo, there are a few more mouths to feed, a few more faces to greet and many more reasons to celebrate second chances.

Habitats are being readied for hundreds of new residents rescued in January from an international exotic animal dealer in Texas who kept them confined in cramped, dirty cages and denied them necessary food, water and veterinary care: Five wallabies, three agoutis, two coatis, a pair of ring-tailed lemurs and four sloths, along with hundreds of

reptiles, spiders and snakes, turtles, lizards and frogs.

"We're known in the animal rescue community as being a place that has expertise with exotic animals and also a place that is often able to provide sanctuary or to find other homes for animals that are confiscated or rescued," said Detroit Zoological Society Executive Director Ron Kagan. "So clearly this is not our first nor our last rescue."

The 1,100 mammals, reptiles, spiders and amphibians who now call the Royal Oak-based zoo home arrived in early February to a welcoming haven and caregivers eager to

nurse them to health.

The animals are now awaiting release from a minimum 30-day quarantine.

"We knew when they arrived, they were carrying parasites or had some other illness, so certainly a lot will go beyond the 30 days," Kanga said.

Detroit Zoo curators and supervisors were contacted to assist with the care and prospective placement of more than 25,000 animals seized with help from animal protection groups including People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, the Humane Society

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Above left, a rescued frog will take up residence in the zoo's amphibian exhibit once its quarantine has expired.

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Right, a rescued sloth now lives at the Detroit Zoo. Above right, Commissary Supervisor Beth Johnson feeds rescued sloths who remain quarantined until their health is restored. The zoo has provided haven for other mammals, amphibians and reptiles, including a giant waxy tree frog and two coatis.



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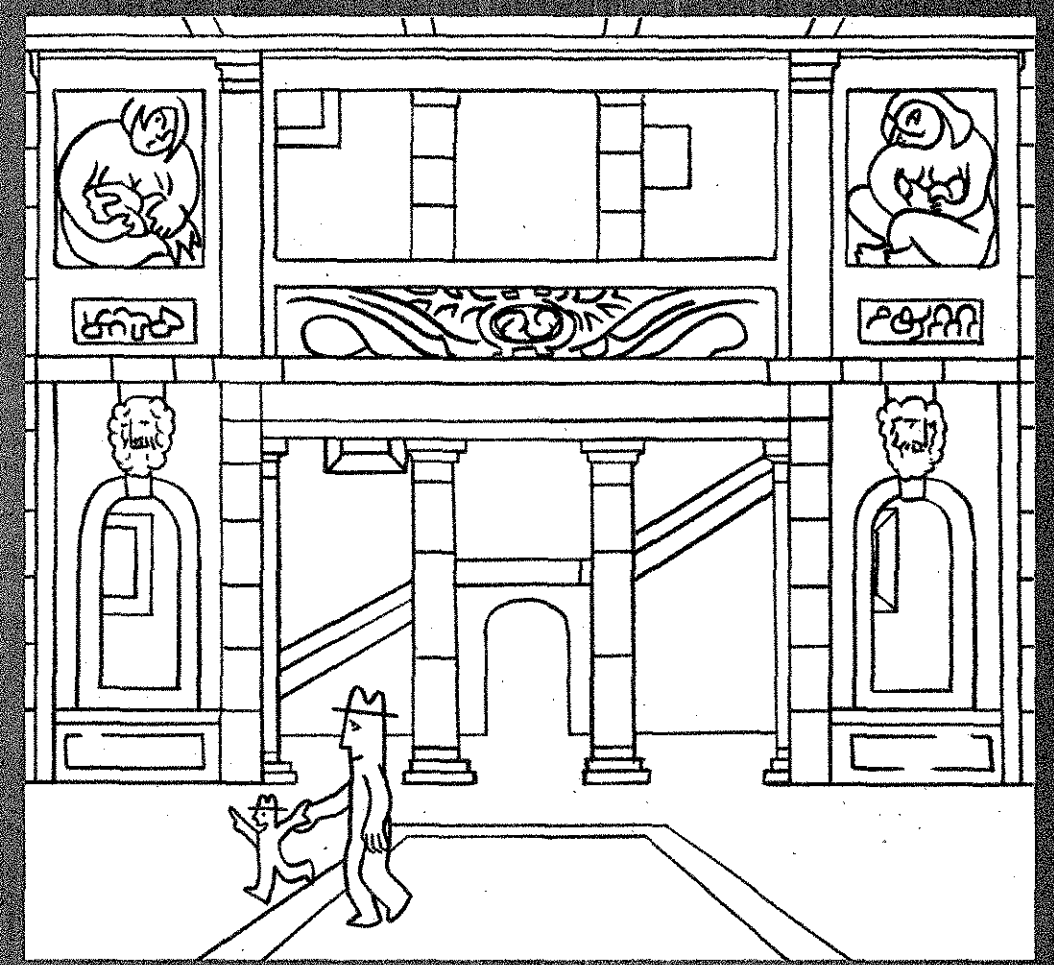


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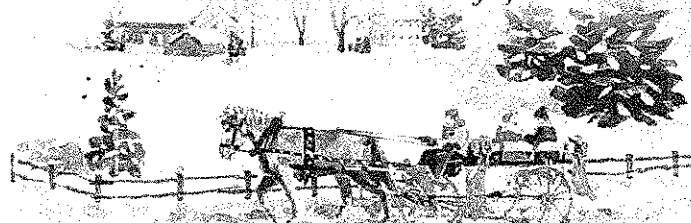
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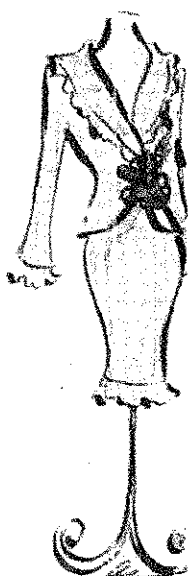
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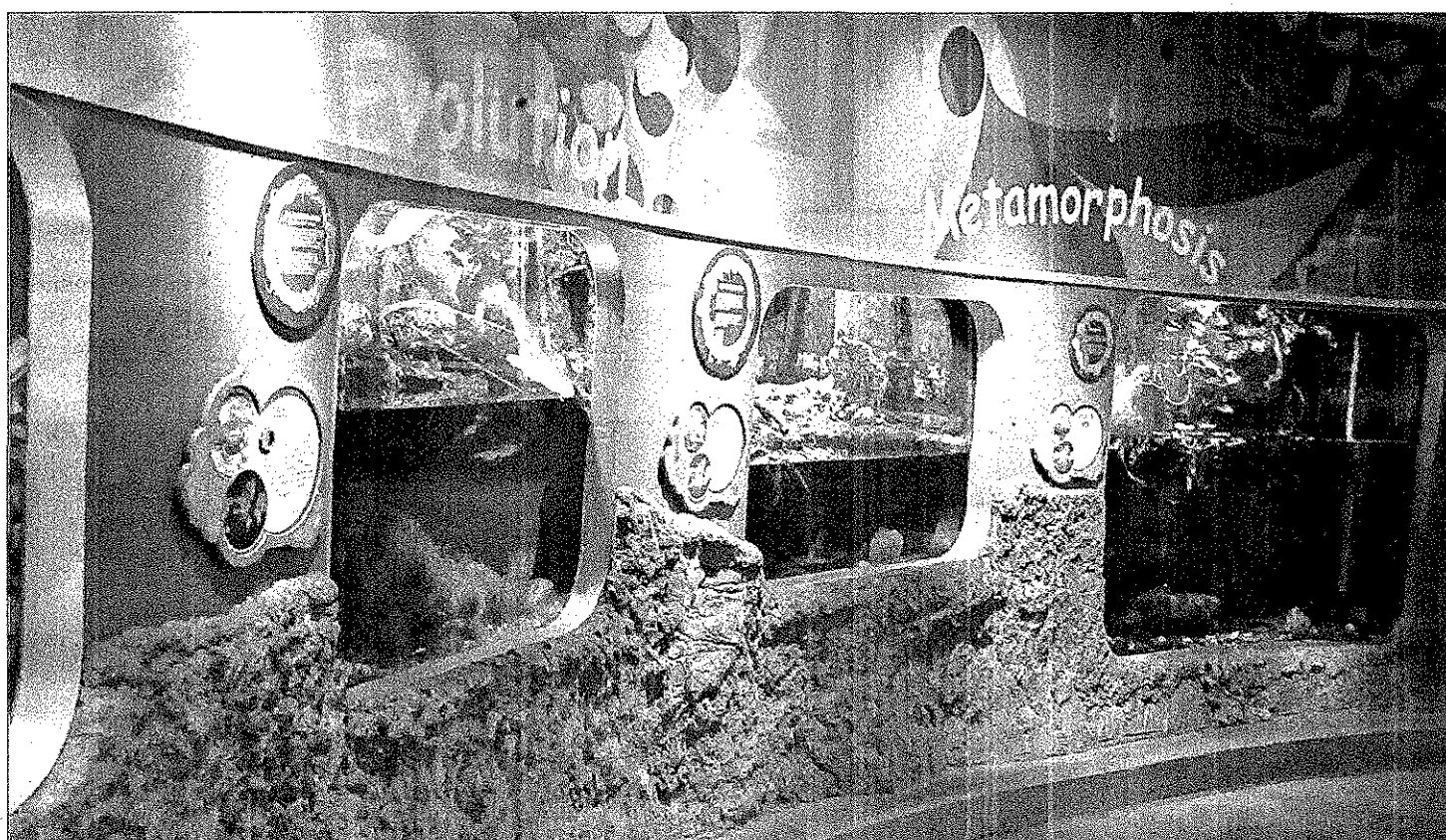
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The National Amphibian Conservation Center will also provide a home to several new residents.

ANIMALS: Celebrating and saving wildlife

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of North Texas and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Texas.

Two curators worked for four weeks in Dallas to help triage, identify and care for the confiscated animals, many seriously ill, at a temporary rescue facility.

A judge ruled the animals will not be returned to U.S. Global Exotics in Arlington, Texas. City officials carried out the raid, the largest such rescue in U.S. history, Kagan said. PETA conducted a seven-month undercover investigation, documenting cruel conditions and suffering of the animals.

"The big part of the whole story is our curators were among very few people who were taking care of almost 25,000 animals," Kagan said.

Commissary Supervisor Beth Johnson was one of them.

"I thought it was quite rewarding," she said. "You know you were there, doing everything you could do to take care of them properly and give them enough enrichment."

Johnson, who orders food and creates diets for the mammals in the park, put her expertise to practice by creating individual meal plans for the animals she was looking after in Texas.

"All the diets came from our experience with the zoo, the vets and the nutritionist," she said. "They've improved quite a bit. They all have adjusted really well."

Johnson drove back in a three-van caravan last month with the new zoo residents.

"It felt like a privilege to be asked to go down there and oversee the whole section," she said. "Fun is not the proper word — it was



A kangaroo peers out of a shelter in the Australian Outback Adventure. Four rescued wallabies will soon join the habitat.

just rewarding being part of a big operation. The nice part was driving them back and getting them home."

The wallabies will join the zoo's wallabies and red kangaroos at the Australian Outback Adventure, a unique, year-round experience that allows visitors to walk through the habitat, alongside its animals. The amphibians will be cared for at the zoo's 2-acre National Amphibian Conservation Center, a village dedicated to and inhabited by amphibians from around the world.

Appropriate habitats are being prepared for the other animals.

Several species of reptiles and amphibians are not currently represented at the zoo.

Kagan says an opportunity like this is cause for reflection.

"I think we're all very proud that we're all able to literally fulfill our mission of celebrating and saving wildlife," he said. "This was literally saving thousands of wild animals. It's great to have a zoo that has the expertise to do that and the resources to do it, and I think it illustrates an important point for everyone: If we're going to keep animals in captivity, it needs to be done responsibly."

"We're not always able to help in situations like these, but there's never been any one of this magnitude."

The Detroit Zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak, is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 31; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 1 through Labor Day. Adult admission is \$11, children \$7, \$9 seniors and those less than 2 years old and are admitted free. For more information, call (248) 541-5717.

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NEW ARRIVALS

Porter Daniel Tannheimer

Dan and Christine Tannheimer of Kalamazoo are the parents of a son, Porter Daniel Tannheimer, born July 23, 2009.

Maternal grandparents are Robert and Janice Wade of South Haven.

Dan and LaMar Tannheimer of Grosse Pointe Park are the paternal grandparents.

LaVerne and Marlene Johnson of Grosse Pointe Park are the great-grandparents.

Diana Mae Grano

Daniel and Marianne Grano of Grosse Pointe Park are the parents of a daughter, Diana Mae Grano, born Jan. 22, 2010.

Garry and Susan Smith of Grosse Pointe Park are the maternal grandparents.

Paternal grandparents are the Hon. Maura Corrigan of Grosse Pointe Park and the late Joseph Grano.

Great-grandparents are James and Diana Glaspie of West Bloomfield, Elinor Smith of Lake Orion, Mae Corrigan of West Lake, Ohio, and Sara Grano of Ocala, Fla.

Jackson Brooks Miller

Andrew and Laura Miller of Grosse Pointe Park are the parents of a son, Jackson Brooks Miller, born Jan. 7, 2010.

Bader and Carolyn Cassin of Grosse Pointe Farms are the maternal grandparents.

Paternal grandparents are Thomas and Barbara Miller of Grosse Pointe Park.

Kathryn Leonard of St. Clair Shores is the great-grandmother.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Pettipointe Questers

Pettipointe Questers Chapter No. 243 meets at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 4, with hostess Theresa Bertolini.

The topic, presented by Jum Wolfe, is "The Other Side of China: The Silk Road."

Grosse Pointe Shores Garden Club

The Grosse Pointe Shores Garden Club meets at 11:30 a.m. Friday, March 5, with hostess Roma Thrasher. Speaker Roger Sutherland discusses "All About Bees."

Respond to co-hostesses, Marion Huegli or Dolores Serra.

Women of Wayne

Reservations for the Women of Wayne Fashion Show and luncheon is due Friday, March 5. The event is Saturday, March 13, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The event costs \$30. Make reservation, by writing to Santina Miller, 20202 VanAntwerp, Harper Woods, MI 48225.

Cupcake Challenge

The Family Center Circle of

Friends sponsors the Cupcake Challenge from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, 655 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Cupcake Challenge and the Grosse Pointe News "Kids Cupcake Coloring Contest" winners will be announced.

There will be activities for children and refreshments served. Pony rides are available for a fee.

Admission is \$5 per person or \$10 for a family.

The event celebrates the ninth anniversary of The Family Center.

Grosse Pointe Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe meets from noon to 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 8, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Pamela Turner of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department is the speaker.

Herb Society

The Herb Society of America/Grosse Pointe Unit meets from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, at the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms. The topic is native prairie plants.

For more information, call Barb Hayes at (313) 881-1237.

Friends of Belle Isle

The Friends of Belle Isle annual meeting is from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, in the Flynn Pavilion, between the Belle Isle Casino and Nancy Brown Peace Carillon Tower, 8109 E. Jefferson, Detroit.

Detroit City Council President Charles Pugh is the speaker.

For more information, call (313) 331-7760.

Neighborhood Club

"Making Sense of Taxes" is the title of a seminar offered from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

The class is run by the Hantz Group and costs \$10.

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

LocalMotion

Maryann Donovan discusses "Healthy Choices - Healthy Families" at 7 p.m. Thursday,

March 11, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

She is sponsored by LocalMotionGreen.

Donovan is director of the Center for Environmental Oncology at the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute. She works to find scientific evidence linking environmental exposures and health effects.

She discusses the latest scientific findings and explains how to minimize exposure to environmental hazards. She offers solutions to families looking to make healthy choices and avoid hidden toxins.

She also speaks at 10 a.m. Friday, March 12, in the Children's Hospital of Michigan auditorium, 3901 Beaubien, Detroit.

Grosse Pointe Art Center

Pieces for the Grosse Pointe Art Center's exhibit, "Green Show" are being accepted noon to 6 p.m., Wednesday, March 10 through Saturday, March 13.

The center is at 16900 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

For more information, call (313) 821-1848.

Edsel & Eleanor Ford House

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, offers two workshops, "Tea and

Textiles," and a children's sewing workshop.

The former begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 13. A tour of the quilt exhibit, "Pieced Together," is lead by a local quilter and ends with lunch.

Guests may bring a favorite quilt.

The cost is \$30, or \$25 for members.

The second workshop is from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 14. Participants create a group quilt, on a quilt frame, to display at the Ford House. Students can also use vintage Singer sewing machines and learn hand sewing techniques to create a quilt square to take home. Supplies are provided for children ages 8 to 13 years.

The cost is \$15 or \$10 for members.

For more information, or to register, call (313) 884-4222 or visit fordhouse.org.

G.P. Symphony Orchestra

The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra, led by music director Joe Striplin, has a 3 p.m. concert, Sunday, March 14, in Pierce Middle School auditorium, 15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park.

The program includes Bach's "Brandenburg Concerto No. 5," with soloists Elayna Duitman, Nancy Sutton and Dana Striplin; Mendelssohn's "Violin Concerto in E Minor" and Sibelius' "Symphony No. 3."

The event begins with a 2 p.m. lecture by Jack DuBois.

Tickets are \$15 and \$12 for

seniors. For more information, call (313) 882-0077 or visit gpsymphony.org.

Dixie Swim Club

The Theatre Arts Club of Detroit presents "The Dixie Swim Club" at 8 p.m. Friday, March 19, at the Historic Players' Playhouse, 3321 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Marianne Shrader directs the production and Geri Day is the producer.

Ticket prices begin at \$40. For more information, call (313) 884-7010.

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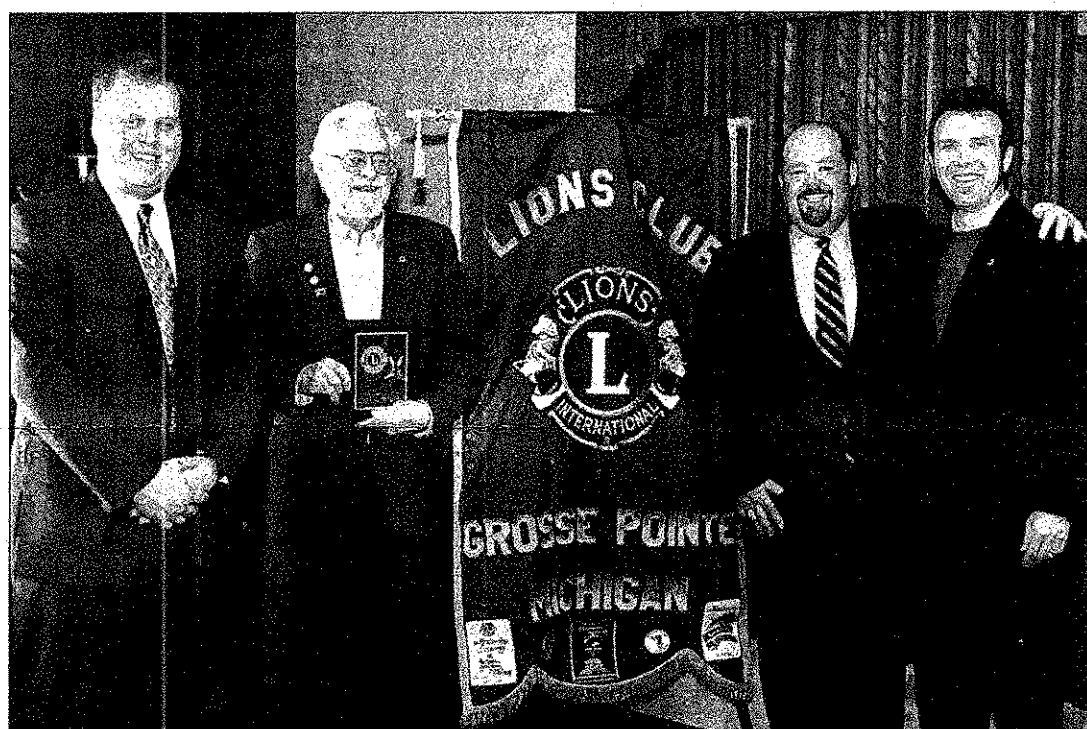
The Grosse Pointe Garden Center offers tuition reimbursement for any Grosse Pointe resident who successfully completes the master gardener program and donates 20 hours of work to the garden center at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

For more information, contact the garden center at 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, or call (313) 881-7511, ext 206.

Entertainment books

Members of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill are selling 2011 entertainment books for \$25, of which \$6 is given to the organization.

For more information, call Tom Coles at (313) 885-0632 or Jeannie at (313) 881-3906.



From left, Chace Wakefield, Bill Hollister, Will Conway and Rob Lyles are 2010 Grosse Pointe Lions Club officers.



Johnese Thibault, left, of the City of Grosse Pointe, was given a \$1,000 donation, on behalf of Janie Livingston, for "Hands Together Haitian" relief. Thibault also received a Certificate of Appreciation as a Lions club guest speaker by club president Rob Lyles.

LaBelle's Country Store open to public

Step back to 1823 when Pierre and Euphemia Provencal lived in this ribbon farmhouse-turned country store.

Run by the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, La Belle's Country Store, located in the Provencal-Weir House, 381 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, features old-fashioned French jams, mustards and vinegars, locally produced honey, books, postcards, Victorian toys and games, handmade soaps and candles,

historical society mugs and mouse pads, and handcrafted works of art by Michigan artisans.

The shop is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Lunch is served 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Izzy Donnelly presents story hour at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at the Provencal-Weir House, and gives tours of the house until 4 p.m.

The public is invited. For more information, call (313) 884-7010.

Lions Club installs new officers

Rob Lyles of Grosse Pointe Park was installed as the Grosse Pointe Lions Club president last week.

Will Conway of Grosse Pointe Farms is vice president; Chace Wakefield of Grosse Pointe Shores is treasurer; and Bill Hollister is secretary.

After 30 years of service to the Lions Club, Gene Gellert of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club was given honorary member status for his time and support of the Lions club.

Lyles' family has been involved in the Lions organization since the 1950's. His father was an active Lion in the Washington, D.C. area and his grandfather was 3rd international vice president at the



Grosse Pointe Yacht Club staff member Gene Gellert, left, received a honorary member pin for his service to the club from Lions club president Rob Lyles. Meetings are held in the GPYC.

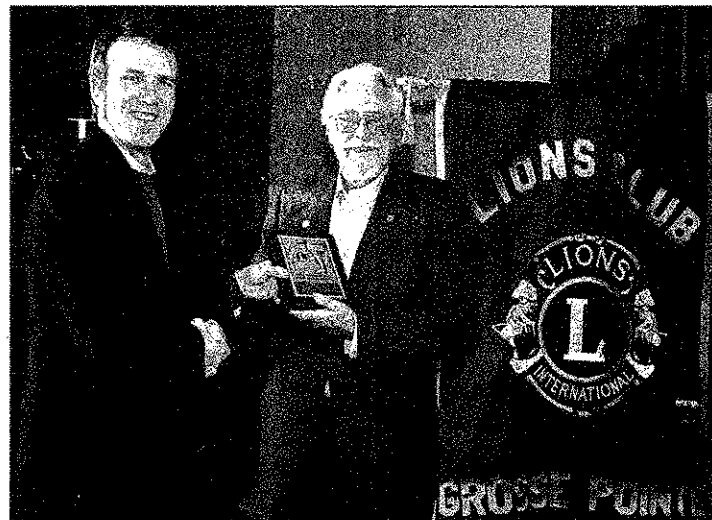
time of his death.

Wakefield's great-grandfather was a founding member of the Grosse Pointe chapter.

Club members presented Johnese Thibault, on behalf of Janie Livingston, both of the City of Grosse Pointe, a check


for \$1,000. The money is to be given to "Hands Together," a non-profit which has assisted the poor and destitute in Haiti for more than 20 years.

For more information about the program, visit handstogether.org.



PHOTOS BY JOHN MARTIN

Grosse Pointe Lions Club president Rob Lyles, left, gives Bill Hollister the President's Award for Hollister's past service.




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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

Complexity of technological age far reaching



While I know the technological age has been of tremendous help to our society, it has had bad effects. Here, perhaps, may be just one more. A new study found the number of nearsighted people has risen by 66 percent since the early 1970s. Thirty years ago, about 25 percent of Americans between 11 and 54 needed corrective lenses; today nearly 42 percent test as nearsighted.

The report, based on health data drawn from several thousand people, notes myopia has also become more widespread, with cases doubling in number in the past three decades.

While it is impossible to pin down, researchers think "near" work — our increasing

infinity for computers and electronic devices, particularly among children — is a reasonable explanation.

Evidence also suggests spending too much of one's childhood indoors — where there is far less ambient light — may send a signal to the eye to stop growing. This, in turn, could lead to myopia.

I'm surely no example of that. I spent huge amounts of time outside, biking, roller skating, playing hopscotch and other games. In the winter, any snow was greeted with snowmen, making angel wings, or snowball fights. Yet I developed myopia at 10 years of age and until I got to college, was one of the few who wore glasses.

On the other hand, once indoors, my nose was in a book. Fortunately, there was no TV to divert me. Radio, however, fed my imagination along with books. The evening programs on radio — Mercury Theatre, The Lux Radio Theater — were the source of great imagination. I had to imagine the back-

grounds, what the characters looked like, my judgment of them, all of which are quickly provided by TV. But that's not to say great movies and some TV productions do not stir our emotions in a way not always provided by radio.

But even today I cannot recall any movie or TV performance providing the enormous wonder and satisfaction I got at age 14 from listening to the Mercury Theatre production of "Rebecca" starring Orson Welles. I was hooked from the opening words, "Last night I dreamt I went back to Manderlay."

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I used to talk to myself, but haven't for some 20 years. It was a trait I picked up from my mother.

She had what seemed to be interesting discussions with herself. I never thought it was strange because she did so only when alone. She considered me a friendly spirit.

It was not surprising she talked to herself. My father was a man of few words; so

she had no one with whom to discuss problems.

Years ago I took the Silva Mind Control Program (it was renamed to clarify the program was about controlling your mind, nobody else's). Strangely enough when one of my very religious friends heard of my involvement, she was frightened I was exposing myself to control by a demon spirit.

Our instructor told our group

it was helpful to talk to yourself when trying to solve a problem.

Psychologists in Spain found college-level math students that detailed their thinking processes aloud were able to solve problems faster and with greater accuracy than their silent counterparts.

The study placed quiet and non-quiet students in separate rooms, gave them the same problems and monitored them

on videotape.

Test results confirmed students who talked about, or who drew pictures to map out the problems, scored higher and finished faster.

Researchers aren't quite sure why this approach worked, but believe presenting a problem verbally or visually clearly offers more possibilities to find the right solutions.

Contact Cain at ruthcain@comcast.net.



Bill Richards of Grosse Pointe Shores volunteers at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, Meals for the Homebound and is a Eucharistic minister.

Senior Spotlight

Bill Richards
Beaumont Grosse Pointe
volunteer

Richards, of Grosse Pointe Shores, has spent 15 years volunteering at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe transporting patients to doctors' appointments and helping with admissions and registration. He has also been a presence in the surgical lounge and recovery area.

He participates in Service Excellence, a volunteer hospital group that assists patients who

are in the hospital less than 24 hours.

Richards is Beaumont Grosse Pointe's representative to the Corporate Volunteer Advisory Council, delivered Meals for the Homebound for a year and has been a Eucharistic minister for seven years.

"Delivering Meals for the Homebound is very rewarding for me," he said. "I see their eyes light up when they answer the door and it's possible I could be the only person they might see that day."

He has been retired for 24 years; having owned Richards Associates which supplied parts to the Big Three, Jaguar, Fiat and Volkswagen.

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SOC March and April activities

Birthday celebration, 11:15 a.m., Wednesday, March 10 — pianist Penny Masouris provides the musical entertainment. The cost is \$2.

Those with March birthdays receive a piece of cake with a candle, the birthday song sung in three languages, a photo and a free lunch.

St. Patrick's Day Bingo, 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 16 — Sponsored by Peace of Mind Home Care and Aureus Home Care, the cost is \$1.25. Call (313) 882-9600 for reservations.

St. Patrick's Day Party, 11 a.m., Wednesday, March 17 — Go Go McGrannies provide the musical entertainment. The cost is \$12.

The Blue Pointe Restaurant and DA3 provide lunch of Irish stew, corned beef, boiled potatoes, parslid rice, cabbage and carrots, green peas with pearled onions, rolls and a dessert provided by the Full Circle commercial food cooking class. A raffle follows the festivities.

For reservations, call (313) 882-9600.

Congressional Conversation Hour, 11:30 a.m., Friday, March 19 and Friday, April 16 — Jackie Kalogerakos, district coordinator - Pointes Region for Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, D - Highland Park, assists participants with Social Security, veterans, immigration, passports, visas, postal and Medicare questions.

Birds of winter, 11:30 a.m., Monday, March 22 — Rosanni Kovalcik of Wild Birds Unlimited in Grosse Pointe Woods, discusses birds in Michigan in the winter and how they survive the winter.

Diagnosis: congestive heart failure, 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 24 — Dr. Sarine Johns-Rossman of Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe discusses what, why and how of managing congestive heart failure.

Bone health and osteoporosis, 11:30 a.m., Monday, March 29 — Dr. Matthew Gill discusses screening, prevention, and treatment of osteoporosis. He answers questions following the presentation.

Pizza lunch and movie — "Julie and Julia," 11 a.m., Wednesday, March 31 — The cost is \$5.

Meryl Streep stars in this movie about Julia Child, how she started her cooking profession and intertwines with blogger Julie Powell, played by Amy Adams.

For reservations, call (313) 882-9600.

Living safely at home, Wednesday, April 7 — Physical therapist Kris Moonan discusses safety with daily living tasks such as bathing,

dressings, cooking, etc. She also incorporates many joint protection concepts for these tasks such as how to open a jar, carry groceries, write, the proper way to get in/out of bed and sit to stand.

Fall prevention screening, 11:30 a.m., Monday, April 12 — presented by Metro Home Health Care/Physical Therapists. Physical therapists administer the Tinetti balance test and assess for sitting balance, arising, attempting to rise, immediate standing and standing balance, nudging, eyes closed, turning 360 degrees and sitting down.

Reservations can be made by calling (313) 882-9600.

April birthday celebration, 11:15 a.m., Wednesday, April 14 — Pianist Michelle Laboe and flutist Lisa Taormino provide the music. The cost is \$2.

Those with April birthdays receive a piece of cake with a candle, the birthday song sung in three languages, a photo and a free lunch.

Earth Week - Disney movie "Earth" at 11:30 a.m., Monday, April 19 — The movie is a story about three animal families; polar bears, elephants and humpback whales.

For lunch and movie reservations, call (313) 882-9600.

Fresh flower bingo, 10 a.m., Tuesday, April 20 — The cost is \$1.25. For reservations, call (313) 882-9600.

It's so easy being green, 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 21 — Sarah Barba's third grade class from Maire Elementary School, a green school, share what they learned about living green.

Earth Week — What happens to your recycled rubbish?, 11:30 a.m., Friday, April 23 — Mary Jo Van Natter of Great Lakes Recycling discusses the company's state-of-the-art, single stream recycling process. There will be handouts and information on what to put in the recycling bin.

Ask Dr. Matthew Gill and blood pressure check, 11:30 a.m., Monday, April 26 — Gill checks blood pressures and answers medical questions.

Pizza Lunch and Movie - "Gigi," 11 a.m., Wednesday, April 28 — The cost is \$5.

A multi-Oscar winner (including Best Picture) about the turn-of-the-century Parisian tomboy (Leslie Caron) who falls for her guardian, Louis Jordan, while being groomed as a courtesan. Maurice Chevalier co-stars.

For reservations, call (313) 882-9600.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Jennifer Arnold, MS

Behavioral strategies for toilet training



Q. I'm a little hesitant to begin potty training my child because friends have told me it can be very challenging and frustrating at times. Is there any advice you can give to make this a little smoother for me and my child?

A. You are right. Teaching your child to use the toi-

let can be trying at times for both the parents and the child. First and foremost, make sure that YOU are ready to begin training your child. Your ability to be consistent with the training procedures will improve your child's success.

Many parents find it easier to set aside a day or weekend to devote to potty related activities. While you may not look forward to spending a day in the bathroom, it can help speed up the teaching process and be fun. Some parents call it a "potty party" and allow the child to pick out his favorite drinks and treats to use as re-

wards. You want to make this a positive experience for the child so he is motivated to learn this new skill.

On the day of training, allow your child to drink his favorite beverages more often so he has many opportunities to urinate. When you begin, have him sit on the toilet about every 15 minutes for at least five to 10 minutes. Once your child has urinated in the toilet a few times, increase the break time.

During breaks, read books or watch videos about toilet training and talk about the process using words your child can understand. Each time

your child urinates in the toilet, make it a party. Praise your child and deliver a reward such as a preferred food or toy. By delivering a reward immediately, you are teaching your child it is a great thing he is now using the toilet.

Once you begin training, put your child in underwear instead of diapers. Many parents worry about making the switch, but it's important your child learn to recognize when he is wet. When your child is wearing underwear, check hourly to see if he is dry; do not wait until he has an accident! If he is dry, praise your child and

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tell him how happy you are. The more often you do this your child will begin to under-

stand the difference between being wet and dry.

Teaching your child to use the toilet can be a positive experience if you focus on the milestone he is achieving.

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HEALTH POINT By Dr. Christopher Lee

Orthopedic surgeon gets taste of own medicine

As an orthopedic surgeon, I've performed thousands of surgeries. But I had never been a patient myself.

After getting body checked during a hockey game Dec. 15, all that changed. I tore my rotator cuff — a group of tendons in the shoulder. I literally couldn't lift my arm due to both the nature of the tear and the pain.

While almost everyone more than 50 years of age has some tear resulting from everyday life, a burst of activity or a traumatic injury can make it severe enough for surgery.

My surgeon was Nicholas Schoch, a wizard at the latest minimally invasive, arthroscopic shoulder repair tech-

nique. Traditional surgery involves opening up the shoulder. But one can actually see the tendons better through the scope — making it more effective.

I know the St. John Hospital and Medical Center staff and anesthesiologists are second to none, so that was my hospital of choice. I have trusted the care of many patients to the nursing staff at St. John, but when it was me, it gave me a new perspective. I was truly grateful for the excellent nursing care I received post-op.

Another great advance is the pain catheter, routinely offered for shoulder patients at St. John. It is implanted and continuously sends local anesthetic directly to the shoulder. For me, that meant no pain — and

no pain pills — following surgery.

I tell my patients support at home is key to a quicker recovery. I appreciate now how true that is. My wife, who is a nurse, has been fantastic.

Recovery time depends on the tear. If it's a simple tear, you can start rehab in six weeks. In my case, due to the complexity of the tear, it will be three months. My goals are to play golf and continue work as a surgeon. I don't want to risk re-injury, so my mountain climbing, snow boarding and, of course, hockey days are probably over.

If you ask me again in three months, you might get a different answer.

Christopher Lee is an orthopedic surgeon at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

Computer vision syndrome checks urged by optometrists

Extended computer or other video displays such as smartphones or PDAs can cause computer vision syndrome, Michigan Optometric Association doctors warn.

Computer vision syndrome can be diagnosed through a comprehensive eye examination by an optometrist. Symptoms include dry eye, eye strain, neck and/or backache, light sensitivity and fatigue. These symptoms can result from individual visual problems, poor workstation configuration and improper work habits.

More than 82 percent of Americans frequently work with a computer or a PDA, according to the American Optometric Association's 2007 American Eye-Q survey. The survey identifies Americans' attitudes and behaviors regarding eye care and related issues. A recent omnibus survey commissioned by the AOA showed 42 percent of respondents spend three or more hours a day using a computer or handheld device.

Pre-existing, uncorrected vision problems like farsightedness, astigmatism, inadequate eye focusing or eye coordination abilities and age-related eye issues also contribute to computer vision syndrome.

"Working at a computer requires a great deal of eye movement and eye focusing," said Dr. Amy Crissman, chair of the MOA Primary Care Committee. "This constant refocusing effort stresses the eye muscle, leading to computer-related vision problems."

"Additionally the AOA omnibus survey reports that 78 percent of Americans do not have their computer monitor positioned at the correct height which is below eye level. Since computer vision syndrome impacts so many people, we are passionate about educating Michigan residents," she added.

Experts suggest following these guidelines to prevent or reduce eye and vision problems associated with computer vision syndrome:

- ◆ Have vision checked regularly. Prior to age 61, adults should have a comprehensive eye exam every one to two years, or as recommended by an eye doctor, and annually thereafter. Vision and eye health can change rapidly and frequently, particularly as one ages. Having one's vision examined on a regular, timely basis is important to maintaining overall health and for preventive reasons.

- ◆ Limit the amount of time you continuously use the computer. Practicing the 20/20 rule (looking away from the computer every 20 minutes for 20 seconds) will minimize the development of eye-focusing problems and eye irritation caused by infrequent blinking.

- ◆ Check the height and arrangement of the computer. Optometrists suggest more comfortable computer viewing can be achieved when the eyes are looking slightly downward.

Optimally, the computer screen should be 15 to 20 degrees below eye level (about 4 or 5 inches) as measured from the center of the screen and 20 to 28 inches from the eyes.

- ◆ Check for glare on the computer screen. Windows or other light sources should not be directly visible when sitting in front of the monitor. When this occurs, turn the desk or computer to prevent glare on the screen.

- ◆ Reduce the amount of lighting in the room to match the computer screen. A smaller light can be substituted for a bright overhead light or a dimmer switch can be installed to give flexible control of room lighting. Turn three-way bulbs to the lowest setting.

- ◆ Keep blinking. To minimize the chances of developing dry eye when using a computer, make an effort to blink frequently. Blinking keeps the front surface of the eye moist.

"Viewing a computer screen is different than reading a printed page," said Crissman. "Often the letters on the computer screen are not as precise or sharply defined, the level of contrast of the letters to the background is reduced and the presence of glare and reflections on the screen may make viewing difficult."

Testing for computer vision syndrome, with special emphasis on visual requirements at the computer working distance, may include:

- ◆ Taking a patient history to identify existing symptoms, any general health problems, medications taken, or environmental factors that may be contributing to computer vision syndrome.

- ◆ Measuring visual acuity to assess the extent to which vision may be affected. A refraction to determine the appropriate lens power needed to compensate for any refractive errors including nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, or presbyopia.

- ◆ Testing how the eyes focus, move and work together. To obtain a clear, single image of what is being viewed, the eyes must effectively change focus, move and work in unison. This testing will look for problems that keep the eyes from focusing effectively or make it difficult to use both eyes together.

Using the information obtained from these tests, along with results of other tests, an optometrist can assess the presence of computer vision syndrome and provide specific treatment options. Special computer glasses and computer screen filters are available to help reduce glare and discomfort.

Doctors of optometry are independent primary health care providers who examine, diagnose, treat and manage diseases of the visual system and the eye.

To locate a Michigan Optometric Association doctor, visit themoa.org and click the Vision Care tab.

Healing arts center offers a variety of classes

The Valade Healing Arts Center in St. John Hospital and Medical Center offers a variety of caring-healing classes and services.

Introduction to reiki

Participants experience a mini, hands-on session and hear an explanation about reiki from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18.

Registration for the free event is not required. Donations are accepted and support the oncology fund for the healing arts center.

Reiki I

Participants learn the history of reiki, basic hand positions and ways to use energy in their lives and for others from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, March 27.

The cost is \$135.

Aura photography

Participants are provided a color photo of their auras and chakras from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, March 13.

Appointments are 20 minutes. The cost is \$30.

Lunch and Learn

The topic of the free program is "Improve Your Memory," presented by Cheryl Beshada, certified medical hypnotherapist from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 16.

Bring a lunch.

Reflexology

Reflexology is \$50 for an hour appointment. Space is limited.

For more information or to register for the aforementioned classes and lecture, call (313) 647-3320.

Karmanos Institute receives grant for myeloma research

The McCarty Cancer Foundation gave a \$25,000 grant to Jeffrey Zonder, M.D., associate professor of medicine and oncology at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Center and Wayne

State University School of Medicine.

The award supports Zonder's multi-center clinical research projects, coordinated by the Multiple Myeloma Research Program at

Karmanos.

"Foundation funds have allowed us to not only establish the infrastructure necessary to coordinate complex, multi-center research in myeloma and related conditions," he said, "but to expand our work with research partners around the country."

Collaborators include Henry Ford Hospital, Providence Hospital, Van Andel Research Institute, the University of Pittsburgh, Duke University, Boston University and the Rocky Mountain Cancer Center in Denver.

Philanthropists fund cancer researchers

A group of philanthropic Grosse Pointers, lead by William Campbell of Grosse Pointe Farms, gave nearly \$200,000 to two researchers through the Michigan Cancer Research Fund.

David DeGraff, Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University, is studying new treatments for specific forms of prostate cancer.

Huira Kopera, Ph.D. from the University of Michigan, is studying the genetic mutations leading to the formation of disease, such as cancer.

MCRF was formed in 2008 and is an initiative of the American Cancer Society.

"We are proud to support

critical cancer research projects that would otherwise remain unfunded," Campbell said, "and with a focus on projects at Michigan research institutions whenever possible."

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PASTOR'S CORNER

By Fran Bachmann

Loving balance

I love going to yoga classes, because to me, it is a wonderful way to glorify God in movement. The exercises allow me to express strength, freedom, dominion and balance. I've found it to be a great way to overcome all kinds of mental and physical limitations.

Last summer, while at our house up north, I was walking in and caught my little toe on the leg of a chair. The pain was excruciating and within minutes, the toe was swollen and in a few hours it turned a very alarming color of black. It was difficult to even walk and I could not even think of putting on a shoe. My first thought was I would not be able to walk my dog or go to yoga class. I decided I would instead pray about any challenge that would detract from my spiritual freedom as God's child, naturally expressing health and joy.

In my study of Christian Science, I have learned I cannot be punished for doing good or glorifying God. I prayed with the line of a familiar hymn about the idea of "walking with love along the way" — in this case, "love" being another name for God. I also considered spiritual perfection is not dependent on time, so this hurting toe didn't have to take a certain amount of weeks, or even months, to be healed. As I contemplated spiritual perfection and my identity as God's child, I was less afraid of the physical condition and receptive to healing.

Well, as a result I was able to walk my dog the next morning and participate in the Monday yoga class with only a slight difficulty in balance. As I continued to work with the fact that God is always present, powerful, loving, balanced and complete, I expected a complete healing. Within only three days the discoloration was gone and I had complete movement of the toe.

So, while I align my body in yoga exercises, I am aligning myself with God who doesn't give us limitations or hinder our freedom in any way. I recently realized in a yoga class I could actually spread my toes in a way I had never done before and I was free from any residual effect of the "toe" incident. Needless to say that made me very happy and grateful for such a speedy and complete healing and for God's continual goodness.

Bachmann is a member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Grosse Pointe Farms.

CHURCH EVENTS

Mariners' Church

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

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

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

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

St. Margaret

Lynne Thomas hosts the Lenten drama, "The Dinner Party," begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 4, at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, 21201 13 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

The program focuses on forgiveness and restoring broken relationships.

For more information, call (586) 293-2240.

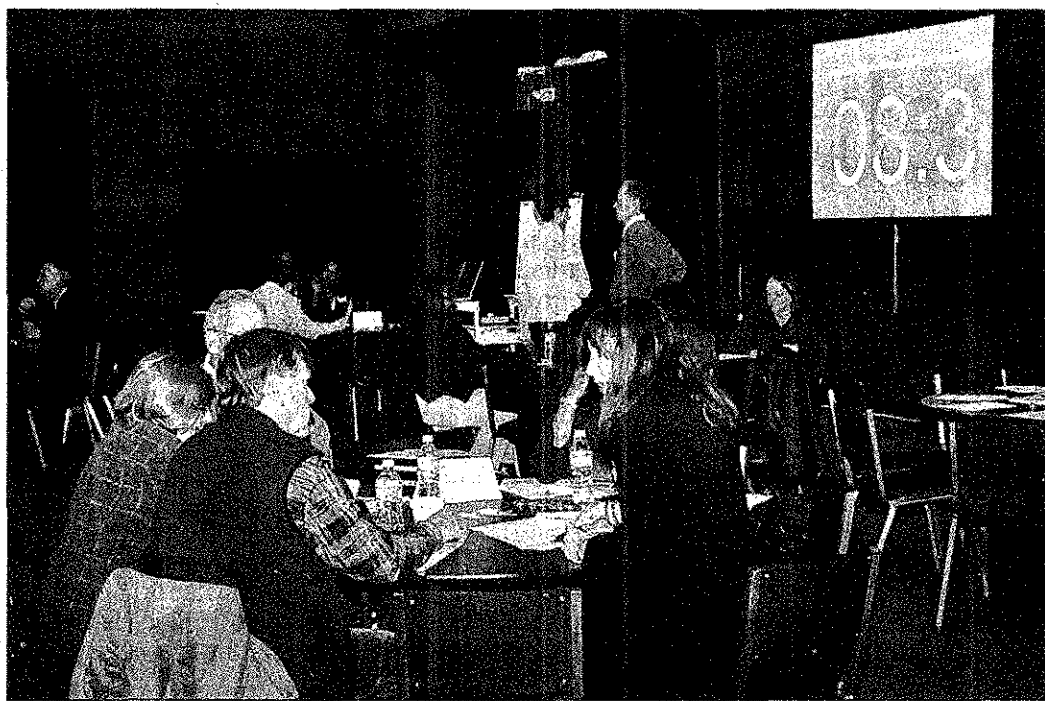
World Day of Prayer

The ecumenical celebration, World Day of Prayer 2010, begins at 1 p.m. Friday, March 5, at Grace United Church of Christ, 1175 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park.

The prayer service was written by Cameroon women for families in need. The theme is "Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God."

St. Ambrose

St. Ambrose Catholic Church, holds a buffet dinner from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 5, in the ARK, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

A skill scramble was part of the Eastside Take Control ecumenical career networking group meeting. Some 30 attendees spent 20 minutes at 12 tables receiving advice and gaining insight on skill building, job searching and interview techniques. This is the second scramble hosted by the group. According to organizer Gina Homminga, another is planned in three to four months. For more information about the organization, which meets weekly, call Steven Wulfekuhle at (313) 885-8855.

Park.

The menu includes a salad bar, two soups, cod, potatoes, macaroni and cheese, an entree, vegetable and beverages. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$10 for children 6 to 10 years old.

Carry-outs are available.

For more information, call (313) 822-1594.

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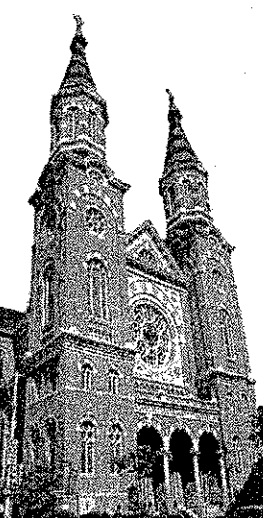
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Concert between services, 10:15 a.m.

Mar. 21- Youth Sunday

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Theater's rousing and zany romp through Elizabethan culture



Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)" opens Thursday, March 11, in the Fries Auditorium, Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The comedy, by Adam Long, Daniel Singer and Jess Winfield runs March 11-14,

PHOTO BY DALE PEGG

From left, Tim Reinman and Keith Johnson of Grosse Pointe Farms and Dennis G. Martell of Livonia play the three zany characters in Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)" March 7, 11-14, and 17-20.

Tickets are \$16 and may be purchased online at gpt.org, by phone at (313) 881-4004, or by visiting the theater's box office from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at 315 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe.

The play takes the audience through all 37 plays by the Bard.

The actors condense and parody Shakespeare's works with improvisation, gags and pratfalls, while incorporating pop culture, female impersonation and audience participation.

The show is notable for holding the self-proclaimed world record for the shortest-ever performance of

"Hamlet," clocking in at 43 seconds.

Performing in the play are Keith Johnson and Tim Reinman of Grosse Pointe Farms and Dennis G. Martell of Livonia. Kevin Young of Detroit directs the play.

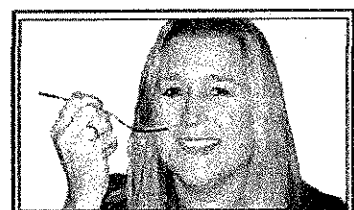
The final show of Grosse Pointe Theatre's main stage season is the '50s rock'n'roll musical, "Grease," with book, music and lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey. It will be performed May 9, 13-16, and 19-23.

An outdoor show is planned for summer 2010. GPT's Youth on Stage offers classes and a youth show.

Details on summer activities are forthcoming.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Annie salutes the workers at SOC



This week's recipe goes out to all the wonderful people who work at Services for Older Citizens and looked after my Aunt Betty Wirwille for the past several years.

I baked up a special oatmeal breakfast cookie for Betty's friends at SOC in honor of her memory. These delicious cookies draw flavor from honey, vanilla and cinnamon. Michigan dried cherries and chocolate chips give the cookies even more depth. Yummy.

Oatmeal Breakfast Cookies

- 2 cups rolled oats
- 1 cup Michigan dried cherries
- 3/4 cup chocolate chips
- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 cup powdered milk
- 1 large egg
- 2/3 cup salad oil
- 1/4 cup milk

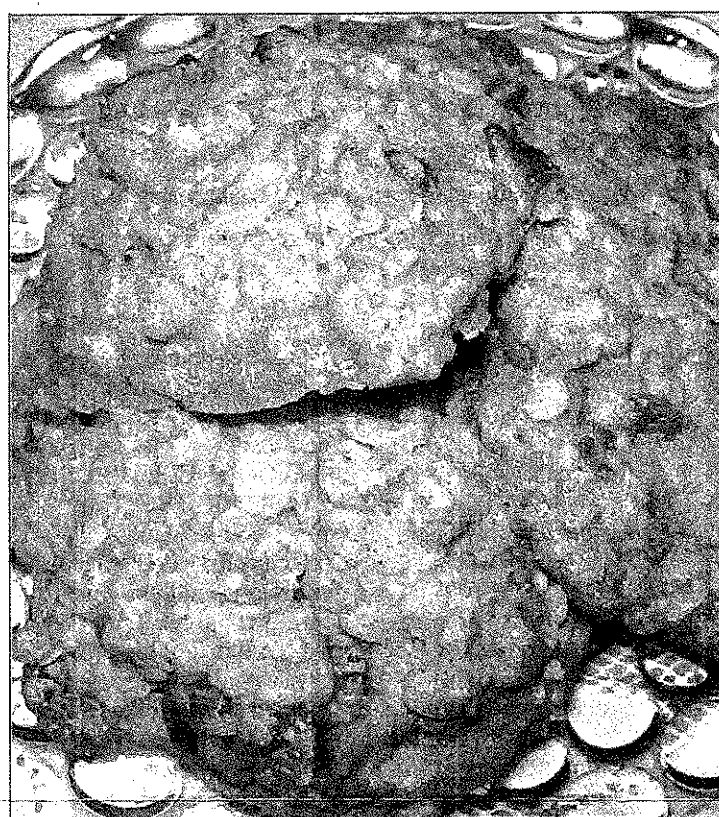


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The oatmeal breakfast cookie uses Michigan dried cherries.

1/2 cup honey
1 tablespoon vanilla
1 tablespoon cinnamon
Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
In a medium bowl, combine the oats, cherries and chocolate chips and set aside. In an-

other medium bowl, sift together flour, baking soda, baking powder and powdered milk. Set aside.

In a large bowl, whisk together the egg with salad oil, milk, honey, vanilla and cinnamon.

Stir the flour mixture into the wet mixture. Gradually stir in the oat mixture until well incorporated.

Drop the dough by even tablespoons onto a greased bake sheet, leaving room in between for the cookies to expand. Bake for 13 to 15 minutes, until a deep golden brown. Cool completely before removing from baking sheet.

Yield 4 dozen cookies or 2 dozen if you want to make the cookies larger.

It's a bonus when not only does a cookie taste good, but it's also good for you. You'll enjoy the emersion of flavors in this soft and chewy cookie. Good for breakfast on the run or anytime.

Here's to you, Aunt Betty.

CHURCH: Join in local activities

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menical career networking group, meets from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Monday, March 8, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The topic is having a personal transition plan.

For more information, call Steven Wulfekuhle at (313) 885-8855.

St. Michael's

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts a Lenten program from 6:45 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, March 10, based on the PBS Frontline video "From Jesus to Christ."

The Rev. Marianna Gronek leads the discussion about the origin of and 2,000 years of Christianity.

The series runs through Wednesday, March 24.

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

stmichaelspgw.org.

Mom2Mom sale

Rent a table for \$20 to sell baby and children's accessories at the Mom2Mom sale from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at St. Clare of Montefalco, corner of Mack and Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.

The event is sponsored by St. Clare's Youth Group.

For more information, call Julie Kelly at (313) 647-5054 or visit jkelly@stclarem.org.

Christ the King

Christ the King Preschool hosts its annual Mom to Mom sale from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the church, 23800 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Early bird admission is \$2; after 10 a.m., admission is \$1.

For more information, call (313) 884-5998.

Congregational Church

Grosse Pointe Congregational Church members caravan to the 23rd annual ALIVE Festival, one of the na-

tion'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, including Christian performers Leeland, Tobymac and John Beuben.

For more information, call Alison Scarfone at (313) 884-3075 or visit gpcc-ed@sbcglo.net.

Money is due by Thursday, April 1.

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 during regular weekday business hours.

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

CULTURAL EVENTS

Grosse Pointe Art Center

Artist and instructor Roselyn Rhodes hosts her seventh annual exhibition of her students' works and her work from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, March 20 through April 10, at the Grosse Pointe Art Center, 16900 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

An opening reception is from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 19, at the art center.

Rhodes' students range from 6 to 83 years old. She teaches two-dimensional art in watercolor, water-soluble oils, drawing, paste and collage. She has been teaching since 1990 and running a private studio since 2000.

"I see people transformed through art every day," she said. "It may be an adult out of work

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- 10:30 am Things to Do at the War Memorial
- 11:00 am Out of the Ordinary
- 11:30 am Senior Men's Club
- 12:00 pm Special Presentation
- 1:30 pm Great Lakes Log
- 2:00 pm The John Prost Show
- 2:30 pm Legal Insider
- 3:00 pm Things to Do at the War Memorial
- 3:30 pm Art & Design
- 4:00 pm Vitality Plus (Tone)
- 4:30 pm Musical Storytime
- 5:00 pm In a Heartbeat

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- 8:30 pm Senior Men's Club
- 9:00 pm Art & Design
- 9:30 pm Pointes of Horticulture
- 10:00 pm The John Prost Show
- 10:30 pm Great Lakes Log
- 11:00 pm Out of the Ordinary
- 11:30 pm Senior Men's Club

Midnight Special Presentation

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- 2:30 am Senior Men's Club
- 3:00 am Art & Design
- 3:30 am Pointes of Horticulture
- 4:00 am The John Prost Show
- 4:30 am Great Lakes Log
- 5:00 am Out of the Ordinary
- 5:30 am Legal Insider
- 6:00 am Things to Do at the War Memorial
- 6:30 am Art & Design
- 7:00 am Vitality Plus (Tone)
- 7:30 am Musical Storytime
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Yesterday's Headlines

Editor's note: The following excerpts appear as they were printed in the Grosse Pointe News.

1959

50 years ago this week

◆ **ALL POINTES PLAN TO USE DDT:** The annual spraying of elm trees to control the Dutch elm disease will start as soon as the weather permits, according to information released by the city managers.

The administration heads of the five Pointes stated that the elms will be sprayed with the same type of DDT chemicals used in previous years. They said they have not been under pressure from garden groups, or any other groups, to spray the trees with methoxychlor, which is deemed non-lethal to birds.

◆ **THIEF TAKES RADIO KNOBS:** A Balfour Road resident told Farms police that he had parked his car on Fisher, between Lakeshore and Grosse Pointe Blvd. When he returned to it, he discovered someone had broken in and stolen the radio knobs and lighter handle.

◆ **THIEF INVADES DRUG STORE:** A burglar forced his way into the Miller Drug store on Kercheval and stole three cartons of cosmetics, according to Park police.

Police said the thief entered the building by breaking out a section of the roof and made off with his loot through the same hole.

1985

25 years ago this week

◆ **STUDENT POLICIES REVIEWED:** A 16-member committee of students, parents, counselors and administrators hopes to complete a

review of the system's student policies and procedures by the end of April for review by the superintendent and board of education.

The policies and procedures deal with students' rights and responsibilities, attendance and discipline.

◆ **TREE SPRAYING IN PARK?:** The Park council decided last week to re-evaluate its tree-spraying program and postpone awarding a bid for methoxychlor, the chemical used to spray for Dutch elm disease.

◆ **WOMAN LOSES KEYS TO ARMED ROBBER:** A 25-year-old Park resident lost her car keys to a gun-wielding thief in the 1000 block of Wayburn.

The woman told police she had parked her car and was getting ready to go inside her home when a man wearing a sweatshirt and black leather cap and carrying a small handgun, confronted her and demanded her purse and money.

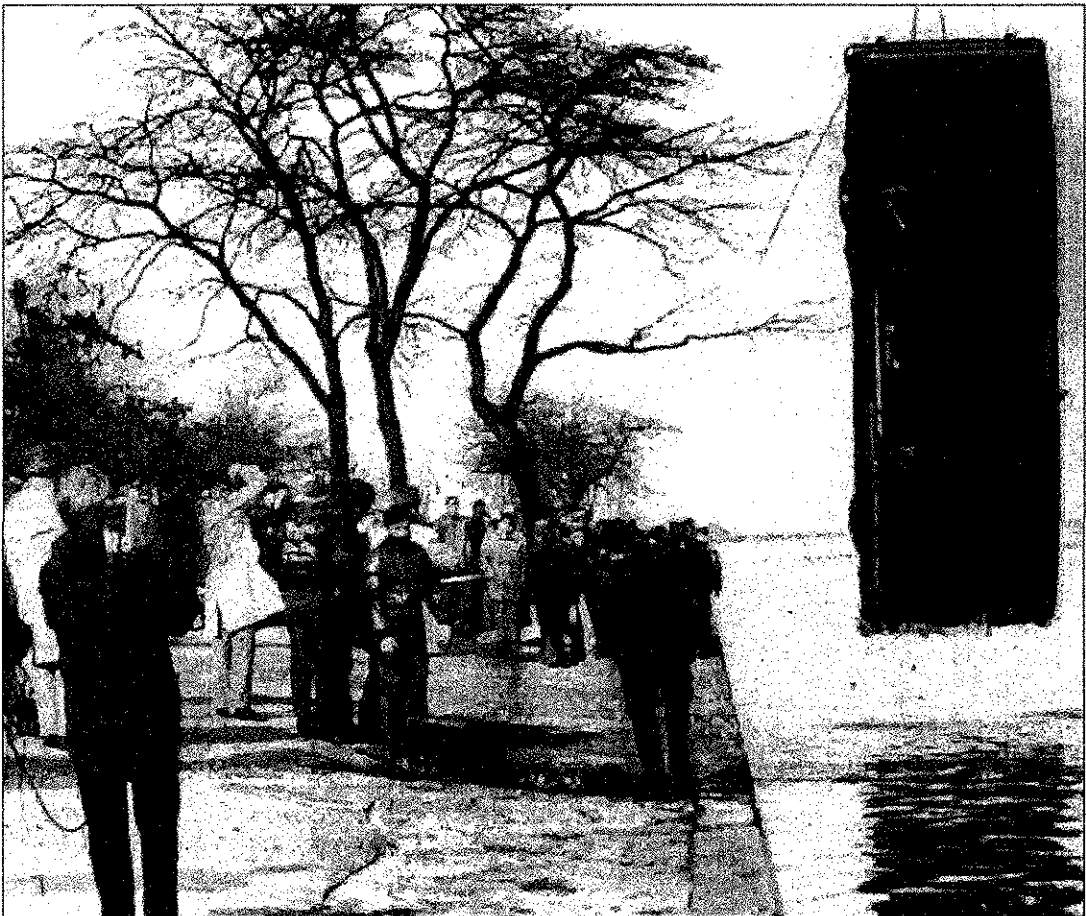
The woman told the thief she had no purse or cash and instead turned over her car keys. The man then fled on foot.

2000

10 years ago this week

◆ **LAKE ST. CLAIR DOWN 4 FEET:** Lake St. Clair is nearly four feet below its 1986 all-time high of 57.66 feet above sea level, according to a senior research hydrologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. In April 1999, the lake fell seven inches below its long-term average.

◆ **MEAT MADNESS:** Grosse Pointe Farms public safety officers were called to a supermarket in the 18800 block of Mack to investigate a report of shoplifting. Store employees caught a 39-year-old Detroit



FROM THE MARCH 7, 1985, ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1985: Accident ends in death

This was the scene along Lakeshore last week when the Farms police pulled this 1973 Ford from Lake St. Clair just hours after they recovered the body of the driver of the vehicle. Police believe the St. Clair Shores resident accidentally drove her car onto ice-covered Lake St. Clair, may have freed herself from the car, then mistakenly walked farther out into the lake before breaking through the ice and drowning.

woman stuffing meat, including a sirloin tip roast and a leg of lamb, into her purse.

◆ **HORSING AROUND:** As a man washed his horse in a barn at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, he noticed a few teenagers in a nearby tennis lounge. Two of the youths were reported standing on a chair fiddling with ceiling tiles. An employee of the club followed up on the horseman's report and found a "large plastic water bong used for smoking

marijuana" in the ceiling.

2005

Five years ago this week

◆ **TEACHERS APPROVE CONTRACT:** Grosse Pointe's public school teachers overwhelmingly approved a three-year contract to include a small salary increase, health care cost containment and a

streamlined calendar. Approved by a 5-to-1 margin, the contract will expire in July 2007.

◆ **WOODS EYES PROPERLY FOR PARKING:** The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council acknowledged it is in discussions about buying a lot-and-a-half parcel of property in the 1800 block of Beaupre adjacent to the alley and behind two restaurants in the 20500 block of Mack. The council is eying the property for a munic-

ipal parking lot.
◆ **NEW VOTING BOOTHS:** By the end of this year, voters in the City of Grosse Pointe should see a change at the polls.
City officials are going to utilize a state grant to acquire new voting machines that are compatible with units being used at the county level. There will be no cost to the city.
Compiled by Karen Fontanive

EVENTS: What to do

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who is taking time for themselves for the first time ever or a child who really blossoms in self confidence. I believe that the process of creating something is transformative for all of us — even for me as the instructor."

Lakeside Palette

The Lakeside Palette Club of St. Clair Shores meets from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, at the St. Clair Shores Adult Education building, 23055 Masonic, to discuss painting techniques and to paint.

Detroit Zoo

Girls ages 5 and older and their female chaperones, 18 and older, may attend the "Girls' Night Out" at the Detroit Zoo, in celebration of Women's History Month, from 7 p.m. Saturday, March 13, to 10 a.m. Sunday, March 14.

The event includes a late-night tour, keeper talks, craft project, marshmallow roast and breakfast at an animal habitat.

The cost is \$50. For more information or to register, call (248) 541-5717 ext. 3800 or e-mail education@detroitzoo.org.

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BOYS HOCKEY

Knights end regular season 23-0-1

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Liggett's boys' hockey team completed one of its best-ever regular seasons in school history.

Last week, the Knights beat Royal Oak Shrine 8-0, West Bloomfield 10-2 and Lincoln Park 4-1 to end the regular season without a loss, 23-0-1.

The only blemish on the slate was a 3-3 tie with Troy Athens back on Nov. 21.

Head coach Robb McIntyre had some concerns about his players' inconsistent play throughout January and through the first half of February.

"We have to get better because we don't want to be one and done in the state playoffs," McIntyre said. "We were flat against Lincoln Park and I think the guys were thinking about the first playoff game instead of Lincoln Park."

In the season finale against Lincoln Park, the senior trio of Jake Goldberg, Rory Deane and Jim Palmer scored each of the four goals to put the finishing touches on perfection.

Against West Bloomfield, it was the underclassmen who led the way as sophomore Conner Wiggins and freshman Mark Auk each had a hat trick. Freshman Manny Counsman also had a solid game, netting a

shorthanded goal and three assists.

Deane added two goals and senior Dan Zukas had one.

In the game against Shrine, it was senior night and senior goalie David McIntyre posted the shutout.

Senior Chris Ralstrom scored his first goal of the season, giving everyone on the team at least one goal this year. Senior Patrick Gushee also scored, as did sophomore Austin Petitpren.

For Goldberg, Deane, Palmer, Zukas, McIntyre, Ralstrom, Gushee and fellow seniors Mac Decker, Michael Kassab, Daniel Dube and Tripp Damman, this is their final chance to etch their names in Liggett history that includes state championships in 1980 and 1990.

The Knights' playoff trek began Tuesday, March 2, against Marysville at Port Huron's McMorran Place Arena. If they won that game, they advance to the regional semifinals tonight, Thursday, March 4, against the winner of the St. Clair/Madison Heights Lamphere game, also at McMorran Place Arena.

If the Knights can win that game, they advance to the regional championship game Saturday, March 6. The favorite in this regional is defending Division 3 state champion Cranbrook Kingswood.



Senior Jim Palmer has been a steady force on defense for the unbeaten Liggett boys' hockey team.

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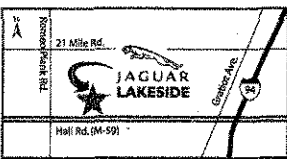
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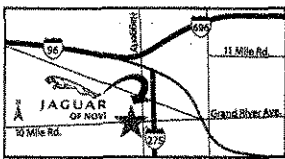
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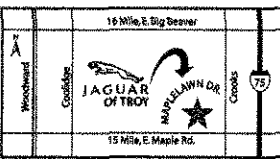
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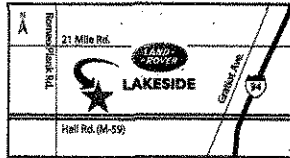
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Swimming

NORTH & SOUTH

Blue Devils rule MAC Red, North second

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

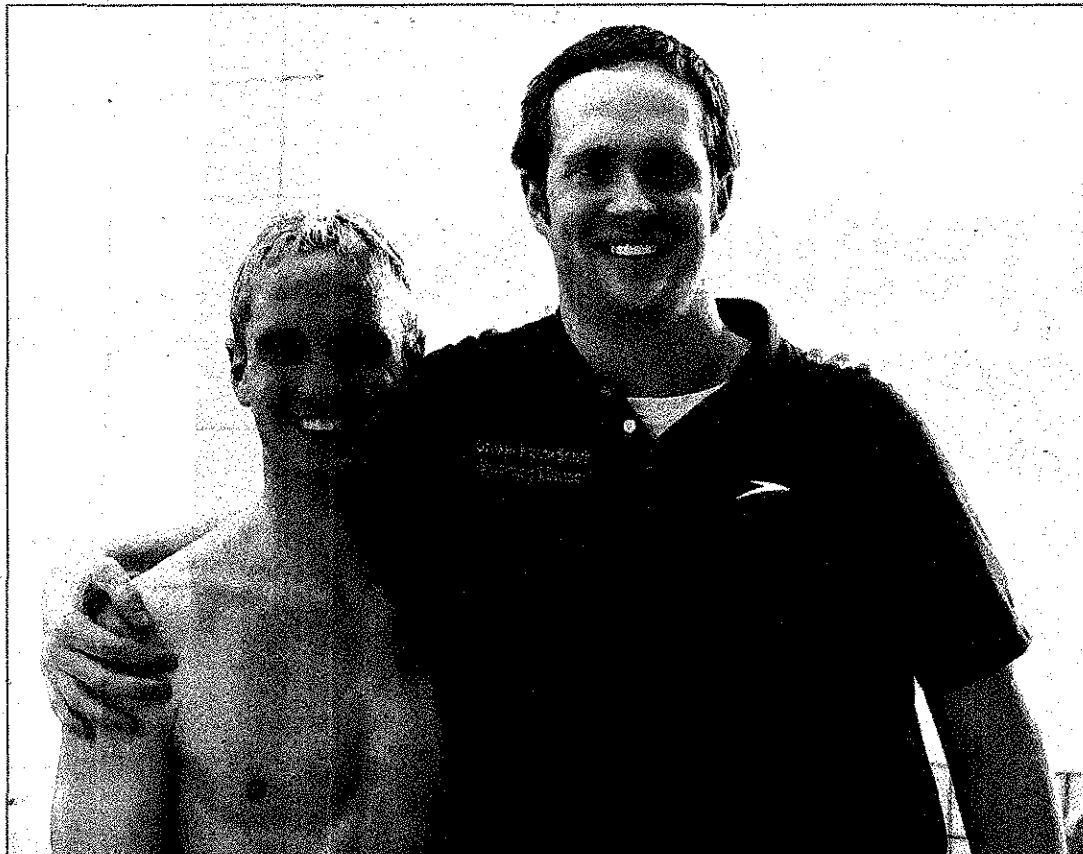
Grosse Pointe South's boys' swimming and diving team blew away the competition in last weekend's Macomb Area Conference Red Division championship meet.

The host Blue Devils earned 442.5 points, followed by city rival Grosse Pointe North and Macomb Dakota with 224, Romeo with 172.5 and Utica Eisenhower with 146.

"We had a very good meet this weekend and set some pool and MAC records," South head coach Eric Gunderson said. "Four years, which was my first as head coach, we had to finish ahead of L'Anse Creuse to overtake them to win the meet, which we did, and today, we pull off this solid effort."

"It's very nice for all of us."

"Combining a strong set of final swims and outstanding diving results, the Grosse Pointe North swimming and diving team rallied to tie Dakota for second place," North head



Head coach Eric Gunderson, right, congratulates Craig Campbell, who was named swimmer of the meet.



The Grosse Pointe South boys' swimming and diving team celebrates after winning another MAC Red Division championship meet.

coach Mike O'Connor said.

South junior Craig Campbell earned swimmer of the meet honors after winning the 200-yard freestyle and 500-yard freestyle. He set a pool record in the 200-free with a time of 1:44.93 and had a time of 4:49.56 in the 500-free.

The Blue Devils won a majority of the events, including the 200-yard medley relay team of senior Michael Shook, sophomore Cam Laney, senior Joe Hessburg and senior Matt Mandel with a time of 1:40.33.

North head coach Mike O'Connor watched his 200-yard freestyle team of senior Robert Tripp, sophomore Christian Mellos, junior Zack Hanna and senior Matt Peyser take third with a time of 1:44.47.

Following Campbell in the 200-freestyle was Shook with a time of 1:45.90 and Norsemen sophomore Justin Rakowicz at 1:47.79 and Blue Devil sophomore Luke Hessburg at 1:52.38.

In the 200-yard individual medley, Mellos was second with a time of 2:03.25, while South was able to grab third, fourth and sixth with junior Roby Boggs, junior Ryan Graham and senior Wayne Brackett finishing in those slots with times of 2:06.08, 2:08.55 and 2:16.28, respectively.

Joe Hessburg and Johnson led the Blue Devils with a first- and third-place finish in the 50-yard freestyle, turning in times of 22.48 and 23.16, while Peyser of the Norsemen was fifth at 23.45.

Mandel set a pool record with his 50-yard split in the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 21.69. Even though it was not in this event, the time counts because Mandel was the lead swimmer in the relay event.

Johnson also qualified for the state finals in the 50-freestyle with his preliminary time of 22.61. Qualifying time is 22.89.

South and North took first and second in the diving competition. South senior Kyle Eschenburg won with 383.35 points with his 11 dives, while North sophomore James McNelis took the silver medal with 342.35 points.

Other Blue Devils in the event were junior Pat Mulier, who was third with 303.25 points; senior Daniel Fisher, who was fifth at 293.25; and sophomore Ben Cornillie, who was seventh at 255.75.

For the Norsemen, senior Joshua Garvin was fourth with 299.55 points, while junior Mitchell Gross was eighth at 253.15 and junior Stephen Mack was 10th with 249.55 points.

In the 100-yard butterfly, sophomore Joe Zampardo was second with a state-qualifying time of 56.36, while Brackett took third at 56.56 and junior Sam Effinger swam a personal-best 57.31 to take fourth.

Tripp was fifth with a time of 57.77 for the Norsemen.

Mandel set a pool and MAC record in the 100-yard freestyle, winning with a time of 46.93.

South's Johnson was second and North's Peyser was sixth with times of 50.94 and 52.27. Peyser won a swim-off with Dakota senior Kohl Kohrman, beating him by .06 to get the sixth spot.

LIGGETT

Knights get best of Greenhills

Liggett's co-ed swimming and diving team got a little revenge last week.

The Knights lost a dual meet to Ann Arbor Greenhills earlier in the season. However, last week, they turned the tables and beat Greenhills 99-71.

The 200-yard medley relay team of Kara Zmyslowski, Brian Gutermuth, Stavros Bricolas and Nick Valice won with a time of 2:13.05 to get the ball rolling.

In the 200-yard freestyle, Mallory Jamett won with a time of 2:21.38 and Ben Gellman was fourth at 2:42.55, and Connor Borrego followed with a first-place finish in the 200-yard individual medley, posting a time of 2:40.63.

Valice, Veeral Patel and Patrick Monahan finished second, third and fourth in the 50-yard freestyle with times of 29.72, 29.78 and 31.37 to help the Knights earn big points.

Zmyslowski was second in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:17.33, while Bricolas was third and Monahan fifth with times of 1:23.09 and 1:46.52.

Gutermuth won the 100-yard freestyle with Patel and Mary Nehra taking third and fifth. Their times were 1:02.19, 1:09.85 and 1:17.35, respectively.

In the 500-yard freestyle, Jamett won with a time of 5:00.74, followed by Tori Wuthrich and Gellman, plac-

ing third and fourth with times of 5:50.54 and 6:00.46.

The 200-yard freestyle relay team of Patel, Valice, Borrego and Jamett won with a time of 2:00.12, while in the 100-yard backstroke, Zmyslowski won at 1:17.46 with Bricolas taking fifth at 1:22.68.

Gutermuth won the 100-yard breaststroke. Gutermuth and Borrego took first and second with times of 1:20.00 and 1:22.85. Morgan Walker was fifth with a time of 1:33.64.

The Knights put the finishing touch on the victory by taking first place in the 400-yard freestyle relay as Jamett, Valice, Borrego and Gutermuth posted a time of 4:32.15.

Last weekend, Liggett placed third in its league meet. Birmingham Detroit Country Day won with 135 points, followed by Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood with 117, Liggett with 28 and Greenhills with 26.

The battle for third place came down to the final event and the Knights beat out Greenhills to nab the spot as Valice, Jamett, Borrego and Gutermuth got it done with a third-place finish with a season-best time of 3:51.27.

Head coach Mike Mullinger watched a dozen of his swimmers post season-best times, but the meet was dominated by the larger Country Day and Cranbrook Kingswood squads.

cruising to the win with a time of 55.45. Schmidt tied for fourth with Romeo junior Chris Fazzalare with a time of 1:00.21 and Tripp for the Norsemen grabbed second with a time of 58.07.

Laney set a MAC record in the preliminary round of the 100-yard breaststroke at 1:00.58 and he came back the following day to win it in the finals with a time of 1:00.94.

Luke Hessburg was third with a time of 1:02.41, while Boggs and Graham placed fifth and sixth with times of 1:04.77 and 1:06.70, while Mellos was second for the Norsemen with a time of 1:01.37.

Just for good measure, the Blue Devils set another MAC record in the 400-yard freestyle relay as Shook Campbell, Joe Hessburg and Mandel posted a time of 3:15.85.

North's squad of Rakowicz, senior Ryan Seago, Tripp and Mellos placed fourth with a time of 3:32.94.

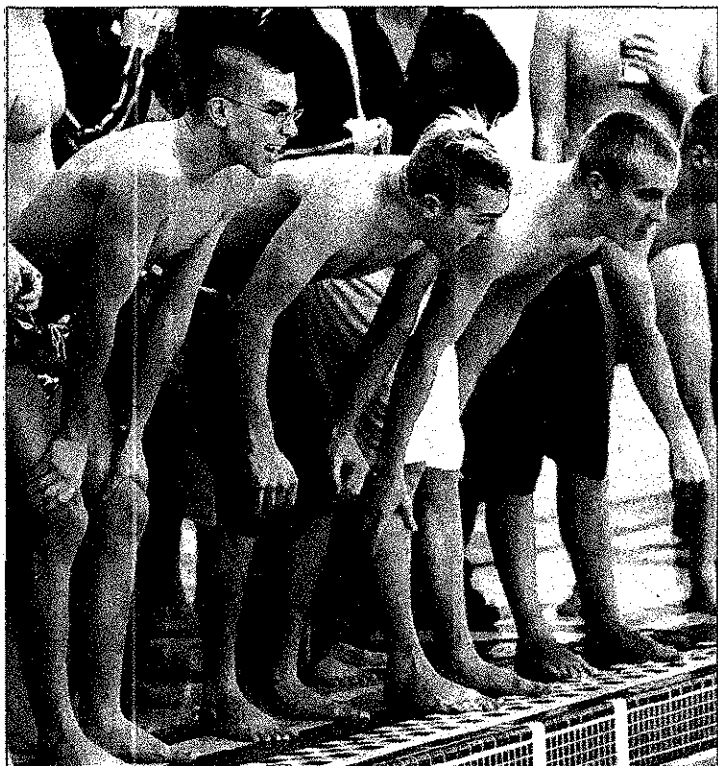
O'Connor said season-best times were turned in by Peyser, Milne, Gordon Russell, Evan Williams and Chris Schoenith in the 50-freestyle; Peyser,

Rakowicz, Ryan Seago, John Kohler, Michael Seago, Andrew Kopacka and Williams in the 100-freestyle; Rakowicz, Peter Shea and Scott Adelson in the 200-freestyle; Shea and Eric Reardon in the 500-freestyle; Tripp in the 100-backstroke; Mellos, Alex Fly, Milne and Schoenith in the 100-breaststroke; Tripp, Hanna and Louis Saravolatz in the 100-butterfly; Mellos and Hanna in the 200-IM; and McNelis, Garvin, Mitchell Gross and Stephen Mack in diving.



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Frank Cusumano helped celebrate the team's championship.



Several South swimmers cheer on their teammates during the final event of the Macomb Area Conference Red Division championship meet.

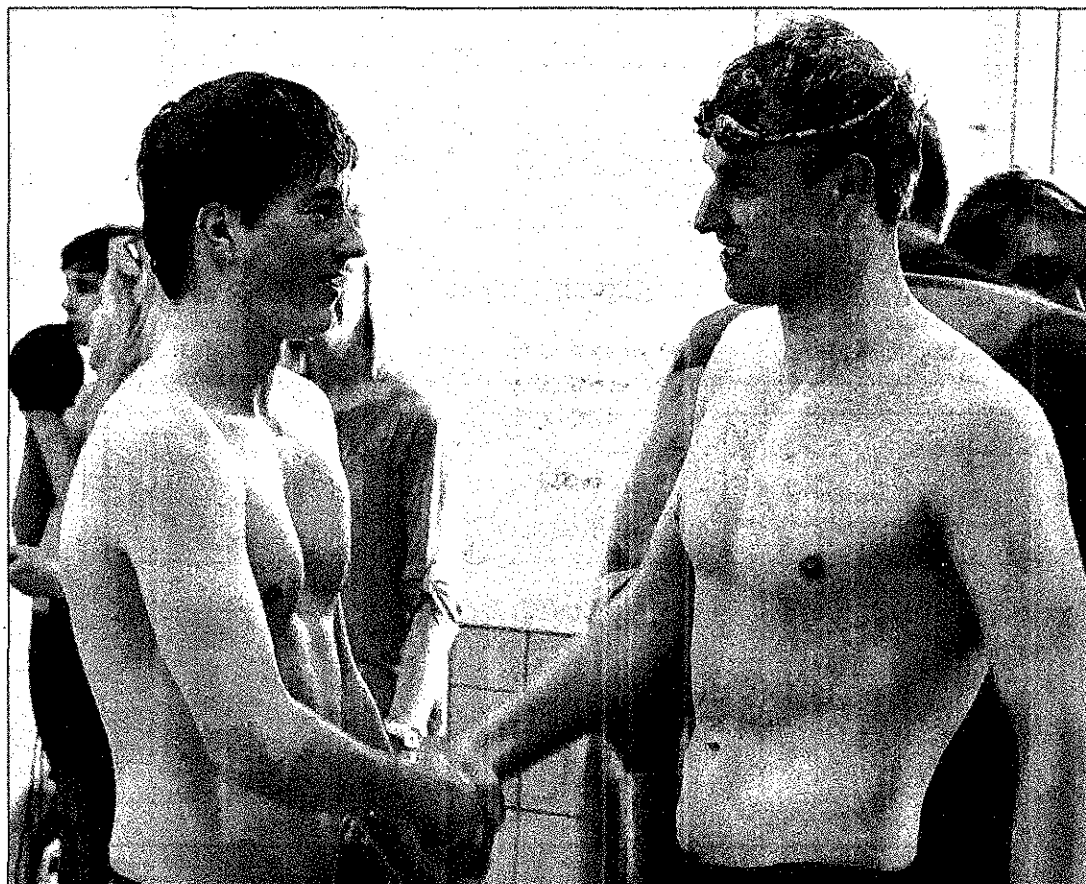


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Grosse Pointe North's Robert Tripp, left, congratulates Grosse Pointe South's Michael Shook after finishing the 100-yard backstroke.

Girls basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils crush Cousino, win division

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

Grosse Pointe South won a second straight division title last week, blasting Warren Cousino 51-31.

Head coach Kevin Richards' squad used a heavy dose of defense to beat the visiting Patriots and finishing the regular season 9-1 in the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division.

Sophomore Caitlin Moore had 14 points to help the Blue Devils capture the title.

On Monday night, the Blue Devils' smothering defensive effort and sharp perimeter shooting were key to the team's 57-26 victory over Eastpointe East Detroit.

"I thought we shot the ball well, especially early on," Richards said. "We did some things well; we didn't do some things very well tonight. We missed a lot of lay-ups, things like that. And you don't ever want to see that. But, overall it was a good opening game for us."

The missed lay-ups and somewhat sluggish play from both teams can be attributed to the competition, most would agree. Both North and South were the superior clubs; this was obvious based on

record alone.

This fact led to large leads early on for both squads and easy victories.

"It's tough," Richards also admitted. "You come in thinking you're the superior team, and when you go out there and things are going your way, it becomes more about focus as much as executing out there. But, in the end we get to play another game."

Senior Chloe Srebnak led the way with 11 points and junior Aisha Rodney had 10 to lead the Blue Devils.

Should South beat Lakeview and city rival Grosse Pointe North beat Detroit Finney, then the two would meet in the district final March 5, with a title and ticket to the regional round on the line.

As a tuneup for the state playoffs, South took on the No. 1 ranked team in the state, Birmingham Detroit Country Day.

The score, 42-28, didn't matter to Richards.

What was important heading into the team's game against Country Day was that it was an excellent way to prepare for the real prize — a district championship and a solid run in the state tournament.

"They're (Country Day) a great team," Richards said.

"We want to go in there and try some things against them, be competitive, and use it to get ready for districts."

"We want to win a district championship. We know that it's not an easy thing to do, but we believe we can do it. Games like those against Country Day and Detroit Renaissance, a team we played earlier in the season, help us to get ready for the level of play we can see in the state tournament."

There is little doubt that the Yellowjackets are among the state's top squads. Standout Madison Williams is arguably the top player in the state and one of the best in the nation, while the team seems a likely contender for a state championship this season.

Although the Blue Devils are a long shot for a state title, South can certainly follow up its second-straight Macomb Area Conference division crown with a run at a district championship.

"We know we've got to get better in some areas; transition defense in particular," Richards admitted. "We're working very hard in practice, and we're trying to be a more versatile team, too. I think we were able to do this against Cousino Tuesday. We didn't

look like the same team we were throughout the season. We were able to mix it up and get a win. That's good."

Honestly, rival North seems like the biggest obstacle in South's path to a district championship. Led by Ariel Braker, the Norsemen turned in another stellar season wrapping up a MAC Red crown.

"We know that they're the team you have to get past if you want to win a district championship," Richards said. "They're a very good team again this year. But, we think we're pretty good too."

Games against the likes of Country Day certainly can't hurt the Blue Devils' cause in their quest to beat quality teams such as North.

"Country Day is No. 1 in the state," Richards said. "We know we probably won't see a better team than that anywhere in the state tournament. In that sense, games like that, no matter what the outcome, can help us in the postseason. We can learn from these games."

South senior Chloe Srebnak scored 11 points in the contest against Country Day, while Yellowjackets' McDonald's All-American Williams poured in 15.

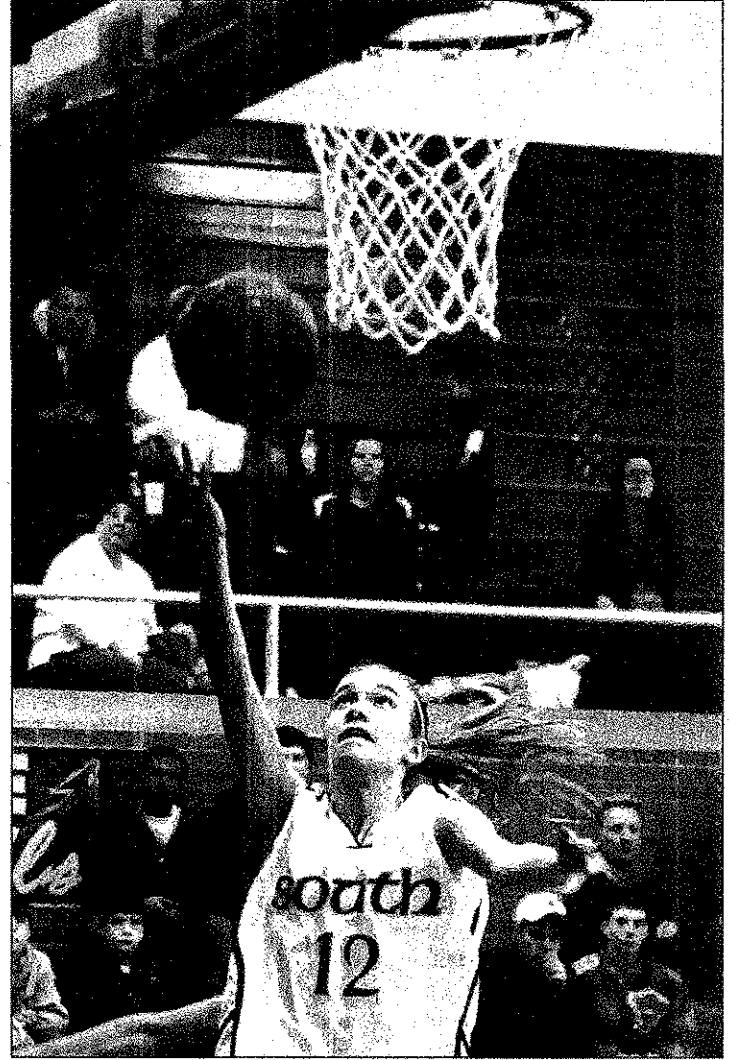


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Sophomore Caitlin Moore goes up for two of her 14 points in the Blue Devils' division-title clinching victory over Warren Cousino.

LIGGETT



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Liggett head coach Wayne Gigante talks to sophomore Andriana Evangelista about a play during a timeout of the Knights' home game against Highland Park.

Knights crunch path to 18-2

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Liggett's girls' basketball team finished one of its best regular seasons in years last week, winning three games to stand 18-2 overall.

"The girls put together a nice week and I think they're ready for the state tournament," head coach Wayne Gigante said.

Senior Hannah Baird had her best week of the season, leading the Knights with a season-high 20 points in a 52-20 win over visiting Ann Arbor Greenhills.

"Hannah is shooting the ball with more confidence," assistant coach Ashley Alles said.

"Defenses are starting to double Madison and I, so Hannah is open and hitting those shots," freshman Haleigh Ristovski said.

The Knights used Baird's scoring outburst to jump out to a 34-6 halftime lead over Greenhills. They cruised in the second half and limited Greenhills to 32 points less than the first time the squads played this season.

Sophomore Madison Ristovski added 15 points and

Haleigh Ristovski had nine.

The Knights opened the week with a 63-35 victory over visiting Highland Park as Madison Ristovski had 26 points.

The team led 36-15 at the half as Gigante watched the girls play a more tenacious defense than earlier in the year.

Freshman Ariana Castillo had 10 points and Baird chipped in with eight and the Knights played a makeup game against Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, winning 51-28.

Madison Ristovski and Baird led the way with 18 and 14 points, respectively.

Now with Gigante's first regular season with the Knights in the books, it's time to focus on the state district playoffs.

Liggett faced the winner of the Detroit City and host Harper Woods game in the district semifinal played Wednesday, March 3.

If they win the semifinal, the Knights play in the district championship game at 7 p.m. Friday, March 5, against either Warren Michigan Collegiate or Harper Woods Chandler Park Academy.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Defense leads to lopsided victory

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

After the opening game of the 2010 girls basketball state playoffs March 1, Grosse Pointe North took care of business and moved on to the district semifinals.

A convincing 58-24 win over St. Clair Shores Lake Shore pushed the Norsemen's overall record to 20-1. It also gave the Norsemen a 20-game winning streak.

North coach Gary Bennett knows the important thing is to move on as well.

"It's tough, honestly," Bennett admitted. "I mean we came down and we had control, but it was almost like we

had too much control at times. We talk about it, about playing our game no matter what the score or who we're playing. But, it's about getting through to the next game and we did that."

Both squads dominated their opposition from the opening tip, with North's Ariel Braker outscoring Lake Shore herself in the first half, 17-14. North took a 47-14 lead into the break.

Braker finished with 21 points.

In their regular season finales last week, the Norsemen defeated Fraser 44-27 and edged a talented Detroit Allen Academy 39-36.

Against division rival Fraser,

the host Norsemen actually pitched a shutout for the first half, which is unheard of at the high school level.

It was 18-0 at the half and 27-18 at the end of the three quarters before putting an exclamation mark on a fourth straight unbeaten Macomb Area Conference Red Division slate, outscoring the Ramblers 17-9 in the fourth quarter.

Womack had 20 points and four steals, while Braker recorded another double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds. She added eight steals, eight assists and three blocks, coming close to achieving a rare quadruple-double.

Liddane and Kiah chipped in with five points apiece as the

Norsemen finished 10-0 in the Red Division. For Womack and Braker, they never lost a MAC Red Division game in the four years they played on the varsity team.

The Norsemen used an 11-8 fourth quarter to beat Allen Academy, ranked in the top 10 in Class C.

Allen Academy was the perfect opponent for the Norsemen to use as a tuneup for the rigors of the state playoffs.

Braker had 18 points, 18 rebounds, seven steals, seven blocks and three assists to lead the Norsemen, while Womack had 14 points.

— Bob St. John contributed to this story.

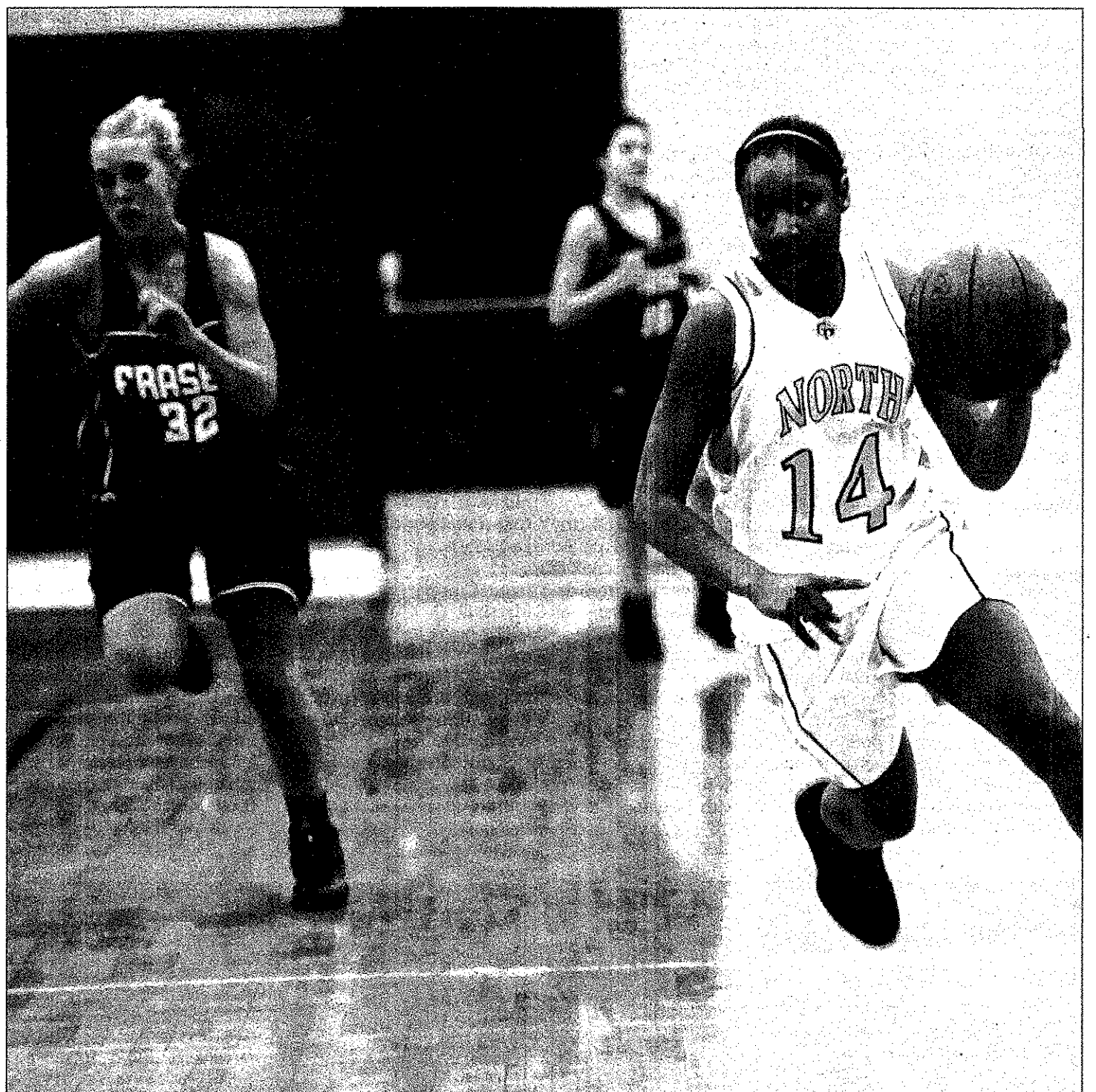


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Grosse Pointe North senior Kayla Womack, No. 14, poured in 20 points to help the Norsemen crush Fraser for a second time this season.

Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNITED

United team takes 1st in league meet

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team won its league meet last week, earning 138.3 points.

Fraser was second with 133.35 and Dearborn Edsel Ford took third with 119.125.

"The girls really competed well tonight and it's nice to win this meet," head coach Cathy Hubmeier said. "All of our girls performed some nice routines and now we need to keep it up for the big regional meet."

Team members Lauren Krieger, Madi Kaiser and Emma Abessinio dominated the meet and took the top three spots in the all-around competition, earning 34.70, 34.60 and 34.50 points, respectively.

Fraser's Casey Belback was fourth with 33.75 points, followed by Edsel Ford's Marissa Messing with 33.50, Fraser's Janell Tideswell with 33.15, Edsel Ford's Sydney LaPointe with 32.63 and Fraser's Morgan Kelley with 31.40.

Krieger won the balance beam with a score of 9.3 with Kaiser taking second at 9.05. Teammates Sarah Fentin and Abessinio tied for fifth with an 8.55, and Heather Koresky placed eighth with an 8.4.

Abessinio won the floor exercise with a 9.0 and Aubryn

Samaroo was second with an 8.85.

Krieger was third and Kaiser took fifth with scores of 8.75 and 8.65, respectively. Fentin placed seventh with an 8.5.

On the vault, Ashley Krynski was No. 1 with an 8.7 and Abessinio was third with an 8.65. Koresky, Kaiser and Krieger tied for sixth place with an 8.5. Fran Kay also competed on vault and scored an 8.2 to take 10th.

Kaiser tied for first on the bars with an 8.4, while Koresky and Abessinio tied for second with an 8.3. Krieger and Brittany Rizzo finished in fourth and fifth place with scores of 8.15 and 8.0, respectively.

Now that the United team steamrolled through its league slate, it gets ready for a regional meet Saturday, March 6, at Plymouth Canton.

Competing against the United team will be Adrian, Canton, Plymouth Canton, Salem, Edsel Ford, Livonia Stevenson, Livonia Churchill, Northville, Saline and Tecumseh.

The top three teams automatically advance to the state finals or if it earns at least 140 points.

Individuals can also earn a spot in the state finals with a top three finish in an event.

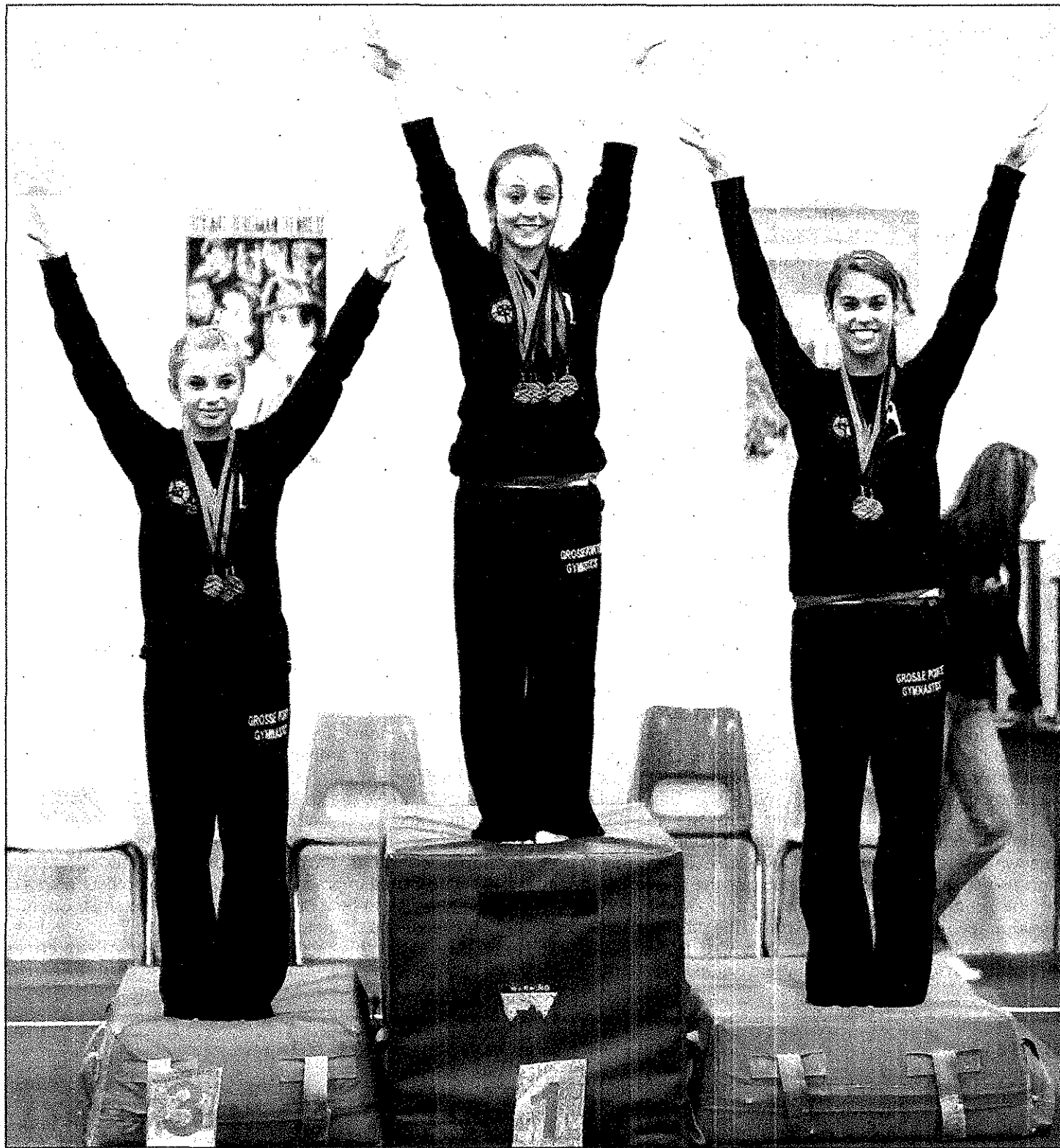


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Grosse Pointe United gymnasts, from left, Emma Abessinio, Lauren Krieger and Madi Kaiser earned the top three spots in the all-around competition during last week's league meet.

Boys hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Ousted by DLS

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It was the worst case scenario.

It was imperative Grosse Pointe South's boys' hockey team got off to a good start against top 10-ranked Warren DeLaSalle in Monday night's Division 2 regional quarterfinal game at Great Lakes Sports Arena in Fraser.

Instead, the Pilots scored 11 seconds into the opening period and built a 3-0 lead after two periods.

When it was all said and done, the Blue Devils bowed out, losing 5-0.

In last week's regular season finales, the Blue Devils lost 4-3 to host Woodhaven and 3-2 to visiting Macomb Dakota on senior night.

The Blue Devils seemingly had the Woodhaven team in check, but injuries and the absence of captains Miles Knight and Jimmy Morris were just too much for them to overcome in the narrow loss.

Morris opened the scoring, when he and Wesley Cimmarrusti took advantage of a two-on-one rush, resulting in a penalty shot for Morris. He was injured on the play, but was able to convert the penalty shot. However, he left the game after the goal and did not return.

Early in the second period, Cimmarrusti took the puck the length of the ice in a short-handed situation, evading four Woodhaven defenders en route

to stretching the lead to 2-0 with an assist from Nick Monforton.

However, Woodhaven came back just seconds later to pull to within one.

The Blue Devils grabbed a 3-1 lead early in the third period when Max Corbett scored with assists from Cimmarrusti and Jess Martinelli.

It was all Woodhaven after that as the home team scored the final three goals to nab the win.

The South skaters dropped a heart-breaker on senior night to Dakota, which struck first in the opening minute of the game, but a strong defensive effort by senior goalies Matt Hughes and Blake Sanford kept the game close throughout the final two periods.

Defensemen Alex Krebs and Monforton turned back numerous Dakota rushes, while fellow seniors Billy Mestdag and Ian Osborn were a constant force for the Blue Devils on the forecheck throughout the evening.

Cimmarrusti opened the scoring in the second period for South, muscling a faceoff in the Dakota zone away from defenders and pushing the puck past the goaltender.

Geoff Welscher recorded the lone assist.

The Cougars regained the lead with 7:44 to play in the final period, but the Blue Devils answered right back when Martinelli found the back of the net with just under seven minutes to play with assists



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Grosse Pointe South's Jess Martinelli had a solid season, but it was cut short after a first-round playoff loss to DeLaSalle.

from Cimmarrusti and Eric Marshall.

The home team suffered the loss when the Cougars converted a breakaway. But a Macomb breakaway, with just under three minutes to play was the decider.

South finished the season 10-14-1.

Tracey Wade contributed to this story.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen crunch Mott

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's state playoff trek began Monday night with a 7-1 Division 2 regional quarterfinal win over Warren Mott at Great Lakes Ice Arena in Fraser.

Despite the lopsided win, head coach Scott Lock wasn't pleased with his Norsemen.

"We need to play a lot better than this if we're to advance to the regional final," Lock said.

It was a 2-0 game halfway through as the Marauders were hanging tough. Senior Steve Herron and sophomore J.P. Lucchese scored for the home team.

Sophomore Joe Aluia scored a shorthanded goal with 4:17 left in the second period which finally lit the Norsemen's fire.

The Norsemen put the game away after scoring three quick goals midway through the third period.

Senior Matt Lucchese and senior Alex Tomovski scored unassisted goals with the second coming shorthanded. Aluia scored his second goal of the game on the power play and senior Shane Johnston finished off the Marauders with a goal with 1:00 left.

With the win, North improved to 10-14-1 with the regional quarterfinal victory.

Last week, the Norsemen finished its Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League schedule, beating Birmingham Brother Rice 3-2 and losing 4-0 to Novi Detroit Catholic

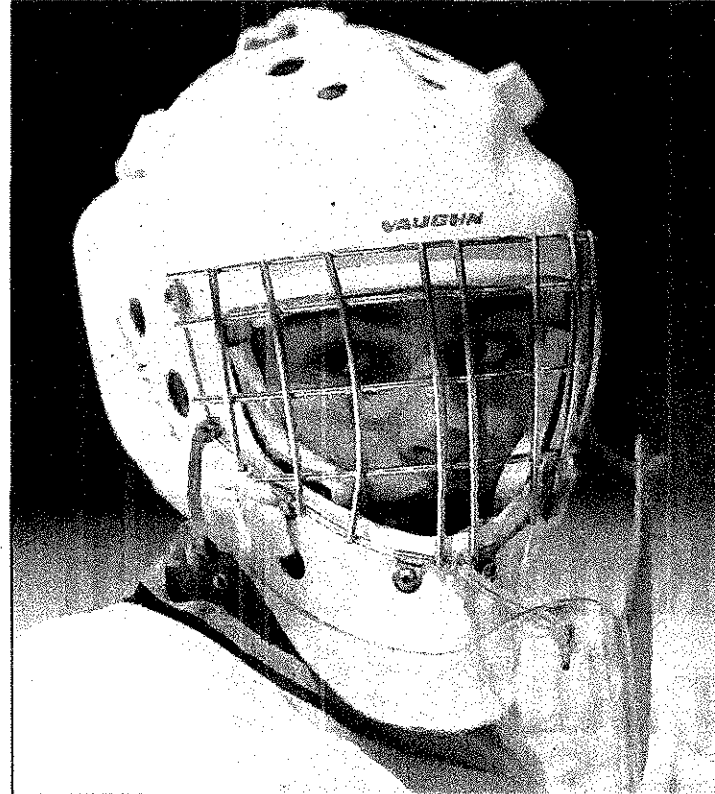


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Chip Wujek has been on his game during the Norsemen's recent streak, which included beating Mott Monday night and Brother Rice last week.

Central.

"We played very well against Brother Rice on its senior night," Lock said. "We came out strong, but were a little on our heels in the second. I thought we played better in the latter parts of the second period and throughout the third."

Sophomore Scott Dornbrock scored a power play goal in the opening period and sophomore Anthony Saleh tallied later in the stanza, giving the visiting Norsemen a 2-0 lead.

Seniors Mitchell Capp and Matt Lucchese assisted on the first goal and Saleh's tally was unassisted.

The Warriors cut the deficit to 2-1, but Capp made it a two-goal game once again, scoring in the final minutes of the second period. Aluia and Tomovski drew assists.

Brother Rice celebrated senior night between the first and second periods, leaving

the Norsemen to wait an extra 20 or so minutes in the locker room.

The Warriors were able to get within a goal late in the third period, but sophomore goalie Chip Wujek and the Norsemen defensemen shut the door on the victory.

For a second straight game, the Norsemen were guests of a senior night. This time, it was No. 1 Catholic Central's turn.

The host Shamrocks scored a goal late in the first period and added three more in the second to grab a comfortable lead.

"They're a talented team, but we had our moments with them," Lock said. "We played a good opening period and had some golden scoring chances, but the shots were either blocked or went wide of the net. It was one of those games."

North finished in sixth place in the MIHL at 4-7-0-1 for nine points.

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Girls hockey

RIVALS



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Liggett junior goalie Mariah Passalacqua stops a shot from South sophomore Claire Boyle during the first period of the Blue Devils' 3-2 win.

South edges Liggett

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' hockey team nearly had its perfect season ruined by city rival Liggett.

The host Knights played one of its best games of the season last week, but the Blue Devils prevailed 3-2.

"Winning isn't guaranteed," South head coach Bill Fox said. "We have to work hard every night and tonight I didn't think we worked hard enough. We won, but it wasn't a solid effort."

"It was our best game of the season and Mariah (Passalacqua) was great in net," Liggett head coach Laura Owczarski said. "The girls have really picked up the level of their play the past couple of games against the best teams in the league and played well."

The Blue Devils struck first when sophomore Claire Boyle scored with sophomore Marissa Monforton netting the lone assist.

In the second period, the

Knights built a 2-1 lead on goals by seniors Liz Smith and Paige Counsman.

Sophomore Haleigh Bolton assisted on Smith's goal while Counsman's was unassisted.

Toward the latter stages of the second stanza, the Blue Devils made a move, scoring the tying and eventual game-winning goals.

Junior Elizabeth Clem had the tying goal with senior Jessica Snella drawing an assist and with only 55 seconds left in the period, senior Ana Harris tallied the game-winner with junior Andrea Marshall netting an assist.

Passalacqua kept the game close, stopping all 13 shots the Blue Devils fired her way in the third period.

Fox watched his squad keep constant pressure on the Knights and it maintained possession of the puck for 90 percent of the final period, but the score remained 3-2.

During a span of a minute midway through the third period, the Blue Devils appeared to have two shots cross the goal

line, but the officials waved each off.

"Playing Cranbrook and South tough the past couple of games is a positive sign heading into the playoffs," Owczarski said. "We feel we're a more confident team heading into the playoffs. We need to finish the regular season strong and get ready."

Liggett's final regular season game came last weekend at Northville, a 4-3 loss, leaving the Knights in fifth place in Division 1 with a 9-10 mark, 9-12 overall.

South finished its perfect regular season with a blowout win over Warren Regina.

Boyle had a hat trick, while Snella, senior Julia Solecki, junior Dana Davenport, Harris and senior Rae Sklarski scored a goal apiece.

Sklarski had four assists, while Harris and senior Shannon Gianino had three assists apiece.

Grosse Pointe South finished the regular season 19-0 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen win 2-of-3, finish third in league

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' hockey team blew two three-goal leads in its 5-4 overtime loss to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood last week.

"We took too many dumb penalties and were in bad position in the third period," head coach Scott Dockett said. "We played probably our best period of the season in the first and still controlled the play in the second."

"That third period wasn't good and this is a tough loss. We gave this game away."

The host Norsemen jumped out to a 3-0 lead.

Julia Henderson opened the scoring with Kailey Sickmiller and Jaci Sherry drawing assists.

Taylor Moody scored the first of her two goals to give the Norsemen a 2-0 lead and Jennifer Cusmano made it 3-0 with Sherry and Sara Villani netting assists.

The Cranes' Caley Chelios scored to make it 3-1, but Moody scored a pretty goal at the 1:53 mark of the second period, tucking a backhand past Colleen Jacoby.

It could have been 6-2 or 8-2 heading into the third period, but Jacoby came up with several top-notch saves the Cranes needed.

The Cranes scored at the

7:50 mark of the third period and hit the equalizer on the power play with only 1:15 left.

It took the visitor only 10 seconds of the overtime to win as Chelios scored the game-winner.

The Norsemen put the tough loss behind them as they finished the regular season with victories over Birmingham Detroit Country Day and Warren Regina to finish third in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 standings.

The Norsemen jumped by Ann Arbor for third place after the Pioneers lost to the Cranes last weekend.

North ended its regular season 14-7 overall.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Grosse Pointe North freshman Natalie Skorupski and the Norsemen were able to win 2-of-3 games last week to finish third in the girls' hockey league regular season standings.

Boys basketball

RIVALS

Blue Devils even score with rival Norsemen

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' basketball team evened the score against city rival Grosse Pointe North last week.

The visiting Blue Devils led from start to finish, beating the Norsemen 52-45.

"Jarvis (Wise) was a field general out there, directing the game and playing very well," South head coach Jim Twigg said. "Everyone played well, including nice games from Ben (Fry), Corbett (Conroy) and Cooper (Hartman) off the bench."

"This was a nice win."

The last time the teams met, North senior Bryan Brown hit a game-winning three-pointer at

the buzzer.

That shot never came into play as the Blue Devils played with a renewed confidence to totally dismantle the Macomb Area Conference White Division leading Norsemen.

"The better team won tonight," North head coach Matt Lockhart said. "There is no ifs. South was the better team and it didn't help that we shot 10-of-21 from the free-throw line."

The Blue Devils were hot out of the gate, leading 16-6 and it was 27-20 at the half.

The Norsemen's best stretch came in the first four minutes of the second quarter when they cut an 18-8 deficit to 18-17 after senior Balazs Juhasz converted a three-point play and hit a basket.

Twigg called a timeout and his players responded with a 9-0 to get the 10-point lead.

The Blue Devils kept the pedal to the metal in the third quarter as junior Victor Mattison and Conroy hit baskets to make it a 34-20 game.

Brown hit back-to-back baskets to cut the deficit to 34-25, but that would be the closest the Norsemen would get until the final minute of the fourth quarter.

The Blue Devils received plenty of rebounding support from junior Brandon Barkley and Hartman, who finished with nine and seven boards apiece, as well as offensive leadership from Wise.

Conroy hit two big baskets and Mattison's layup off a feed from Wise allowed the Blue Devils to maintain a double-digit lead throughout the majority of the fourth quarter.

Conroy led the Blue Devils with 16 points, followed by

Wise with 12, Mattison with nine and Fry with nine.

Brown led the Norsemen with 14 points and Juhasz had 10.

"We have to put this one behind us and get ready for the next game," Lockhart said. "They get bigger and bigger."

The loss to the Blue Devils pushed the Norsemen into a first-place tie with Warren Cousino, which beat Roseville 72-66. North and Cousino sat at 8-3 in the White Division and played each other for the division title.

The visiting Norsemen fell behind 20-11 after the first quarter, but rallied to take a 31-29 halftime lead.

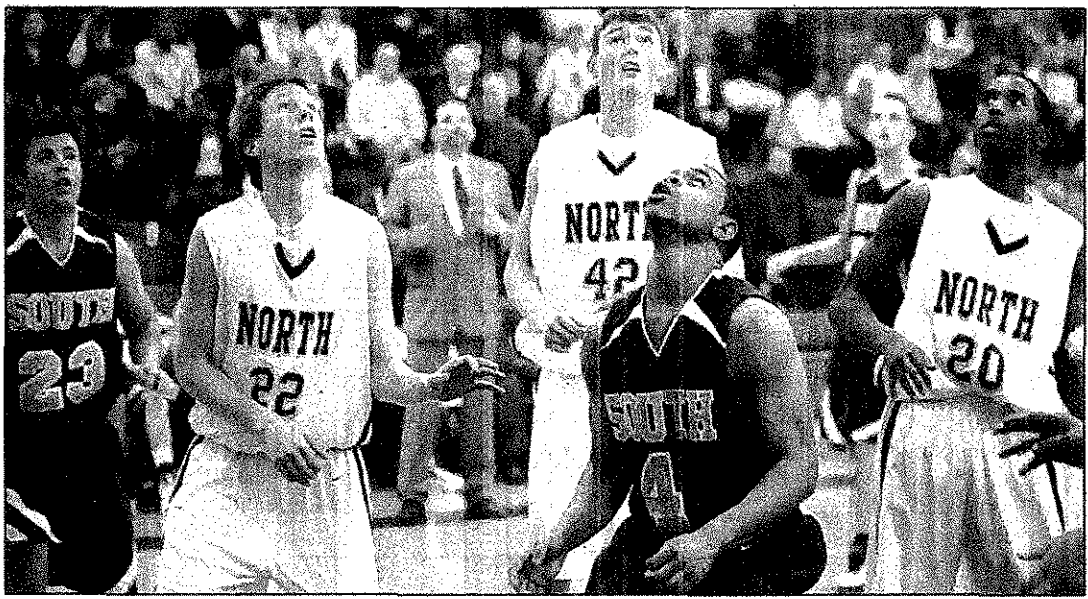
It was tied 45-45 after three quarters, but the Patriots put together a 24-17 fourth quarter to beat the Norsemen 69-62 to claim the White Division crown. Senior Troy Williams had 17 points, followed by Brown with 15 and sophomore Will Ritchie with 12.

The Blue Devils ended its division play with a 51-48 overtime win over Utica. The host team played its third overtime game of the season, winning two.

It was a tight game as the Chieftains led 11-8 after one quarter and the Blue Devils grabbed a 20-19 halftime lead. The visitors led 30-29 after 24 minutes and it was tied 44-44 at the end of regulation.

Wise finished with 12 points and junior Alex Bedan had 11 to pace a balanced Blue Devils attack.

Grosse Pointe South finished 7-5 and in third place in the MAC White Division and improved to 8-10 overall; North finished 8-4 in the White Division and fell to 10-9 overall.



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Waiting for a shot to go through the net or not are, from left, South junior Ben Fry, North senior Bryan Brown, South senior Jarvis Wise, North sophomore Will Ritchie and North junior George Greer.

LIGGETT

Ghafari's 30 lifts Knights

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Senior Mark Ghafari had one of his best games of the season, scoring 30 points, to lead Liggett's boys' basketball team past Detroit Eaton Academy, 69-66.

The home win ended a three-game losing streak. It was the Knights' first home game in two weeks.

The game was tied at 51 heading into the fourth quarter. It was close throughout as neither team led by more than six points at any point in the game.

The Knights led 11-10 after

the first quarter and the Panthers grabbed a 31-28 advantage at the half.

Head coach Sidney Johnson gave his Knights a pep talk at the intermission.

The words of wisdom worked as they scored the first nine points of the third stanza, taking a 37-31 lead.

The Panthers rallied to tie it with a long three-pointer at the horn.

In the fourth quarter, Ghafari was the go-to guy, hitting a variety of shots, including a Bernard King-type turnaround jumper that helped the Knights lead 67-61 with 1:46 left.

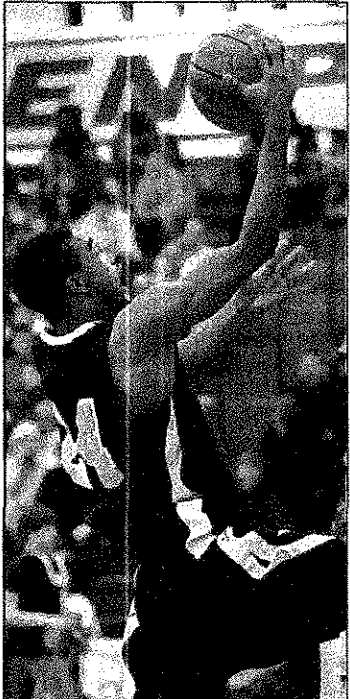
However, a turnover and two

missed free throws gave the Panthers a chance to tie the game, but Ghafari squashed the comeback bid after sinking two free throws with nine seconds left.

Freshman Eric Ewing chipped in with 10 points, followed by senior Joey Shannon with eight, sophomore Eddie Thomas with eight, sophomore Justin Shack with five and junior Carl Ghafari with five.

Earlier in the week, the Knights lost a third straight game, 48-45, at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

Liggett finished 11-5 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and is 13-5 overall.



South junior Victor Mattison flies to the hoop to score two of his nine points in the Blue Devils' win over city rival Grosse Pointe North.

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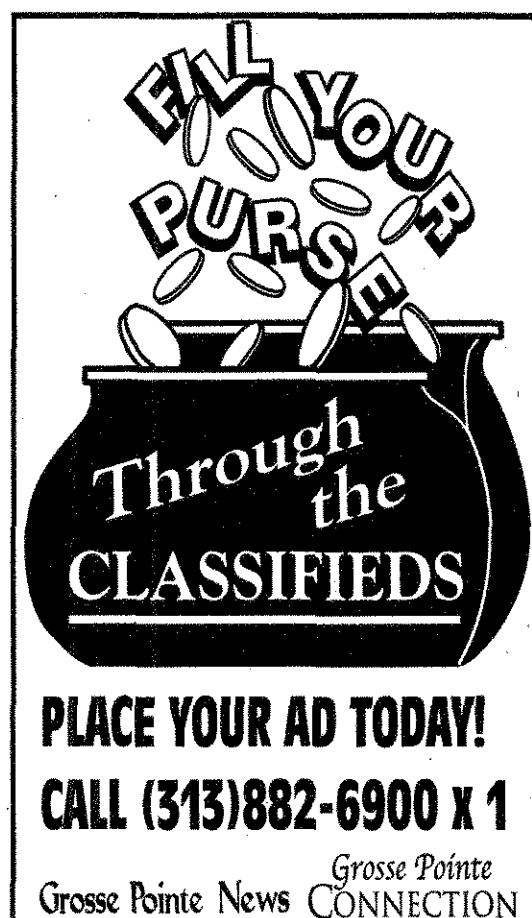


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