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**THURSDAY, APRIL 15**

**Income taxes due**

◆ The Arts Academy in the Woods presents "Students Have Talent" from 6 to 9 p.m. at McDonald's Restaurant, 22333 E. Nine Mile, St. Clair Shores.

◆ President of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, Susan Hartz, discusses legendary gardens of old Grosse Pointe at 7 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods Branch, 20680 Mack. To register, call (313) 343-2074.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 17**

◆ Local Motion Green Earth Day Fair is from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the parking lot of Richard Elementary School at McMillan off Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. There will be free testing of toys for toxins, fee-based electronics and computer recycling, fee-based document shredding, telephone recycling to benefit the Grosse Pointe Audubon Society and ink cartridge recycling benefiting Services for Older Citizens.

◆ The Detroit Panhellenic Association hosts its Red, White and Blue 2010 annual spring lunch at noon at the Tournament Players Club, 1 Nicklaus, Detroit. The speaker is Beth Chappell, president of the Detroit Economic Club. A raffle is planned.

**MONDAY, APRIL 19**

◆ Grosse Pointe Rotary meets at 12:10 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Bill Robinette, director of The Midwest Technical Recovery Team dive services is the speaker.

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

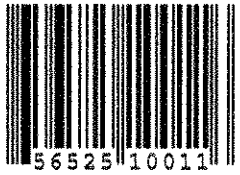
◆ Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, meets the public from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Grosse Pointe Park City Hall, 15115 E. Jefferson.

◆ City of Grosse Pointe council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 17147 Maumee.

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods city

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Major General Richard Bodycombe (USAF-Ret.) in the cockpit of the Yankee Air Museum B-17G.

## Flier lands in hall of fame

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

At age 87, Dick Bodycombe's past is catching up with him.

A career pilot and retired two-star general, Bodycombe will be inducted this weekend into the Michigan Aviation Hall of Fame in Kalamazoo.

"I'm overwhelmed," he said. "People started this process a few years back, but it didn't go anywhere. I thought, that's the way things go."

Bodycombe graduated from Grosse Pointe (South) High School in 1940.

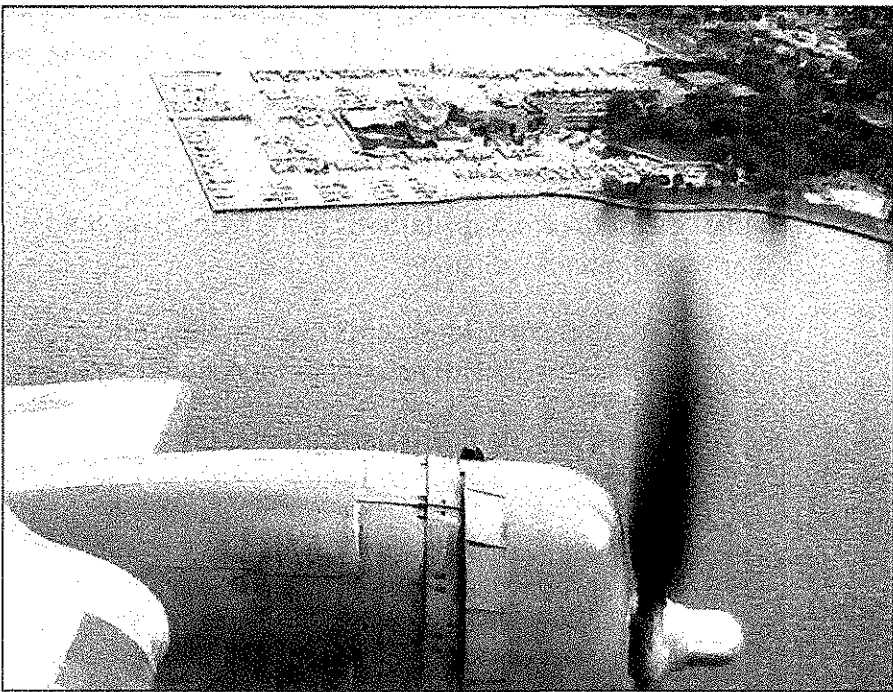
A few years later, at age 21, he was commander and oldest crewman of a B-24 Liberator four-engine bomber based in southern Italy during World War II.

The 13th mission ended being shot down.

"That was a bad day," Bodycombe said. "Everything went wrong."

German flack cut short Bodycombe's run on a railroad yard in Yugoslavia.

"After we started taking hits, engine No. 1 was gone," Bodycombe said. "We dropped behind the formation. Then we got into weather. Dropping 300 feet



A B-17 sight-seeing cruise along the Grosse Pointe shoreline targeted the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

per minute. I couldn't keep it flying."

He descended into clouds over Yugoslavia.

"The windshield iced up," he said. "Ice formed on the wings. I asked my

co-pilot, 'You want to fly it?' He said, 'No.' I held onto it for about 15 minutes, then came out of the clouds at

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## Home invasions increase

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Farms' downward crime trend is already shot for the year.

Following overall percentage drops in reported crime in recent years, during the first quarter of 2010:

◆ a Detroit male teenager was arrested for raping an underage Dearborn girl in a Mack Ave. alley,

◆ a Farms male teenager was arrested for raping an underage Park girl at his parent's house,

◆ husband and wife career criminals from St. Clair Shores and Royal Oak were arrested for breaking into a house,

◆ three Detroit males, including a juvenile, were arrested in Huntington

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## Everything and the kitchen sink

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

It's a disturbing trend for foreclosed properties. As the former owner moves out, he takes not just furniture and personal possessions, but just about anything that is and isn't nailed down.

Kitchen cabinets, built-in appliances, sinks, toilets, bathtubs and light fixtures are removed, leaving exposed wires, water pipes and damaged interiors.

Municipal building inspectors are trying to get banks that own these properties to be more aggressive in going after those who remove items they no longer own.

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## West back on council

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

A familiar face is back on the Grosse Pointe Farms city council.

Martin West, a councilman from 1997 to 2001, was appointed Monday, April 12, to complete the term of the late Councilman Doug Roby.

The Farms has a tradition of filling mid-term vacancies with former elected officeholders who promise not to run in the upcoming election cycle.

The practice is intended to avoid "beknighting,"

Councilman Terry Davis described as a non-elected fill-in with the power of incumbency in a future contest at the polls.

West said he won't run for office when he finishes Roby's term in November 2011.

"Doug Roby was a wonderful man," West said. "I'm honored to be chosen to replace him for the next 1 1/2 years."

West, who works in the insurance industry, was among eight applicants for the job. The others were:

- ◆ Constance M. Boris,
- ◆ Howard B. Hill,
- ◆ Gerald Lee,

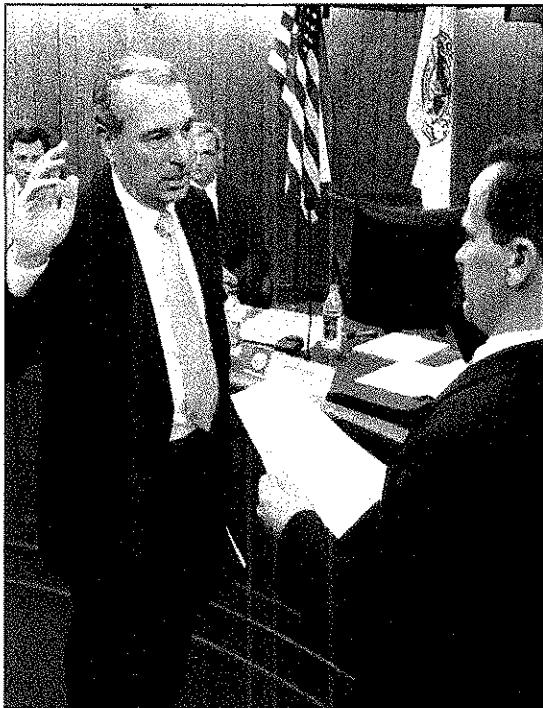
- ◆ Thomas R. Smith,
- ◆ Karen E. Vigmostad,
- ◆ C. Levering "Lev" Wood

and

- ◆ Scott Vandemergel.

West encouraged the applicants to prepare themselves for the next election.

"I encourage you, since I won't be running, to attend city council meetings," he told them. "That way, you can get up to speed and know what's going on. I'm delighted that so many people have come out for this great office. I encourage you to keep involved with the community."



Martin West is sworn onto the Grosse Pointe Farms city council by City Clerk Matthew Tepper.

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# T-Mobile

T-Mobile's grand opening of its Playground Store, 17012 Kercheval, in the Village, is from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, April 17. A magician performs from noon to 2 p.m. and refreshments are served. Experts from Blackberry, Nokia and HTC are on hand to provide demonstrations. Cutting the ribbon to open the store are, from left, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Boettcher, Suzanne Clem and Alexis Harvard with T-Mobile, City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrace and Michelle Lewis and Ryan Eggert, both with T-Mobile.

PHOTO BY PETE BIRKNER



## Unload hazardous waste May 15

Household Hazardous Waste Day is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 15.

This year's event is hosted by Grosse Pointe Farms in the parking lot of Pier Park, at the foot of Moross.

Household Hazardous Waste Day is open to residents of the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Shores and Harper Woods; not Grosse Pointe Woods.

A valid driver's license is required to verify residency.

### Yes

Acceptable materials include:

- ◆ glue
- ◆ wood preservatives
- ◆ paint (oil-based only)
- ◆ varnish
- ◆ fungicides
- ◆ herbicides
- ◆ insecticides
- ◆ weed killer
- ◆ rat poison
- ◆ brake and transmission fluid

- ◆ antifreeze and coolants
- ◆ battery acid
- ◆ fuel oil and gasoline
- ◆ petroleum solvents
- ◆ propane gas tanks
- ◆ oven and drain cleaner
- ◆ bleaches and disinfectants
- ◆ expired medicine
- ◆ fluorescent lamps

- ◆ furniture and metal polishes
- ◆ floor care products
- ◆ nail polish
- ◆ epoxy and solvents
- ◆ photographic chemicals
- ◆ mercury thermometers

### No

Unacceptable materials include:

- ◆ unknown or unlabeled material
- ◆ commercially generated waste
- ◆ smoke alarms
- ◆ radioactive material
- ◆ explosives
- ◆ shock-sensitive material, such as; chemical lab materials

or picric acid

◆ motor oil (Motor oil may be dropped off at the Farms Department of Public Works, 311 Chalfonte, weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.)

◆ latex paint (Place kitty litter in the open container, thoroughly dry, and dispose of the dried paint, kitty litter and container in your normal household rubbish.)

◆ household batteries (Store in a clear plastic bag, and place in your normal recycling container.)

Direct questions to Terry Brennan, Grosse Pointe Farms public works director, at (313) 885-6600.

## Drug cases stir up Shores neighborhood

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

It was deja vu all over again for medics handling two separate reported drug overdoses last week at a house on Crestwood Drive in Grosse Pointe Shores.

"We're concerned when we have a house with two drug-related incidents within a week," said Stephen Poloni, public safety director. "It's not only the safety of those involved, but of neighbors in the area."

A hearing was scheduled Thursday, April 15, (after the Grosse Pointe News deadline) in Shores Municipal Court regarding alleged heroin use by residents and visitors coming and going from the property during various times of the day and night.

In the first incident shortly before 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, medics took a 20-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man to the hospital.

He also was issued tickets for possession of drug paraphernalia and frequenting premises where drugs are used.

In addition, police cited the Crestwood house's 54-year-old female owner for "frequenting or living on premises where drugs are used."

"She was cited for allowing the home to be used for drug-related incidents," Poloni said. "The contention by detectives

(is) she had to know what was in the house."

Her 19-year-old son received the same citation, according to police reports.

The offense is a misdemeanor under Shores ordinance, according to Poloni.

Officers also issued the son violations for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

The second incident began at 2:30 a.m. Friday April 9.

Medics arrived at the house to find a second 20-year-old Park man "barely conscious and breathing," according to a public safety account. "Medics (said he) had track marks on his arm which indicate heroin use."

No one saw him take heroin, police said they were told.

The homeowner's son told police the Park man "asked to spend the night around 11 p.m. because he was recently 'kicked out' of his home," police said. "When (the Park man) did not show, (the son) left the front door unlocked. At approximately 2:25 a.m., (the son) was awake to find (the Park man) unconscious on the floor in front room and (a girl) with him."

Officers didn't identify the girl.

Medics took the man to St. John Hospital where, at 4:30 a.m. He was cited for possession of a controlled substance, according to police.

## Usage down, rates go up

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

Turning on the tap will cost Grosse Pointe Woods residents a little more beginning July 1.

The Woods city council is expected to approve a recommendation from the city's engineering firm to increase water and sewage rates 5.67 percent at the beginning of the new fiscal year.

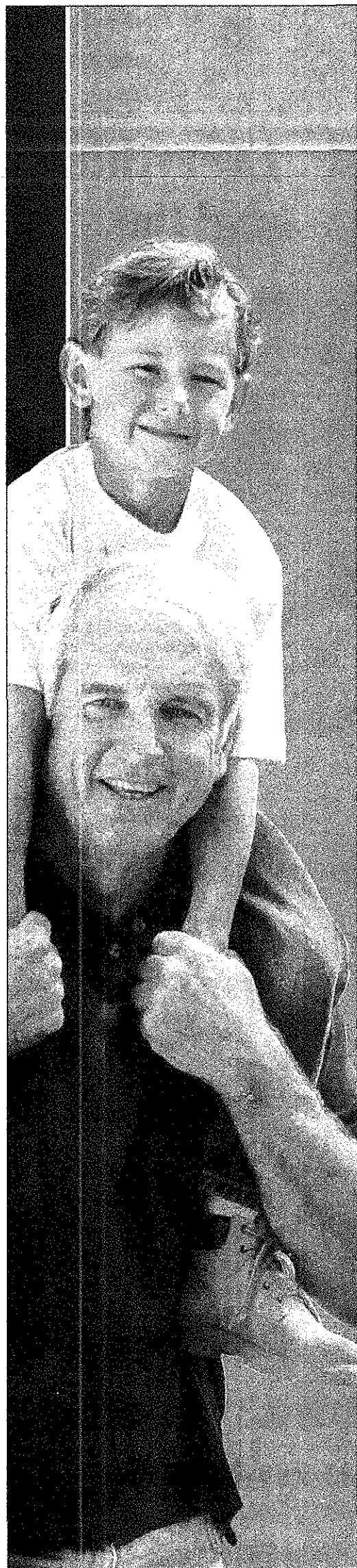
A decrease in water usage is

cited as one of the reasons for the increase in water rates.

"The city is seeing a decline in retail sales of water," said Jim Rabine, senior project engineer for AEW, Inc. "Two years ago retail sales were down 10 percent. This year, the decline is 14 percent."

The average annual bill this year was \$719. Based on the proposed increase, next year's

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## WEEK AHEAD:

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council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 20

◆ The Grosse Pointe Concert Band has a spring concert at 8 p.m. in the Parcels Middle School auditorium, corner of Mack and Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 795 Lakeshore.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

◆ A lecture by John Gallagher on his book, "Great Architecture of Michigan," is from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. The volume includes four Grosse Pointe houses, the Grand Hotel, the State Capitol and the Fisher Building.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosts Business After Hours at 5:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Academy, 171 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 22

◆ University of Michigan professor emeritus George Bornstein discusses "Ralph Ellison's Invisible Man: Great African-American Novel or Great American Novel?" at

7:30 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe South High School auditorium, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Admission is free to Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, students and teachers. Cost to the public is \$10. For more information, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 6 or visit gpfriends.org.

◆ A representative from the Michigan office of the Great Lakes discusses plans to protect, restore and sustain the Great Lakes at 1:30 p.m. at the Center of Lifelong Learning, St. Peter Parish House, 19851 Anita, Harper Woods. For more information, call (313) 886-1770.

◆ The Wayne County Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program sponsors the lecture, "Fight the Mortgage Crisis: Be the Captain of Your Financial Destiny" from 6 to 9 p.m. at Harper Woods High School, 20225 Beaconsfield, Harper Woods. For reservations, call Linda Johnson at (313) 833-3667.

◆ Ted Kasper and Susan Fell discuss "Parenting the Middle School Years: Guidance on Helping Students Make Successful Transitions" at 7 p.m. in the Brownell Middle School Library, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. Admission is free. For reservations, call (313) 432-3832. The event is hosted by The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods.

◆ A wine tasting event is from 6 to 8 p.m. at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. The cost is \$25. Tickets may be purchased by calling (313) 885-4841. Proceeds benefit the Relay for Life.





Gathered to set the agenda for the 24th Annual Mayors' Prayer Breakfast are from left, Mayor Robert E. Novitke, Grosse Pointe Woods; Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter, Harper Woods; Mayor Dale N. Scrace (seated), City of Grosse Pointe; Mayor Palmer T. Heenan, Grosse Pointe Park; Mayor James M. Cooper, Grosse Pointe Shores and Mayor James C. Farquhar Jr., Grosse Pointe Farms.

## Mayors join for annual prayer breakfast May 6

The mayors of the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods host their annual Mayors Prayer Breakfast at 7:30 a.m., Thursday, May 6, in the main ballroom of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

Wally Armstrong, a professional golfer since 1968, is the

keynote speaker. He recounts his life as a professional golfer dating back to setting a rookie record with a score of 8-under-par in his first Masters Tournament. He has competed in numerous tournaments including the British Open, Masters, U.S. Open, PGA Championship and the Players

Championship. The 24th Annual Mayors Prayer Breakfast celebrates the National Day of Prayer. Signed into law in 1952 by President Harry S. Truman, the National Day of Prayer is an invitation to pray for the nation's good. Support from Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe and

proceeds from breakfast ticket sales provide \$500 scholarships for students from Grosse Pointe North and South high schools, University Liggett and Harper Woods High School. Tickets are \$20 and available at any Grosse Pointe or Harper Woods municipal office. For ticket information, call Mary Celmer at (313) 343-1078.

## Rep. ticked off at no-show colleagues

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Rep. Tim Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe, said in his constituent newsletter last month that he'd be working in Lansing during spring break. His housemates didn't get the word. No-shows at two committee meetings in one day had Bledsoe so steamed he issued another message blasting "amateurism" in the Michigan Legislature. "I probably shouldn't have sent that," Bledsoe said a few days later. But he did. "Legislative dysfunction makes reforming this place much harder," he wrote after a wasted trip to the state capitol. "In the first place, most people see the craziness in Lansing and they understandably react with anger and want to punish

the Legislature for its incompetence. Secondly, we are so dysfunctional as an institution that we may simply be incapable of repairing ourselves." This isn't Bledsoe's first swipe at the Lansing establishment. A bill he introduced last year would have blocked lawmakers from leaving office and immediately becoming lobbyists. Bledsoe and a bipartisan group of fellow House freshman want longer term limits to beef up legislators' experience and, hopefully, party leadership. The group also is pushing for the state budget deadline to be advanced to July 1, a tall order given recent years in which lawmakers failed to meet the existing fall due date. Bledsoe went to Lansing during the traditional spring break period in March expecting to move forward on work

facing two committees, education and oversight investigations. "By the time I got there, both committee hearings had been canceled," Bledsoe said. "That's no way to run a Legislature." He was told the chair of education committee was ill. "But, we have a vice chair," Bledsoe said. "A committee shouldn't depend on having one person to be able to do its business. I've never heard why investigation oversight was canceled." Bledsoe, a political science professor taking time off from Wayne State University, opposes the state's intention to, as he put it, "raid" the savings of local school districts. The education committee has received House Bill 5963, which lets the state take a school district's savings exceeding 15 percent of the total

school budget. "This bill would cost Grosse Pointe public schools millions of dollars," Bledsoe said in his message about working during the break. "These are dollars raised locally as Grosse Pointe residents tax ourselves via a hold harmless mileage that accounts for roughly 20 percent of our school budget. "Having Lansing swoop down and confiscate these funds for distribution elsewhere in the state would amount to a tragic injustice and would make it impossible to convince voters to approve future millages." The oversight committee is dealing with the governor's cost-saving proposals to encourage some school teachers and other state employees to retire. "The governor is anxious to get these reports out," Bledsoe said.

## Survey: Keep taxes same in Shores

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Shores residents aren't keen to shore-up the city budget by cutting municipal services.

Only 30 percent of households responding to a city-wide survey would opt to reduce services if it meant paying less property taxes.

Nearly two-thirds of respondents showed a willingness to pay the same or higher taxes to maintain most or all existing services.

Some 53 percent of households answered the survey, a rate City Manager Brian Vick called "outstanding."

Vick based the survey on one released in March by his former employer, the City of Grosse Pointe.

Results from both cities largely mirrored each other:

◆ Households in both cities rated crime control and fire-fighting highest among desired municipal services.

◆ Respondents were lukewarm or opposed to spending money on community-sponsored events and decorations.

◆ Residents in both cities agreed that money could be saved by instituting curb-side rubbish pickup only.

On the other hand, 65 percent of Shores respondents want reductions in employee pay and benefits, compared to 42 percent in the City.

"It's benefits, not wages," said Shores Councilman Ted Kedzierski, stressing where he thinks costs have gotten out of hand.

Kedzierski chairs the finance committee. He advocates modifying the Shores' retirement benefits and payouts for sick days not taken.

He's not alone. Vick, Mayor Dr. James Cooper and the four council members attending the April 6 meeting of the finance committee agreed that employee benefits must be reined-in to counter reduced property tax revenue triggered by the statewide problem of declining property tax values.

Councilman Dan Schulte was absent from the meeting. So was David Galbenski, newly appointed to the council to fill a resignation.

Especially onerous to those attending the meeting is the employee sick bank benefit. The bank lets employees exchange unused sick days for pay upon retirement. The recently-retired park director accrued \$37,500, according to Kedzierski.

Vick last month proposed cuts to the sick bank for non-union personnel. He hopes to continue the trend with the city's four labor unions, which represent 76 percent of Shores employees, he said.

Changes to the bank rest with the council, which is seeking a legal opinion before considering action.

"What (we're) talking about is whether to preclude individuals who have vested rights from getting their vested rights," said Councilman Robert Graziani. "That's a legal issue, a legal opinion

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## Moor slips open

Ahoy polloi.

Whether your nautical taste is Judge Smalls' wooden sloop ("It's easy to grin when your ship comes in and you've got the stock market beat") or Al Czervik's cabin cruiser ("Hey, you scratched my anchor"), there's room to tie up at one of the Grosse Pointe's most spacious municipal marinas.

Slips are available at Pier Park in the Farms for the upcoming boating season.

Available well sizes and annual rents are:

- ◆ 20-by-9-feet, 8-inches, \$670;
- ◆ 30-by-12 feet, \$1,245 and
- ◆ 37-by-15 feet, \$1,920.

Twenty-foot slips have shared electrical and water service.

The 30- and 37-foot slips have individual shore power and water.

Wells are for Farms residents only and are available for immediate occupancy.

For more information, call the park office at (313) 343-2405.



## One down, one to go

Brian Geraghty, a retired Ford Motor Co. executive appointed unanimously to complete the vacated city council term of Fred Minturn, who resigned in February, is sworn into office at a special meeting of the Grosse Pointe Shores council Tuesday, April 6. Mayor Dr. James Cooper administers the oath. David Galbenski, an attorney appointed unanimously to complete a term vacated by the February resignation of Dr. Brian Hunt, was absent and is scheduled to be given the oath April 20. Both terms run to November 2011. Geraghty's first action on the council was to second a motion to adjourn the council meeting to the committee of the whole, which discussed cost-saving matters.

PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

## Be a part of history April 17

Be part of history when the 100th birthday of the Alger House is celebrated Saturday, April 17.

"Come Fly with Me," a history-themed gala complete with actors portraying the Alger family and such friends as the Wright brothers and Henry Ford, honors the mansion at 32 Lakeshore that was donated to the community as the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Tickets to the gala range

from \$100 to \$250.

Attendees will be arrive to fanfares, meet-and-greet by "Mr. Alger," a founder of Packard Motor Car Co. and early investor in Wright brothers aircraft.

The first part of the celebration takes place in the house and replicates life around 1910.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the house precede an honor guard leading a grand promenade of guests to Fries Crystal

Ballroom, where a World War II theme commemorates the War Memorial's founding during the late 1940s.

A strolling dinner includes salmon and tenderloin.

The Rhythm Society Orchestra and Satin Dolls female vocal trio perform.

The War Memorial was founded in 1949 as a perpetual memorial to veterans of WWII. An association operates the memorial to facilitate the edu-

cational, cultural, civic and patriotic needs of the community.

"Come Fly with Me" is Saturday, April 17. Tickets are: \$250 for Patrons and Underwriters beginning at 6 p.m.; \$100 for Friends starting at 7 p.m. Cocktail attire, black tie optional. The Grosse Pointe War Memorial is located at 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. For reservations, call (313) 881-7511 or visit warmemorial.org.

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## POINTER OF INTEREST

**Beth Fisher** leads a group of dedicated and talented needlepointers to boost the Grosse Pointe Academy Action Auction, May 5 & 8.

# Pointing in the Pointes

A unique part of next month's Action Auction at the Grosse Pointe Academy gets right to the point.

Needlepoint items have become very popular; one-of-a-kind items at the auction, bringing more than \$12,000 to the school's fundraiser in 2009.

For three years, Beth Fisher has helped lead a group of more than 100 stitchers who have donated 140 projects this year; some sold as a group including the 12 Days of Christmas ornaments and Easter basket with eggs, while others are sold individually, including an inviting footrest.

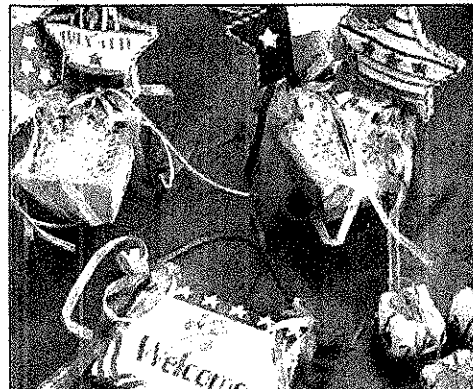
"One of the ways the auction sets itself apart is the selection of special items, like needlepoint, that you just can't go out and buy," said Fisher, who

served as the 2005 auction co-chair with her husband, Michael. "It's very unique to see hand-crafted art and needlework."

The Fishers have two sons and two daughters, all who have attended Grosse Pointe Academy. Their youngest son is in 8th grade.

"We've enjoyed the experience there," said Fisher of the school. "It's been a lot of work, but being a volunteer energizes and galvanizes people in many ways. The dollars are important, but the memories, friendships and projects along the way are meaningful and lasting. I have enjoyed watching this effort for the academy develop into a small cottage industry within our community."

Fisher said needlepointers



Above left, Grosse Pointe South, University Liggett and Grosse Pointe Academy are among the holiday decorations available. Middle, pillows and a comfortable foot rest. At right, Fourth of July needlepoint work and top, cookies and desserts that look tasty, but are just for show. For more information, call (313) 886-1221 or visit [academyactionauction.org](http://academyactionauction.org).

have about 10 months to complete their projects. It's hard work, but Fisher said there's a great social aspect to it.

"I learned how to needlepoint from my mom at 9 years old and now I've taught my daughters," said Fisher, who has lived in Grosse Pointe Farms for 24 years. "It's a great way to get moms together, meet new people and work toward a common goal."

Fisher said several businesses actively participate in the efforts of the needlepointers. The Knotted Needle on Mack, co-owned by Ann Albright and Becky Booth, are steady contributors to the academy auction, as are The Wool and the Floss on Fisher Road, owned by Jean Candler, and The Bristly Thistle in Petoskey, owned by Michele Herron.

All of the help is by volunteer and the auction is a tradition in the Grosse Pointes, raising more than \$12 million in 42 years. Proceeds support the academy's operating budget and endowment, scholarships and the school's future finan-

cial viability.

"We have been successful because of the caring individuals who took the time and gave their talents of needlepoint toward the future of the Grosse Pointe Academy," Fisher said. "So many have done so much. It's amazing."

Fisher said soon after the May 5 and 8 auction, plans will begin for next year's needlepoint offerings.

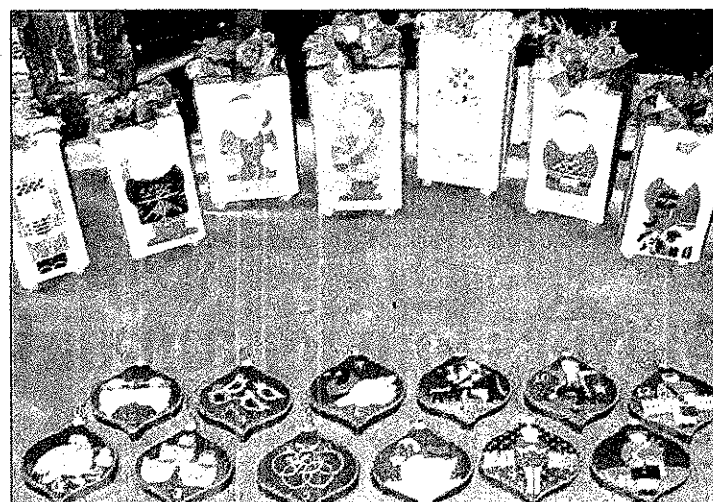
"It's a great tradition and it's been a lot of fun," Fisher said.

See next week's Grosse Pointe News for more information about the Grosse Pointe Academy Action Auction.

- Joe Warner



Beth Fisher holds a couple needlepoint items up for auction at the May 5 and May 8 Grosse Pointe Academy Action Auction. Last year, needlepoint items alone raised more than \$12,000.



PHOTOS BY JOE WARNER

Needlepoint Christmas decorations are popular at the auction. There are 140 one-of-a-kind needlepoint items available.

## Bow Wow Brunch set April 18

It's usually a bad thing if you're in the doghouse, but it won't be this weekend as The Great Adoption Bailout takes place at the Bow Wow Brunch.

Local celebrities will assist the fundraiser for the Michigan Humane Society at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn Sunday, April 18. They have volunteered to promote the works of MHS by representing a key program or service. Each has a goal of raising \$5,000 to get out of the doghouse.

Volunteers include WDIV-TV meteorologist Eric Braate; General Motors chief financial officer Chris Liddell; GM vice chairman Bob Lutz; Ford Motor Co. vice president and controller Bob Shanks; MHS board member and president of MTI Films, LLC Marvin Towns Jr.; and Debby MacDonald and Mark Ramos, cruelty investigators for the MHS and stars of the Animal Planet series "Animal Cops: Detroit."

Each participant has a personal fundraising page at [michiganhumane.org/doghouse](http://michiganhumane.org/doghouse), where online donations are welcome before the event.



One auction item is a flight with pilot Bob Lutz, purchased last

The celebrity who raises the highest total will be "Top Dog" at the brunch.

Proceeds from the brunch will assist MHS with more than 100,000 animals they care for each year. Funding helps find homes for all adoptable animals, furthering innovative community outreach efforts, supporting sterilization programs and getting closer to the ultimate goal of ending companion animal homelessness.

Volunteers help drive the efforts, something a local resident said is easy to do.

"This is one of the favorite

boards I've ever been part of," said Linda Axe of Grosse Pointe Farms. "I love working with the people from the humane society. It's incredible dedication by so many people. So many people from Grosse Pointe make a difference."

The event begins at 11:30 a.m. with a champagne reception, silent auction, and the chance to mingle with adoptable animals. A gourmet brunch and live auction featuring auctioneer Joe Walker follows. The auction features a variety of exclusive items for animals and the people that love them, such as a suite for 20 at an upcoming Detroit Tigers game, a three-hour

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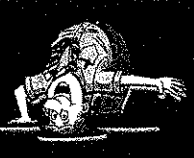
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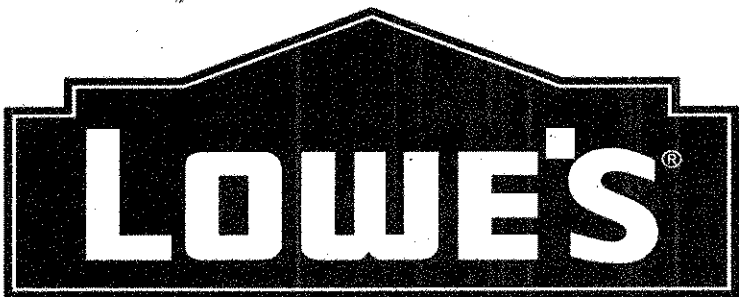
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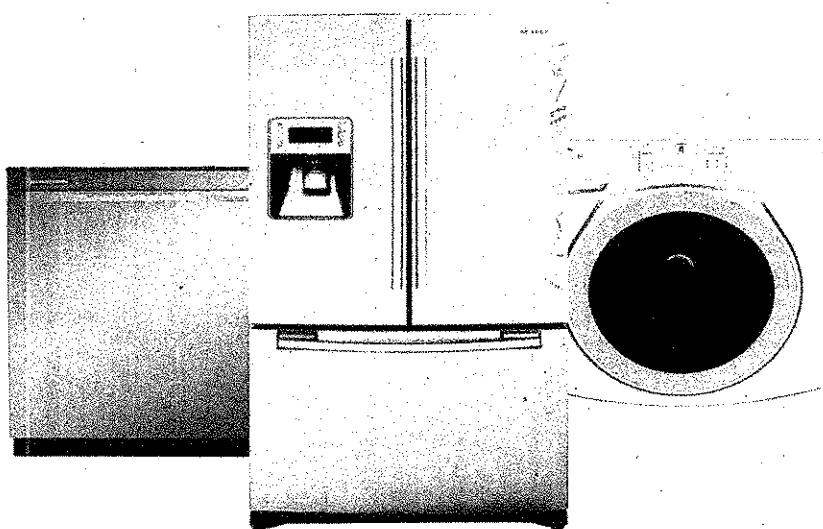


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## New space helps Full Circle expand

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

The change of address cards have been sent out and now the staff at Full Circle Resale Shoppe looks forward to serving its customers in a new, larger location.

Though it's just down the block from its previous location, the new space is larger, brighter and more customer friendly. The store is now at 15201 Kercheval at the corner of Lakepointe in Grosse Pointe Park.

"We can now offer dressing rooms," said Mary Fodell, parent coordinator for the shop. "With prom season just around the corner, that will be a big help. We have so many beautiful dresses again this year, and you certainly can't beat our prices, with no dress more than \$15."

Now in its third year, Full Circle is a cooperative effort between the Grosse Pointe Public School System and the ARC of Grosse Pointe that provides employment and job training for young adults with special needs.

The new location had previously been occupied by Pointe Printing. Its owner, Jim Odell, has been slowly downsizing his business, and agreed to lease nearly half of his business space to Full Circle.

"We couldn't have been happier with the offer Jim made us," Fodell said. "Both Jim and his brother Paul have been so helpful in the move and accommodating us. We can't thank them enough."

And just like their full-price counterparts, Full Circle is gearing up for the summer season.

"We have our prom dresses ready to go, and we're putting out our summer clothes," Fodell said. "We're also seeking donations of upscale summer clothing."

She said with the new, expanded space, Full Circle will accept donations of winter clothing at this time.

"As people start cleaning out closets, changing from winter to summer clothing, we'll be happy to take their winter clothes. We now have room to store off-season items, so don't hesitate to call us with winter clothes you know you won't be wearing again."

Full Circle carries gently-used, upscale clothing and accessories for the entire family, with sizes infant through adult. For additional information and donation information, call (313) 469-6660.

## RATES:

### Increase will help fund water projects

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average annual bill will increase to \$760.

The rate increase will help cover several water projects the city is undertaking this year.

Ground has been broken for the \$2 million water reservoir project at the department of public works grounds on Marter Road. In addition, the city will install new water meters in every home later this

year and several water lines are scheduled to be repaired or upgraded.

"I'm comfortable with these figures," said Councilwoman Vicki Granger. "We did not have an increase last year. I know we had an increase in January, and no one wants to pay more, but it would be fiscally irresponsible for us to not cover the costs of these upgrades."

Grosse Pointe Woods is not alone in seeing a decline in water revenue, according to

Rabine.

"Water sales are down 14 percent throughout southeastern Michigan," he told the council, meeting as a committee of the whole. "Industrial complexes are closed and manufacturing operations have shut down. Not only is commercial use way down, but residents are letting lawns go yellow. Watering the lawn is one water usage residents know they can control, and they either don't do it as much, or don't do it at all."

## BRUNCH:

### Celebs will spend time in the doghouse

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yacht cruise of Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River, and a once-in-a-lifetime flight on a vintage L-39 fighter-trainer jet

with Bob Lutz as pilot.

Tickets to the Bow Wow Brunch begin at \$200 and seating is limited. For reservations, call 1-866-MHUMANE, Monday through Friday from 8

a.m. to 5 p.m. Corporate and individual sponsorship opportunities are also available. Catherine Saurbier and Noreen Wagner co-chairwomen of the event.



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## SHORES: Survey shows most wouldn't mind combining some services with other Pointes

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whether it's (for) non-union or union (employees)."

The council intended to discuss the matter in a closed session last month, which is allowed when addressing certain legal and labor matters. But, Schulte was absent and the two new appointees had not been sworn in.

Kedzierski, wanting a full council to weigh in, asked for and received support for it to be tabled until everyone was in attendance. A closed session on the sick bank was rescheduled for last week, but, again, absences prevented action.

"We are looking at something proactively or retroactively," Graziani said. "That's a legal question."

"During the budget process, we need to focus on cost containment with regard to personnel — where we can," Vick said. "While a number of (sur-

vey) respondents said things such as get rid of the unions, that is not something we can necessarily do."

Officials also resumed discussions about raising the age and length of service needed to receive full retirement benefits, and lowering those benefits.

Reduced property tax revenue in the Shores is expected to create a \$350,000 to \$400,000 deficit next fiscal year, according to municipal officials.

The deficit is expected to widen in coming years unless costs are cut, taxes are raised, a combination of both or the city finds new ways of operating.

Last month, 102 landowners who appealed their property tax assessments to the board of review won reduced tax liabilities. Reductions translate to a \$74,500 hit to city income, according to Vick.

The number of appeals doubled those in 2008, according

to Rhonda Ricketts, city treasurer.

Vick has said repeatedly during the past few months that cutting employee pay and benefits alone won't offset reduced tax revenue due to declining property values. Major costs savings need to be achieved by changing the municipal business model and entering into cooperative agreements with other municipalities, he said.

"There are significant areas for opportunities: recreation, public safety, the court system," Vick said.

Most Shores survey respondents agree.

They support joint agreements with neighboring communities for public safety, 911 dispatching, public works, sharing costs of firefighting equipment and establishing a Pointe-wide district court.

"Everything scores very high as far as working in a cooperative manner with the other Grosse Pointes, whether it be

one Grosse Pointe or other Grosse Pointes," Vick said.

That doesn't extend to combining some or all of the five Pointes into a single local government.

Some 48 percent of Shores respondents disagreed with consolidation; 39 percent agree.

In the City, however, only 29 percent opposed consolidation; 46 percent agreed.

"(Shores residents) disagree on that end, but want, by and large, cooperation and cost containment," Vick said.

A Shores resident paid for the survey with an anonymous donation, according to Vick.

"That was very nice," Cooper said.

### Shores survey highlights

The top 10 services rated "important" or "very important," with combined percentages:

- ◆ Crime control, 95
- ◆ firefighting services, 92
- ◆ garbage pickup, 91
- ◆ emergency ambulance, 87
- ◆ snow removal, 81
- ◆ street maintenance, 74
- ◆ street repairs, 71
- ◆ household water service, 71
- ◆ yard waste and leaf pickup, 63
- ◆ response to citizens inquiries, 61

The bottom 10 services rated "not important" or "slightly important," with combined percentages:

- ◆ city newsletter and website, 51
- ◆ community events and decorations, 50
- ◆ recreation programs, 42
- ◆ planting beds and flowers, 39
- ◆ municipal court, 34
- ◆ tree trimming and replacement, 27
- ◆ building permits and inspections, 23

- ◆ recycling pickup, 24
- ◆ in-house dispatching, 17.

Top 10 cost-saving suggestions rated "agree" or "somewhat agree," with combined percentages:

- ◆ defer purchases of city vehicles and equipment, 66
- ◆ reduce benefits and or pay for city employees, 65
- ◆ eliminate city-supported community events in the park and at city hall, such as the Boo Fest and tree lighting, 65
- ◆ institute curbside garbage pickup only, 63
- ◆ reduce city hall administrative and front office customer service levels, 55
- ◆ reduce frequency of street sweeping and road maintenance, 51,
- ◆ reduce parkway and tree maintenance, 51
- ◆ reduce pool operations, 49
- ◆ reduce or eliminate recreation programs, 48
- ◆ eliminate sidewalk snow clearing, 37

## HOME: Farms cops work to nab crooks

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Woods for burglary and are accused of three home invasions in the Farms.

Now it seems a new crew of house-breakers has filled the void.

"It's somebody a little more professional," said Farms Lt. Detective Richard Rosati. "They're in and out fast."

The unknown suspects broke into a house on lower Lakeshore despite a burglar alarm. The same group is suspected of breaking into a house on Country Club Lane.

The crew of young males caught in Huntington Woods mainly stole electronics, including hard-to-conceal flat-screen televisions. The new crew steals jewelry.

"The three caught in Huntington Woods had a key taken from one of our houses on Handy Road," Rosati said. "It appeared they had coins in their car taken from a home on Madison."

He suspects them of an attempted B&E on Charlevoix in the Farms and of casing a

house on Bishop in Grosse Pointe Park.

Jewelry thefts this month on Lakeshore and Country Club occurred on the same day, police said.

"They're using a crow bar to pry the doors," Rosati said. "There wasn't a crow bar used on the other home invasions."

Both homeowners in the two most recent cases were out of town during the break-ins.

"These victims weren't just not home for the day," Rosati said. "They were gone for a while."

He wonders if the current burglars are targeting houses while in the community for legitimate reasons, such as seasonal work.

"They don't generate interest because they look like they're doing business as usual, but they're really gathering intelligence and targeting houses," Rosati said.

Meanwhile, a jewelry theft reported April 3 on Country Club Lane has been resolved. The homeowner told police last week she located the items in the house.

## SINK: Banks to work with police

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In Grosse Pointe Woods, one bank has stepped up and is asking police to pursue charges against a former homeowner.

"Our hands had been tied," said Sgt. Andrew Pazuchowski, "but now banks are coming forward and pressing charges. And we welcome their change in attitude."

The Woods case involves a house on Peach Tree. The house had gone through foreclosure and is now owned by Indy Mac Federal Bank in Austin, Texas. The previous owner gained access to the house and hired a local contractor to remove kitchen cabinets and bathroom fixtures from the house.

In March, a neighbor called police, concerned that workers were carrying items from the house. When police arrived, the previous owner was on the property and told police he was clearing the house because of a foreclosure.

When the real estate agent handling the property for the Texas bank entered the house a few weeks later, she reported to the bank that several items had been removed. On April 6, the bank notified Grosse Pointe Woods police it wished to press charges against the former owner. He was scheduled to be arraigned Wednesday, April 14 in Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Court on charges of malicious destruction of property, a misdemeanor.

In this case, the former owner is getting off easy, because according to director of the

Woods building department Gene Tutag, Macomb County officials are charging former homeowners with felonies when they remove property they no longer own.

"We applaud the bank for taking this step," Tutag said. "Situations like this lower property values everywhere. We're aware of other cases, where owners sell entire kitchens to contractors or just remove it and store it somewhere. So when the house finally goes on the market, it's difficult to sell when everything has been stripped from it. But most banks just ignored it, and we couldn't get them to take action. Hopefully this case will be the beginning of a new trend."

Both Tutag and Pazuchowski urge neighbors to call police when they see suspicious activity at foreclosed houses.

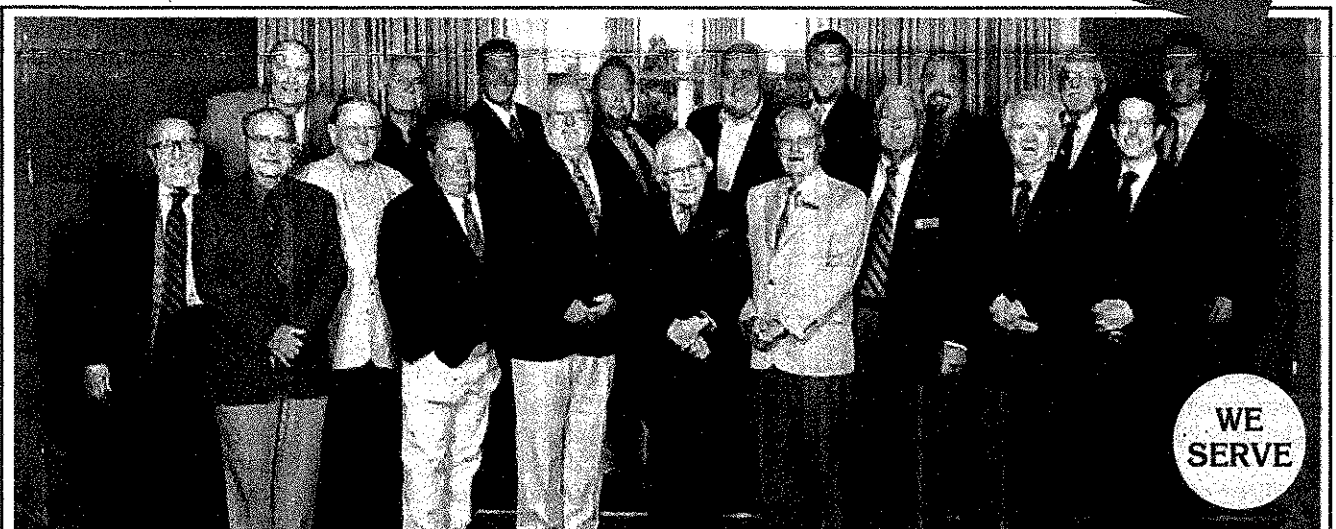
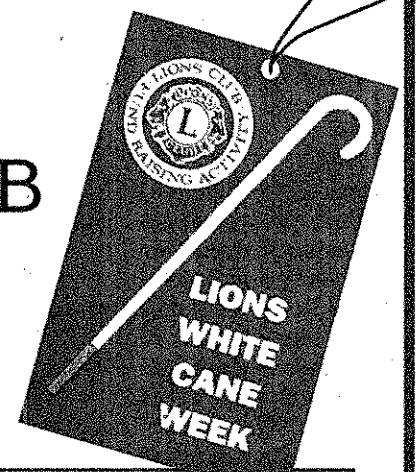
"The former homeowner thinks the only one being hurt is the bank, but that's not true," said Tutag. "A house that has been stripped down to the studs sits on the market for a very long time and becomes an eyesore. It lowers everyone's property values."

According to Tutag, there are approximately 90 foreclosed houses in the Woods, and he urges real estate agents who are handling these houses to report any damage to the police.

"We will actively pursue these cases," Pazuchowski said. "People need to think twice about what they're doing, especially if they know we'll be coming after them."



## GROSSE POINTE LIONS CLUB WHITE CANE DAY FRIDAY APRIL 23, 2010



The 2009 Lions Club members, back row, from left, Mike Faber, Tom Nelson, Chip Gibson, John Moran, Dallas Kitchen, Chace Wakefield, Will Conway, Bill Hollister and Robert Lyles; front row, from left, Bill Waugaman, Harold Knoll, Tom Sheahan, Mike Stoyka, Pat Moran, Judge Ben Stanczyk, Dick Dossin, Jim Lemen, Ben Stanczyk and John Martin.  
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The Grosse Pointe Lions Club has dedicated themselves for the past 80 years to serve the needs of the blind and sight impaired, as well as those with hearing impairments. The White Cane Day is set aside to raise funds for these important causes. On Friday April 23rd, the Grosse Pointe Lions will be out at the street corners giving out the time honored white cane pins to passersby, and collecting funds that will be used for Leader Dogs for the Blind, The Penrickton Center and Seedlings Braille Books.



Penrickton Center was established in 1952, to serve blind and multi-disabled children ages one through twelve. It is a private, non-profit five day residential and day care agency.



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GUEST OPINION By Tom Gantert

Tea partiers take credit for Stupak's retirement

On the day the national Tea Party Express set up camp in his backyard, Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Mich., 1st District, who became the target of health care reform critics, announced his retirement. The Tea Party Express, headquartered in California, had raised \$80,000 to defeat Stupak, who is from Menominee. Tea Party Express officials said they had committed \$250,000 in advertising to defeat Stupak. "It sure looks like a 'No mas,'" said Traverse City conservative activist Jason Gillman, referring to Roberto Duran's infamous line in 1980 when he quit his fight with Sugar Ray Leonard. "He was going to lose. We had an impact. There is no question in my mind."

About 4,000 people showed up in Clinton Township for the final leg of the national Tea Party Express tour.

Stupak became the focal point of Tea Party anger when he was held as a blockade to the passage of President Barack Obama's health care reform bill, due to his pro-life views. But Stupak relented and voted for the bill, also bringing in other Democratic voters with him. Mark Williams, chairman of the Tea Party Express, declared Stupak's resignation as a victory for the influence of the Tea Party movement. "Absolutely," said Williams. "The tea parties had everything to do with it. ... It's a victory for America. That's what tea parties are about. ... He became the greatest symbol of everything wrong with Washington. He painted a big red laser dot on his political career." Michelle Begnoche, a spokeswoman for Stupak, didn't return an e-mail seeking comment. Rich Carlson, president of the Petoskey Tea Party and founder of the Northern Michigan Liberty Alliance, said the homegrown grassroots activists forced Stupak's retirement, not the Tea Party Express. "It's not because of the Tea Party Express," said Carlson. "We've been chasing Bart ever since the tea party movement started (January 2009). ... I think he saw the handwriting on the wall." Tom Stillings of Torch Lake Township is running for Stupak's seat as a Republican. He said he wasn't surprised by Stupak's announcement. "He finally figured out that the only vote he could have got was Nancy Pelosi's and Harry Reid's. He certainly hasn't been doing what the people at home wanted him to do. He abandoned his constituency. And no congressman can expect to do that and survive." Gillman predicted Stupak won't be the only casualty from the health care vote. "This is going to be a theme that will be played out over and over again," said Gillman. "They are going to feel the results of their votes from the pressure from the tea party groups. It is giving people a voice."

**A GOP Congress not in every tea party dream**  
Flo Solano's sign read: "Time To Clean House." The Brown Township woman's sign for a recent tea party rally was a play on what she sees as the end game to the conservative free-market movement: Get more conservative politicians elected. "For me, success would mean tea parties around the country would actually make a change in the (U.S.) House and Senate," said Solano. "To me, that would be more important than defeating (President Barack) Obama." Solano said without control of the House and Senate, Obama's power evaporates. About 4,000 people showed up in Clinton Township for the final leg of the national Tea Party Express tour. With crowds showing up Friday through Sunday in the thousands, many tea partiers discussed what they would consider "success." Sheri and Phil Allor of Grosse Pointe Park said part of suc-

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LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your letters to the editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced, signed and limited to 250 words. Longer letters may be edited for length and all letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. Include a daytime phone number for verification or questions. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday.

Shores challenge

**To the Editor:**  
My family and I have lived in Grosse Pointe Shores for nearly 20 years. I have attended and participated in many council meetings for the past several years. At this time, I am neither "pro-recall" nor "anti-recall." I am, however, pro-Grosse Pointe Shores. I have closely read the various letters, e-mails, newspaper articles and editorials widely circulated throughout our community over the past few months. At times, I have been encouraged — such as when our council worked together and voted to appoint two new councilmen last month. At others, I have been disappointed — such as when I read e-mails and "letters to the editor" that disparage neighbors as "failed candidates" or as part of a "vocal minority." In a democracy, every person has the right to their opinion and the freedom to express it — even if the rest of us may or may not agree with that opinion. What is especially clear, though, is we all share the same goals, hopes and aspirations which demand we not only respect the tradition and heritage of Grosse Pointe Shores as a premier community, but also work together to ensure we remain a premier community in the years to come. When all is said and done, we will all remain neighbors and we should all act in a way that hopefully allows us to remain friends. What has been of particular recent concern to me is the perceived lack of urgency our elected officials and paid administrators seem to have when it comes to addressing some of the budgetary concerns many residents have. As one example, there is no doubt whatsoever that we have the finest employees any community could desire. The Grosse Pointe Shores Department of Public Works, fire department and especially our police force are exemplary and provide us with the sense of pride, security and safety vital in any premier city. But there have been numerous times, over the past year in particular, when concerns have been raised regarding the salaries, benefits and legacy costs associated with our unionized and non-unionized employees. Our overall costs for these items occupy an unusually large part of our budget and seem to be "out of line" in certain areas. As a result, we have asked

these be addressed openly and transparently. Rather than focusing on the recall and its consequences, I — along with other residents — have implored and challenged our elected leadership to help unite the community by addressing these kinds of concerns with dispatch. Many of us want to retain and enhance our high level of services. We realize our costs may well be higher than some towns as a result, but we also firmly believe there is a need to have a far more rigorous line-by-line review of our costs with benchmarks compared with other businesses and municipalities to intelligently make the critical choices that lie ahead. Instead, with less than a month before the recall election, few of these major budgetary issues for the next fiscal year have been publicly addressed and discussed, let alone agreed upon. Why? It would seem that the best "defense" against the recall initiative would be for our officials to simply do the job they were elected and appointed to perform in a concise and timely manner. Instead, we are left to wonder what strategies and plans this administration intends to propose after the recall election is completed. I am acutely aware decisions, contracts and agreements were made in the past that — in retrospect — seem expensive and unaffordable. And I am aware many of these are information and time "sensitive" and cannot be openly discussed in public meetings. I, for one, am not interested in assigning "blame" to the mayor, council or administrators who may have made them at a time when such decisions seemed reasonable. But I am also keenly aware for us to meet the challenges of the future, we must recognize times have changed and any business or municipality must adapt to meet those challenges. I believe our employees recognize these changing dynamics and — if approached in an honorable manner — will work to preserve their positions and enhance our services in a more economical manner. I believe most of our neighbors will appreciate those efforts and will also recognize that without a business district, we will likely continue to pay a higher tax rate than some surrounding cities if we wish to enhance the services we enjoy, expect and deserve. A premier community is not defined by its location on a map nor by its name; rather it is defined by its residents and the

services it provides to attract and retain those residents. With the recall election days away, I again challenge our mayor and council to "reach out" to the community. To everyone, pro-recall, anti-recall and especially those who haven't made up their minds. Hold a town meeting or perhaps schedule a "marathon" budget meeting where people can hear once and for all what our present leadership plans to do to meet the fiscal constraints and challenges of the future. Show us in a clear and concise manner there is a plan that will respect the heritage of our past and enhance our future. Delaying these discussions — for whatever reason — will only leave a vacuum of knowledge that will make it extremely difficult for concerned residents to not only decide whether to retain our officials next month, but also to continue to retain faith in whatever leadership remains in the months to come. I have no doubt that if we oppose each other, we will accomplish nothing. Yet, if we work together there is nothing we cannot accomplish. I sincerely believe the upcoming days present another unique opportunity for the mayor and council to unite and focus our city in a positive direction. They can choose to unite the community and lead us to greater successes in the days to come. But should that challenge go unanswered, then we, as a community, will have failed ourselves. We expect, and deserve, much, much more. **RAYMOND RAHL, MD**  
Grosse Pointe Shores

**TIM BLEDSOE**  
State Representative  
1st House District  
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1st House District

Students aware

**To the Editor:**  
I was most impressed by the letter the two students from Pierce Middle School wrote regarding the need to continue employing social workers in the Grosse Pointe Public School System, "School social workers," April 8 Grosse Pointe News. Their statements regarding why social workers are needed, especially in today's times when everything seems so hectic, were right on the money. I take my hat off to these students for making the effort to have the public become aware of the necessity of maintaining social workers through the eyes of eighth-grade students. **MARION MC CARTHY**  
Harper Woods

Support the effort

**To the Editor:**  
During the past few weeks the media has shown U.S. troops in Afghanistan walking through lush fields of poppies, the cash crop of the that country. There are those in our country who applaud the destruction of these productive fields on moral grounds. But, what right does any nation have to dictate what is grown in another nation? It is understood Afghans deplore the consumption of tobacco and alcohol. What if Afghanistan were able to come here and destroy our tobacco plants and corn fields? Since the Afghans are ill-equipped and poorly organized, a more potent nation of similar ilk might take up the cudgel. Just what would our present government do about it? We have pundits and callers to C-Span and talk shows who have exhorted our government to oust our longtime cohort, Karzai, because of his association with Afghan's tribal drug lords. He is doing a good job for his country while balancing on a tightrope stretched by consumer nations. We must support Karzai in his effort to feed his people. While doing this, let us use some common sense in handling our "drug problem." **DICK ROYER**  
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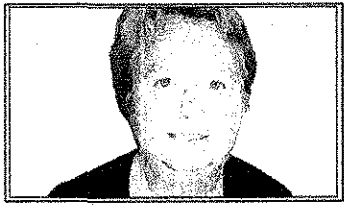
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I SAY By Kathy Ryan

# Golf is a good ad spoiled



If you work in the advertising industry, this column is for you. I know you provide a valuable service. How else would we know which sugar-laden cereals to buy or which mega-calorie fast food sandwiches to consume along with a diet soda?

I'll grant that advertising is a viable and important part of the world's economy and American culture. And I absolutely love the multi-page supplements, the half page ads, even the quarter pages you provide for my favorite

newspaper (and salary provider) The Grosse Pointe News. Really, you guys are the best. I also love a good advertising jingle and will acknowledge that some ads make me laugh out loud. To all you Mad Men (and women) out there, good job.

But may I make one small request?

Could you stop putting your product logo on just about anything that either moves or stands still?

I'm convinced that somewhere in the canyons of Madison Avenue, there's a product development team trying to figure out how to print logos on clouds, or calculating the national debt to figure out at what point the government will be willing to place a soft drink sign on the Lincoln Memorial.

I'm not a big sports fan, but when I do watch the occasional hockey game, I'm a little offended at all the product names painted on the boards. Or for basketball games, the electronic board keeps changing and a new sponsor's name is displayed every 45 seconds or so. Don't even get me started about baseball stadiums and scoreboards that send out neon messages that have absolutely nothing to do with baseball.

I know it is much-needed revenue for those obscene mega-salaries those pampered athletes somehow believe they are worth, but for crying out loud, enough already.

It was this past weekend that I reached my breaking point.

I'm not much of a golf fan. In fact, I find it to be as about exciting as watching that ex-

tremely expensive grass grow on those lush fairways, doglegs and greens. As you can tell, I watch just enough to pick up a few key terms, though I'm still trying to find one that rhymes with boring.

Not only do I not play golf, being in total agreement with Mark Twain that it is indeed a good walk spoiled, but the only thing I find more boring than playing golf is sitting in front of a television watching it.

However, that doesn't mean my interest wasn't piqued this past weekend with the Masters and Tiger Woods' attempted return to grace. I probably wouldn't have known a golf tournament was even being played if it hadn't been for the fact that Tiger's return was a bigger story than health care reform and the release of the iPad put together.

I admit it. I tuned in on Sunday, curious where Tiger was in the standings. OK, I tuned in on Sunday to see if any of his, ahem, lady (and I use the term loosely) friends showed up.

Instead, the good walk was spoiled by far more than a double bogie out of the sand on the 14th hole.

I actually had to rub my eyes and check the TV listing to make sure I hadn't tuned into a NASCAR race by mistake. Gone were the subtle alligators and polo players that branded the expensive golf shirts the pros are paid to wear and the paying customer was charged double for. You could barely even see the ubiquitous Nike swoosh.

Instead those professional golfers looked more like NASCAR drivers as they

walked the fairways in shirts and hats covered in product logos and endorsements. I found it, in a word, tacky, not to mention bad form, dahling.

Isn't golf supposed to be, well, tasteful? I've seen those plaid golf pants, but even those pale in comparison to a hat with product logos so big they could be seen on the third fairway from the members-only bar in the clubhouse. Those advertising pros even figured out how to place a product logo on the shirt sleeve so it actually faced forward. I was so busy reading one guy's hat, chest and sleeve, I forgot if I was waiting for a putt on the 18th or a car crash on the final turn.

Oh, wait, it was a car crash that started all this, wasn't it?

What time does "Dirty Jobs" start?

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

## If you had a boat what would you name it?

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



I would use my initials, 'MCM Sailor.'  
MADDY MARTINBIANCO  
Grosse Pointe Woods



I'd name it 'Float the Boat.'  
NICHOLAS STEVENSON  
Grosse Pointe Woods



'If I had a boat I'd name it 'Destruco Wave Blaster.' That would be awesome.'  
BLAKE GRAHAM  
Grosse Pointe Woods



'My boat would be called 'Active Marie' because I like to do active things.'  
ELIZABETH ABEL  
Grosse Pointe Woods



'I'd name my boat 'The Perfect Pitch' because I like to pitch when I play baseball.'  
DANNY MORRISON  
Grosse Pointe Woods

FROM THE ARCHIVES Compiled by Suzy Berschback

# Grosse Pointe On Lake Sainte Claire



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

By Silas Farmer, 1886

## The residences and their occupants

Two summer cottages have been erected by Mrs. Judge Weir, nee Provencal.

The Provencal house, standing in front of the farm near the lake, is a good example of the old-time French house. It is usually occupied in summer by Judge Weir and family.

The Beaufait farm adjoins, followed by the Kearsley or Webster farm; and a short distance beyond the 11 mile post



The Provencal house

from Detroit, is "Claireview," owned by George S. Davis, of Detroit. The grounds of the residence proper has 1,400 feet



Davis residence

frontage on Lake Ste. Claire and runs back 1,000 feet. On the eastern part of this lot and a little distance from the road is located a modest dwelling, surrounded by a fine orchard, which includes two large French pear trees. In the rear of the residence is "Claireview Jersey Stock Farm," elsewhere alluded to. The farm has a depth of more than two miles and contains 281 acres.

Davis, a native of Detroit, is the executive officer in charge of the extensive laboratory of Parke, Davis & Co., Detroit. His business ability and social qualities give him a large place in the esteem of those who know him. He does not at present occupy Claireview, but, judging from his well-known taste in floriculture and landscape gardening, he will, no doubt, in the future render it as pleasing to the eye as are other residences at the Pointe.

Several farmhouses and a summer resort known as "Gray's," are here passed; beyond which we come to the



Belle Meade

handsome residence and farm of Dudley B. Woodbridge. Woodbridge is a son of Gov. William Woodbridge, who so well served Michigan both as governor and senator.

William Woodbridge studied law at Litchfield, Conn., and began practice at Marietta in 1806. He married Julianna, daughter of Judge John Trumbull, of Connecticut, widely known as the author of "McFingal." William Woodbridge came to Detroit in 1814, under appointment as secretary of the territory. For many years, he was a prominent social and political factor in the city and state, remarkable for his courtesy, kindness and generous impulses.

Dudley Woodbridge, the owner of "Belle Meade," settled in Grosse Pointe in June, 1866, hoping thereby to recuperate his health. By constant outdoor life, both winter and summer, he succeeded in accomplishing the desired result.

Though a descendant on both his father's and mother's

side from families of political prominence, his delicate health and retiring disposition prevented him from engaging in public affairs.

His time is given to the care of his farm and the management of that portion of the large Woodbridge estate in Detroit, which he inherited.

Both Dudley Woodbridge and his wife, Martha J., are natives of Detroit; her ancestry, like his, living in New England. They have four children. The eldest, Mary Lee, died at the age of 12. The names of the others are Mattie Kitchell, Julia Smith, and Eva Cary.

We have now mentioned all or nearly all the families of the Grosse Pointe Colony. At present, they are few in number, and meet socially almost as a single family. As time flows on, and a larger settlement grows up, all alike will be sure to be interested in the history of its beginning.

If in the future some enterprising resident succeeds in having a straight and well-kept road laid out a half mile back from the lake, the present winding drive being used for pleasure purposes only, with the places above described thrown into a single grand park, Detroit will have a suburb of which she may well be proud, and which may perhaps be worthy of some such appellation as "Clairepointe."

GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

## Undercover boss? How about undercover hermit!

Within the last several months a new reality TV program has surfaced entitled, "Undercover Boss."

The premise is a CEO or top executive of a company travels to a store or factory of the company where the senior manager pretends to be an entry-level employee. Cameras are present because he tells the people in the company he is newly unemployed and a local TV station is filming a documentary to discover how he adapts to a new position.

While at the company, the "boss" attempts to discover what the employees are thinking about the company and how each of them interacts with each other and the management. To date, the program has featured bosses from Hooters, White Castle, 7-11 convenience stores, Waste Management, and Churchill Downs. In many instances, the boss finds dedicated employees and some who need additional training.

What struck me about this series is what kind of a company has a CEO who is not known by the employees? Aren't there annual reports with pictures? Aren't there pe-

riodic internal newsletters? What about regular site visits. Haven't these companies ever telecast a message from the CEO? Aren't new hires exposed to the management hierarchy by providing them with an organizational chart which often contains pictures?

In my mind, an exceptional company could never have its CEO wander around without someone recognizing him or her. Management should be practicing MWA — management by walking around.

I do not feel the companies featured on this program are exemplary companies — if they were, the employees would immediately recognize the CEO.

I'm confident there are numerous CEOs who could not portray themselves to be "undercover bosses" because of their commitment to presenting a "face" to their staff.

While I was director of the Michigan Quality Council with responsibility for quality and customer service, I interacted with hundreds of companies at the state and national level. What struck me was the commitment of senior management to be present at staff meetings and even travel to the various company sites for feedback meetings.

Two CEO's who immediately come to mind are Simon Cooper of the Ritz-Carlton and Bill Marriott of Marriott hotels. Both have a reputation for being people-oriented and as such it would be impossible for either of them to wander into a hotel and portray themselves to be an employee with or without a disguise to mask their identity.

So, as we view the upcoming episodes of Undercover Boss, keep in mind some of these bosses are more akin to being hermits than being real CEOs. And if you are working for a company where the boss has become barricaded in his or her office, how about mailing a copy of a Herman Hermits' album to the office with a note stating: "Unless you are in a witness protection program how about coming out of your cushy lair and meeting with the staff?"

It may not endear you to the boss but it will give you an indication how this hibernator values the staff. And depending on the response, you may want to refresh your resume. There are lots of companies out there that are not managed by hermits.

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

## TEA PARTY: Final express tour

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cess for the tea party movement will involve the education of the masses about just what their politicians are up to.

"It would be successful if they call out the candidates so we know exactly where they stand," said Sheri Allor.

The Allors said that way, politicians can be held accountable for their record and not other intangibles.

"I think we vote personality.

We vote sound bytes," Sheri Allor said.

"We are a center-right country," said Phil Allor. "And we have a left-center government. Now, how could that happen?"

Although all the tea parties interviewed Sunday said getting more conservatives elected was key, some didn't want a Republican takeover.

"I don't think we need to take control (of the U.S. House and Senate)," said Kristy Daniels of West Bloomfield, who carried a sign that read: "Since you're not using the Constitution, can I have it?" "We just need a balance. We don't want just Republicans. They are going to get out of control, too. Politicians get out

of control."

Ty Filiapak of St. Clair Shores agreed that balance is what is needed.

"I realize you need a little bit of liberalism," said Filiapak. "But now they've gone so far left."

Filiapak also said the success of the Tea Party involves education.

"People don't know anything about the Constitution," Filiapak said. "We are losing our liberty and people aren't aware of it."

Tom Gantert is the senior correspondent for *Capitol Confidential Daily*, a publication by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.



City of Grosse Pointe

Five-finger discount

A Notre Dame Pharmacy security video shows an unknown man shortly before noon Tuesday, April 6, shoplifting 23 items worth a combined \$250 from the store on Kercheval in the Village.

The man, estimated to be about 35 years old, wore a khaki baseball cap and jacket, dark pants and white gym shoes.

Skirting the law

Police would like to ask a thin, middle-aged woman with shoulder-length blonde hair if she knows what happened to a \$280 skirt reported stolen at 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 2, from Dawood in the Village.

The unknown woman was reportedly the only non-employee in the store shortly before a clerk noticed the skirt, described as black with gold trim, was missing.

The suspect wore blue jeans and a pink printed sweater, according to the clerk.

—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

All over road

A 911 caller reported at 9:58 p.m. Saturday, April 10, a suspected male drunken driver operating a silver-colored 1994 Buick Century "all over the road" on eastbound Lakeshore.

Police arrested the driver, a 49-year-old Warren man, for

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having a blood alcohol level of .219 percent.

Cracked up

Police investigating the driver of a car with a burned-out headlight wound up arresting the passenger on drug charges.

The driver, a 52-year-old woman from Grosse Pointe Park, was cited for defective equipment and not having proof of insurance.

Her passenger, a 38-year-old Park man, was cited for possession of marijuana, cocaine and drug paraphernalia.

"He spoke about his recurring drug problem and that he was smoking crack earlier in the night," said an officer. "He stated that getting arrested will be a good thing, as he can get the treatment he needs to stop his drug habit."

Officers found a crack pipe in the woman's purse.

"(The man said) the pipe was his and that he put it there when they were being pulled over," said an officer.

60 on Lakeshore

When a 27-year-old Waterford man pulled over at 1:26 a.m. Saturday, April 10, for speeding 60 mph in a black 2003 Hyundai on eastbound Lakeshore near Lakeshore Lane, he registered a .202 percent blood alcohol level and was arrested for drunken driving.

"(He) indicated he was on I-696 or I-75," said the arresting officer.

Bike parked; a week later, its gone

A bicycle parked April 1 at racks near the Grosse Pointe South High School greenhouse was stolen by the time its 15-year-old male owner returned April 6 to retrieve it.

The bike is reportedly a silver-colored Specialized Langster worth \$830.

Weaving, braking, drunken, arrested

A woman weaving, braking and accelerating a blue 2001 Pontiac Montana on southbound Moross was arrested near Beaupre at 11:56 p.m. Thursday, April 8, for drunken driving.

The woman, 33, of Detroit, registered a .10 percent blood alcohol level and thought she was on Mack, police said.

Suspended 7 times

A 21-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman was arrested shortly before midnight Monday, April 5, for violating seven driving suspensions.

A patrolman had pulled her over on westbound Mack near Moross for operating a 2006 Dodge Stratus without a headlight.

Unsettling

Seven place settings each worth \$850 were reported missing and presumed stolen earlier this month from The League Shop, 72 Kercheval, according to police.

The German-made settings by Robbe & Berking were believed taken April 2 or 3. There are no suspects.

The back of each piece had "Silber" printed on the back, police said.

Dog rescued from catch basin

A large black dog estimated to be part Labrador and Rottweiler didn't make it easy

for public safety officers to rescue him at about 4 p.m. Sunday, April 4, from a catch basin at the foot of Newberry.

The dog growled when Sgt. John Bruno tried to pull it from the cement-lined pipe with help from Officer John Walko.

"Dog food was placed in the sewer opening to attract the dog to a more desirable position for darting," police said.

A veterinarian was called in to shoot the dog with a sedative which allowed officers to haul it out of the 3-by-4-foot basin that opens to Lake St. Clair.

Farms police said the stray dog is the same one that a couple of days earlier eluded City of Grosse Pointe police. The dog probably entered the basin from the lake, police said.

—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

Bush bashed

Overnight Friday, April 9, an unknown person damaged the bushes on the Kercheval side of a residence on Whittier.

Windows out the window

Between 12:30 and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 11, a Dell laptop computer was stolen through an open window of a house on Somerset.

Larceny

A purse left on a front porch of a house on Maryland was taken between 2 and 7 a.m. Wednesday, April 7.

Larceny II

Copper solar landscape lights were taken from a yard on Wayburn overnight Friday, April 9.

Anniversaries

Congratulations to Det. Michael Narduzzi on 14 years of service and to Deputy Chief John Schulte on 32 years of service.

—Kathy Ryan

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Dog's fault

Three public safety officers responding to a residential burglar alarm on Oxford found a back door open but, otherwise, everything in order.

The door had been opened, and the alarm triggered, by the family dog, described as a "very friendly" chocolate Labrador.

"The dog reopened the door upon the officers exit," said a patrolman.

Alarm triggered three times

Workers at a house on Oxford mistakenly activated a natural gas alarm three times during the morning of Wednesday, April 7.

Public safety officers responded to the first alarm at 10:45 a.m. with two fire engines and a squad car.

A second false alarm sounded shortly after they left the scene and a third at 11:09 a.m.

Car break-ins

Shores Chief Stephen Poloni wasn't kidding last month when he advised residents to lock their vehicles parked overnight.

The latest in a recent surge of car break-ins occurred during the night of Wednesday, April 7.

◆ Some \$40 to \$50 cash was removed from an unlocked 2006 GMC Sierra parked on North Edgewood.

◆ A 2004 Volvo SUV was entered while parked on Hampton. The owner said sunglasses worth \$60 and about \$20 in loose change were taken.

"(The victim) advised that his vehicle may have been left unlocked," police said.

That afternoon, a family member noticed a door to the garage ajar. Nothing was reported missing from the garage.

Car break-in

Compact discs and related items were stolen out of a 2008 Jeep Grand Cherokee parked April 1-8 at a house in the 800 block of Lakeshore.

Thieves entered the vehicle by smashing a side window.

House party

A 21-year-old Clinton Township woman was cited shortly after 3 a.m. Saturday, April 10, for hosting an open house party on Hawthorne.

The woman told police she was house-sitting.

Officers said they plan to in-

form the homeowner.

"The interior of the home was in disarray with several empty alcoholic beverage containers," said a public safety officer. "(The house sitter) indicated her two girlfriends were staying the night."

Officers arrested two Roseville men in a car parked near the house. One man, 21, was cited for having open intoxicants in the vehicle. Police also confiscated a pellet gun.

The second man, 20, had a .10 percent blood alcohol level. He was cited for being in possession of alcohol.

Squirrel rescued from bird feeder

Police during the morning of Friday, April 9, answered an 82-year-old woman's request to free a squirrel trapped inside a bird feeder at her house in the 700 block of Lakeshore.

—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

Bike theft

An unlocked bike was taken from a rack at the Woods library branch at 1 p.m. Monday, April 5.

Police remind cyclists to always lock their bikes.

Where's the party?

Two suspects who apparently were working together made off with beer and liquor at 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8, from a drug store on Mack.

According to police, one suspect entered the store and was seen by a store employee "casually" leaving the store with two cases of beer that had not been paid for.

Just as he was leaving, another suspect entered the store with a bag full of empty bottles. He walked to the back of the store to the bottle return, but stopped and picked up several bottles of liquor, placing them in the bag with the unreturned empties and attempted to leave the store.

He was confronted by an employee, whom he shoved aside.

He was last seen leaving the parking lot in a truck driven by the beer thief, heading north on Mack.

What's your name?

When a license plate check didn't match the car, police stopped the driver for an explanation.

When the driver was not able to produce any identification and appeared stumped as to the spelling of his name, he was taken into custody.

When his real identity was finally established, it showed that he was wanted on at least six different warrants in Eastpointe and Detroit. He was ticketed for providing false information to police and driving without a license and insurance.

—Kathy Ryan

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Traffic Safety Section



## FLIER: Bodycombe began career by chance

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around 17,000 feet. We could see again. Then we crash-landed on a little strip in Yugoslavia."

Bodycombe retired as a major general in the Air Force Reserves.

Along the way, he earned the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and the Purple Heart.

After the war, he flew in the Berlin Airlift, helped found the United States Air Force Academy and commanded the Air Force Reserve.

In civilian life, Bodycombe was chief pilot of Ford Motor Co.

Upon retirement, he continued flying as a member of the Yankee Air Museum in Belleville. Until a few years ago, he piloted the organization's B-17G "Yankee Lady."

"In my view, the hallmark of true heroism is humility face-to-face with accomplishments," said Bob Hynes, museum spokesman and a Grosse Pointe Farms resident. "Dick Bodycombe is the genuine article, a real hero. I've never heard an unkind word about him, nor from him, for that matter. He's a pilot and a gentleman."

In 2001, Bodycombe, who lives in Ann Arbor, took high school classmate and WWII bombardier Bruce Bockstanz, now deceased, on a B-17 cruise up the Grosse Pointe coastline. They circled their alma mater

and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial en route to a simulated bomb run over the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club complete with open bomb bay doors.

Bodycombe has good things to say about the Tuskegee Airmen, the all-black group of fighter pilots who escorted bombers on missions over Europe. The airmen flew P-51 Mustangs with distinctive red

tails.

"We went to the Vienna area seven or eight times and had the Tuskegees with us every time," Bodycombe said. "We saw German fighters, but they never attacked us. They wouldn't come up. They'd see those red tails."

Bodycombe began his flying career by chance.

On Labor Day, 1942, he and fellow members of the

University of Michigan freshman baseball team went to the old federal building on Fort Street in Detroit to enlist in the Marines.

"A couple buddies in the car with me were singing 'The Halls of Montezuma,'" Bodycombe said.

It was a hot day. The line to sign up was long and slow. Bodycombe stepped out for fresh air.

"I went downstairs," he said. "A recruiting sergeant from the

Army Air Corps said, 'You want to be a pilot?' He took me upstairs and bam."

The hall of fame is located on the main campus of the Kalamazoo Air Zoo, formerly the Kalamazoo Aviation History Museum.

The museum has a Spanish version of a WWII German Messerschmitt ME-109 fighter, the kind Bodycombe spend the war avoiding.

"I never had to see one up close and I'm glad I didn't," he

said.

The enshrinement ceremony is 6 p.m. Saturday, April 17. Tickets cost \$60 and include dinner and an Air Zoo wristband package the entire day. For more information, contact Dani Nicholl at (269) 350-2811. The Kalamazoo Air Zoo is located at 6151 Portage Road in Kalamazoo. For more information visit the Air Zoo website [airzoo.org](http://airzoo.org) or Yankee Air Museum website [yankeeairmuseum.org](http://yankeeairmuseum.org).

## Exchange building materials

Building Materials Exchange Day is 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 15, in the parking lot of St. Paul Catholic School, 170 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

The event lets residents dispose of, trade and recycle building materials in good condition that otherwise tend to accumulate in garages, attics and basements. All items must be in good repair and in saleable condition.

The exchange, originally organized by Farms residents, is now held by Grosse Pointe Farms and organized in cooperation with Habitat for Humanity.

Habitat representatives will be on site to accept donations and issue receipts for income tax purposes. Habitat will even pick up those large, hard-to-move items.

Habitat for Humanity has a ReStore that relies on donations of new and used building materials and home items from individuals, contractors, organizations, and corporations. Most reusable building materials are accepted.

Acceptable items include:

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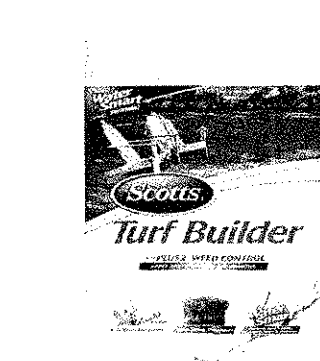


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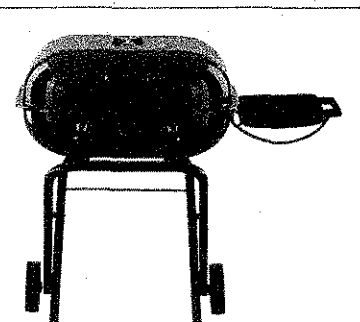
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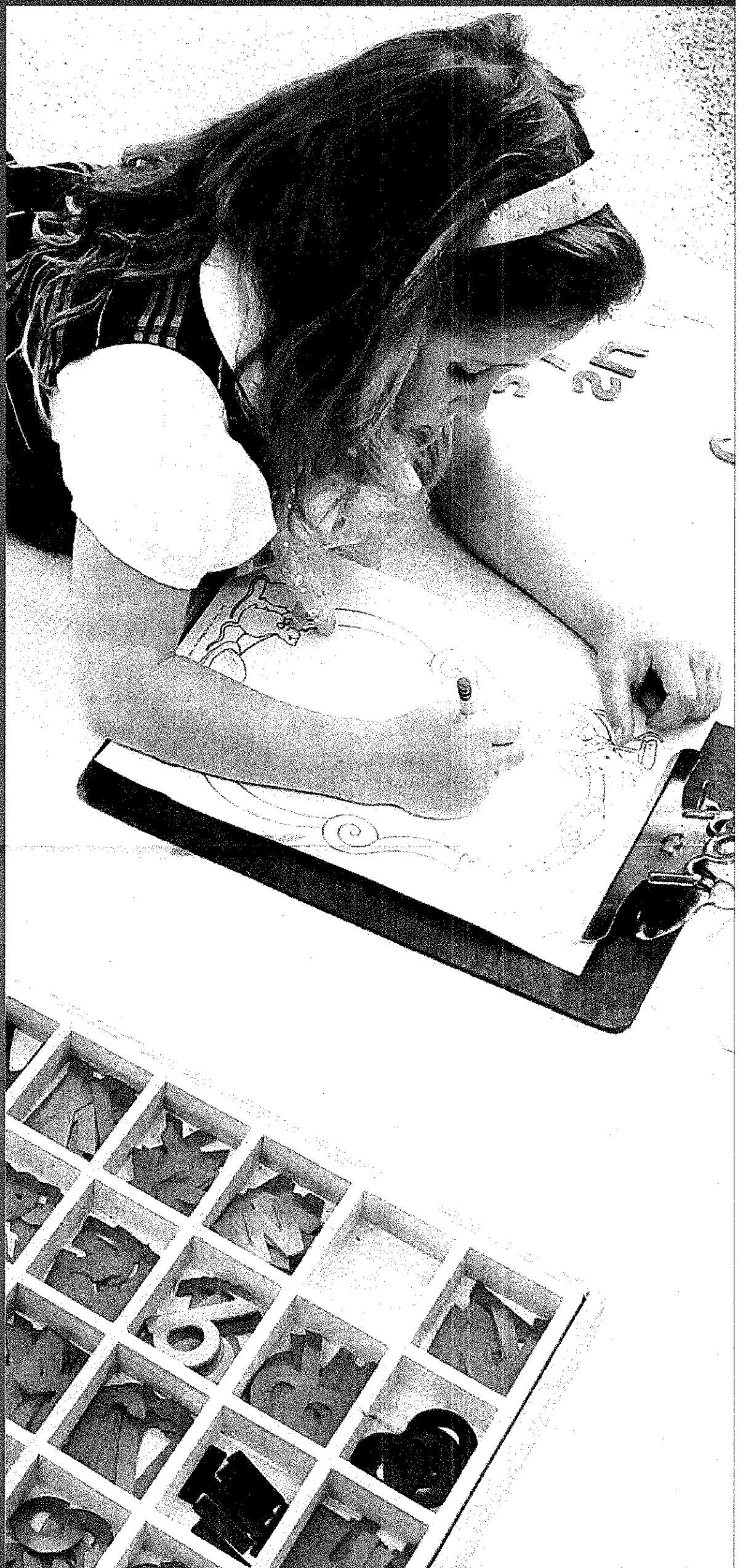
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## Music students share symphony stage

Biannual tradition dates back some 20 years

By Amy Salvagno  
Staff Writer

On a stage that has featured an array of serenades, symphonies and concertos and legendary musicians and acclaimed artists, they experience the spotlight for one special evening.

For some 20 years, Grosse Pointe North High School orchestra and bands have enjoyed the view from the esteemed platform of Orchestra Hall — and the wonder, history and amazing acoustics that come with it.

The biannual tradition of performing at the home of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra gives instrumental students a chance to see themselves beyond their classroom chair, and fills parents and teachers with pride.

The 90-member symphony orchestra, 75-member symphony band and 65-member concert band rigorously prepare for the special concert through February and March, and director Dave Cleveland says the process is very demanding.

"I look at each group's strengths and weaknesses and try to pick music that challenges everyone. I try to push the kids to a new level. The pieces are very difficult," he said. "I enjoy seeing the students play at a very high level because they know what a prestigious place it is. It's a marvelous place to perform."

Selections include the first movement of Beethoven's "Symphony No. 5 in C minor," the first movement of Frank Schubert's "Symphony No. 8 in B minor" and "Second Suite in F for Military Band," by Gustav Holst.

Senior Danielle Coderre, in her second performance at Orchestra Hall, said she enjoys the professionalism of the space.

"It gives you the feel for what the real thing will be like," she said.

Coderre is one of three soloists selected after auditioning before an outside judge. She will perform Mozart's "Concerto No. 1 for Flute in G Major."

"The concert sets us apart from other groups," she said. "It shows we're willing to step up to the challenge."

"It sounds a lot better. It's nice being out of the auditorium," added senior percussionist Ryan Hilton.

"I like hearing what the instruments should sound like," said junior percussionist Eric Bartos.

Cleveland says more than 1,000 people turn out for the concert — some are community members, many are relatives who have come in from out of town.

"I enjoy seeing the parents' expressions as they watch the kids. And I really enjoy the sound. It's just amazing," he said.

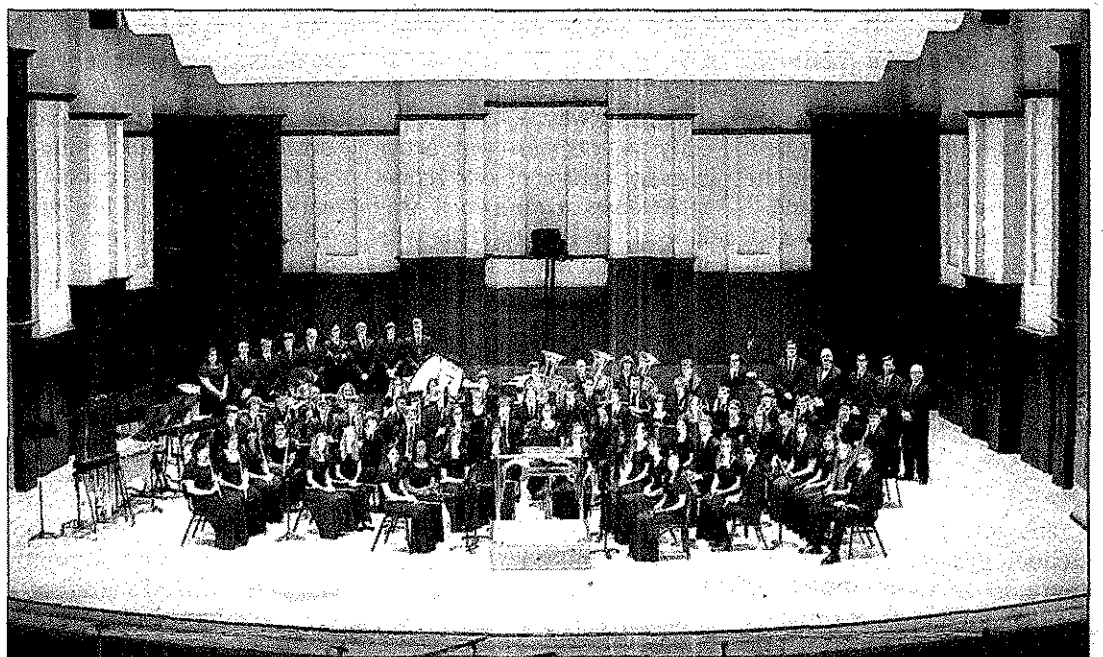
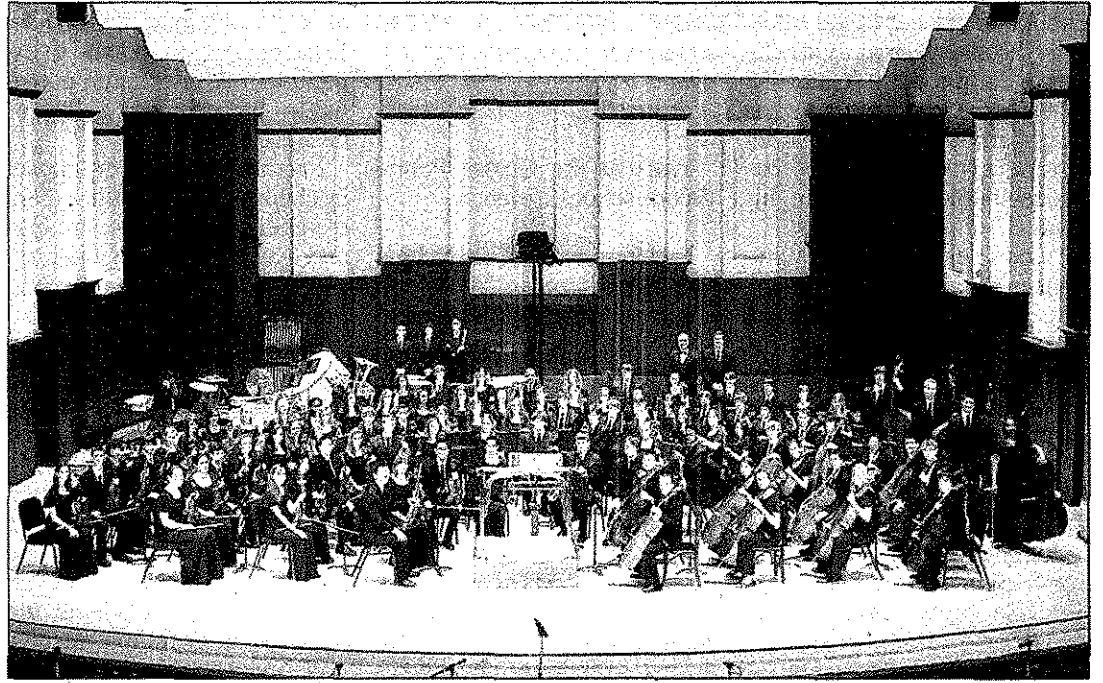
The program begins at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18. Orchestra Hall is located at 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Tickets require an advance purchase and are available at Wild Birds Unlimited, 20485 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, through 3 p.m. Saturday, April 17. Checks can be made payable to Grosse Pointe North High School.

Ticket prices are \$15 for general admission seating, \$8 for students and seniors and \$25 for box seats.

Right: The Grosse Pointe North High School symphony and bands perform their biannual spring concert at Detroit's Orchestra Hall this weekend. The event features three soloists — a flutist, pianist and cellist — and challenging selections by each group.

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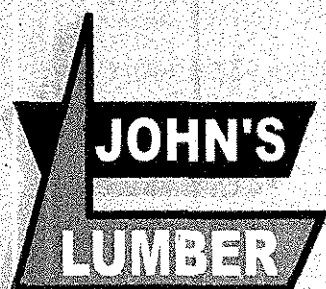
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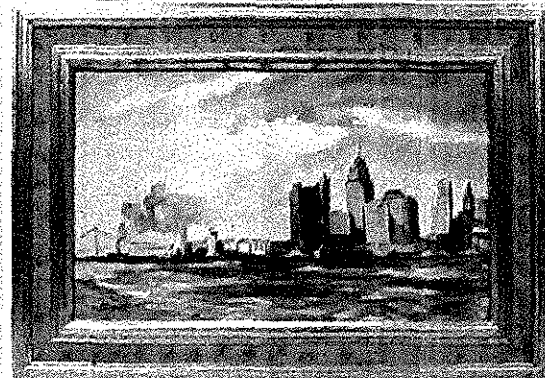
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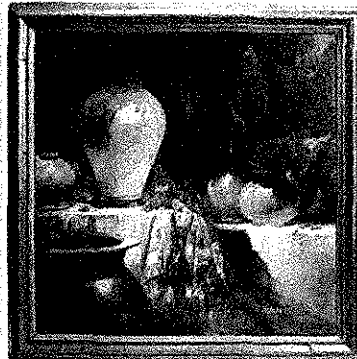


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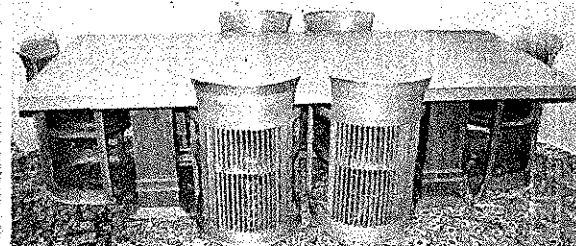
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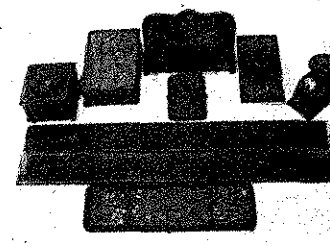
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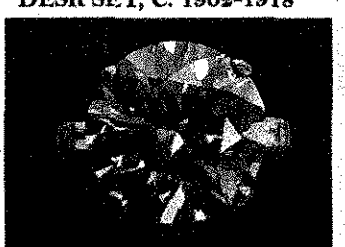
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# Teacher of the Week

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

Here, students celebrate their favorite teacher.

This week, it's **Monteith Elementary School fourth-grade teacher, James Fisher.**

He was nominated by several of his students.

Casey Scoggin said, "I have many reasons that Mr. Fisher should be teacher of the week. First, he always makes his students laugh with hysterical jokes. More importantly, he has taught me so much and I am getting awesome grades because learning is fun in his class."

"One week, he had every student make up their own business with their own classroom currency and everything."

"He always gives us fun projects to do. He takes us on a lot of amazing field trips and he lets us play quiet-ball and kick ball at the end of the day. He is an awesome teacher."

Johnny Godoshian said:

- "He is a nice teacher."
- "He cares about his students."

- "He makes learning fun."
- "He makes me want to do my best."

- "He gives great classroom parties."
- "We take fun field trips."

"I don't mind working hard for Mr. Fisher because he makes everything interesting."

Madelene Martinbianco said, "I think Mr. Fisher is the great-

est teacher because he is so creative and unique. He teaches us to think outside the box and helps us to always be positive."

"He always goes the extra mile to make us want to learn. He really makes learning cool."

"We have a lot of homework, but never seem to mind. He expects more from us than any teacher ever has and we want to do the work because he makes it so much fun."

"I can't wait to get back to school the next day to see what comes next, I'm very sad that summer is coming because that means my year with Mr. Fisher is ending."

**Years at the Grosse Pointe Woods school: Seven.**

**Previous work:** Taught first- and second-graders at Richard Elementary School and spent eight years teaching grades 2-4 in East China, Mich.

**Why did you become a teacher?**

For the last 19 years, I have enjoyed a career that I have found to be not only enjoyable, but also very rewarding.

I grew up in a warm, supportive family. My parents, as well as my grandparents, always made sure that I had plenty of books. Even before I could read, they kept a steady stream of captivating children's books coming my way.

My parents were very active in every aspect of our school experience. Homework was done at the kitchen table with mom or dad nudging us along,

helping us to think through our assignments, or helping us study for quizzes and tests. But they made it fun. They came up with creative ideas that engaged my brothers and me, which made learning a quest of which I could not get enough.

Because of my parents' involvement and our strong close-knit family, I have always cared about children. Teaching seemed to be the right choice for me when I went to college. I had a dream of creatively teaching children how to become interested and to expand to their maximum potential — regardless of ability or background.

I wanted to make an impact in children's lives, letting them experience a positive, creative and engaging educational experience. To take them beyond the textbook and absorb them in active learning became my goal.

In addition to my strong family support, I had amazing teachers growing up in the Anchor Bay School District. My favorite and most influential teacher was my third grade teacher, Mrs. Linda Whelan. She taught her students the importance of mutual respect and understanding in a supportive environment. She encouraged us to be public speakers, poetry writers and kind citizens. What a coincidence that Mrs. Whelan would become a colleague of mine in the Grosse Pointe schools 20 years later. Many of her classroom rituals then are in my classroom today.

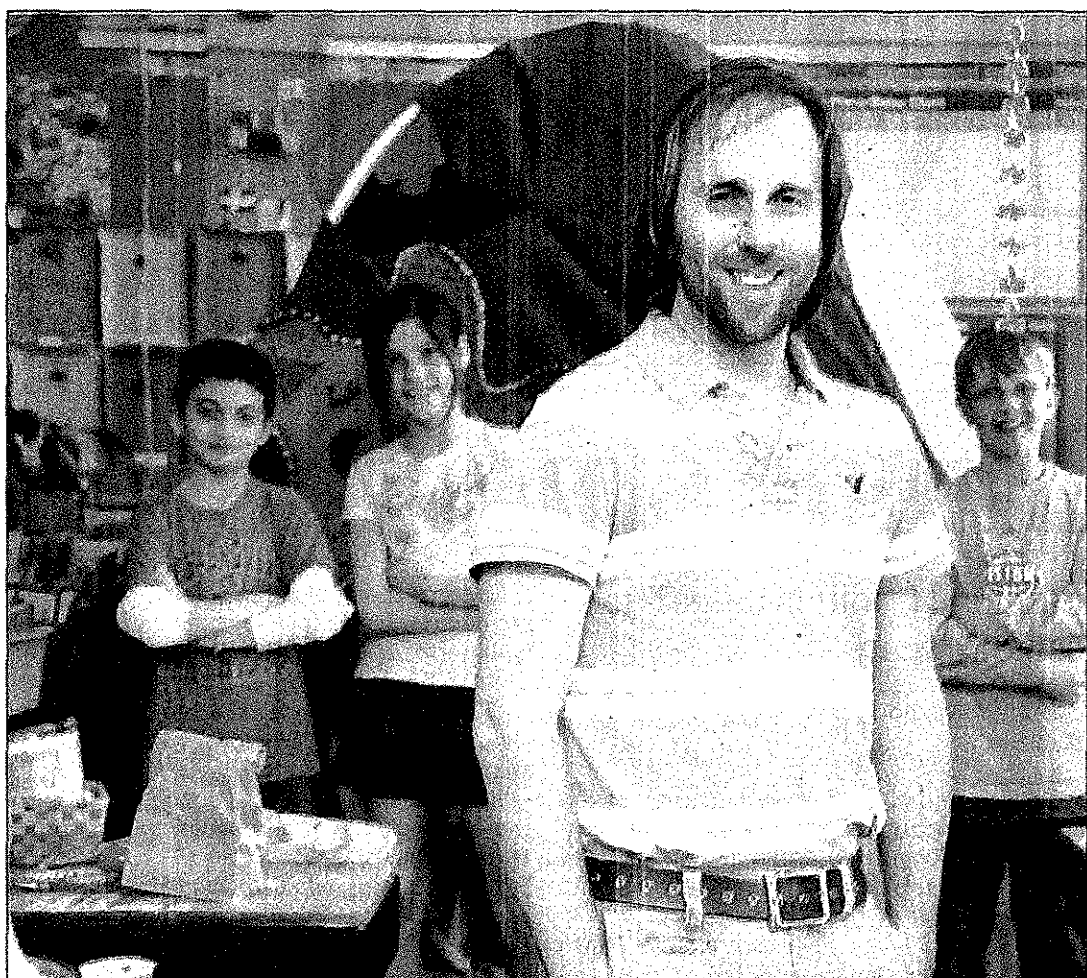


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Monteith Elementary School teacher James Fisher had volunteer parents fill Easter baskets with candy while students were away at gym class, surprising them when they returned.

**What do you enjoy about teaching?**

I enjoy watching my students get excited about their learning. It gives me great pleasure when they arrive to school motivated, happy, and eager to learn. Witnessing their growth and development over the course of a year is extremely rewarding. We spend over seven hours a day together and my students become like my own kids.

Fortunately, I have chosen

the perfect career for me. In addition to teaching, collaborating and working with other dedicated staff members is a highlight of my day.

**How do you feel about being nominated?**

A group of my students decided to surprise me in a thoughtful way by nominating me for "Teacher of the Week." Though it is an honor to be nominated, the true reward is that this came from their

hearts. They make me feel very appreciated, and I work to make each and everyone of them feel special.

**Favorite book to share with students?**

Anything by Jean Craighead George, Gary Paulsen or Kate DiCamillo. Stories rich in language and relatable characters go a long way to inspire students.

—Amy Salvagno

## Volunteers needed ULS presents improv night fundraiser

The Grosse Pointe Public School System seeks volunteers to serve on the K-12 World Languages curriculum review committee.

Interested applicants should submit a letter of intent with their resume to

Susan Vogel, Department of Curriculum, Assessment, Instruction and Technology, 389 St. Clair Avenue, Grosse Pointe, 48230.

Application deadline is May 1. Those with questions can call (313) 432-3043.

University Liggett School presents an evening of improv with "A Comedy Knight," at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Roostertail in Detroit.

Comedians Joey Slotkin, who has appeared onstage across the country and in TV

shows, "The Office" and "Nip/Tuck," and Lauren Katz, a comedian and actress who has appeared in TV's "Curb Your Enthusiasm" and "Parks and Recreation," provide the laughs. A strolling dinner, silent ticket auction, caricatures, a

live auction and music by Hot Club of Brazil round out the evening.

A drawing for Liggett's annual spring raffle is also featured. Prizes are \$4,500 cash; a \$3,500 custom paver patio package from Backer

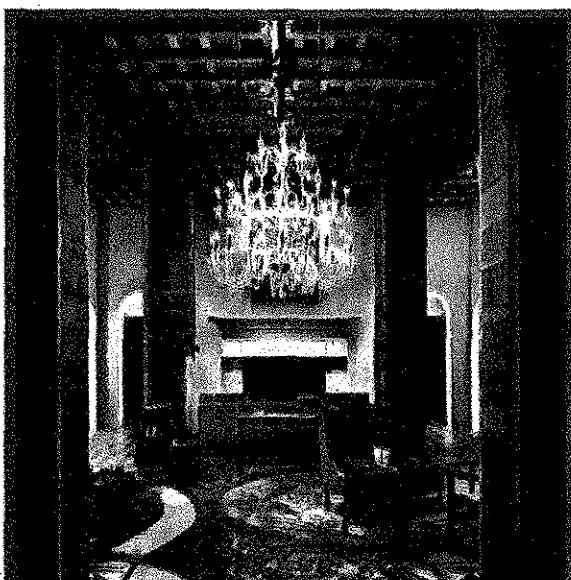
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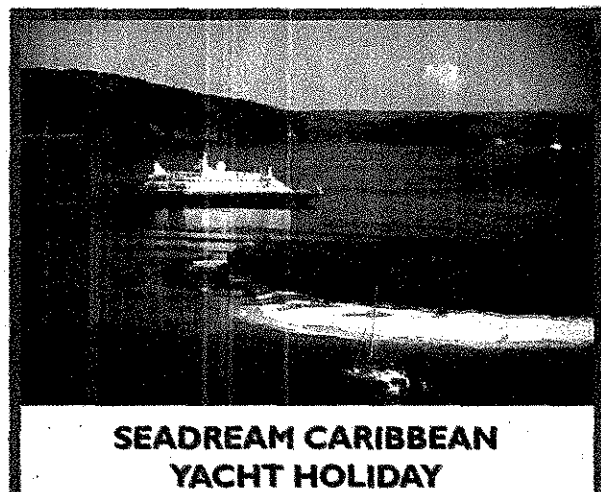
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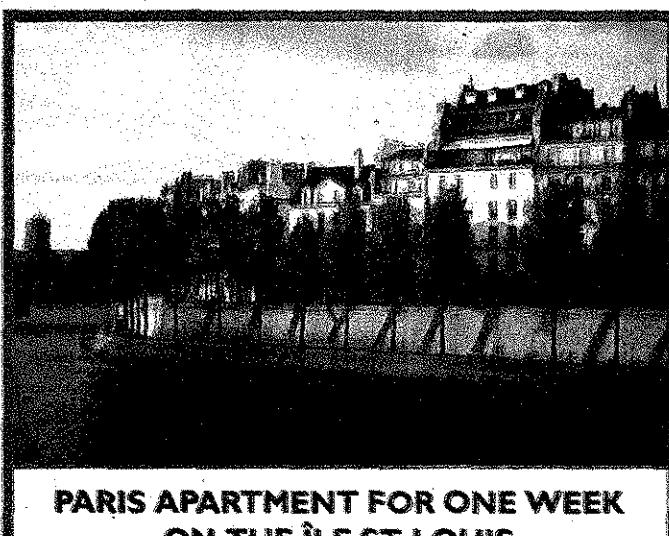
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SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

# 'Pippin' performed

Tickets are on sale for the Grosse Pointe South High School all-school musical, "Pippin," performed Thursday, April 29, through Sunday, May 2.

The coming-of-age musical describes the adventures of a young prince who leaves his royal life to search for true love and happiness. "Pippin" tickles the funny bone and examines themes of war, art and love.

"Pippin" is under the musical

direction of Ellen Bowen, drama direction of Melissa Johnson-Smith, choreography of Andy Haines and technical direction of Dan Vicary.

Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets can be purchased at Posterity: A Gallery, 17005 Kercheval, in the Village of Grosse Pointe, or online at [gpsouthchoir.org](http://gpsouthchoir.org).

# Spring into fashion

The Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South High School celebrates "Springtime in Paris," this year's spring benefit luncheon and fashion show, from noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, in the school gym, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

The afternoon supports classroom enrichment, college scholarships and historic preservation projects.

Students model spring fashions created by South's Fashion and Fabrics class, along with trends from local shops.

Hair designs are courtesy of Salon Daniele and special celebrity guest hair styling artist Ben Mollin of Bravo's "Sheer Genius." Entertainment

is provided by the South choir and band.

Tickets are \$35 and available at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Raffle tickets are \$5 or five for \$20 for items donated by George Koueiter & Sons Jewelers, Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers and Burger Pointe, to name a few.

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For sponsorship information, call Allison Baker at (313) 300-9069. To donate raffle items, call Megan Hughes at (313) 882-3331.

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHTS

# Research rewarded

Grosse Pointe South High School senior Genevieve Wang, Grosse Pointe North High School senior Laree Gardner and North junior Stephen Morrison won a Grand Award at the recent Michigan Science Fair.

They now advance to the International Science Olympiad, held in San Jose,

Calif., in May.

The team spent a week researching at Kitt Peak National Observatory in November. Their project is entitled, "H-alpha [OIII] Photometry of Galactic Plane Candidate Planetary Nebulae." The students are led by North astronomy teacher Ardis Herrold.

# Students win awards

Grosse Pointe North High School foreign language students took home honors at the recent University of Michigan German Day, held at the Ann Arbor campus Friday, March 19.

The competition drew 1,100 participants from 28 schools.

Winners are:

**Commercials, Level 1**  
• First place, "Sham Wow"  
• Second place, "Robo-Einhorn"

**Commercials, Level 4**  
• First place, "Aspirin"  
• Second place, "Mountain

Dew Pflaster"

**Poetry, Level 4**

• Third place, Kim Wood  
**Reading, Level 2**  
• First place, Maxwell Smith  
**Speaking, Level 1**  
• First place, Andrew Berry  
• Third place, Eric Balle  
**Speaking, Level 2**  
• Third place, Terrance Perotta

**Speaking, Level 3**  
• Second place, John Balle  
**Spelling Bee, lower levels**  
• First place, Maxwell Smith  
**Spelling Bee, upper levels**  
• First place, Lydia Fuller

# Choir students shine

The Pierce Middle School choir, under the direction of Heather Albrecht, performed at the recent Michigan School Vocal Music Association District 16 choral festival at Macomb Community College.

The seventh-grade choir earned a superior rating and the eighth-grade choir earned an excellent rating by the panel of judges.

The choirs advance to the state festival in Grand Rapids.

# Literary work honored

Sixteen Pierce Middle School students earned regional awards in the 2010 Scholastic Art and Writing Contest.

Seventh-grade honorees are Julia Moss, Gold Key for poetry; Anne Clark, Silver Key for personal essay/memoir; Leticia Hernandez, honorable mention for a short story; and Taylor Peters, honorable mention for a short-short story.

Eighth-grade honorees are Ellie Zak, Gold Key for persuasive writing; Annabel Ames, Gold Key for personal essay/memoir; Meghan Fleming, Silver Key for personal essay/memoir; Meaghan Marohn, two Silver Keys for personal essay/memoir;

Janey Degnan, Silver Key for persuasive writing; Kimberly Barbour, honorable mention for persuasive writing; Lindsay Fisher, honorable mention for persuasive writing; Teddy Thompson, honorable mention for persuasive writing; Regan Brandt, honorable mention for personal essay/memoir; Emily Richner, honorable mention for personal essay/memoir; Ellie Costakis, honorable mention for personal essay/memoir; and Ellen High, honorable mention for personal essay/memoir.

The three students who received Gold Key awards will have their literary pieces sent for national adjudication this spring.

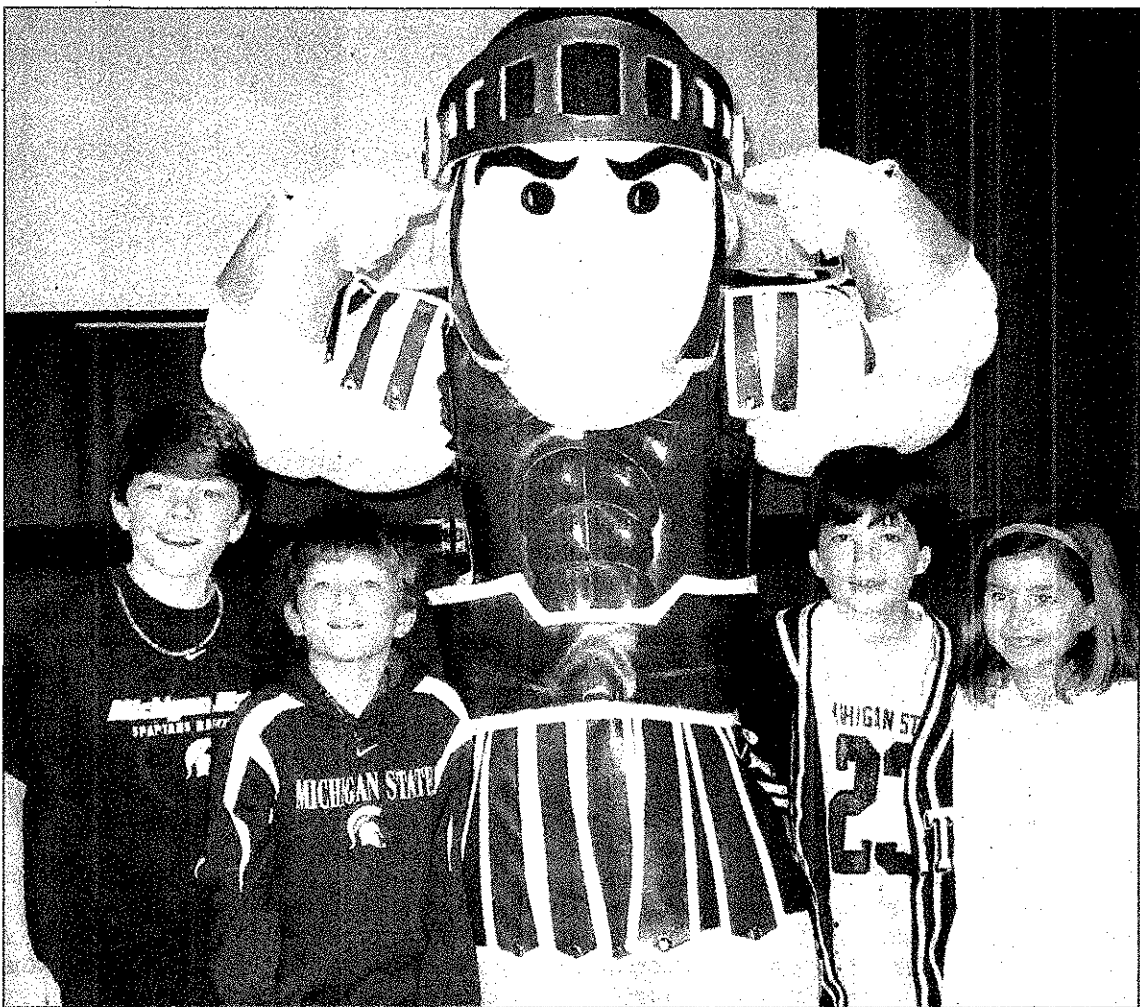


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# Sparty spreads spirit

Michigan State University's mascot marked "March is Reading Month" with Maire Elementary School students Friday, March 26. Sparty acted out "I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly" and "The True Story of the Three Little Pigs" as they were read aloud by a MSU student who joined the celebration. Left, after signing autographs, Sparty poses with students fifth-grader Connor McCarron, far left, and his younger siblings, second-graders Kevin and Kaleigh and third-grader Brady.

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# OBITUARIES

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

## Barbara Near

Barbara Near passed away peacefully after a lengthy illness Monday, April 5, 2010, at Sunrise on Vernier.

She was born Sept. 4, 1930, to William Roy and Mary Ida Lydia Cecile Stafford. She earned a bachelor's degree in education from Wayne State University, a master's degree in education from the University of Detroit and a master's degree in psychology from WSU.

Mrs. Near began her teaching career in 1964 in the East Detroit Public Schools, continued on in the Grosse Pointe Public School System at Brownell Middle School and concluded her career at Parcels Middle School, retiring in 1993.

She was a member of the Center for Jung Studies of Detroit, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Southern Poverty Law Center. Mrs. Near volunteered for Crossroads at the St. Paul Cathedral's Social Service Unit in Detroit.

Mrs. Near was widowed at an early age when her husband, Donald, died unexpectedly in his late 40s. She was proud of her children, Kenneth (Karen L.) Near, Karen A. Near and Gregory (Helen) Near. She adored her grandson, Martin and granddaughter, Lydia. She loved her great-grandchildren, Emma and Ruth. She also is survived by her brother, Douglas Stafford and many loving nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by her brother, Thomas Stafford.

A funeral service was held April 9 at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe Woods. Mrs. Near will be interred next to her husband at Cadillac Memorial Gardens East Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Drive, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076.

## Anne Blake

Grosse Pointe Park resident Anne Blake, 94, died Saturday, April 10, 2010.

She was born in Port Huron to Gertrude and Francis Brogan and graduated from Marygrove College in 1937.

Mrs. Blake's greatest love was her husband, John. They were blessed with almost 60 years of marriage and seven children.

Mrs. Blake enjoyed classical music, opera and summers with her family at a lake cottage in Canada. She and her husband traveled extensively through Europe and North America. Another great interest was reading, particularly books that supported her deep faith in God.

Mrs. Blake is survived by her children, John (Jan), Bill (Ann), Pat (Laura), Francis (Joan), Christopher (Anne) and Elizabeth (Jack Opie); daughter-in-law, Donna; grandchildren, John, Brian, Geoff, Joshua, Fran, Patrick, Andrew, Tim, Bill, Peter, Sarah, Maggie and Lilly Blake, Beth Taylor, Patty Ilitch, Annie Peoples, Renee Howell, Julia Opie, Kate Messacar, Christine Zientek and Mary Donoghue and 22 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by John, and her son, Tim.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 15, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park.

Memorial donations may be made to Adrian Dominican Sisters, 1257 E. Siena Heights Drive, Adrian, MI 49221 or St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton St., Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

## Michael M. Carey III

Michael M. Carey III, of Grosse Pointe and Harbor Springs, died Thursday, April 1, 2010. He was 80.

Known as Mike to all who encountered him, he was a lifelong golfer, an avid bridge

player and a seasoned amateur pilot.

Mr. Carey was a 1948 graduate of Cranbrook School and a 1952 graduate of Princeton University. After college and a brief stint in the Army, he returned to the Detroit area where he spent most of his career at Time Magazine selling ads to the automotive industry. He worked at Time for more than 20 years, retiring in the mid-1980s.

Mr. Carey was famous among his many friends, "pals," as he called them, for his turkey hash, without which no Thanksgiving was complete, and his putting stroke. He was for a time one of the best putters in the world, or so he would claim and to which his many playing opponents could attest. Mr. Carey was always ready with a story and advice, whether requested or not.

He was a member of Bloomfield Hills Country Club, The Little Club, Wequetonsing Golf Club in Harbor Springs and Little Traverse Yacht Club.

Mr. Carey is survived by his wife, Cheryl; sons, Michael IV, Patrick, Timothy and Christopher Carey; stepsons, Howard and Jeffrey Buhl and 11 grandchildren. He was formerly married to Barbara DeClerk.

At Mr. Carey's request, there will be no funeral service. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, at St. Hugo of the Hills Church, 2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills.

## Thomas E. Mahoney

Thomas E. Mahoney, 93, died peacefully Sunday, March 7, 2010, in Edina, Minn. after a short illness. He had been a Grosse Pointe Woods resident for 53 years.

Born in Atchison, Kan., Jan. 20, 1917, he graduated from Atchison High School and attended Kansas State University and then Wayne State University after moving to Detroit.

A World War II veteran, he was a captain in the U.S. Army and participated in the invasion of Saipan in the Pacific Theatre.

Mr. Mahoney worked for 20 years at Maxon Advertising in Detroit and later worked and retired from Chrysler Corporation.

He was an avid football fan, especially college football and his beloved Kansas State Wildcats.

He loved to read, tell stories and get together with the longtime bridge club that started after the war.

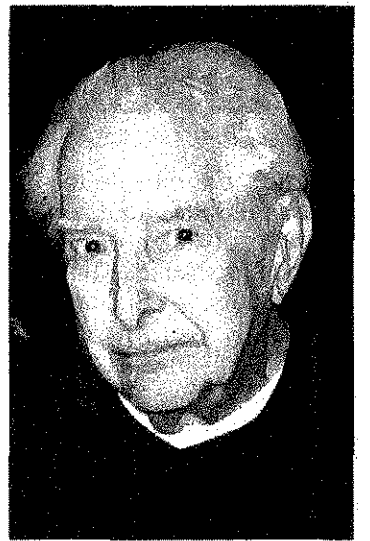
He and his wife, Margaret, were longtime members of Grosse Pointe Congregational Church.



Barbara Near



Anne Blake



Thomas E. Mahoney

Mr. Mahoney was devoted to his family. He is survived by Margaret, his wife of 67 years; sons, Tom (Mary) of Bloomington, Minn. and Sam (Diane) of Marquette and grandsons, Brent Lamm, Shane Mahoney, and Devin Mahoney.

He was predeceased by his parents, Thomas and Elizabeth Mahoney; brothers, Ned and Sam Mahoney and his sister, Madge Team.

A private graveside service will be held in Crosswell in May.

## Loretta Short

Grosse Pointe resident Loretta Short, 69, died Sunday, April 11, 2010, in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Born Jan. 24, 1941, in Wichita, Kan., to Ed and Virginia Jewett, she grew up in Colorado Springs, Colo., and attended Cheyenne Mountain High School.

She received a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Kansas in 1962 and her master's degree from Harvard University in 1964.

Upon graduation, Mrs. Short moved to Washington, D.C. to work for the National Security Agency. She also worked as a juvenile probation officer.

Mrs. Short married Walter "Bud" Short, her high school sweetheart, in 1984. They lived in their hometown of Colorado Springs before moving to Michigan in 1991.

It was in Michigan that she found her professional calling as an educator. She taught reading recovery in the elementary school system, and in 1996, she and her husband founded The Short Books, an early reading system designed to address shortcomings she saw firsthand as a teacher.

Mrs. Short had an indomitable spirit and great sense of humor, and valued nothing more than time spent with her family, especially her eight grandchildren.

She and her husband traveled widely, and had a particular love for the water, spending summers on the shores of Michigan and several winters by the ocean in Florida.

She was a member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, where she served on the stewardship committee and loved the Bible study meetings.

Her family said that to all who knew her, Mrs. Short was a world-class researcher and inquisitive thinker. Her professional work was recognized by the NSA, her innovative reading system continues to teach



Loretta Short



Sally Zimmer

children nationwide to read, and her problem-solving prowess was frequently applied to helping her family reach their goals.

The same drive and dedication to knowledge fueled her inspirational fight against cancer. She traveled from coast to coast seeking emerging treatments to complement her traditional care, vastly improving her quality of life and longevity.

Mrs. Short is survived by her husband, Bud; children, Cara (Bob) Magers, Andy (Jill) Short, Joe (Karri) Rosenthal, and Alicia (Jay) Bonahoom; grandchildren, Sara, Anabel, Katie, Andrew, Claire, Joe, Alex, and Jonah and sister, Linda Sheppard.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 23 at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial donations may be made in her memory to Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower Street, Phoenix, AZ, 85014 or at hov.org.

## Sally Zimmer

Sarah Kay Olert "Sally" Zimmer, 68, died Monday, April 5, 2010.

She was born May 25, 1939, in Cincinnati, Ohio to Frederick Olert, a prominent Presbyterian minister and his wife, Sarah.

She attended Wooster College in Wooster, Ohio, and during a summer vacation at beautiful Walloon Lake, met her husband-to-be, John Wenzel Zimmer. The couple's first date was by boat, a vintage Chris-Craft.

After marrying in 1960, the couple spent summers together at Walloon, a tradition their children and grandchildren are continuing.

Mrs. Zimmer and her husband raised two children, first in Lake Bluff and Lake Forest,

Ill., then in Grosse Pointe and Albuquerque, N.M.

Over the years, Mrs. Zimmer put her heart into an array of causes, including the Presbyterian church. She was active in Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, serving in a number of capacities including deacon, elder and usher. She also was involved with the League of Women Voters and a variety of community and civic jobs.

She worked at the Ferry Hall School and Lake Forest Academy in Lake Forest, and was an active member of First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest. She also was an administrator at Clark Retirement Community in Grand Rapids, a position she held 15 years before retiring in 2007 and moving back to Lake Forest, a place where she had close friends and a long history.

As well as being hard-working, family-focused, and devoted to her faith, she modeled professionally, was an excellent golfer and bridge player, and was a gracious and fun-loving hostess and friend.

Mrs. Zimmer is survived by her son, David Christian, his wife, Jane and their daughters, Lucile Jane and Gabrielle Christine of Wauconda, Ill.; daughter Sarah Lucile, her husband, Jim Sleeper of Solana Beach, Calif.; sisters, Mary (Joseph) Boyd of Nashville, Tenn., Grace Dailey of Marietta, Ga. and Susan Dowell of Pensacola, Fla.; brother, Frederick (Carol) Olert of Grand Rapids, and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents and her husband.

A memorial service was held April 10 in Lake Forest, Ill.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society at cancer.org or by calling (800) 227-2345.

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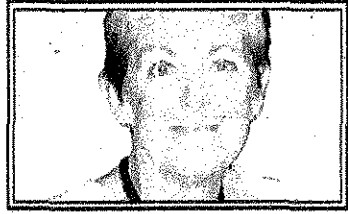




AUTOS By Jenny King

There's no question about the head-turning abilities of the sleek 2010 Cadillac CTS Sport Wagon which resembles the monstrous beauties the automaker offered 50 years ago

# Cadillac CTS Sport Wagon has panache



**T**he CTS Sport Wagon is Cadillac's first North American wagon. Possibly a gamble in terms of styling, the CTS wagon was designed to attract

a different buyer than the traditional I've-always-driven-a-Cadillac individual.

Cadillac figures priorities of luxury consumers are changing and expanding and it is going with the flow.

The CTS Sport Wagon, Cadillac says, is essentially the same size as the successful CTS sport sedan on the outside. But the Sport Wagon, which bowed last fall as a 2010 model, nearly doubles the carrying capacity of the sedan, with 25 cubic feet of space behind the rear seats; and 53.4 cubic feet with the rear seat folded.

Will you be seeing CTS Sport Wagons going heavy-duty, transporting paint, two-by-fours, shelving or wallboard from hardware stores? Probably not in great numbers. The country club or local public golf course and the neighborhood plant nursery are more likely settings for this elegant workhorse.

The CTS Sport Wagon has standard rear-wheel drive and a 270-horsepower 3.0-liter V-6 coupled with a six-speed automatic transmission. Cadillac emphasizes the significance of the direct-injection fuel delivery. The automaker says this design delivers fuel more precisely and thereby increases combustion efficiency for better fuel economy and lower emissions — especially with cold starts.

Estimated highway fuel economy on 3.0-liter-equipped models is 28 miles per gallon. Average for city driving is around 18 mpg.

The CTS Sport Wagon also offers an optional 3.6-liter di-

rect-injection V-6 engine that produces 304 horsepower. It is a member of the same engine family as the standard 3.0-liter engine and is linked to the same six-speed automatic transmission. Both engines use regular unleaded gas — many competitors to the CTS require premium fuel.

Direct injection is also utilized for the turbo-charged 2.0-liter four that powers the Cobalt SS and the nifty HHR SS. It is in the 2.4-liter Ecotec four in the 2010 Buick LaCrosse. The LaCrosse also

offers the direct-injection 3.0-liter V-6 that is the base CTS Sport Wagon engine. The more powerful 3.6-liter V-6 available in the Sport Wagon is a direct-injection engine shared with the Cadillac CTS sedan, the Cadillac STS and Camaro LT and LS models.

Like the CTS Sport Sedan, the Sport Wagon offers optional all-wheel drive.

The CTS Sport Wagon has a starting price of around \$42,000. The test car, a rear-drive wagon with the 3.6-liter V-6 and a goodly number of bells

and whistles, had a standard vehicle price of \$48,665.

In addition to the anticipated anti-lock brakes, Stabilitrak stability control, all-speed traction control and tire pressure monitor, the Sport Wagon included Bluetooth connectivity for hands-free phoning, 10-way seats for driver and front passenger, a pet guard cargo net, a fob-operated power lift-gate and headlights with adaptive forward lighting.

According to Cadillac, three

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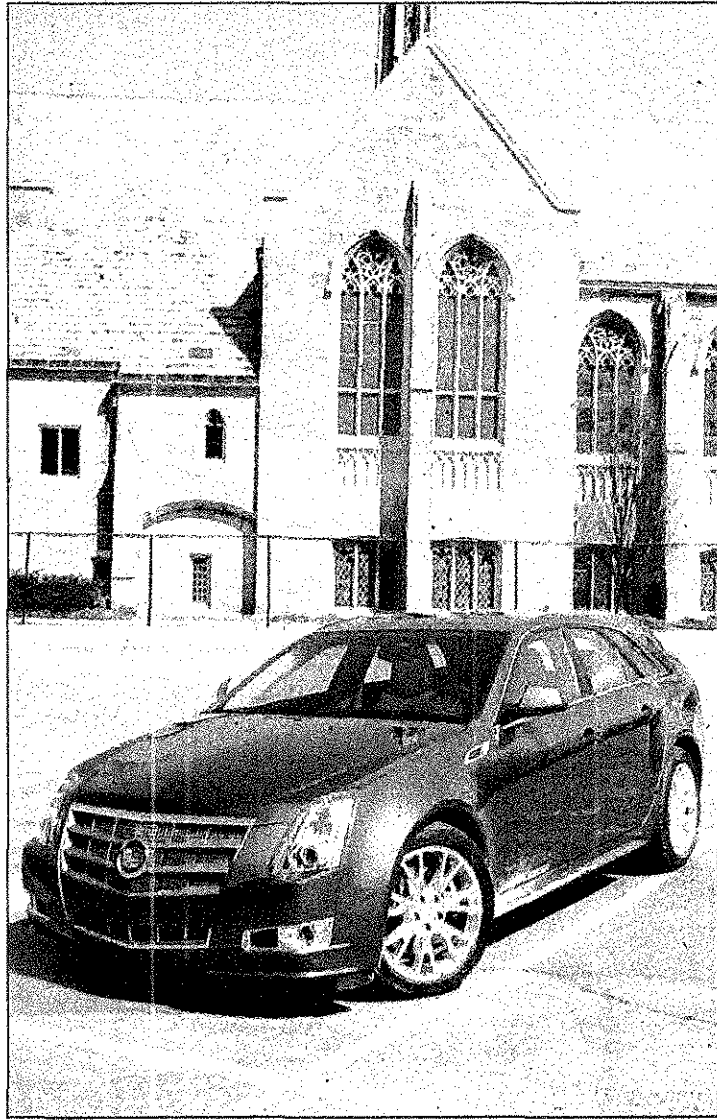


PHOTO BY JENNY KING

Huge, flaring taillights and a v-shaped rear are design features of the CTS Sport Wagon. A Cadillac spokesman suggested its lines are fin-like, harkening back to the monstrous beauties the automaker offered 50 years ago.

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## 6A II | AUTOMOTIVE

TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

With Buick's discreet opulence intact, engineers utilized GM's modern design platform to come up with the new LaCrosse design, and then added high tech engines.

## 2010 Buick LaCrosse CXL AWD



fall front grille and three hood "air inlets" made famous on Roadmasters, Electras and Park Avenues of Buick's storied past.

Outwardly, the new LaCrosse can take on any competition, be it Lexus ES, Lincoln MKZ, Chrysler 300 or Acura TL. All are indeed formidable competitors, yet Buick fits right in with its great looks, ultra quiet ride and more than 400-mile travel distance on one tank of fuel.

One thing Buick engineers did bring with them from the outdated previous generation is its award-winning safety appointments. All of the now standard features, including six air bags, stability control, traction control, brake assist, excellent 4-wheel ABS disc brakes and theft deterrent come standard on all LaCrosse models. One extra air bag feature came with our tester, namely an optional rear seat mounted thorax air bag, will cost \$350 more if desired.

Inside, you'll find leather appointed seating, heated front seats, all the powers, dual zone climate, 7-speaker AM/FM/XM/CD, enhanced lighting, universal remote and two power outlets. The seating comfort is just right, everything is within easy reach, and a beautiful blue hue background sets off the instrumentation. As for room, there's more than enough legroom and headroom for adults regardless of sitting fore or aft.

Our LaCrosse came with a \$550 comfort and convenience package that features rear parking assist and backup view camera, memory seats



2010 Buick LaCrosse CXL

and auto dimming outside mirrors. The more cars I drive, the more I appreciate the backup parking assist and cameras as they've saved me several times from hitting a car I may have not seen while backing up. The final option was a \$195 for carbon metallic paint charge, which, although beautiful, is an option you can live without.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 111.7 inches, 13.3 cubic feet of trunk space, 4,199-pound curb weight, 16 city and 25 highway miles per gallon rating, and a 19-gallon regular grade fuel tank.

I've always loved Buicks and my family and I have owned

many of them. China loves Buicks, too, which is the main reason GM kept the brand over Pontiac in its "one must go" decision. If you want an upper-class luxury vehicle available in 2WD starting at \$26,245 or perhaps an AWD like our tester, LaCrosse deserves a very close look and serious consideration.

Buick has indeed earned its keep with the new 2010 LaCrosse.

Likes: Contemporary design, safety, AWD capability, fit and finish.

Dislikes: Some blind spots. Greg Zyla is a syndicated automotive columnist.



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# 2011 Touareg Hybrid makes its debut

Volkswagen of America Inc. recently unveiled the second generation Touareg, showcasing the brand's first hybrid at the 2010 New York International Auto Show.

Taking the Touareg to the forefront of its class are three available engines to suit a variety of different drivers: A V6 FSI gasoline engine, V6 TDI Clean Diesel engine and V6 TSI gasoline hybrid engine.

With the hybrid model, a 3.0-liter supercharged, direct injection V6 gasoline engine is paired with a special electric motor that reduces fuel consumption and CO2 emissions by about 40 percent.

An eight-speed automatic transmission — the first of its kind in an SUV — keeps power always available while helping the Touareg Hybrid achieve approximately 25 and 21 miles per gallon during highway and city driving, respectively.

A special clutch can disengage the transmission from the engine when the engine is not powering the Touareg, allowing it to coast forward emission free to further aid in fuel savings.

The electric motor can also recover kinetic energy during braking to help recharge the nickel metal-hydrate battery pack.

With the V6 engine and electric motor combined, a total of 375 horsepower and 428 pound-feet of torque are available, allowing for full towing capacity of up to 7,700 pounds.

Also available is Volkswagen's 3.0-liter, V6 TDI Clean Diesel engine, which offers improved fuel economy, reduced emissions, and greater power versus a similarly-sized gasoline engine and is an excellent comple-

ment to the new Touareg's athletic design.

A 3.6-liter, V6 FSI gasoline engine comes standard with the 2011 model, providing smooth acceleration and all around performance. On all Touareg models, Volkswagen's 4Motion all-wheel drive system is ready to tackle nearly any driving condition encountered on and off the road.

Matching the new Touareg's refinements under the hood is a fully-revised exterior that embraces the brand's new face and styling cues, created by Volkswagen's chief of design, Walter deSilva.

At the front is a narrower grille opening that seamlessly connects to the trapezoidal headlight housings that carry U-shaped LED running lights and Bi-Xenon High Intensity Gas-Discharged headlamps. The housings flow into the new fender flares, and a pair of compact fog lamps at the lower portion of the front fascia stand underneath the Touareg's front air intakes.

The hood features a raised portion that runs from the grille back, finishing at the side mirrors and giving a more muscular overall appearance. A chrome accent strip carries from behind the front wheels, and runs along the bottom of the doors to complement the chrome touches bordering the windows.

The back of the Touareg is defined with pronounced curves around the hatch area, LED illuminated taillights with housings to match up front and a blacked out lower bumper with a set of shaped chrome exhaust tips.

Compared to its predecessor, the 2011 Touareg is wider and has a shorter overall

height for a stronger presence.

A longer wheelbase and greater length provide greater stability and more room inside the cabin, while the use of new materials and other adjustments have removed nearly 450 pounds from the vehicle.

The Touareg's interior has also been refined, making for a better use of space for both the driver and passengers, as well as in the cargo area. The greater use of curves and further attention to details on the door and dash trim coincide with redesigned, full leather seating for five and cross-stitching on all panels and surfaces.

Both the front and rear passengers can enjoy greater legroom with the Touareg's new overall dimensions and fully adjustable seats, while the rear seatback can be folded at the touch of a button in the trunk, for more storage and convenience.

A seven-inch widescreen color display located between the main gauges in the dash provides the driver with the latest vehicle status information, including the drive system in the hybrid model, turn-by-turn navigation directions and more.

Volkswagen's new RNS850 touch screen entertainment and navigation system features an 8-inch screen, a 60GB hard drive with 18GB of space available to upload audio, video and more, and a DVD/CD player with MP3 playback and Satellite/FM/AM stereo.

The navigation system can display maps and directions in a 3-D view, and highlights major landmark highlights to further assist when traveling.

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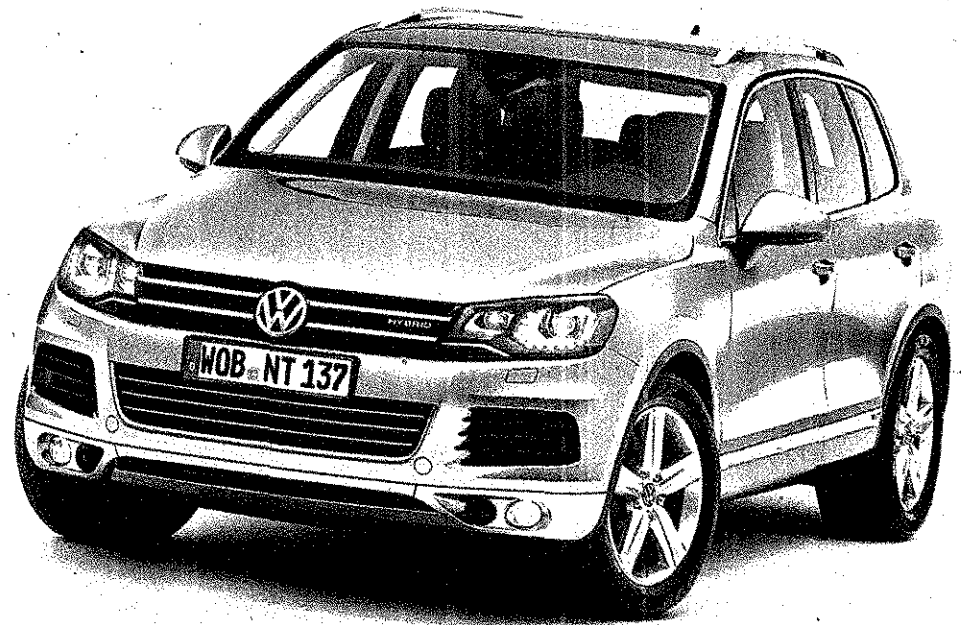


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The 2011 Volkswagen Touareg Hybrid, was unveiled March 31, at the 2010 New York International Auto Show.

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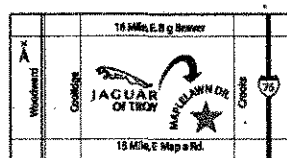
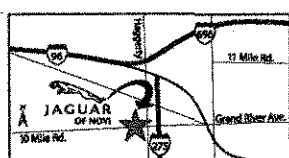
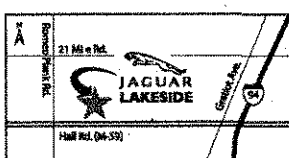
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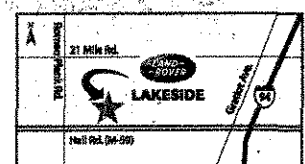
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CTS:  
2010 Cadillac  
Sport Wagon

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suspension tuning levels are available: FE1, standard; FE2, standard on 3.6-liter models and optional on 3.0-liter models; and the FE3 sport suspension with a summer-only tire, rear drive only.

The rearview camera swung into action when the transmission was put in reverse. This prompted an information screen to arise from the center of the instrument panel — very nifty — with a color view of a wide area behind the wagon. The same screen was capable of providing navigation information and sound system choices.

The test car included rear park assist — a feature we did not have a chance to use — and heated front seats which we did use.

The Ultraview sunroof was pleasing. Headroom up front in the Sport Wagon was stingy, due in some part to the sunroof installation. If form follows function, we assume it was more important to address vehicle aerodynamics and a sleek profile than to accommodate a tall-from-the-waist driver.

The power-adjustable seats up front were interesting. We could not get them to go down for better headroom. We were, however, able to soften the rock-like back support, an adjustment that had been set to ultra firm by an earlier driver. It's nice to know that when fatigue sets in on a long trip, it is possible to make such a change, going from sofa to church pew settings.

Another plus is the rear-area in-floor containment available for what Cadillac calls "cargo management." Given the abilities and time limits of most of us, a quick course in vehicle cargo management might be in order. The integrated cargo management system stows un-



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der the rear-area floor when not in use.

The power liftgate, a standard feature, is operated by push-button and can be programmed to lift to a specific height, Cadillac says.

The test car also included a \$2,090 summer tire performance package with 19-inch polished aluminum wheels, summer-only tires, a sport suspension system, steering wheel-mounted shift controls, a performance cooling system and performance disc brakes.

The beautiful thunder gray chromaflair exterior tacked another \$995 on the price tag which, with \$825 for destination, totaled \$52,575.

Now \$825 might seem steep for a vehicle whose final assembly point is Lansing. But everyone shares the burden when delivery charges are set, so the GMC Sierra coming up from Mexico will have the same delivery charge as the one assembled in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

## Coming this fall

A performance wagon? An oxymoron? Not in today's luxury car market. In spite of prevailing economic uncertainties

and the ever-present specter of rising fuel prices, Cadillac is putting the pedal to the metal when it brings the CTS-V Sport Wagon to market later in the year.

This version of the CTS Sport Wagon is a member of Cadillac's high-performance V-Series. To wit: the CTS-V wagon will have a 556-horsepower supercharged 6.2-liter V-8 under its dramatic hood. At its introduction of the CTS-V wagon at the 2010 New York Auto Show, Cadillac said the performance wagon will be available with a six-speed manual or a six-speed automatic transmission with steering wheel shift controls. Put that manual-shift CTS-V on your test drive list.

The muscular vehicle will feature magnetic ride control. Special Michelin Pilot Sport tires and big-time brakes from Brembo are other features.

The show car exterior was finished in midnight silver, first seen on the Cadillac Sixteen Concept several years ago, and accented by liquid silver-finished wheels and a black chrome finish on the grille's mesh insert. The rear fascia, upper spoiler and center high-mounted stop lamp were also

unique to the show car. Initial sales in North America will be followed by

export markets including Europe and the Middle East, Cadillac said.

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

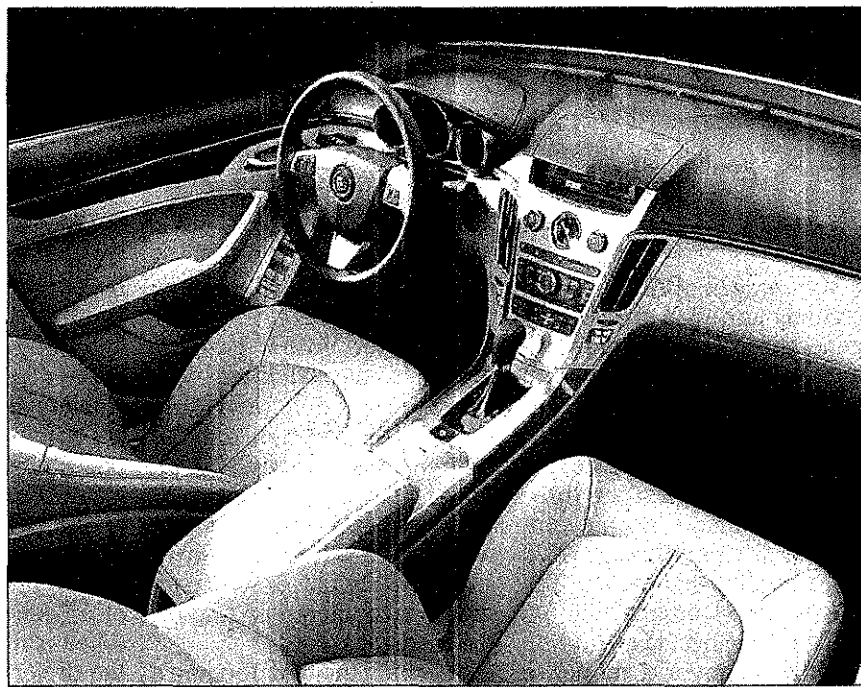


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The luxurious cockpit of the CTS Sport Wagon features steering wheel-mounted controls and a pop-up info screen beneath the smaller window at the center of the instrument panel.

OBITUARIES:  
Loved ones  
remembered

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## Eleanor H. Hogan

Eleanor Hammond Hogan, 81, of Grosse Pointe Farms, died Saturday, April 3, 2010.

Ms. Hogan was born Oct. 13, 1928, in Detroit, the daughter of Francis Delmont and Ethyl Hammond Hogan.

She was a graduate of St. Charles Borromeo High School in Detroit and was employed by J. L. Hudson Co. and Macy's as a buyer for jewelry/merchandising.

Ms. Hogan is survived by her sister, Nancy Ann Hogan and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents and her sisters, Betty Seymour, Mary Kramer and

Geraldine Gitzen.

A funeral Mass was celebrated April 9 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, N.Y. 10018.

## Lucile McIntosh

Lucile McIntosh, 87, died peacefully March 26, 2010, in her home in Cambridge, Mass.

Born March 11, 1923, she was the daughter of Charles and Lucile Ketchum. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Mount Union College and her master's degree in social work from Wayne State University. She held positions as a psychometrist for the Veterans Administration and a Braille transcriber before becoming an adolescent therapist in the Grosse Pointe Public School

System. She remained in that position until retirement to Conway, Mass., where she continued to serve the community in the English as a second language program at Greenfield Community College.

Mrs. McIntosh is survived by her husband, Jack; children, Jon McIntosh of Key West, Fla., Meg Anderson of Belmont, Mass., and Donald McIntosh of Lexington, Mass.; five grandchildren, and her brother, Charles Ketchum of Newburyport, Mass.

She was predeceased by her parents.

A memorial service will be held April 26 in Cambridge.

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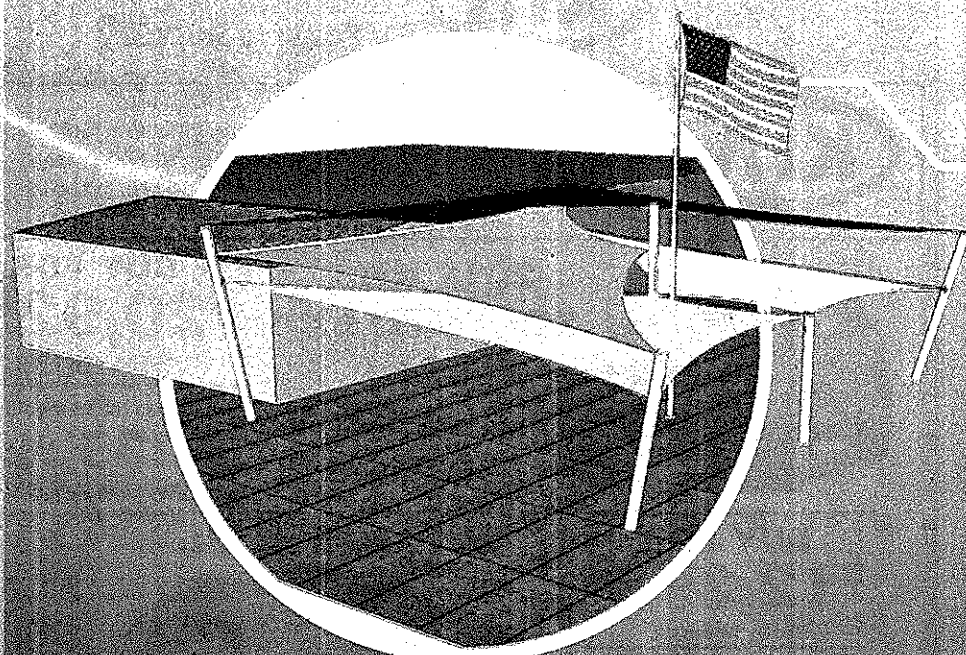
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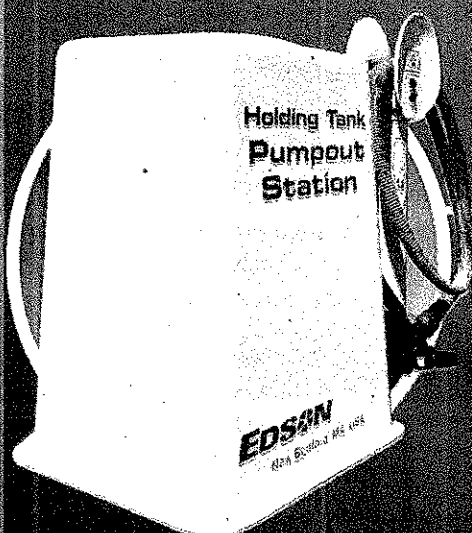
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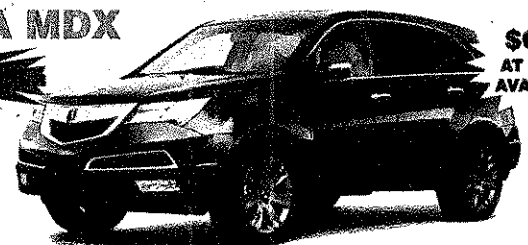
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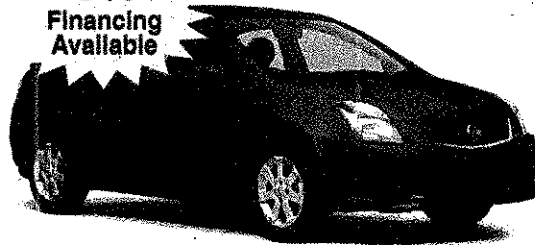
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## 'The Sport of Kings'

### Polo, anyone?

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

Green and white were the colors of the night, along with bay, chestnut and even flea bitten, when the Michigan State University Women's Polo team, with both two-legged and four-legged members, rode into town a few weeks ago.

The group arrived in Grosse Pointe Woods for an exhibition match and a day-long clinic at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club.

More than 100 fans gathered on a Friday evening to watch the team play two chukkers of the "Sport of Kings," meet and greet the players and their ponies.

The MSU polo team has recently completed the collegiate polo season. Before breaking for the summer and heading off to both horse and non-horse related summer jobs, the team visited the hunt club. It had been invited to the club by Mike and Beth Dionne of the City of Grosse Pointe. Their daughter, Sarah, an MSU senior, is a member of the varsity team.

The Spartans demonstrated their polo playing skills, then shared their expertise with polo player wannabes the following day, as they hosted a clinic for riders of all ages.

As exciting and fast-paced as the match was, clinic participants discovered the first experience with a "polo pony" involves one that moves at a much slower pace. In fact, Woodie doesn't move at all.

"Everyone begins on our wooden horse that we call 'Woodie,'" explained team captain Nicole Woodniak, a MSU senior. "Learning to swing a mallet is much easier standing still."

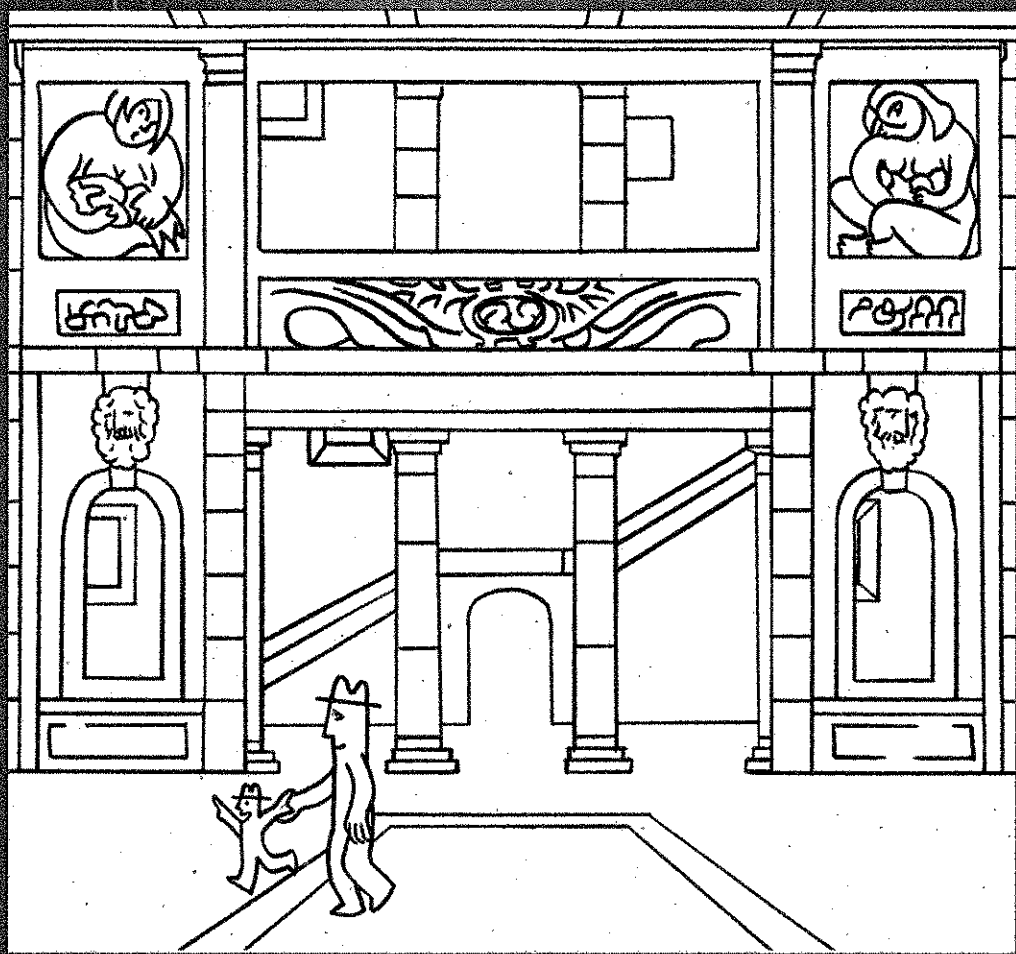
Sitting astride Woodie, Stephanie Georgopoulos, 11, of Grosse Pointe Woods, like most of the other clinic participants, found swinging the mallet and actually connecting with the ball a daunting task.

"Now, just imagine trying to do that on a moving horse," Woodniak said. "It's a lot more complicated than it appears. It's constant work, and I'm saying that as an experienced player."



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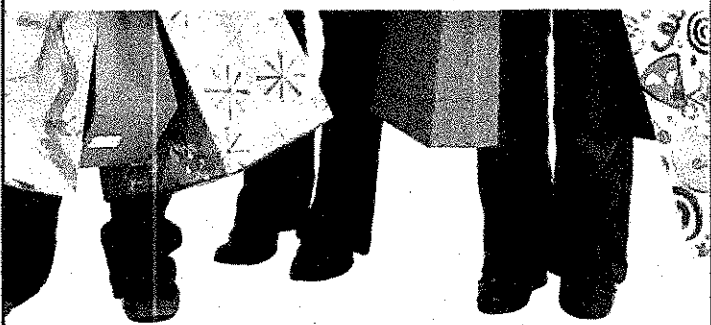
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MICHIGAN OPERA By Dina Soresi Winter

# Stellar cast in 'Don Giovanni'

The Michigan Opera Theatre gave one of the most vocally and musically outstanding performances of "Don Giovanni" you are likely to hear anywhere in the world. This masterpiece of Mozartean genius opened the spring season at Michigan Opera Theatre at the Detroit Opera House on Madison Avenue at Broadway. It was sung in Italian with English super-titles and has an abundant array of beautiful melodies, many of which you will recognize. It would be hard to name who, of the stellar cast, sang or acted best. Robert Gierlach, was a superb Don Giovanni. Also outstanding was Burak Bilgili, the Don's sometimes unwilling servant, Leporello. Kelly Kaduce was an energetic and believable Donna Elvira, bent on either vengeance or getting Don Giovanni back. Caitlin Lynch was, both vocally and dramatically, an incomparable Donna Anna. David Lomeli as Don Ottavio, her fiance, sang and acted his demanding part with command and grace. Sara Jane McMahon was a thoroughly charming Zerlina, and Andrew Gray gave a very amusing performance as her very jealous (with good reason) husband-to-be, Masetto. Rod Nelman, played the commendatore (Donna Anna's father), who, in the first act, is murdered as he tries to defend his daughter against Don Giovanni and returns as the "statue of reckoning," to get even in the end.

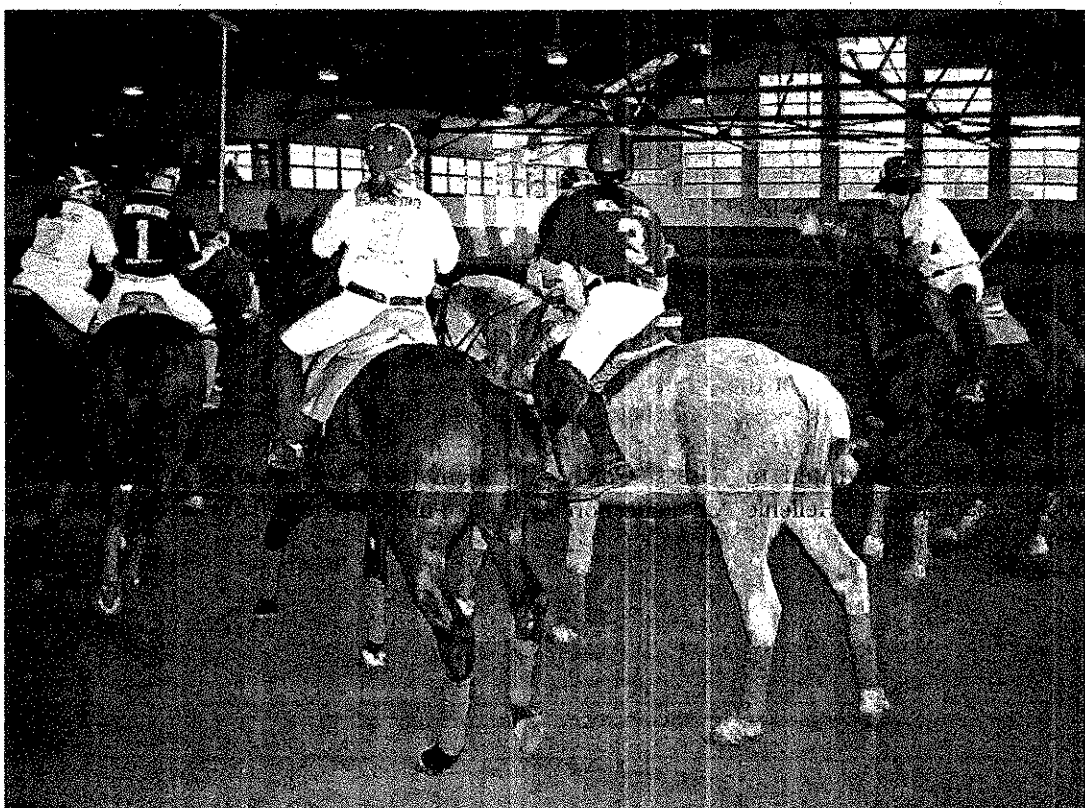
General director David Di Chiera seems to have picked the best from the constellation of international stars to delight and charm us with their voices and acting skills. Conductor Christian Badea is a master in the pit. He knows how to draw the nuances from this excellent orchestra and maintain a lively and forward-moving tempo, which makes our pulses quicken and lifts us to realms which Mozart can bring when the concept of his music is understood. The staging is alive; the sword fights and stage antics are fierce, ebullient and thoroughly convincing and, in the end, the villain gets his due. What more could you want? There are a few things. I've seen many Don Giovannis, but this is the first time a church appears as a prominent part of several scenes. I found this addition quite out of place, unnecessary and above all, distracting to the flow of the work. The use of devils (rather attractive little devils, it's true - more like little acrobats from a circus), mixed in with the concept of the church, is perplexing here. In one scene we see a statue of the Madonna being carried about, as on a feast day, and who's carrying her? The devils. What's this all about? An expression of the stage director's cynical beliefs? Then there's the confrontational scene with Donna Elvira (the rejected and vengeful pursuer of Don Giovanni), Donna Anna and her consort Don

Ottavio and Don Giovanni, himself, trying to claim Elvira is insane. This meeting should happen in an open piazza, where they accidentally meet. In this production, it takes place in a church which all of a sudden appears unexpectedly. Why? Then there's the laundry hanging in one of the scenes covering the extent of the stage. This is not beautiful, perplexing and again, distracting. The unappetizing use of a woman, instead of a meal, on the dining table of the Don, could also have been dispensed with. And lastly, the death scene, where the statue of the commendatore, comes to demand the miscreant change his ways or suffer the consequences. This scene is very dramatic, with lots of smoke (but no fire); those little acrobatic devils appear once more to bring the Don to his just reward. But, though well-acted, the staging of this particular scene doesn't quite convince. Oh well, there are always a few things to forgive! This is, after all, a lively, gloriously sung and masterfully conducted performance. And if some scenes bother you, just close your eyes and listen. You will be adequately compensated. For this is unparalleled Mozart at his vocal and musical best. Final performances are at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, April 16, and 2:30 p.m., Sunday, April 18. The next opera is "Tosca" May 15 - 23. For tickets, call Michigan Opera at (313) 237-7464.

## POLO: It's harder than it looks

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A chukker on Woodie was a single part of the clinic experience. Riders also learned how to saddle and bridle a polo pony, which involves two sets of reins, wraps and special girths to help keep the saddle in place. But they weren't ready to saddle up quite yet. With feet planted firmly on the ground, clinic participants practiced hitting the ball with shorter mallets, much like a game of croquet. A video explaining the rules of polo followed. Then they were ready to actually mount up with mallet in hand and attempt to hit that elusive white ball. Most agreed it wasn't as easy as it looked. "The mallet is much heavier than I thought it would be," said Jennifer Toenjes, 12, Grosse Pointe Woods. "It's not that easy to lift it up and swing it." The mallet is heavy on purpose, explained team member Chelsea Bickerstaff. "It's the weight of the mallet that actually propels the ball," she explained. "You raise the mallet and as it comes down, that's where the power comes from." The Friday night match featured the standard indoor polo team of three horses and riders for each side. Two chukkers were played, each lasting seven minutes. The term "fast and furious" barely begins to describe the action, all undertaken by the watchful eye of umpire Peter Fewster. "I played professional polo for 20 years. Becoming an umpire is what we refer to as the 'professional polo player's retirement program,'" he said with both a laugh and a crisp British accent. He had also put aside for the night his allegiance to the maize and blue of the University of Michigan, where he is head coach of the polo team. "I enjoy working with the college teams," he said. "They play a much 'nicer' game than the professionals do. It's a



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The Michigan State University polo team played two chukkers at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club and held classes about the team sport.



rough sport at the professional level, but that's not to take anything away from the college teams. They are dedicated and they work hard." And they love their sport. "Most people don't see the

devotion to polo that these kids have," Fewster said. "Not only do they come out and ride and practice the game, they have to take care of the ponies. That involves hours of work before and after the

game. They also take care of the equipment and tack. It's a huge commitment, but it's not really work for them. They love the sport." And it's easy to see where the respect and love for the sport comes from in Spartan territory. Just ask Merle Jenkins, who in his 70s is responsible for organizing collegiate polo teams at both MSU and U of M. Jenkins has played the sport for 60 years, recently retiring from playing, but still very active in MSU polo and the Detroit Polo Club. "Once you get playing," he said, "it's the world's best game."

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# AREA ACTIVITIES

## ULS

University Liggett School is the benefactor of "A Comedy Knight" at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 17, at the Roostertail, 100 Marquette, Detroit. Raffle prizes to be awarded include \$4,500 in cash, a \$3,500 custom paver patio and a \$2,000 Neiman Marcus gift certificate and shopping experience. Tickets cost \$60 and can be purchased by calling (313) 884-4444, ext. 400 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Raffle tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by calling (313) 884-4444, ext. 411.

## Greek Independence Day

Greek Independence Day, April 18, observance begins with a banquet 6:30 p.m., Saturday, April 17 at the Royalty House, 8201 E. 13 Mile, Warren, followed by a 3 p.m. Sunday, April 18, parade from Monroe to 1001 Woodward, Detroit.

The parade is led by Metropolitan Nicholas of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit, parade president George Reganis and 2010 Hellenic Heritage Award recipients.

More than 40 marching units representing Greek Orthodox churches, cultural organizations and dance groups are participating.

A preview of the Hellenic Museum of Michigan is from 5 to 9 p.m., Friday, April 16, at 67 E. Kerby, Detroit, during which the Laographikos Omilos Kourites from Crete perform. Tours of the historic former Children's Museum of Detroit are available.

The museum was closed for five years for renovations. The Hellenic Museum preserves the heritage and legacy of Greeks who immigrated to Michigan and present Hellenic history, culture, art and traditions.

Programs and renovations are supported by proceeds

from the banquet.

During the banquet, five people are given Hellenic Heritage awards. The awards recognize the contributions members of the community have made to lay the foundation of their faith and culture as they immigrated and assimilated into society.

The honorees are Dr. Anthony Kales, John Korachis, George Petrouleas, Gus Stavropoulos and Dr. Ignatios Voudoukis.

## Grosse Pointe Audubon

The Grosse Pointe Audubon hosts Pamela Rasmussen, Michigan State University Museum assistant curator and assistant professor in the department of zoology, at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 19, in the annex behind Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.

She discusses her involvement in the descriptions of five bird species new to science and the rediscoveries and taxonomic reevaluations of three species thought to be extinct.

Rasmussen is the coauthor of "Birds of South Asia: The Ripley Guide."

## Sunrise Rotary

The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary meets at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 20, at The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

## Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club meets for lunch at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Susan Hartz of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society presents "The Grosse Pointes and

its Gardens."

The club's new members are welcomed.

Guest reservations must be made by Saturday, April 17, by calling Susan Plath at (313) 884-5081. For more information, call Janice McManus at (313) 886-9098 or Pamela Zimmer at (313) 882-9087.

## Friends of Vision

Friends of Vision meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, April 19, and Wednesday, April 21, at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

For more information, call Nancy Pilorget at (313) 824-4710, ext. 225.

## Beaumont Hospital

Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe offers "Core Stability on the Exercise Ball" from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe, Connelly Auditorium 468 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe.

Learn how to use an exercise ball to strengthen core muscle groups to enhance coordination, balance and flexibility.

To register for the free class, call (800) 633-7377.

## Women's Connection

Kay Felt, a member of the advisory group for the International Upper Great Lakes Study, explains how to keep the Great Lakes healthy and retain Michigan's natural beauty, Thursday, April 22, at the Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe at a Grosse Pointe private club.

Social half hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Felt earned a Bachelor of Arts from Northwestern University, a juris doctorate from the University of Michigan and works in the corporate and securities law

field.

For reservations or information, call Nancy Neat at (313) 882-1855 or Marcia Pikielak at (313) 884-4201.

## Grosse Pointe Rotary

Grosse Pointe Rotary's biannual gala and auction fundraiser is Saturday, April 24, at the Country Club of Detroit, 200 Country Club, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Cocktails and a silent auction are at 5:30 p.m., dinner and the live auction are at 8 p.m. and the afterglow and entertainment begins at 10 p.m.

For tickets and information, call John or Jane Kronner at (313) 884-8939 or e-mail Epcot66@aol.com. Proceeds benefit the Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation, the Grosse Pointe Public School System's purchase of Smart Boards and the Rotary International Polio and Clean Water Initiatives.

Devin and Corey Scillian are honorary co-chairs of the event.

## Palmer Woods music

Orquesta La Inspiracion is featured at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Palmer Woods

Music in Homes session.

The 10-piece group is led by Puerto Rican-born Ozzie Rivera and pianist Bill Meyer. Mickey Figueroa and Armando Vega are vocalists.

For ticket information and location, visit palmerwoods.org/music-in-homes/musicians-2009-2010.

## Friends of Belle Isle

Friends of Belle Isle annual clean-up is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 24. Meet at the Belle Isle casino.

Wear gloves and boots. For more information, call (313) 331-7760.

## Women's health

Henry Ford Health System offers a free lecture on "Hot Topics in Women's Health" from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at Henry Ford Medical Center - Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The speaker is Dr. Charla Blacker.

Attendees receive a free 30-day membership at Curves.

To register, call (800) 436-7936 or visit henryford.com/hottopics.

## Denby High reunion

The 55th Denby High School reunion is Saturday, Oct. 2, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

For more information, call Robert Blenkley at (586) 731-3127 or Robert Shammass at (313) 881-2111 or visit the website denby55.spruz.com.

## Grosse Point Art Center

Pam DeLaura is the juror for the 72nd annual Grosse Pointe Art Center Member Show in May. Art pieces are accepted May 4 - 8 at 16900 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

## Fitness classes

An eight-week low impact dance aerobics class begins the week of April 26 at the First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Classes meet from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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From left, Lynn Fruehauf Wood, Kim Fruehauf Baubie and Janet Fruehauf are co-chairwomen of the 2010 Tau Beta Spring Market Preview Party, Thursday, April 22, at the Grosse Pointe Club.

## Two generations serve as Tau Beta preview party chairs

With a combined total of 141 years as members of Tau Beta Association, a mother, her daughters and daughter-in-law are chairwomen of the Tau Beta Spring Market Preview Party from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 22.

It is at the Grosse Pointe Club, 6 Berkshire Place, Grosse Pointe Farms. This precedes the Spring Market Shopping Days, Friday, April 23, and Saturday, April 24.

Janet Fruehauf and her daughters, Lynn Fruehauf Wood and Kim Fruehauf Baubie, and Jenny Kerstetter Fruehauf have coordinated a party to help maintain Tau Beta's support of the Center for Discovery at The Children's Center of Wayne County. The center provides more than 25 programs addressing therapeutic and mental health needs of children, as well as foster care and adoptions. Here, Tau Beta volunteers offer help with homework, navigation of safe websites, read stories, play board games, help with job searches and resume writing.

The April 22 event includes music, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. At 8 p.m., the grand prize raffle of a Neiman Marcus Day of Pampering which includes breakfast, make-up and apparel consultation, lunch and a Chanel accordion flap shoulder bag is awarded.

Advanced tickets cost \$65 and \$75 at the door. Raffle tickets are \$25 or \$5 for \$100.

Spring Market Shopping Days feature more than 20 boutiques and is open 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 23, and 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 24. Admission is \$5.

Vendors merchandise includes jewelry, hand-made purses, evening bags, silk or hand-loomed clothing, table settings, table, bed and bath linens, sleepwear and travel accessories.

Fruehauf's involvement with Tau Beta began as a young girl volunteering her time at the Hamtramck Community House playing with children and hosting Christmas parties.

"It was a good way to teach teenagers to reach out and help," she said.

Fruehauf served as Tau Beta's president from 1965 to 1967 and twice as vice president and helped build the activity center at Tau Beta's camp in Columbiaville.

Her daughter, Lynn, has been a trustee, volunteers at the center and has served on the Spring Market committee for three years. Her sister, Kim, has also been volunteering for years.

She said she remembers, "knocking on doors all day Saturday, selling geraniums for the flower sale. Then we'd go down to Jennings (American Legion) Hospital (in Detroit) and push the gift cart. It was fun and kept us busy and we enjoyed giving back to the community."

This year's spring market honorary chairwoman is Jane Ruether and Julie Cudlip Whitman is the patron chairwoman. Wendy Jennings is the Spring Market chairwoman.

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PASTOR'S CORNER By Michelle Basner-Ketepa

# Let justice roll down like waters (Amos 5:24)

It seems to me there are a lot of angry people lately. We hear arguing about what our legislators are doing to reform health care. There's shouting and ranting about securing our borders against the outsider. There are demonstrations, protests, and even acts of vandalism, such as someone deciding the way to voice their opinion is to throw a brick through a window. Taxes, gas prices, everything inspires us to complain. Everyone is angry about something.

It isn't uncommon to hear people complain about how current changes in legislation affect them. There is a fear of what new policies will cost. We cry and yell and rant out of fear of losing our comforts.

Majority opinion is replaced by the opinion that can simply be shouted the loudest.

It makes me wonder what we, as people of faith, should really be shouting about.

The prophets have something to say about all of this. Throughout scripture there is a reminder that sometimes the desires of the majority should take a back seat to the needs of those who struggle to be heard amid all the noise. When we protect our own interests are we "buying the poor for a pair of sandals?" (Amos 8:6) Are we forgetting to "do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God?" (Micah 6:8) The needs of the

poor and oppressed in our world are great — both the poor around the globe and those right in our own backyard.

Our faith calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. How often do special interests take precedence over those who struggle to feed and clothe their family? Does our fear of the stranger cause us to keep families apart under a guise of homeland security? When we fail to conserve, are we forgetting those of the next generation? How are we doing when it comes to loving our neighbor?

I have often heard it said the church is no place to discuss politics, as if faith has no bearing on the decisions we make in our country.

This becomes a problem when we turn issues of justice and human rights into political issues.

When it comes to caring for others I would hope we could see the value of faith in guiding our decisions, of replacing our fear and anger with compassion and peace. May we place God's call to love our neighbor as ourselves above the bottom line and may "justice roll down like waters" on the Earth.

*Basner-Ketepa is on the minister of faith formation staff at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms as. She has been a lay-professional in youth and education ministries for the past 12 years.*

## CHURCH EVENTS

### St. Lucy

St. Lucy Catholic Church, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, hosts an American Red Cross blood drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18. To set up an appointment, call (586) 771-8300.

### Eastside Take Control

The Eastside Take Control ecumenical career networking group meets from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Monday, April 19, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park. Kendall Snyder, a University of Phoenix representative, discusses attending college.

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

### Memorial Church

The Rev. Tony Davidson and his wife, Christine, from Northern Ireland, speak at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

From 9:30 to 11 a.m. Monday, April 19, the couple discusses "Reflections on Identity and Dealing With the Past." "Ministering in a Divided Society" is their 9:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 20 topic and the topic from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, April 22, is "Challenges for Irish Churches Today."

Their concluding topic, from 9:30 to noon Friday, April 23, is "Post Catholic Ireland."

The event is free and open to the public.

### St. Paul Catholic Church

Michigan Children's Law Center presents "Foster Parenting and Adoption: A New Beginning for Abused and Neglected Children" at 7 p.m. Monday, April 19, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Presenters include Michigan Supreme Court Judge Maura D. Corrigan, Wayne County Juvenile Court Judge Frank S. Szymanski, foster and adoptive parents and foster care workers and adoption specialists.

The program is free. For more information, call Fred Gruber at (313) 281-1900.

### Tuesday Musicales of Detroit

Tuesday Musicales of Detroit presents "An Opera Night to Remember" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Artists include Mary Sue Ewing, Kimberley Swan, Dorothy Duensing, Laura Petrak, Iris Fordjour, Steven Henrikson and Eric Taylor.

### Lay Theological Academy

The Lay Theological Academy hosts Connie Boris, Cormack O'Byrne and a representative from the Howell Nature Center at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The evening's topic is "Conservation, Creation and Christian Stewardship: A Special Earth Day Program."

The three speakers discuss the Earth

and people's roles in protecting it.

The nature center representative speaks about endangered species, focusing on birds.

Boris works with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and is an appointee to Gov. Jennifer Granholm's Environmental Science Board. O'Byrne is a River of Life member.

The cost is \$5.

For more information, call Karen Winingar at (313) 0283.

### St. Paul Lutheran

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 22915 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores, hosts an Adult Special Needs Ministry from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, April 24.

Activities include Bible study, a craft, music and refreshments.

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

### Oakland Choral Society

The 90-member Oakland Choral Society, under the direction of Frederic DeHaven, sings J.S. Bach's "Mass in B Minor" at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 24, at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

According to DeHaven, Bach chose movements from former works to be included with different texts, creating a large choral-orchestra work as a concert work.

The performance has an orchestra of 22 musicals with high baroque trumpets, oboe d'amore, Corno di Caccia flutes, bassoons, strings, timpani and portatif organ. Soloists are

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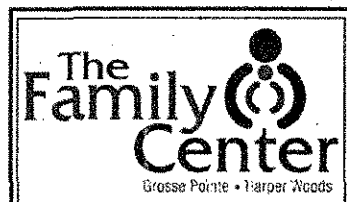
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# Family Center program answers the question: 'Are Your Children at Risk?'



A recent non-scientific social networking survey of teens and alcohol use revealed 91 percent of young people who drank felt they got away with it because they considered their parents "clueless."

That statement comes from a detox doctor participates in the "Ask the Experts" presentation — "Are Your Kids at Risk? Not Mine! Not Here! Not Now! ...Not True! ...Unexpected Dangers..." — for parents, youth, families and professionals presented by The Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, in St. Michael's Episcopal Church's Yeoman Hall, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Presenters, Dr. Mark A. Menestrina of Brighton Hospital, Gary M. Wilson and Randall D. Cain of Wilson & Cain, P.A. attorneys at law and Lynda M. Zott of CARE Youth Assistance — Young Adult Diversion Programs, Grosse

Pointe/Harper Woods, address:

- ◆ unexpected legal consequences of teen alcohol, prescription drug and substance use,
- ◆ awareness of new "gateway drugs,"
- ◆ risk factors and protective factors for teen substance use, and
- ◆ how and where to get help.

Menestrina is medical director of the detox unit at Brighton Hospital and the medical director of the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance. He is a board member of the Livonia Save Our Youth Task Force and Building Better Families Through Action, is board certified in family practice and certified by the American Society of Addiction Medicine.

"Our young people are our most valuable resource," Menestrina said. "Alcohol and drug use among our youth can result in life-changing tragedy or even death. We often feel that such problems don't happen in 'good' families, they don't occur in 'my neighborhood.' But they can and do!"

In the last decade, there has

been a tremendous increase in understanding the science of addiction and substance abuse, he says. But societal views have often lagged behind.

According to Menestrina, alcohol and drug use disorders cost the country \$600 billion a year, but less than 2 percent is spent on prevention or treatment, despite studies that show every dollar spent on treatment saves society between \$5 and \$7 "cleaning up the mess" — broken homes, broken bodies and the wreckage of such use.

As an assistant prosecuting attorney for Wayne County from 1988-1992, Wilson has prosecuted major felonies, such as homicide, rape and armed robbery, and misdemeanor traffic offenses, including prosecution of drunken drivers for the Michigan State Police and other law enforcement agencies.

His talents in that office also resulted in his administration of specialized prosecution programs under the direct supervision of the chief assistant prosecuting attorney.

He is lifelong Grosse Pointe resident.

Cain is a third generation Grosse Pointer and a resident

of the City of Grosse Pointe. He graduated from the University of Detroit School of Law and MSU with a degree in social science and Russian studies.

Cain has been licensed as an attorney in Michigan since 1985 and can practice law before the Michigan Supreme Court and the U.S. district and appeals courts.

Cain has 30 years of law enforcement experience, including 20 years as a command officer. The majority of his law enforcement career was with the Grosse Pointe Park police. He has lectured at the high school and university levels and participated as an instructor at law enforcement academies and served as an adviser to government and corporate entities.

"We believe our participation in the panel presentation is a wonderful opportunity to share our professional and personal experiences with families and, perhaps, make the transition to adulthood a

*'Substance abuse prevention starts with the family.'*

LYNDA M. ZOTT, CARE Youth Assistance — Young Adult Diversion Programs, Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods

bit easier for all of our children," Cain said.

Zott earned her Bachelor of Social Work degree from Western Michigan University and is a certified

prevention consultant from the Michigan Certification Board for Addiction Professionals.

She has worked at Community Assessment Referral and Education for about 10 years, serving as program coordinator for a number of prevention programs.

As the early childhood specialist, she supervised, coordinated and facilitated the early childhood prevention program, Paper People. She also designed and implemented educational presentations for adults working with youth.

As the student assistance coordinator, Zott was the project supervisor for the Reconnecting Youth Program, working with at-risk youth and improving their school performance. She also coordinates and supervises the Skills for Managing Anger

and Teen Intervene program.

Zott was a founding member of McFARES, a coalition to bring awareness to the community and support to those who are raising children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. She also founded CARE's Teens Talking Truth, a teen group focused on promoting a healthy lifestyle.

"Substance abuse prevention starts with the family," Zott said. "When teaching a young child a new skill, we repeat ourselves over and over until the new skill is mastered. However, when drugs are involved, we wait until the child has already started to experiment. The time to start talking to our kids is early and often. Talk to your children about the risks of drug use as well as setting clear-cut rules and consequences. The key to prevention is education."

The program is presented in partnership with CARE, Grosse Pointe North Parents Club, Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation, HP Foundation, Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South and St. Michael's Episcopal Church.

Make reservations by May 4 by calling (313) 432-3832 or visiting [info@familycenterweb.org](mailto:info@familycenterweb.org).

ASK THE EXPERTS By Mark Menestrina

## From jail cells to brain cells: Teens and substance use disorders in the new millennium



Q. Is teen alcohol and drug use really a problem?

A. Teens are especially vulnerable to alcohol and other drugs. The pre-frontal cortex, the part of the brain responsible for executive decisions and judgment, is not fully developed until a person is in their 20s.

Early use of substances is predictive of subsequent substance use disorders. In addition, when teens use substances, the results can be especially tragic. Barbara Madras, of the Office of Drug Control Policy, has said it is no longer a war on drugs, rather, a defense of our young people's brains.

While teens usually overestimate drug and alcohol use among their peers, parents almost always underestimate such use.

While some risk factors for teen substance use, such as family history, are not modifiable, others can be. Parental attitude also plays a critical role in protecting our youth. Parents need to be informed and involved.

A recent non-scientific social networking survey of teens and alcohol use revealed that 91 percent of young people who drank felt they got away with it because they considered their parents "clueless."

Times have changed. You may be clueless yourself if you think "Gateway" is only a computer company or if you consider "Designer" just expensive jeans. If you think a "Pharm Party" is a rural recre-

### SAVE THE DATE

Are your kids at risk? Unexpected dangers  
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ational activity involving tractors you may be under-informed. And "Robo-Tripping" is not what R2D2 did in Star Wars.

"Gateway Drug" is the first illicit substance a young person uses. Since 2005, that is most likely to be prescription drugs, especially pain medications.

"Designer Drugs" are

changes made to controlled substances in an attempt to make them legal.

"Pharm Parties" involve teens bringing medications to a party to put in a candy bowl for all to use.

"Robo-Tripping" is abuse of over-the-counter dextromethorphan, as in Robitussin cough syrup.

Being a parent is full of challenges, but remember to be a parent, not a friend. Addressing substance use issues with your children is not easy.

But to not address them can be even more traumatic. We teach our children at an early age to not go with strangers, to wear seatbelts, to be aware of fire safety. These are appropriate topics, to be sure. We often don't address the risks of teen alcohol and substance use, and our young people sometimes die before they have a chance to hear such messages.

Get informed, seek advice and counseling when needed, and always know it's not just someone else's children who may have problems. It can happen to anyone.

Lastly, if your teen may be using substances, you are not alone.

Menestrina is the medical director of the detox unit at Brighton Hospital and the medical director of the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance. He is board certified in family practice and certified by the

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He can be reached at (734) 421-7997 or [mmenestrina@brightonhospital.org](mailto:mmenestrina@brightonhospital.org).

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# Local families funding supports cancer research

By Ann L. Fouty  
Features Editor

Bill Campbell of Grosse Pointe Farms and 20 other Grosse Pointers are making a commitment to support cancer research.

Saying he and the others who are the benefactors and trustees of the Michigan Cancer Research Fund have been touched by cancer and this is their way of making a difference in the fight against cancer.

"Cancer has definitely touched my life," he said. "I've lost a close cousin within the last 12 months. I lost three good friends to cancer. Each trustee has been touched by cancer. You can't find one who hasn't been touched by cancer."

MCRF has partnered with American Cancer Society to award a single \$150,000 grant for cancer research, paid over three years. The group prefers to fund post-doctoral fellows based in Michigan, such as Huira Kopera at the University of Michigan, he said. Huira is studying genetic mutations

leading to the formation of diseases, such as cancer and is the first candidate to receive research funding from the group.

However, the group has also funded Vanderbilt University's David DeGraff, who is working on understanding androgen blockade resistance in the development of new treatments for the specific forms of prostate cancer.

The third researcher is decided in June and most likely will be out of state again, said Jill Elder, American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, senior executive director.

*"We are proud to have a group of people come together to fund cancer research, invest time and treasurers into this and make an impact into cancer research."*

JILL ELDER,  
American Cancer Society,  
Great Lakes Division,  
senior executive director

ACS, Campbell said, does a peer review of all cancer research projects across the country. When it runs out of funding, ACS turns to its contributors. While the average donation is \$25, groups such as MCRF are able to support large,

projects.

The top three projects are presented to the fund's members, who make the final decision.



Michigan Cancer Research Fund Second Annual Benefactor and Trustee Dinner, Sept. 2009, hosted by William Y. Campbell. From left, Atanas Ilitch, Wayne Webber, Kristine Boll Mestdagh, Connie Demkowicz, Campbell, Karen Craft, John and Marlene Boll, Joan Webber, Harry Cendrowski, Maureen Nulty, Huang Reilly, Scott Reilly, Michael R. Fisher, Diane Graham Platt, Beth Fisher, Richard Platt, Charles E. Becker, Michelle S. Becker, Patty French, Dainforth B. French Jr., Anne Fisher Ford, James Dingeman. Not pictured: Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brock Jr., Brian Demkowicz, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Jagger, Mr. and Mrs. William F. McKinley and Mrs. and Mrs. James P. TenBroek.

"We know the projects have been vetted and are important," he said.

"If we have \$1 million to invest, we invest \$1 million. Funding is critical."

With more benefactors and money directed to research more advances can be made, such as in the past 10 years.

"(Researchers) have made lots of advances in the last 10 years," Elder said. "We've got

to keep the momentum high to develop new strategies and pave the way for that kind of advancement. We want to continue to grow this program and involve more benefactors."

"We are proud to have a group of people come together to fund cancer research, invest time and treasures into this and make an impact into cancer research."

For MCRF members, at the

end of three years, they see what their money has done.

"We not only meet the researchers," Campbell said, "but we continue to meet and be in touch and monitor how they are coming and what they are able to provide. This is not the same as putting a name on the wing of a hospital."

Grosse Pointe benefactors and trustees are Mr. and Mrs. Atanas Ilitch, Mr. and Mrs.

Charles E. Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Brian A. Demkowicz, Diane Graham Platt, Mr. and Mrs. Michael R. Fisher, Anne Fisher Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Dainforth B. French Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John A. Boll, Mr. and Mrs. James Mestdagh, Mr. and Mrs. Scott A. Reilly, Mr. and Mrs. James P. TenBroek, Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brock and Mr. and Mrs. John P. Jagger.

## Free oral screening at Karmanos

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Center, 4100 John R., Detroit, offers free oral, head and neck cancer screenings from 2 to 5 p.m. Friday, April 16.

This is open to adults, especially those who have used tobacco or alcohol products.

Some of the warning signs of oral cancers include:

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- ◆ Change in voice or hoarseness that lasts more than two weeks
- ◆ Sore throat that does not subside
- ◆ Pain or swelling in the mouth or neck that does not subside
- ◆ Lump in the neck
- ◆ Ear pain
- ◆ Difficulty speaking or swallowing
- ◆ Difficulty breathing

For an appointment, call (800) 527-6266.



Caitlin Jeanna Kelly and her grandmother, Alleyne Kelly, of Grosse Pointe Farms, attended the 2009 Charitea Bear Party.

## Charitea bear party set for May

Children can dress up and attend a tea party with a relative and send "comfort bears" to children in Haiti orphanages at the second annual Charitea Bear's Tea Party.

The gathering takes place from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, May 16, at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park community center.

Children can stuff and dress a 15-inch teddy bear or other plush animal and participate in games. Tea, hot chocolate or juice and finger foods are served.

Each family is asked to bring one new small "comfort bear" to be distributed to children in Haiti orphanages through Hands Together, a nonprofit organization founded in 1985.

The cost is \$25 for children and \$20 for adults and includes a 15-inch plush bear or animal, costume and T-shirt.

Registration deadline is

May 7 and is limited. For more information or to obtain a registration form, call The Family Center at (313) 432-3832 or visit, familycenterweb.org.

Presented by the Circle of Friends of The Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods, the event is co-sponsored by Health Alliance Plan, Henry Ford Medical Center-Grosse Pointe, Barnes Early Childhood Center, Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe and Friends of Charitea Bear. Cindy Banaszewski and Jennie Silva are the event's co-chairwomen.

For those not attending Charitea Bear's Tea Party, comfort bears for Haitian orphans may be dropped off during school hours at The Family Center office at Barnes School, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods.

## EVENTS: Lectures, music, lunches

Continued from page 4B

Jeanne Bourget, Margaret Matthew, Kristen Eder, Brian White and James Gray.

Tickets cost either \$25 or

\$15. For more information, call (313) 391-0184.

### Presbyterian Church

The Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Women hold the Celebration of Tables IV Saturday, May 1, at the church, 19950 Mack.

The event features decorated tables, a fashion show, salad

buffet lunch, silent auction and door prizes. The table viewing and silent auction begins at 11 a.m.

The 12:30 p.m. lunch is followed by a fashion show. Proceeds benefit scholarships for children to attend Howell Nature Center Camp.

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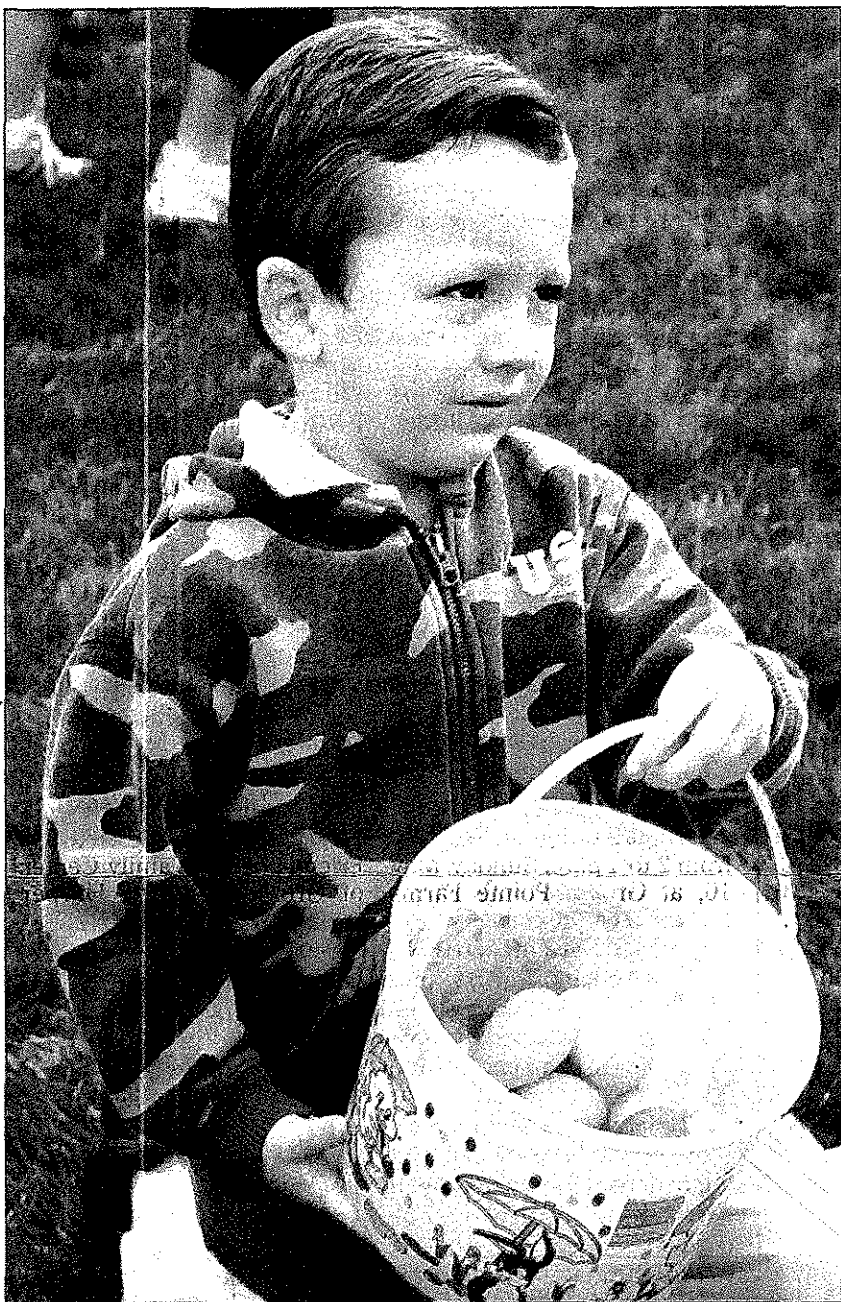
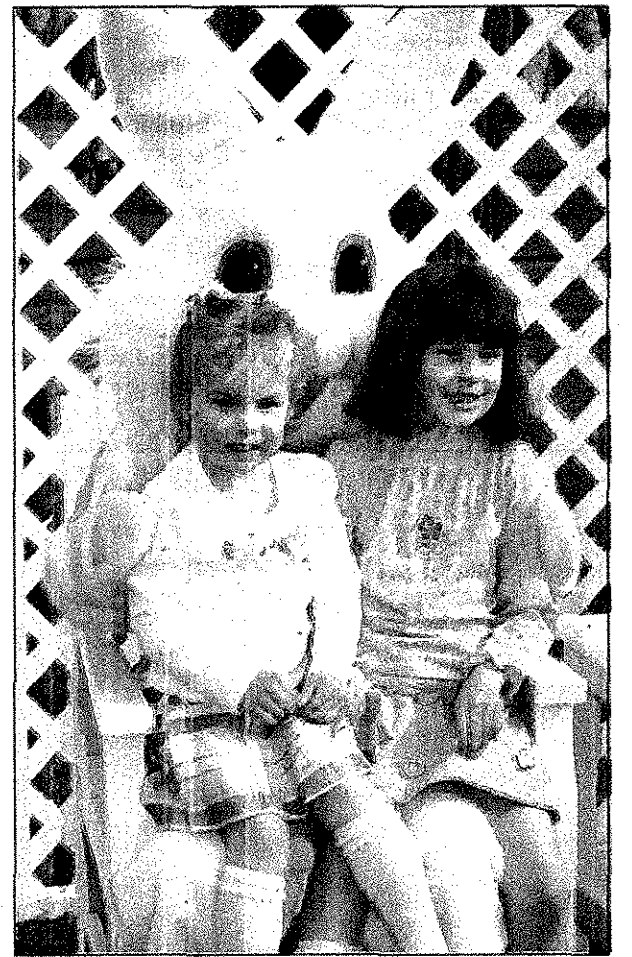
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# Gathering Easter memories



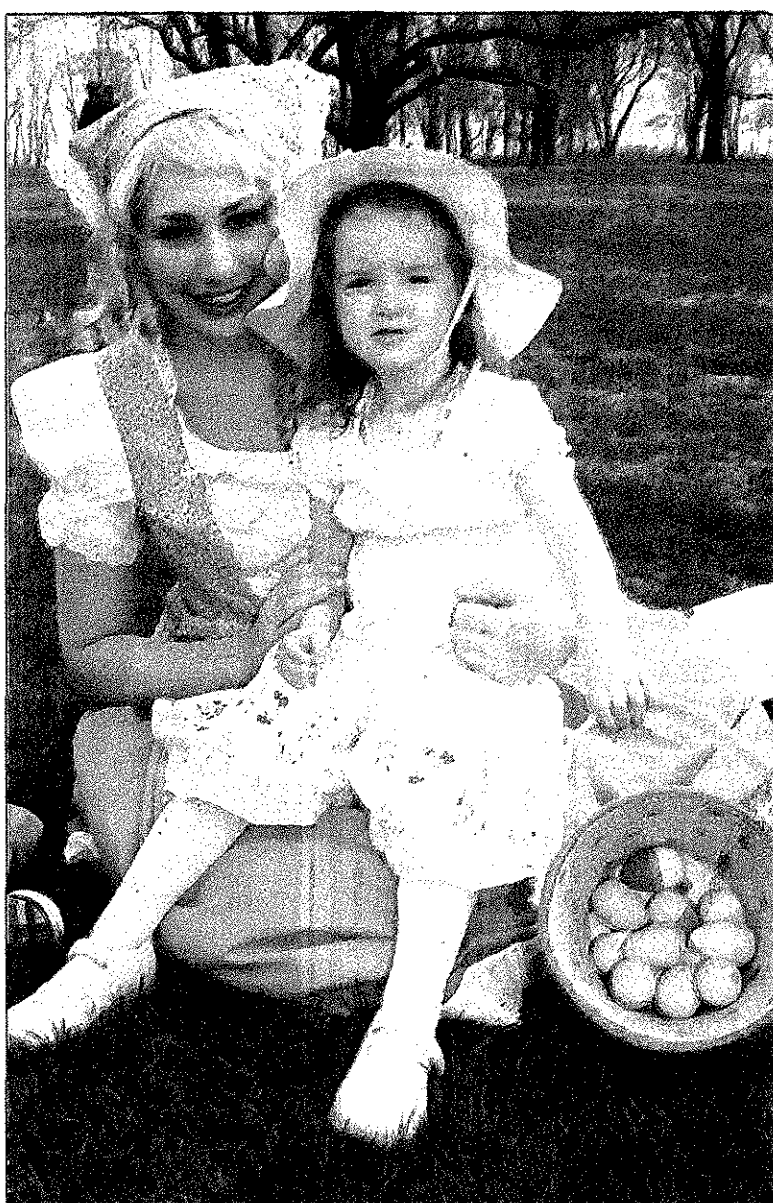
Top, Grady Mead of Grosse Pointe Woods came face-to-face with a baby llama at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Easter Egg Hunt. A petting farm was part of the annual event. Above and right, children and their parents line up, eager to race across the lawn selecting plastic Easter eggs. Above right, Tory and Ally Roth of Grosse Pointe Farms posed with the Easter Bunny. Left, Alexander Pranis of West Bloomfield show his bucket of eggs.



PHOTOS BY PETER BIRKNER



Vivian Leech of Grosse Pointe Park found a few eggs among the wildflowers.



Above, Lauren Hewson of St. Clair Shores and Little Bo Peep, portrayed by Cassandra Rusie. Above right, hundreds of eggs were scattered across the lawn, making it easy for children to fill their baskets. Right, Ally Bearman of Grosse Pointe Woods colored a picture, one of the activities provided during the morning event.





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## Yesterday's Headlines

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

# 1960

50 years ago this week

◆ **ELM HEARING POSES DILEMMA:** The panel of experts who spoke at the War Memorial Monday evening left Pointe residents who are concerned with the results of the elm spray a question to answer. Although this may be a temporary situation, either the elms may be saved and the birds die or the birds saved and the elms died, was the only answer given to the forum.

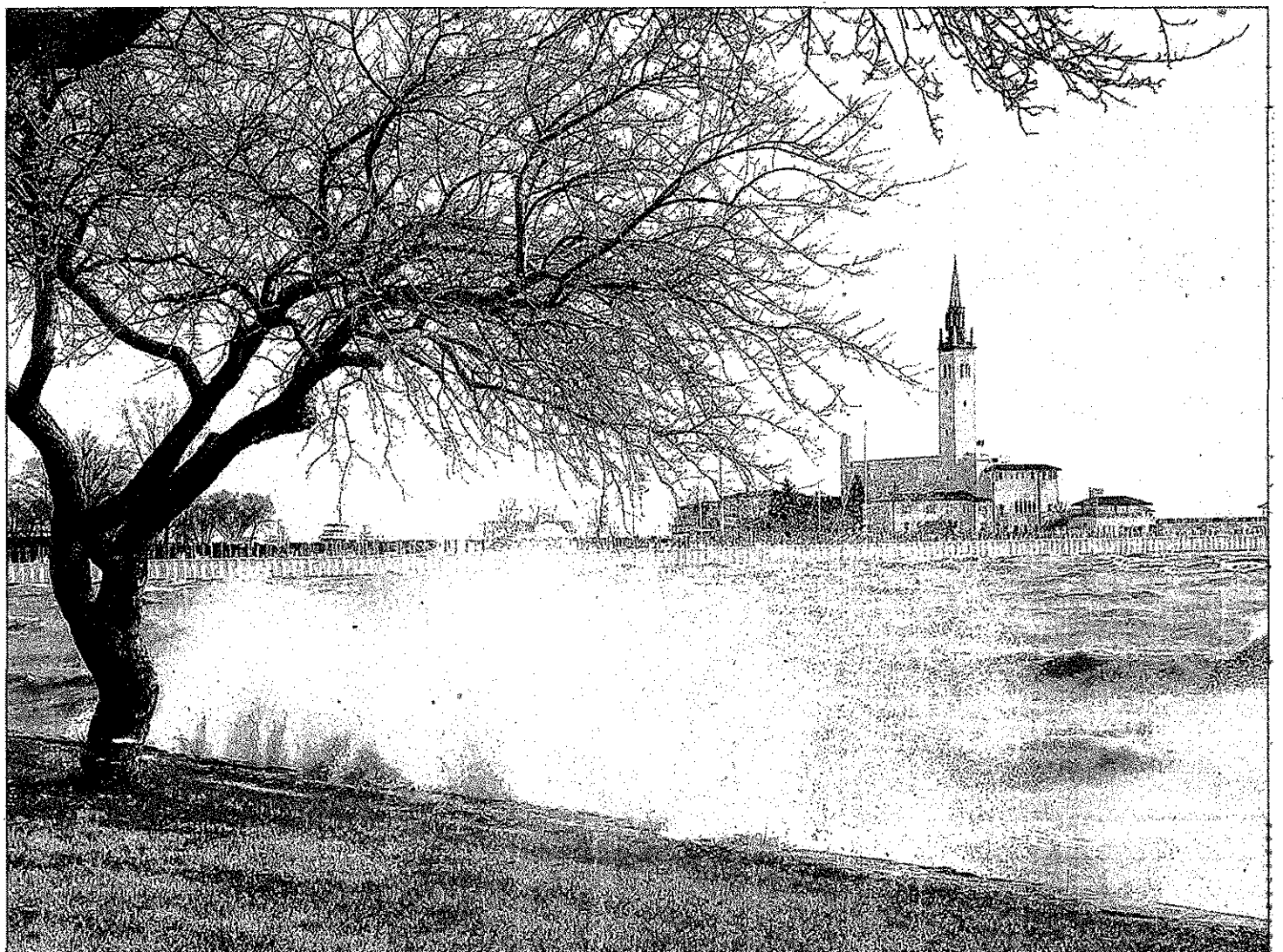
◆ **PARK POLICE ARREST TWO FOR BURGLARY:** A

Park woman was credited with causing the apprehension of two teenage burglars in her home.

Park police reports indicate that about 3:30 p.m., a Balfour resident saw two men walking on the driveway alongside her house. Then she heard the side door bell ring, but ignored it, thinking it might be solicitors.

A few minutes later, she heard someone walking on the back porch, and heard the rattle of keys and the noise of someone trying to fit a key into the door lock.

The woman peered out the window from behind a curtain and seeing the same two men, calmly went to the phone and called police. After making the call, the woman quietly crept to the side door on her hands and knees, and ran to the front of the house to await help.



FROM THE APRIL 14, 2005 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

## 2005: Nor'easter

With a good wind coming across Lake St. Clair from the east and northeast, motorists got a good car wash and hapless walkers got an occasional soaking. Waves crashed over the breakwall and sometimes on the northbound lanes of Lakeshore.

# 1985

25 years ago this week

◆ **CITY APPROVES FIRST LIQUOR LICENSE BID:** After 65 years of prohibiting the sale of liquor by the glass in its restaurants, the City of Grosse Pointe is going wet. The council approved Jacobson's request for a tavern license.

◆ **SHORES CRIME DOWN IN '84:** Grosse Pointe Shores recorded an across-the-board decrease in major crimes in 1984 over 1983, according to the annual crime report.

◆ **CRIME DOWN IN CITY IN '84:** With the exception of auto thefts, overall crime in Grosse Pointe City fell by 11 percent in 1984, according to the public safety department's annual crime report.

# 2000

10 years ago this week

◆ **LIBRARY CONSOLIDATION TALKS RESUME:** The directors and the presidents of the boards of the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods libraries are having preliminary talks about consolidating the two library systems.

◆ **VARIANCE GRANTED:** The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council granted a developer permission to go ahead with his plan to build a two-story office building on the Hill — 13 months after the initial variance request was made.

◆ **PARK FORMS BIKE PATROL:** Pedal-pumping police will soon patrol Grosse Pointe Park on bicycles. The new four-man unit will cruise the

city beginning in late May.

# 2005

Five years ago this week

◆ **NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB BUYS SECOND HOUSE:** The Neighborhood Club has completed its acquisition of two houses located next door on St. Clair just off the Village shopping district of the City of Grosse Pointe.

The club has no definite use in mind for the property.

◆ **CRESCENT HARBOR EXPANSION:** It's been smooth seas and a prosperous voyage for boaters who want to renovate Crescent Sail Yacht Club.

Federal, state and municipal regulators have all but christened plans for members of the

private club in Grosse Pointe Farms to expand their harbor and build a new boathouse.

Construction should begin in the fall.

◆ **CAVANAUGH'S ENTERS CHAPTER 7:** Cavanaugh's, an office supply store in the Village shopping district, was closed for business late Friday after entering Chapter 7 bankruptcy.

The store shares its space with a United States post office substation, which had local residents scrambling to find a new location to send their mail through.

— Karen Fontanive

## CULTURAL HAPPENINGS

### Detroit Zoo

The Detroit Zoo hosts its annual Earth Day observance from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 17.

There will be Earth-friendly crafts, an endangered species scavenger hunt, a 30-foot rock climbing wall and animal enrichment zookeeper talks. A Green Games Gallery hosted by the zoo's conservation group, games using recycled materials, storytelling, educational displays, composting demonstrations by the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority and exhibits by local conservation groups are featured.

The zoo is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and located at the inter-section of 10 Mile and Woodward, Royal Oak. Adult admission is \$11, \$9 for seniors and \$7 for children.

For more information, call (248) 541-5717 or visit [detroitzoo.org](http://detroitzoo.org).

### Dossin Great Lakes Museum

Dossin Great Lakes Museum opens two new exhibits. The first is "Life on a Long Ship: Great Lakes Sailors," opening Saturday, April 24.

The exhibit offers visitors a visual journey of a typical lake boat, looking into the lives of individuals who make their living on the Great Lakes.

The second is "Dossin Great Lakes Museum: Celebrating 50 Years!"

The museum is located at 100 Strand on Belle Isle.

It is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Admission is free.

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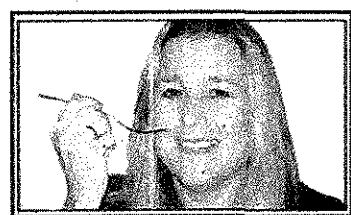
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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

# Bean soup easy on chef, palate



Soup season is definitely still upon us. I found this great recipe for a puree of Tuscan bean soup topped with spicy grilled shrimp. It's easy to prepare and even easier on your palate. Yummy.

## Tuscan Bean Soup with Spicy Shrimp

— adapted from "Tastes of Italia"

1/4 cup olive oil  
5 large garlic cloves, chopped  
2 tablespoons chopped

fresh rosemary leaves  
2 cups chopped onion  
5 - 15 oz. cans northern beans, drained and rinsed  
6 cups vegetable (or chicken) broth, or a mix of both salt and pepper to taste  
1 lb. uncooked shrimp (31-40), deveined and tails removed  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 teaspoon Cajun seasoning  
1 Roma tomato, diced  
chopped fresh chives or parsley for garnish

Heat 1/4 cup olive oil in a large, no-stick pot over medium high heat. Add garlic and rosemary and cook and stir for 2 minutes. Add onions, reduce heat to medium and cook and stir the onions until soft, about 5 minutes.

Add the beans and the broth and bring the mixture to a boil.

Cover the pot and simmer. Cook for 25 minutes and remove from heat to cool slightly. Taste and season with salt and pepper.

In small batches, puree the mixture in a food processor. Return the pureed soup to the pot and hold over low heat until ready to serve. (Taste to see if additional salt and pepper are needed.)

Place the shrimp in a bowl and toss with 1 tablespoon olive oil and Cajun seasoning. Prepare the grill (or heat a grill pan on the stove) to high heat (400 degrees plus). Scatter the shrimp and cook for 3 minutes then turn the shrimp over and cook for another 2 minutes or so. Don't overcook the shrimp!

To serve, ladle piping hot soup into bowls and top with the grilled shrimp. Scatter with diced tomatoes and chives.



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## Tuscan bean soup with spicy shrimp.

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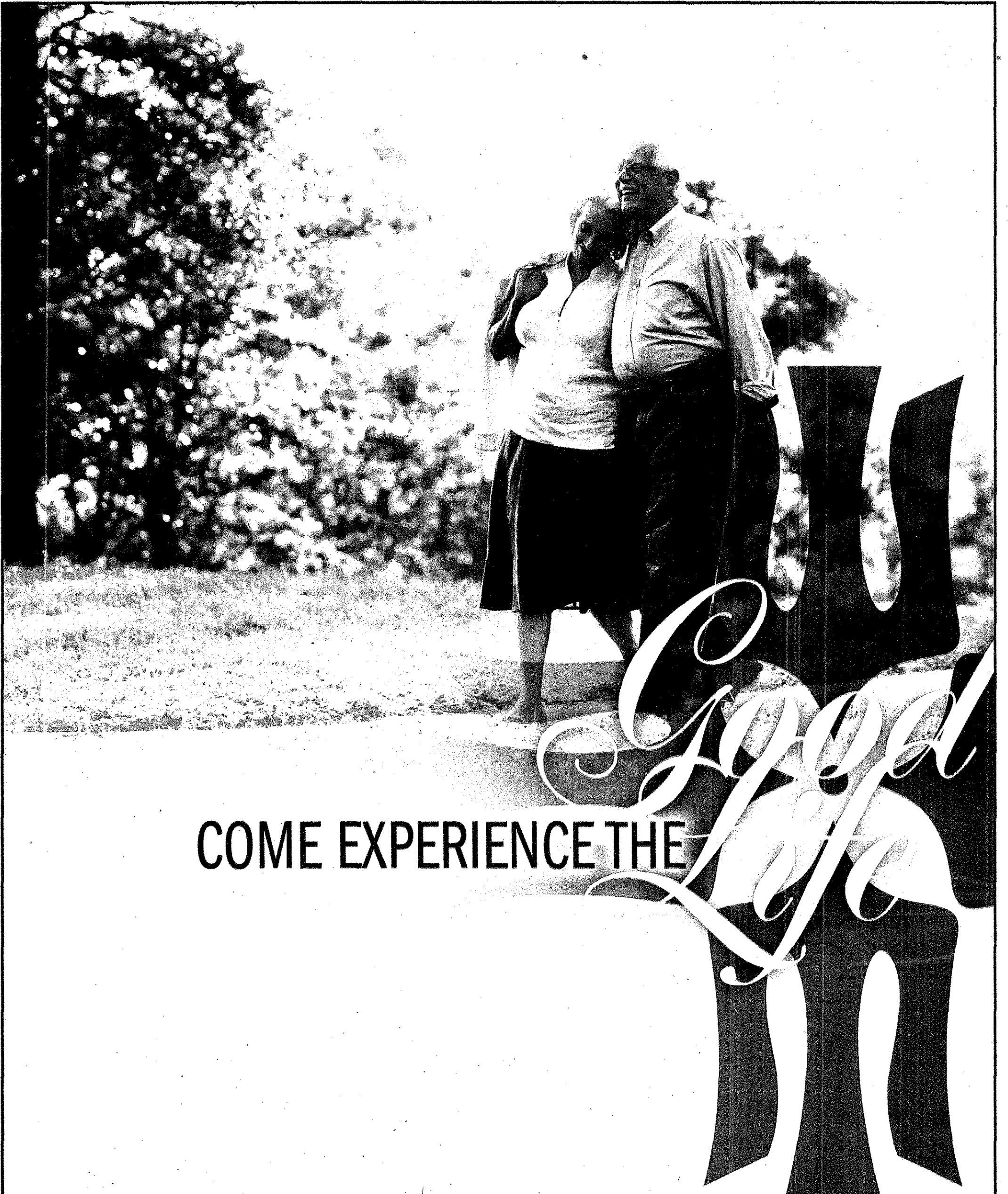
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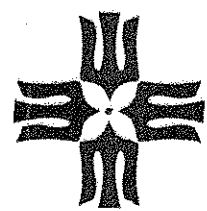


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LIGGETT

## Counsman is Miss Hockey 2010

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

With a packed house intently listening, the announcement for the 2010 Miss Hockey honor was given.

Loud applause filled the room as University Liggett senior Paige Counsman was awarded the prestigious ice hockey accolade, putting an exclamation mark on a storied high school career.

"It's awesome," Counsman, 17, said. "It was really great when my name was called. I thought (Caley) Chelios or (Shannon) Gianino would win it. I'm honored."

Counsman finished seventh in the Michigan Metro Girls High School League scoring with 37 points in the regular season. In the playoffs, she added two goals and two assists to finish the year with 41 points, netting 28 goals and 13 assists.

She has been one of the league's most prolific scorers during her three years as a Knight. She played for Victory Honda during her freshman year at Liggett.

What made her accomplishment more noteworthy is she scored those points against the best competition in the state after moving up from the lower-tier division to Division 1. When the Knights took the ice



Paige Counsman

against the less skilled teams, Counsman didn't go nuts and score four of five goals.

Instead, she looked to pass first and played less than half of the game.

Counsman led the league in goals her sophomore year with 32 and was fifth in scoring with 41 points. Last season she led the league with 52 points, netting 30 goals and 22 assists.

For her three years in the league, Counsman tallied 134 points on 90 goals and 44 assists.

"I had a lot of fun playing hockey for Liggett and for coach Laura (Owczarski)," Counsman said. "We made it to the state semifinals this season, which was the best showing we had in the playoffs dur-

ing my three years on the team."

"I've always told Paige that her action on and off the ice will reflect only two appearances: a role model that others would want to copy or an example of a person that others would never want to be," Counsman's father, Richard Counsman, said.

He was right as his daughter is the role model the younger players at Liggett emulate.

She was relentless on the ice, outworking the opposition to every loose puck and scored several spectacular goals. At times, she would weave, dart and puck handle through the opposing five players and put a shot above a goalie's shoulder for an unbelievable goal.

The Grosse Pointe Farms resident's hockey career didn't start until the age of 10 when she participated in the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association's I-Program.

The former figure skater instantly fell in love with the game and excelled, thanks to her quickness and dedication.

With hours and hours of practice, Counsman turned into an offensive force under the tutelage of head coach Jim Bolton and then Bob Smith of Victory Honda.

Her skills increased during

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The Miss Hockey 2010 honor went to Liggett senior, Paige Counsman. She once again finished in the top 10 in scoring in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

### Boys baseball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Ohio trip yields 2 wins

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' baseball team completed its season-opening road trip to southern Ohio with two wins in six games.

Playing some of the top teams in the Cincinnati and Columbus areas of Ohio, the Blue Devils had a chance to iron out the kinks on the diamond and build some camaraderie.

"We had a nice week down here and played some very good baseball teams," head coach Dan Griesbaum said.

On the first day, the Blue Devils split two games, losing 17-1 to Cincinnati Moeller and beating Glen Este 9-8.

"We had a few walks and a few errors that led to a horrible first inning," Griesbaum said. "I was glad to see the guys come back and beat

Glen Este with some nice hitting."

In the opener, Brad Remillet had an RBI double, while Robbie Kish and Bobby Peltz had a hit apiece. Ross Muniga had two hits to lead the Blue Devils in the opener.

Against Glen Este, Joe Aliotta earned the win with Anthony Riashi and Karl Brecht also pitching a few innings.

Carman Benedetti and Corbet Conroy paced the offensive attack with three hits and three RBIs apiece. Brecht had two hits to help his own cause.

The following day, the Blue Devils lost 9-1 to Cincinnati Oak Hills as Benedetti had three hits. Peltz and Kish had two hits apiece.

They also dropped a 16-2 tilt to Cincinnati Elder as Peltz drove in a run with a ground out and Cooper Hartman

drove home Muniga, who tripled.

South's double-header on Thursday was rained out, so it made up the games Friday by beating Keystone 7-3 and losing 6-3 to Dublin Coffman.

In the victory, Matt Reno had two hits and an RBI, while Peltz drove home a run with a sacrifice fly. Chris Shirar had two hits and Kish added two hits, including a triple, and drove home a run.

Remillet added a two-run homer to back Peltz, who was the winning pitcher. Shirar also pitched and Steve Walworth was on the mound for the seventh inning.

Against Dublin Coffman, Hartman and Riashi split time on the mound, while the offensive standouts were Benedetti with two hits, Jeff Sparks with a two-run single and Riashi with a run-scoring double.

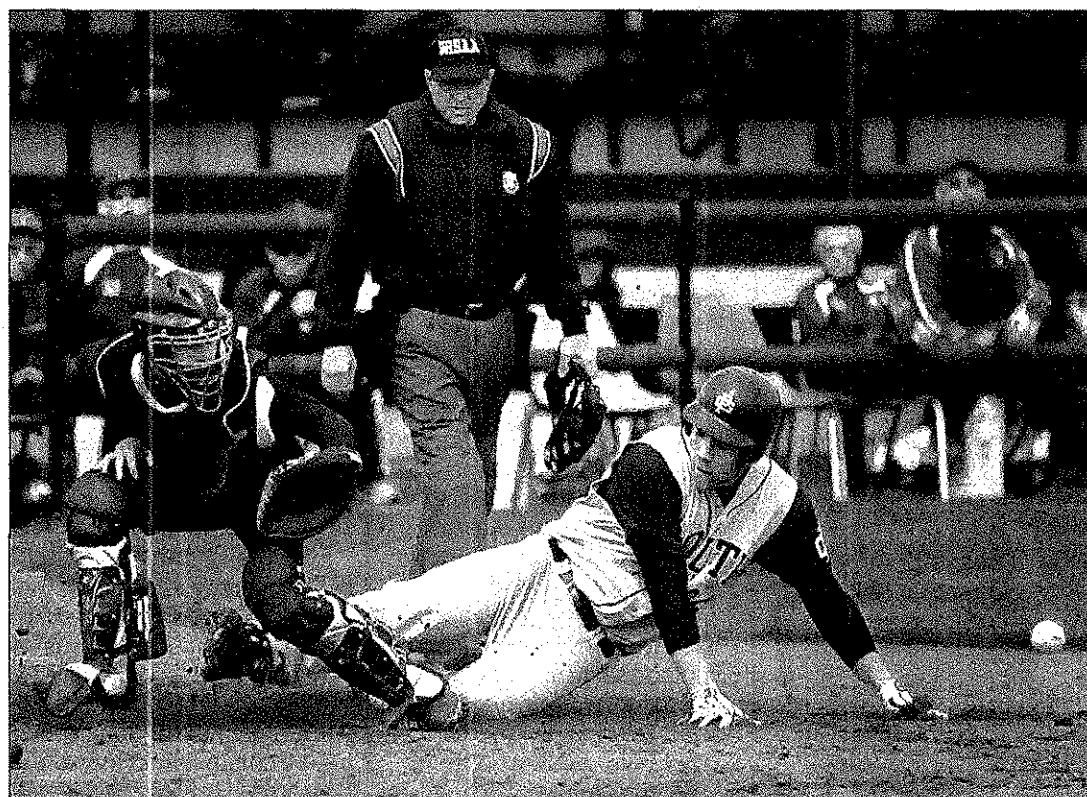


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Senior Karl Brecht was able to generate a couple of solid pitching performances and hit the ball well during the Blue Devils' six-game road trip through southern Ohio.

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Girls track and field

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils set records in opening meets

The Grosse Pointe South girls' track and field team opened its season with a 126-11 win over nonleague foe Warren Regina during the final week of March.

The host Blue Devils won all 17 events with freshman Hannah Meier breaking the 28-year-old mark in the mile with a time of 5:00.1.

She was also a part of the two-mile relay team, along with twin sister Haley Meier, freshman Christina Firl and senior Katie Steen, that broke the school record with a time of 9:34.8. The old record of 9:36.9 was established by Hilary Zaranek, Mary Gibson, Megan Zaranek and Maggie Collison

in 2002.

"These performances, so early in the season, show that our talent level is extremely high," head coach Steve Zaranek said. "These distance runners have trained long and hard since the end of cross country last fall and are primed to have a most exciting spring.

The Blue Devils' distance runners cruised to victories as junior Margaret Levasseur ran to career-best times in the mile, 5:32, and two-mile, 12:05, and junior Natalie Gay also ran an impressive 12:13 in the two mile to take third and give the home team a sweep of the event.

Sophomore Ivana Kakos was

third in the 800-yard run and the 800-yard relay team of Caitlin Moore, Kate Raymond, Marissa Monforton and Amanda Ray won with a time of 1:50, which was a full 16 seconds ahead of their nearest competitor.

In addition, Moore, Raymond, Vernoica Schacht and Ray won the 400-yard relay.

"We are already well ahead of last years record-setting pace in these spring relays," Zaranek said.

Schacht, last year's point leader for the Blue Devils, won the 100- and 300-yard hurdle events and other hurdlers with solid times were Caroline

Wilkinson, Cara Monforton and Allie Fowler.

Moore won the 100-yard dash with a time of 12.9, followed by Mia Perkins and Raymond.

In the 200-yard dash, Alexis Novak, Ali Zoltowski and Elaine Kussurelis placed first, second and third, while Kathleen Nelson raced to a win in the 400-yard dash with a time of 1:03.

The Blue Devils were led in the high jump with first-, second- and third-place finishes by Schacht, Fowler and Alexis DeBrunner, while Omeliah Nembhard, Marissa Monforton and Andrea DeCresce finished first, second and third in the

long jump.

In the pole vault, Madi Kaiser won, followed by Harper Pizzimenti and Maiya Dempsey and in the discus, Aubryn Samaroo, Emily Jackman and Aisha Rodney took the top three spots.

Jackman, Rodney and Marissa Gilbert shone in the shot put, too.

The following day, South competed in the Macomb/Grosse Pointe Championship Meet at Macomb Community College. No team scores were kept.

Haley Meier set a new meet record in the 600-yard run with a time of 1:41 and Hannah Meier won the mile in a record-

setting time of 5:03, which was nine seconds ahead of the previous mark.

The Meier sisters teamed up with Firl and Steen to win the two-mile relay and set a meet record with a time of 10:05.

Other medal winners were Schacht in the hurdles, Moore in the 60-yard dash, DeCresce in the 300-yard dash, Levasseur in the mile, Firl and Gay in the two-mile run and Nembhard in the long jump.

The Blue Devils' 800-yard relay team of Moore, Raymond, Nembhard and Ray also medaled, taking second.

Grosse Pointe South is 1-0 overall and is at Farmington Hills Mercy Saturday, April 17.

COUNSMAN: Forward earns honor

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her time in travel hockey, but she made a tough decision to give high school hockey a try.

Owczarski gave Counsman the green light to push the puck up the ice during her sophomore year at Liggett. The team was competitive, but still wet behind the ears with a roster loaded with underclassmen.

She earned First Team All-State honors this winter, as well as last season.

Hockey isn't the only sport the soon-to-be graduate earned all-state honors. She also made it in field hockey the last three fall seasons and soccer.

"I want to have another good spring on the soccer field and earn the all-state honor again," Counsman said. "It means a lot to be voted one of the best players in the state. That means I'm working hard and I want the team to have a nice season, too, since this is my last season of high school sports."

Counsman, an avid tennis player, was given the green light to participate in both varsity sports this spring. She will be a singles player for head coach Cathy Hackenberger.

"I can't wait to play tennis and help the team try to get back to the state finals," she said. "We're going to have a good team and I think we can do very well. I think I can play well enough to earn a spot on the all-state team."

The Knights compete in a tough regional tournament with the top three earning a spot in the state finals. With Counsman on the team, the Knights' chances to make it increase.

Her athletic career will con-



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Paige Counsman's hockey career began in the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association and might continue at the collegiate level.

tinue at the next level. She will either play ice hockey at Manhattanville College in Purchase, N.Y., or field hockey at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Or.

"I know my choices are on each coast, but both offer a chance to play sports and get a great education," Counsman said. "I know my education at Liggett will make the transition to college easier to handle.

"It will take a little time to get used to the new school, but I'm confident it will be a smooth transition."

Counsman carries a 3.5 grade point average and is in-

terested in pursuing a degree in film studies at either Manhattanville or Pacific.

Her senior project is intern-ing for Harmonie Park Records in Detroit.

"I'm anxious to finish my high school career and get ready for college," she said. "I've had a lot of fun and the final couple of months will be a great time with prom coming up, graduating and hopefully getting far in the state playoffs in soccer and tennis.

"I really want to end on a high note and have a nice summer before my parents take me to college."

Boys baseball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen win 3-of-4

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys' baseball team was busy during spring break, playing four games.

The host Norsemen swept a doubleheader from Detroit Martin Luther King, winning 7-0 and 17-4, and split a twinbill with Farmington, losing 12-11 and winning 6-5 in nine in-nings.

"We played some good base-ball during the week and had some nice results," head coach Frank Sumbersa said.

In the opener against King, junior Sean Koerber earned the win, giving up only one hit while striking out 11.

Offensively, senior Marc Palazzolo was 2-for-3 with two RBIs and senior Mitch Capp

had two hits and an RBI. Senior Tony Casano was also 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI.

In the second game, junior Jordan Ulmer was 3-for-3 with three RBIs to lead the hitting. Senior Nate Lewis, junior Jimmy Guest and sophomore Joe Aluia each had two hits with the latter driving in four runs, including three on a three-run homer.

The Norsemen spent hours getting a drenched field in playing condition before the DH with Farmington.

An error allowed the visitors to win the game in the seventh inning. The Norsemen out-hit the opposition, but the pitching staff issued 11 walks with eight scoring.

Lewis, Guest and junior Paul Kappaz had two hits apiece

while combining to drive in six runs.

The nightcap was played in cold, windy conditions. This time, it was Farmington's field-ing errors that allowed the Norsemen to score its runs.

In the bottom of the ninth, Aluia led-off with a walk, but was forced out at second when Kappaz tried to bunt him over.

Lewis doubled to put run-ners on second and third be-fore senior Teddie Williams connected for a long double, scoring the runners to win the game.

Williams had two doubles and three RBIs in the game and, junior Nolan Rozich picked up the win, pitching three innings in relief of start-ing, senior Josh Richardson.

Grosse Pointe North is 3-1 overall.

Girls softball

RIVALS

North gets best of South

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South battled in last weekend's South Tournament.

Despite missing several players still on spring break, the city rivals hit the diamond for a second straight season.

"It's a good time to get some innings in and get the girls facing live pitching," South head coach Nicole Crane said.

"Plus, we get a chance to face our city rival. It was a good game, but we made a few mis-takes that cost us in the end."

For the Norsemen, sopho-more Amy Zaranek earned the win and was a hitting hero, while junior Haley Martin suffered the loss for the Blue Devils.

"Amy did a little bit of every-thing for us in the nice win over South," North head coach Bill Taylor said. "She pitched a nice game and had

some good hits."

For the Blue Devils, Emily Wybo had two hits and a walk, while Gretchen Shirar and Emma Maniere each had bunt singles that set up scor-ing opportunities.

In other tournament games, North and South lost to Dearborn Divine Child. The Norsemen lost 6-2 and the Blue Devils lost 18-4.

Grosse Pointe North is 1-1 and Grosse Pointe South is 0-3.

LIGGETT

Trio chosen to participate in hockey tournament

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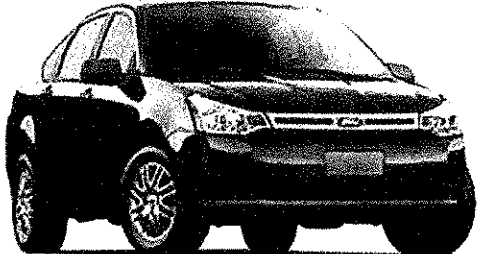
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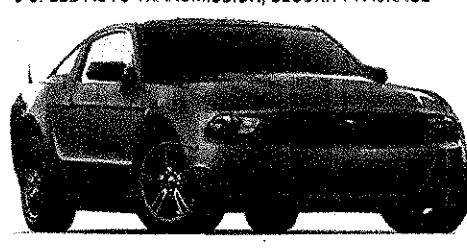
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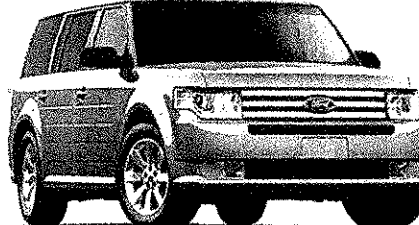
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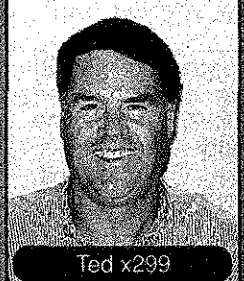
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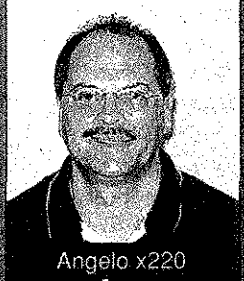
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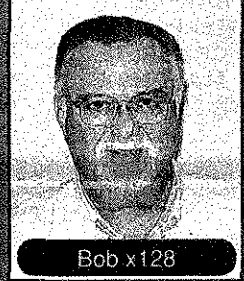
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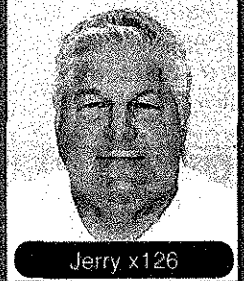
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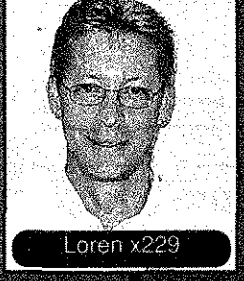
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