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◆ The medieval coming-of-age musical, "Pippin," the Grosse Pointe South High School's all-school performance, is at 8 p.m. in Grosse Pointe North's Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets are available at Posterity: A Gallery in the Village; online at gpsouthchoir.org; or at the door.

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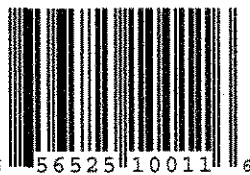
◆ The Detroit Concert Choir hosts an Antiques Road Show Style Appraisal from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. Participants can bring up to six items to be appraised for \$5 each. Weapons will not be appraised. For more information, call (313) 882-0118.
◆ The medieval coming-of-age musical, "Pippin," the Grosse Pointe South High School's all-school performance, is at 3 and 8 p.m. in Grosse Pointe North's Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets are available at Posterity: A Gallery in the Village; online at gpsouthchoir.org; or at the door.

SUNDAY, MAY 2

◆ The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus, directed by Joseph Palazzolo and accompanied by Ron Pietrantoni, presents its 58th annual spring concert, "Make Them Hear You, Our Stories in Song," at 3 p.m. in the Parcels Middle School auditorium, 20060 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Adult tickets cost \$10, \$5 seniors, \$3 for children and can be purchased at Moehring Woods Flowers, 20923 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
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PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Suzy Berschback, left, and Ann Marie Aliotta signed copies of their latest book, "Grosse Pointe War Memorial."

Sales roll for GP book

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointes' profilers of the past say their retrospective on the Grosse Pointe War Memorial has a receptive audience.

"Sales have been great," said Suzy Berschback, co-author with Ann Marie Aliotta of "Grosse Pointe War Memorial," published by Arcadia Publishing.

"It hasn't even been out two months," Aliotta said during a book signing Saturday at Cavanaugh's in the Village. "People love it."

The 129-page paperback has two black and white photographs on almost every page. Most photos have extended captions.

"It's such an accessible format," Aliotta said. "You get just enough history with interesting tidbits."

"Grosse Pointe War Memorial" is Berschback and Aliotta's second collaboration.

Their first book, "Grosse Pointe," a then-and-now history of the community, was published in 2007 by Arcadia.

They're already preparing their next book, a photographic history of

Grosse Pointe South High School.

The authors, both residents of Grosse Pointe Farms, welcome pictures from contributors.

"We're looking for photos and stories from each decade," said Berschback. "People can either send me a high-resolution JPEG or come over and take a photograph."

"If people send us photos, make sure to include contact information so we can get the story behind the photo," said Aliotta.

To submit photos and information, contact Berschback at (313) 885-1817 or at suzyberschback@comcast.net.

Recall election May 4

The recall election of three Grosse Pointe Shores officials is Tuesday, May 4.

The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at city hall.

On the recall ballot are Mayor Dr. James Cooper, Councilwoman Victoria Boyce and Councilman Robert Graziani.

The three are being targeted for recall because they voted June 16, 2009, to raise property taxes by 1 mill for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Vote "yes" to remove an official from office.

Vote "no" to keep an official in office.

A special election will be held in August to replace anyone recalled from office.

Also slated for recall were Councilmen Dr. Brian Hunt and Fred Minturn. Both resigned from office and have been replaced.

Senior facility proposed in Woods

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Plans for a \$36 million senior housing development on property once occupied by the Children's Home of Detroit were to be presented to the Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission at a meeting Tuesday, April 27.

The meeting was after the deadline of the Grosse Pointe News.

Preliminary plans for the Continuing Care Retirement Community of Grosse Pointe include 40 single-story detached residences, a three-story independent living facility, a three-story assisted living facility and a three-story nursing center.

The proposed project is being developed by a group called Senior Community of Grosse Pointe. The developers filed a letter of intent in September 2009 with the state of Michigan, outlining a project that would include a 68,000-square-foot building as well as "a 20 bed-free standing nursing home with 10 beds from the special pool of beds for behavior patients and 10 beds from the special pool of beds for ventilator de-



Plans for a senior complex were on the Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission meeting agenda Tuesday night.

pendent patients."

At the time the letter was filed, group spokesman Richard Levin said, "A consortium of investors is working on a unique collaboration to create a continuum of residential options for older adults in southeast Michigan. The project is in the early planning stage."

The letter of intent stated there will be space for activities, staff and support, and the units will also share the lobby and administrative space with

the "residential facility and licensed hospice residence on the first floor of the building. The food service will be supported by the main kitchen of the residential facility."

Architectural renderings for the site presented to the planning commission also show a main building with several one- and two-bedroom apartments, resident activity areas, a large dining area and an indoor swimming pool.

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Welcome mat is out at JLD Show House

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Fabulous. Fun. Fashionable. Functional. Fantasy. Family.

All describe the Junior League of Detroit's 2010 Designer Show House. But most importantly, let's not forget the most important, fundraiser.

The house at 78 Lakeshore has been a veritable beehive of activity for the past four months as interior designers, landscapers and Junior League members painted, plastered, gutted and rebuilt. Their final product goes on display beginning this weekend, and visitors should expect to come away impressed.

Once referred to as the Palms House, the French Normandy style house was designed by architect Hugh T. Keyes and built in 1928 for

Marie Fleitz Dwyer. Her daughter and son-in-law, Marion and Charles Palms, moved in with her, and raised a family of five children. Only two other families have lived in the house since the Palms, and both maintained some of the personal touches from the original owners, including crystal light fixtures that look like palm trees in the grand front hall.

Its current owner, Gail Sidlek, while agreeing to hand over the keys to his home of 35 years, did have several requests for designers.

First, they were not to paint the paneling in the dining room, a feature he added.

"I was in the Charterhouse Jewelers and admired the paneling," Sidlek said. "The owner told me he had some left, so I bought it and had it installed in the dining room."

The paneling provides the perfect backdrop for the fantasy dinner party setting created by Jennifer Imamura of The Velvet Plum. With a round dining table on a round black and white rug as the centerpiece, Imamura painted the ceiling chartreuse, which reflects around the room through the use of mirrors. The bronze trim of one mirror, as well as the bronze of several accessories is continued in the ceiling moldings painted the same bronze tone.

The dining room connects to the step-down living room, which captures panoramic lake views through a trio of French doors leading to a stone patio. Blue and beige are the main colors of the living room emphasizing the original crystal chandelier and blue and white marble around the fireplace. Designers from

Birmingham Design Studio left the plaster scroll work on the fireplace wall and Sidlek's rug was used to draw out the marble's colors.

While several interior features were used to inspire decorators, it is the home's exterior inspiring the kitchen and is a one-of-a-kind.

The French Normandy style and stonework of the home's exterior were brought into the kitchen. Its elaborate stone work mimics the home's exterior, easily seen from the kitchen through the newly added conservatory windows and skylights. A large fireplace was also added, along with light cherry cabinets and china cabinets in an off-white tone. White Calcutta marble countertops surround a copper farmers sink. A huge butcher

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PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

Designer Jennifer Imamura of The Velvet Plum in Plymouth completed the dining room by setting a table for a dinner party that brings in the chartreuse color of the ceiling.

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Shores and Farms share park manager

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

When the Grosse Pointe Farms and Shores municipal swim teams compete against each other this summer, it will be a home meet for Michelle Eickhorst no matter which city plays host.

Eickhorst, recreation and aquatics coordinator at Farms Pier Park, also will work this summer as part-time director of Shores Osius Park.

The arrangement is seen as a test of increased cooperation among sister Pointes trying to spread out expenses as structural deficits loom.

"It's a small step in what we hope is a big direction and trend," said Shores Councilwoman Victoria Boyce.

"It is another example of working collaboratively among the Grosse Pointes," added Shane Reside, Farms city man-

ager. "We continue to explore ways we can cooperate."

Eickhorst has been tapped to divide her time between both parks.

She'll work up to 15 hours per week this season at Osius Park in the Shores. The balance of her 40-hour work week will be at Pier Park in the Farms.

She continues to be a full-time employee of the Farms, which will bill the Shores about \$28 per hour for time worked on its behalf.

A similar arrangement exists for the five Pointes and Harper Woods joint public safety radio system, headquartered at Farms city hall.

"The communications director is employed by the Farms, but his time involved with the other communities is billed to the other cities," Reeside said.

"It's going to be a learning curve," Eickhorst said from her desk in the harbor-side community activities building at Farms Pier Park. "I need to feel out the best time to be there and here, where I'm not cutting their residents short or cutting our residents short."

Eickhorst has worked at Pier Park since 1993. She began as

a high school student during summers as a checkroom attendant. The next year, she became a lifeguard, then head lifeguard. After earning a business degree at Wayne State University, she became a full-time administrator.

As recreation and aquatics coordinator, Eickhorst supervises pool operations, hires and trains staff, plans recreation activities and special events. She also assists the park director with operations, budgeting and harbor management.

"Her knowledge and abilities are outstanding," Vick said. "What she does with the Farms coincides with what I'm looking to accomplish in the Shores. Her skill set, personality and good things her immediate supervisor said about her — everything was positive."

Vick approached Reeside about hiring Eickhorst on a part-time basis to replace the Shores full-time park director, who retired effective March. The full-time job was eliminated, saving the Shores wages, benefits and legacy costs of about \$75,000, according to Vick.

The draw-down in staffing, recreation services and employee costs is in line with results of a recent household survey in the Shores.

More than 50 percent of households responded, with:

- ◆ 48 percent wanting to reduce or eliminate recreation programs,
- ◆ 69 percent wanting jointly-operated parks and

- ◆ 74 percent supporting increase recreational fees.

"I like to think there's potential for future opportunities," Vick said.

"It's a little bit of a slippery slope because we are moving away from a Shores employee," said Shores Councilman Ted Kedzierski, who nevertheless supported the arrangement.

Budget hearing set

The proposed Grosse Pointe Shores municipal budget for next fiscal year will be delivered at the committee of the whole meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 5.

"If we proceed according to past expenditures, we will end (this) fiscal year with approximately \$400,000," said Brian Vick, city manager.

On tap for the coming year is saving expenses through economies of scale. A principle means of achieving savings is providing municipal services in concert with sister communities.

"Some of the other Grosse

Pointes are looking to take more formalized steps in regard to cooperation of service," Vick said. "Following the (recall) election in May, we'd want to discuss our role in who those representatives will be at those discussions."

Cost savings also are being sought through negotiations with municipal labor unions.

Vick said he has scheduled three meetings this month with unions representing Shores employees.

"All the union contracts expire at the end of June," Vick said.

— Brad Lindberg

Rector removed Christ Church

By Joe Warner
Editor

The Rev. Brad Whitaker has been temporarily removed as rector of Christ Church Grosse Pointe in Grosse Pointe Farms. He has served the church since 2002.

At an April 22 meeting with Bishop Wendell Gibbs Jr. of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, church leadership was told a "serious allegation" was made against Whitaker. Details of the allegation have not been released by the church or Detroit Diocese offices.

Parishioners were told Sunday, April 25, during services that Whitaker was removed.

An envelope with two letters, one from Christ Church vestry senior warden Libby Candler and junior warden Peggy Beadle and the other from Gibbs, was mailed to hundreds of families who attend Christ Church.

"I write today with the unpleasant task of informing you that a serious allegation has been made regarding your rector," the April 23 letter from Gibbs stated. "I have determined that to be faithful to

the canonical process, Fr. Whitaker must step away from all priestly duties and refrain from contact with the congregation for a time."

The letter went on to ask members of the church to respect the privacy of the Whitaker family. He is married with three children.


The letter from the church's wardens said the action of removing Whitaker from the church will "continue in effect until the complaint is resolved. The bishop did not tell us what was in the complaint and is not permitted to do so by the canons."

According to the Christ Church Grosse Pointe website, Whitaker, a native of Atlanta, Ga., graduated from Young Harris College and University of Georgia. He also is a graduate of The General Theological Seminary in New York City.

In the Diocese of Michigan, Whitaker serves as a member of the Standing Committee, The Commission on Ministry and is deputy to the General Convention.

He served churches in Newton, N.J., Atlanta and Rome, Ga. before coming to Grosse Pointe Farms.


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From left, Megan Kramer of the City of Grosse Pointe, Hadley Gordon of Grosse Pointe Farms, Marisa Stieber of Grosse Pointe Farms, Hailey Martin of the City of Grosse Pointe and Erin Evo of Grosse Pointe Woods step out of the gathering room to the new patio, which faces McMillan.

Renovation ushers in 70th year

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

The Building on Blessing campaign for St. James Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms created a structure replicating the sanctuary's radiance for its 450 members.

The \$1.6 million renovation project came in on time and under budget, the Rev. Gerald Spice said prior to the church's 70th anniversary and dedication of the renovation project, Sunday, April 25.

The goal of the renovation was to increase the flow and fellowship of parishioners, said building committee chairman Andy Martin. It was achieved by incorporating member feedback of what they liked about the church and what could be changed.

Large windows bringing light into the sanctuary were the main element members indicated they appreciated. That component has been reflected in the new social hall and adjoining terrace. In total, 6,500 square feet was added to the building, increasing the size of the gathering space, narthex, classrooms, entrance vestibule and restrooms.

Gone is the 1940s look of small, dark areas and block cement walls in the basement and dingy bathrooms, again

due to parishioners comments.

Desks in small Sunday school rooms where children sat still for lessons have been replaced by spacious carpeted rooms with walls painted in subtle yellow, green or blue. The nursery has been increased three times in size from its former space, Martin said.

On the second floor of the west wing, a special lounge and kitchenette for teens, along with an adjacent meeting room with built.

The basement has a room for the choir, which previously had no room, a large area which can be divided into two smaller rooms for meetings or classrooms and storage areas.

The main floor holds a larger and brighter office for the secretary, another for the minister and a third for the minister of family life. A bright and improved area for the sacristy is located just off the minister's office.

Years of contemplation

Renovation ideas began some seven years ago as members complained about the "creepy" bathrooms and the water stains on the basement walls, Martin said. Improving the basement was No. 1 on the "to do list" until the building committee met with a representative from the English

Timeline

The Rev. H.A. Burandt lead the first service of a Grosse Pointe Lutheran mission church Feb. 4, 1940, with 51 in attendance.

In April, the congregation adopted the name St. James to honor St. James the Greater and his symbol of three sea shells denoting his pilgrimage via the sea.

Holding services in Grosse Pointe High School's library became inadequate so the congregation moved to the Punch and Judy movie theater. By 1941, a site, 112-by-150-feet on McMillan was purchased to build the church. In 1944, as a show of patriotism, the American colonial style architecture was chosen. The steeple's style recognized the tower and steeple of the Old North Church in Boston.

Ground for St. James was broken June 29, 1947 and the cornerstone laid Sept. 21, 1947. The dedication took place Dec. 5, 1948.

On June 5, 1955, the "church house" was completed per the original plan and two wings provided areas for education, administration and fellowship. The wings cost \$115,000.

A Moller pipe organ was dedicated April 4, 1965.

A barrier free project was undertaken in Oct. 1997 with the installation of an elevator.

Courtesy St. James Lutheran Church of Grosse Pointe

Lutheran Church in America.

"She challenged us to re-think the church's mission and how people get around (inside the church)," Spice said.

Spice and Martin admitted the old configuration was confusing and splintered the congregation as they used two doors.

"We wanted to build a sense of community," Spice said.

"We did the full construction drawing and pricing about the time the Michigan economy tanked," Spice said.

"We didn't think it was in our financial reach," Martin added.

With a gift from the late Dr. James Kuhlman's estate and fundraising, the project was a go in 2009.

"People can't believe the transformation," Spice said.

Road rage reported on Fisher

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A Detroit police lieutenant who lives near an elementary school in Grosse Pointe Farms is being investigated for a road rage incident on Fisher in which police said both parties should have known better.

"He is lucky I did not put my gun to his head," the Detroit officer reportedly told a City of Grosse Pointe patrolman about the other man involved, according to City Officer Joseph Adams.

Three City officers respond-

ed to the incident at 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 23, in the 500 block of Fisher, north of Kercheval.

Fisher runs one-way north and separates the City and Farms.

The other man involved, who City officers referred to as the victim, is a 36-year-old City resident.

"(The) victim stated the offender started yelling at him that he was a cop and pulled his wallet out but would not show his badge," Adams reported. "(The) victim stated his three young children were in-

side (his) vehicle and were very scared. At no time talking to the victim did (I) notice an aggressive manner from him."

Detectives have spoken with both parties. Further interviews were scheduled this week. Charges are pending, according to a detective.

The City man said he was turning right from westbound Kercheval on the Hill to northbound Fisher when the Detroit officer in a van cut inside him, police said.

The City man drove up Fisher with the other man, who police referred to as the "of-

fender," tailgating, they said.

The City man stopped, blocked traffic with his vehicle, exited and approached the Farms man, who by now also had exited his van, according to reports.

"The offender (became) angry with (me), Officer (Gregory) Burks and Officer (Daniel) Eckert," Adams reported. "(I) have had other incidents with (him) where aggressive verbal altercations have occurred. Officer Eckert had an incident with (the) offender where (an) aggressive altercation occurred."

North's cool class

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Grosse Pointe North Class of 1970 members agree — they were cool.

"It was a cool class," said Bob Cleary, class president. "We selected the colors and nickname and mascot."

Coming in as juniors, the Class of 1970 reigned over the student body, which included ninth graders, a first for the Grosse Pointe Public School System, and chose green and gold as the school colors and the Norse, as its mascot.

Gregory Beever of St. Clair Shores agrees the class and being in a new 292,000 square foot school building was cool, but qualified that by saying South was cool, as well.

The 600-plus members of the Class of 1970 was the charter class of Grosse Pointe Public School System's new high school, Grosse Pointe North High School. The bulging student population necessitated the construction of the new

building.

"We were seniors for two years," said Cleary, of Grosse Pointe Shores. "We were a close class. We were smart. We were pioneers. We were respectful," he said.

Students were cautioned to be respectful because on opening day, Sept. 4, 1968, the school was not quite completed.

"We couldn't spill anything because the floor would absorb the spill because the floors weren't quite sealed," he said.

However, ready or not, in came 631 ninth graders, 698 10th graders and 627 juniors with 100 teachers and four administrators.

Beever remembers the music playing in the hallways through the new intercom system as he entered the school the first day.

"It was beautiful," he said of the school on Vernier and Mack. "It was real fun. Everyone was excited. The first day of school there was music in the hallways."



PHOTO COURTESY GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Tom Wood, Jan Alexon and Mr. and Mrs. William Craig dance at the junior prom to the sounds of Jimmy Wilkin's Motown Band.

While opening a new school to accommodate a bulging student body was a necessity and a community affair, there was little celebration.

"There was not a lot of fanfare when the school opened. We were told to respect the property," Cleary said. "We were all pretty much blown away at how cool it was. It was

entirely air conditioned. It was quiet."

"Walking around as juniors in a new school, it was exciting," said Bob Everett of West Bloomfield, a member of the Norsemen swim and tennis teams. "There were no standards, no traditions. Whatever

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Taxes up, payments down

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

When a 9 percent drop in property values butts heads with a 5.5 percent property tax increase, the drop in property values comes out ahead.

At least as forecast for most homeowners in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Under the 5.5 percent tax increase proposed for next fiscal year, the owner of a \$250,000 house would see a \$495 cut in property taxes, according to Peter Dame, city manager.

The inverse relationship comes at the cost of property values.

"Assessments are going down on average 9 percent," Dame said. "All but 100 or so people in the city have state equalized values that equal their taxable value. So, for nearly everyone in the city, as their assessment goes down, there's really no difference between taxable value and SEV anymore."

Declining assessments translate into less taxes paid.

"With a 9 percent decline in assessments, virtually everyone in town will have a decreased overall tax bill," Dame said. "Even if you're one of the 10 percent whose city taxes went up, those people will still see an overall tax bill decline."

The proposed higher rate would come as separate levies for solid waste services and debt retirement for the swimming pool construction bond that voters approved in 2001.

"Without these rate increases, the general fund would be required to subsidize these expenses," said Karen Johnson, city finance director. "Funds would be taken away from the operational budget; in particular, funds available to support critical public safety needs."

"By making (solid waste and pool) revenues cover those costs (of solid waste service and pool construction), that allowed us to basically leave public safety relatively unscathed," Dame said. "All public safety officers on the force now will be on the force in this upcoming budget year."

A public hearing on the budget has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, May 10, in council chambers.

The general fund budget proposed for fiscal year 2010-2011 beginning in July is \$5.6 million, down \$1 million from this year.

"All administrative divisions are proposed to be reduced by 20 percent or more," Johnson said.

The budget assumes frozen salaries, cuts in benefits, a less expensive health care plan and continued reductions in contracted consultants.

"Three managerial positions are being eliminated: assistant manager, recreation coordinator and public works supervisor, along with several part-time seasonal workers for an overall reduction of 4.25 employees or full time equivalents," Johnson said.

This year's general operations levy of 11.8391 mills is proposed to remain the same, she said.

"The total levy amount of 14.2622 mills would still generate less property tax than this past year, even though the combined rate would increase by approximately 5.5 percent," Johnson said.

City officials have been trying to plan ahead for a structural deficit brought on by less property tax revenues stemming from declining property values.

"Plante & Moran, our accountants, say it will take 15 to 18 years to get back to where we were last year on a dollar amount of revenues," said Mayor Dale Scrace.

Work on the budget began about six months ago.

"It started last fall with the development of a five-year financial projection," Dame said. "It is drafted along the lines of the citizens budget committee."

The committee wrote a survey distributed to households, 23 percent of which responded with rankings of city services they could do without or wanted to keep.

"Per the residential survey, service reductions have been made in the parks department, reducing some recreational services and special events," Johnson said. "The City is not purchasing any new public works or public safety vehicles, or undertaking any major building projects. The budget reflects our best effort to try to deal with a truly serious financial difficulty."

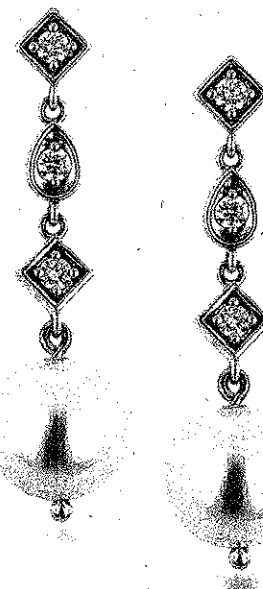
Scrace said the proposed budget involved the most detailed work of his 21 years in elected office.

"We did an extremely deep dive on every line in every budget," Scrace said.

Some cost-saving decisions this year were easy, he said, like not buying a \$30,000 Cushman rubbish cart.

"We've looked at what might be called the low-hanging fruit," Scrace said. "Next year's probably going to be even harder."

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Gina Ventimiglia took a teaching internship beyond the classroom. She brought her love of dance and enthusiasm for teaching to create an after-school dance troupe at the elementary school where she taught.

Heart and sole for teaching role

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Any teacher who believes that they don't influence their students has not met Gina Ventimiglia.

This recent graduate of Michigan State University can trace back to the exact time she wanted to be a teacher. It was second grade and she spent the year under the nurturing and educating wings of Judy Finn, who now teaches at Defer Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Park.

"She made it look so much fun," said Ventimiglia, who grew up in Grosse Pointe Woods. "Ever since then, I wanted to be a teacher. She really inspired me. Really, I never wanted to be anything else but a teacher because of her."

Ventimiglia, 22, is completing her fifth year in the MSU teacher education program. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education in 2009 and is completing an internship at Hanstein Elementary School in Detroit where she teaches first grade. She completes her internship April 30, earning her certification at that time, as well as earning credits toward a master's degree.

"The fifth year of the program is referred to as an internship rather than student teaching because we have already graduated," she said. "The MSU program is recognized as one of the top teaching programs in the country. For my internship, at

Hanstein, I have worked with a phenomenal mentor teacher named Lory Armstrong. For 10 weeks, I was the main teacher. She was there for support, but I was responsible for all the lesson plans and classroom management."

And she loved it. "I'm sad about the end of the year coming so soon," she said.

Ventimiglia spent her year at Hanstein not only teaching, but sharing her love for dance, and along the way, she was recognized by a nationally-known educator.

A dancer since she was 3, she spent countless hours training with Angela Kennedy and at the Grosse Pointe Dance Center. Tap, jazz, ballet — she loved all forms of dance. She was on the Grosse Pointe North Dance Team and competed at the Great Lakes Invitational. She attended several summer dance camps sponsored by the Universal Dance Association and eventually became an instructor with the program. For the past four years she has also judged dance competitions.

With that life-long commitment to music and dance, as well as her exposure to art, music and library during her days as a student in the Grosse Pointe school system, she was shocked to discover that her students and their counterparts at Hanstein had no such opportunity.

"There are no specials at Hanstein," she explained. "There is no gym, no art, no



PHOTOS COURTESY OF GINA VENTIMIGLIA

Gina Ventimiglia, right, with noted writing instructor Barry Lane. Lane was impressed with the work Ventimiglia had done with dance troupe he invited them to perform at the Michigan Reading Association Conference in Detroit. Below right, the Hanstein Happy Feet on stage at the conference.

music or library. There are no creative outlets for the students. There are no teachers available to provide these classes. Not only do the students have no exposure to the arts, but the teachers have no breaks. We taught from 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. with only a half hour lunch break."

Ventimiglia decided to give some of the students a creative outlet, and that's how the Hanstein Happy Feet dance troupe came to be.

"I wanted to do something and decided to focus on something I was good at, which was dance," she said. "I decided to work with the fourth and fifth-grade girls. I spoke with the principal and she agreed, so I sent fliers home with the girls and 24 signed up. We met Tuesdays after school, from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m., which worked out well because school provided dinner for the girls."

The Hanstein Happy Feet practiced and prepared to put on an end-of-year recital, but the plan to host a simple dance performance in the school's gym took an unexpected and delightful turn when dancing became part of

a new learning experience.

A chance meeting at a teacher in-service training session between Ventimiglia and noted writing teacher Barry Lane soon moved the Hanstein Happy Feet to center stage at the annual Michigan Reading Association Conference held annually in Detroit.

"Lane is part of Discovery Writing," Ventimiglia explained. "He teaches educators on how to engage students and how to make learn-

ing and writing fun. He is a firm believer in integrating music with writing."

Lane was scheduled to be a featured speaker at the reading conference, and it didn't take long for Ventimiglia's enthusiasm to catch Lane's attention, and he extended an invitation for her group to perform as part of his presentation.

"It was such a great day for the kids," she said. "It got much bigger than I ever imagined. Everyone got involved —

the kids, the parents, my principal. I made costumes, we did makeup. The girls worked so hard. They didn't believe me when I told them there would be a lot of people there, and when they looked out and saw about 200 people there, they all panicked. But they calmed down and did such a great job. They had so much fun and I was so proud of them. I was crying, they were crying."

The performance at the reading conference provided quite an ending for what Ventimiglia had originally seen as just a fun after-school activity.

"It wasn't my intention to make it into such a big deal," she said with a laugh. "It really became much bigger than ever anticipated."

With her year at Hanstein coming to an end April 30, Ventimiglia takes many memories and lessons with her as she heads off to job fairs, hoping to find a teaching job for next fall.

She also takes a special letter of recommendation from Lane.

It reads, in part, "Simply put, the children just loved her and because of that love, did anything she asked. Any school that hires Gina will be pleased indeed. I give her my highest recommendation."

Even with such a glowing recommendation, the end of her experience is bittersweet because Hanstein is one of several Detroit public schools scheduled to close at the end of the year.

"If Hanstein gets a second chance, I would love to come back and continue what I started this year," she said. "I loved being able to share my talents with the students. That's why I became a teacher."



SHORES: Policy changes will save the city money

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made over three years.

◆ Current employees with less than 10 years of service get a maximum of 30 sick days. The payout is to be made within 60 days of retirement.

◆ New hires will receive one sick day per month. None will carry over. Nor will there be any payouts, whether annually

or at retirement.

The change in policy followed a 1 1/2-hour closed session April 20 during which the city attorney, Mark McInerney, provided legal grounds on which to alter the existing benefit.

"Changing a policy going forward is different from changing it retroactively," McInerney said after the closed hearing. "The decision

was made to change things going forward."

Vick has said repeatedly over the last few months that he hopes to negotiate sick bank changes for the 75 percent of the Shores' 44 employees belonging to unions.

In a recent household survey of how the Shores should save money, 65 percent supported reducing the benefits and pay of municipal employees.

SENIOR: Proposal goes to planning commission

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Dana Jacob, spokeswoman for Starr Commonwealth of Albion, the nonprofit organization that owns the property, would not comment on the sale

of the property or the price Starr set for the 13-acre site. Also declining comment were officials from University Liggett School, who also expressed interest in the property.

The Children's Home of Detroit has been closed since November 2008. Its assets were transferred to Starr Commonwealth and the property has been vacant since that time.

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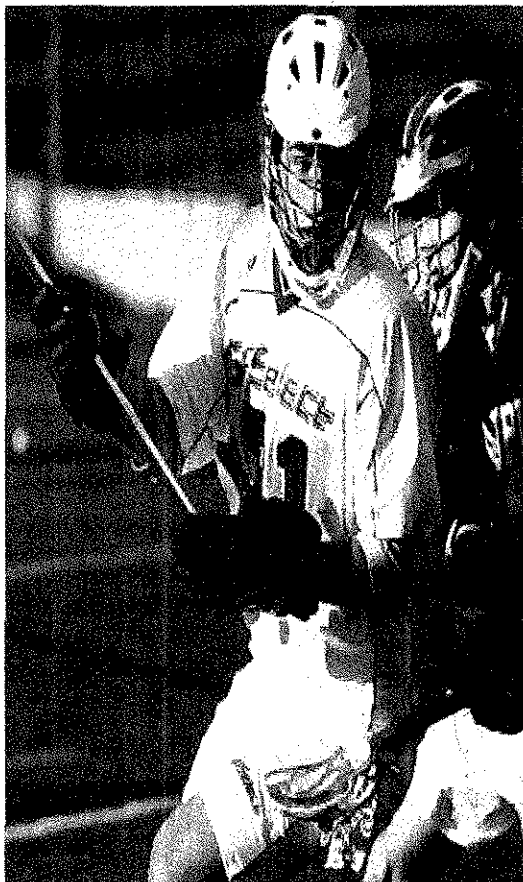
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Jeep stolen

A 2008 black Jeep Liberty was stolen while parked overnight at a house in the 500 block of Cadieux.

The vehicle has an Old English D in back and a Detroit Lions sticker on the right rear window, according to the owner.

The vehicle reportedly contained its owner's purse, iPod, credit cards, passport and Wayne State University medical journals.

Candy and chips

A 21-year-old Detroit man was arrested at 9:45 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, for shoplifting in the Village.

"The liner of his jacket contained candy bars and bags of chips that had been taken from the store," said an officer.

The man was suspected of shoplifting at the same business earlier that day, according to police.

'Little bit of beer'

A series of failed sobriety

tests contradicted a 52-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman's claim that she hadn't been drinking and driving on Mack, Lakeland and the 700 block of St. Clair.

During a traffic stop at 3:40 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, in the 700 block of St. Clair, the woman registered a .10 percent blood alcohol level, police said.

The woman reportedly twice denied drinking alcohol, then said she'd had "a little bit of beer around 9:30 this morning," the officer said.

Plate switched

A man without a driver's license was pulled over at 9:07 p.m. Sunday, April 18, for operating a 1995 Chevrolet Monte Carlo with a license plate for a 1987 Dodge van.

An officer pulled the man over for running a red light on southbound Cadieux at Mack. "He stated he did not currently have a valid driver's license and that he only had a title for the vehicle because he had not registered it yet," said the arresting officer.

— Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Another fake tab

A white 1999 Pontiac Grand Am with a fraudulent license tab was impounded shortly after its driver was arrested at 7:16 p.m. Saturday, April 24, on eastbound Mack near Calvin.

A patrolman had noticed the car had an expired license plate.

"Due to numerous fraudulent tabs in the area lately, (I made) a closer inspection of the registration plate," said the patrolman.

The driver, a 45-year-old Detroit woman, admitted the tab was fake.

"(She) admitted (she) got it from 'some guy,'" the officer said.

Police drove the woman to her house on Detroit's east side.

for rolling past a stop sign at Moross Place and Hillcrest, was arrested for violating 19 driving suspensions.

The man also was wanted on a traffic warrant in St. Clair Shores, according to police.

Student targeted

Detectives have been given the case of a 17-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man suspected of using drugs at Grosse Pointe South High School.

A school administrator notified police of the incident at 12:30 p.m. Friday, April 23.

"(The administrator) said the (student) has had problems with drugs in the past," said a public safety officer.

On the lookout

Officers have been instructed to be on the lookout for Grosse Pointe South High School students smoking cigarettes and marijuana under the football field bleachers before morning classes and during the lunch hour.

— Brad Lindberg

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

Alien investigation

A United States Border Patrol agent took custody of a 23-year-old man that a Shores patrolman pulled over at 2:53 p.m. Friday, April 23, in the 900 block of southbound Lakeshore.

The man had been pulled over for not wearing a seat belt, police said.

The man claimed to be from Detroit, said the officer.

"(He) produced a fake Michigan I.D. card," said the arresting officer. "(He) stated that he bought the I.D. card from someone on the street and that he's (been) illegally in the country for approximately five years."

Red fox

A coyote was mistakenly reported drinking from a pond behind a house on Belle Meade.

"Officers determined the sighting was actually a red fox," said an officer.

Three more sightings were reported on Stratton Place and on Willison.

— Brad Lindberg

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

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The City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 10, 2010, in the Council Chambers located at 15115 E. Jefferson on the proposed 2010 City tax levy and on the proposed 2010/11 City budget. Copies of the proposed budget are available for public inspection during regular business hours in the office of the City Clerk beginning April 30, 2010.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this meeting.

Public comments, oral or written, are welcome at the public hearing on the proposed millage rate and the proposed city budget.

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BB damage

Vandals caused an estimated \$1,200 damage last week to vinyl siding on an 80-year-old woman's garage in the 200 block of Kerby.

Shortly after 7 a.m. Saturday, April 24, the resident reported finding 21 small holes in the garage's north and west sides.

"It appears the holes were made by a BB gun and most likely came from the direction of Kerby Elementary School," said an officer.

Music's over

At 1:43 a.m. Saturday, April 24, police found an empty bottle of brandy in a 2000 Pontiac G6 that a 54-year-old Detroit man was caught speeding and weaving on westbound Lakeshore near Fisher.

The driver tested positive for a .191 percent blood alcohol level and was arrested.

"(He said) he was a musician and had come from playing in a club," said an officer.

Child support

A man wanted on three Wayne County warrants totaling \$9,697 relating to child support was caught during a traffic stop at 9:05 p.m., Friday, April 23, on northbound Kerby near Mack.

The arresting officer said the man had been operating a green Ford Explorer with an expired license plate.

He was held for pickup by county deputies.

Road rage

Police responding to a report of road rage on Lakeshore near Moran detained a 20-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man shortly after 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, for allegedly throwing a 20-ounce Lipton tea bottle at a red Ferrari driven by a 43-year-old Farms man.

The Park man had parked his car on Moran south of Grosse Pointe Boulevard and was walking with an aluminum pipe in hand toward the other driver when police arrived, they said.

The Park man had been driving a yellow Monte Carlo and said the Farms man had been driving too fast, police said.

"He admitted throwing the bottle at the Ferrari," said an officer.

19 suspensions

A 65-year-old Mount Clemens man, investigated at 3:44 p.m. Tuesday, April 20,

Grosse Pointe Park

Bike thefts

A red BMX MongOOSE bike was taken from an unlocked rear porch on Wayburn the afternoon of Monday, April 19.

A Giant 20-speed bike was removed between Friday, April 23, and Saturday, April 24, from an unlocked garage on Lakepointe.

Theft from truck

A 2000 Chevrolet pickup truck, parked in the backyard of a house on Wayburn, was entered overnight Monday, April 19. A radio, 35 CDs and an 80-piece Craftsman tool set were taken.

Robbery

At 8 p.m. Monday, April 19, a 15-year-old was approached by four subjects at Kercheval and Beaconsfield and while one held him down, the others removed his Nike Air Jordan basketball shoes.

— Kathy Ryan

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

One big glass

An officer patrolling southbound Lakeshore at 3:45 a.m. Sunday, April 25, became suspicious when the driver of a 1993 Pontiac slowed the car and braked frequently for no apparent reason.

When pulled over in the 600 block, the driver, a 36-year-old Detroit woman, smelled of intoxicants.

She said she drank "only one glass of wine," failed a series of field sobriety tests and registered a .18 percent blood alcohol level, said the arresting officer.

Caught speeding

A 27-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man spent the night in Shores jail following his arrest for drunken driving at 1:43 a.m. Saturday, April 24, on southbound Lakeshore near South Deeplands.

A patrolman said the man had been speeding a yellow 2007 Ford Mustang more than 12 mph above the legal limit.

The man registered a .151 percent blood alcohol level, according to police.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Taking a hair cut

A customer at a salon on Mack left Saturday, April 24, without paying for a \$140 haircut, telling the stylist and receptionist that the owner had agreed to give her a free haircut.

The staff could not verify this information with the owner, but the customer did leave a \$20 tip.

Alert driver

A motorist called 911 at 6:18 p.m. Saturday, April 24, to report he had been following a black BMW since it pulled out of a strip club on Eight Mile Road in Detroit, and that the car had been swerving and striking objects.

Woods police stopped the car at Mack and Moross. The driver smelled of intoxicants and a Breathalyzer test revealed a blood alcohol content of .26. The driver, a 29-year-old Detroit resident, was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated. His car was impounded.

Alarmed

Police responded to a burglar alarm going off at a house on Cook Road at 1:44 p.m. Wednesday, April 21.

Responding officers found a door open but could not find any evidence the house was entered. When the homeowner returned at 4 p.m., she notified police that several items in the garage had been knocked over and was concerned the garage door, normally closed, had been opened.

Locker theft

A student at Grosse Pointe North told police at 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, that an unknown person cut the lock from his locker and removed a cell phone and more than \$200 in cash.

Egged

An Oxford Road resident called police at 12:05 a.m. Thursday, April 22, to report seeing a car stop across the street, two men exit and throw something at a neighbor's house. Police arrived, found egg shells on the lawn and talked to the homeowner.

— Kathy Ryan

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

COOL: History shaped North class

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we did as a class and a school was the first... the first football game, the first play."

The first homecoming, then called Fall Festival, established the tradition of float building. The Fall Festival queen's title was changed to homecoming queen.

"Senior homecoming, we suffered," Cleary said. "We didn't win the float competition. That hurt. We had so much fun building the float, the details were overlooked. The main

thing is we didn't prevail. Back then seniors always won even if the chances of some other class had a better float.

"We didn't win the homecoming game. The first year we struggled on the gridiron."

Nonetheless, he said, it was part of the community history and shaped them, as did the era.

Cleary pointed to events in 1969 that had an impact including the Vietnam War; Kent State shootings, four unarmed students at the Ohio university were gunned down by National Guardsmen;

Woodstock, billed as three days of music and peace; Apollo 11, which carried the first man to walk on the moon; the Democratic Convention in Chicago, Ill., which sparked riots; Richard Nixon's election as president; assassinations of Martin Luther King Jr. April 4 and Robert Kennedy June 5.

"We went through high school during a remarkable time. It required a certain amount of resiliency," he said.

Resiliency to stand up to a Detroit daily newspaper which reported a high percentage of the class used marijuana.

"We reacted badly," he said. "We took exception with that."

After a meeting with the paper's editor, the correction, Cleary said, was, "They reported that was somewhat correct."

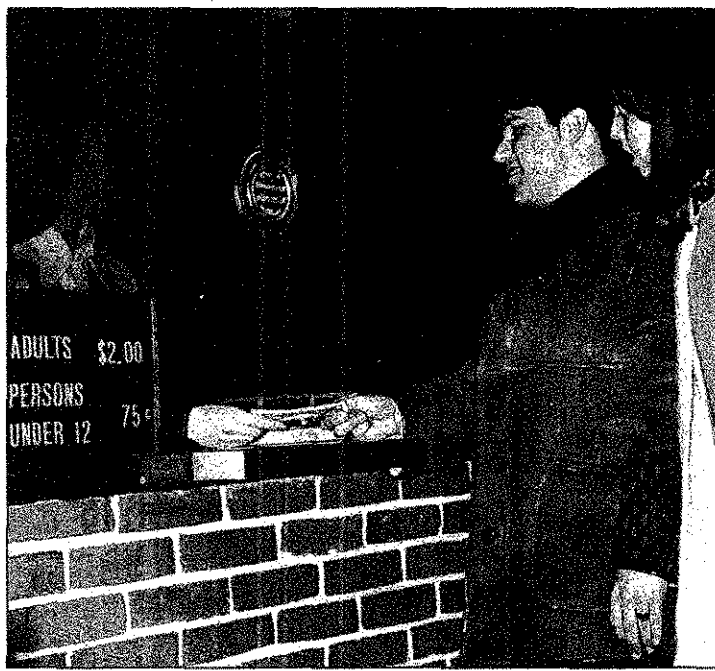
Despite the slam against the students, Cleary said, "We were products of the time. It was a great time to be in high school."

The great time included teachers.

"Herman Clein. He was an awesome music and choral teacher. He was a great guy," Cleary said. "Ray Gault was the 'quirky' social studies teacher. John 'Mad Dog' Miller enthusiastically taught us Shakespeare. He was great."

The teachers were tolerant because, Cleary admitted, the class had "serious senioritis," a phenomenon which afflicts each class itching to move out of high school.

The year ended with 624 graduates, all of whom are in-



North students, Andy Price and Jill Alexander, attend the movies for \$2.

One sign per lot in Shores

The palette of flowers in Grosse Pointe Shores has been augmented with blue and white lawn signs about the May 4 recall election of the mayor and two members of the city council.

Unlike flowers, there's a limit to how many signs can be planted per property.

"I received a couple of questions and comments — categorize them as you will — about the number of signs permitted on each lot," said Brian Vick,

city manager. "Basically, it's restricted to one sign per lot."

Public safety officers have been contacting homeowners who may be exceeding the limit.

On Thursday, April 22, officers spoke to a homeowner accused of having more than one sign in the 800 block of Lakeshore. The next morning, only one sign remained.

Also on April 22, police contacted a resident in the 900 block of Lakeshore. The resi-

dent appeared to have combined two signs into one larger one.

"(The woman) challenged (me) that the signs were joined together and, thus, constitute only one sign," said the patrolman. "(I) disagreed that two signs attached to each other equal one sign and informed (her) that one of the signs would have to be removed or a violation shall be issued."

— Brad Lindberg

Overtime continues to drop

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Arrests and citations issued during the first quarter of the year are up in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Increased activity comes despite a 9 percent reduction in officer overtime compared to the same period last year.

"So far, the first quarter is excellent compared to a year ago," said Stephen Poloni, director of public safety.

Officers made 26 fugitive arrests during the first three months of 2010, compared to

20 by this time last year. Citations totaled 628 compared to 612 this time in 2009.

Officers added 50,163 miles to the fleet of patrol cars, an increase of 4,773 miles for the same period last year.

Sick days dropped from 40.5 to 17.5. Training hours declined from 269 last year to 199.

"Our overtime budget, which at this time last year was an all-time low — we had cut by 55 percent — is down again over the quarter," Poloni said.

Ambulance runs increased 38 percent to 399, with 186 in

March.

"Ambulance runs are increasing due to mutual aid runs for Grosse Pointe Woods while their ambulance was down," Poloni said.

There were no fires, injury vehicle accidents or arrests of juveniles.

A joint task force of Shores and Grosse Pointe Woods officers, headed by Shores Detective Sgt. Scott Rohr, this month arrested a Grosse Pointe Woods man for breaking into parked cars. The man is suspected in about two dozen crimes, Poloni said.

Homeowner free on bond

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A Crestwood homeowner, cited three weeks ago for allowing drug use on her property, is free on \$500 personal bond and under orders not to let it happen again.

Joy Ann-Mavis Wilson, 54, was arraigned April 15 in Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Court for "frequenting or living on premises where drugs are used," a misdemeanor, according to a court administrator.

She is scheduled for a May 6 pretrial hearing, the administrator added.

The charge was prompted by two runs medics made to Wilson's house earlier this month for drug overdoses.

Taken to the hospital in separate incidents April 6 and 9 were two 20-year-old Grosse Pointe Park men, at least one of whom had used heroin, according to police.

One of the men, James William-Ellis Wilson, was arraigned April 15 in Shores court on possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia,

and frequenting or living on premises where drugs are used, according to court reports.

He was released and his \$1,000 bond continued.

"They pled not guilty," said Stephen Poloni, Shores public safety director. "None had attorneys. The court appointed attorneys for them."

The second man is scheduled for arraignment May 20 on drug charges.

"(The men) are going to be in in-patient rehab," Poloni said. "Both parents said they'd see they get help."

Rise in unpaid water bills

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Unpaid water bills compose most of \$115,132 added to 136 single-lot assessments in the City of Grosse Pointe.

This year's number of delinquent accounts and the overall amount owed exceeds last year.

"Most of them are water accounts," said Karen Johnson, finance director. "That amount is \$103,741."

The figure rises to \$114,115 with late charges.

Last year, the city had 115 unpaid accounts totaling about \$100,000, according to Johnson.

The year before that, there were 97 unpaid accounts totaling about \$72,500, she added.

The trend has been "pretty

steady" the last two years, she said.

"There are more delinquent accounts, but, no big surprise," Johnson said.

Unpaid charges and 10 percent penalties are regarded as liens against the properties. They are placed on the 2010 City tax bill for collection.

"Notices were mailed March 12 to all property owners with delinquent charges," Johnson said.

Fixture fix

Decorative street lights on Lakeshore south of Vernier have been refurbished and repainted.

"We're also working on the ones on the north end at this time, grinding them, priming and painting," said Brett Smith, public works director. "We want to get the ones done on Lakeshore this year. As those get finished, we look forward to starting the ones on Vernier."

— Brad Lindberg



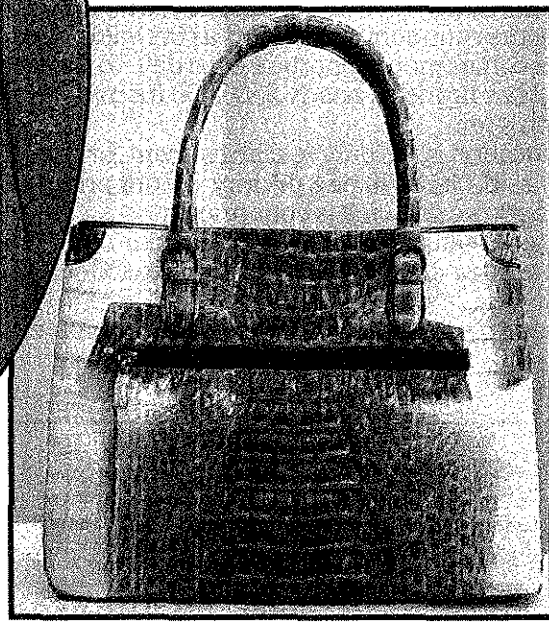
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OUR VIEW

Liggett program right on target

Families continue to move to the Grosse Pointes for the fine choices in education. Public and private schools here are the talk of the region, the state and even the nation.

Challenging curriculums, unique opportunities in the arts and great athletic programs offer something for every student. They're challenged in every direction and that's exactly what they need as they set out into the world.

University Liggett School has found a way to challenge its students by offering the merit-based Liggett Scholarship Program.

Created three years ago by then-new Head of School Joseph P. Healy, the program chooses scholars based on the results of a test, interview, writing sample and recommendations from previous teachers. Each winner is awarded all four years of high school, which represents an \$85,000 commitment to each full scholarship winner.

During the first two years of the program, Liggett gave away 10 full and 10 half scholarships to incoming ninth graders.

Liggett spokesman Ron Bernas said the students are from 14 different communities as far north as Rochester and as far south as Flat Rock.

This year, the program awarded scholarships to seven incoming ninth-grade students, again solely based on academic merit, regardless of financial need.

The 2010 winners came from a field of nearly 300 who tested for the scholarships. Twenty-nine returned for a second round of essays and interviews. The winners, again a mix of the most qualified students in Metro Detroit, included:

- Anna Rose Canzano of Detroit Waldorf School
- Francesca DiJulio, a student at Pierce Middle School
- Andrew Hyde, a student at Brownell Middle School
- Mostafa Shanta, a student at University Liggett School
- Maxwell Smith, a student at Norup International Academy
- Nicholas Wu, a student at University Liggett School
- Nicholas Zingas of Brownell Middle School

"We want to attract the best and brightest from the region to our school," Healy said. "Many families from all over southeast Michigan have looked at options for quality education and we're a magnet for these families. It's astonished us the level of academic talent that is out there. This program has been a tremendous asset to our school."

Bernas said enrollment at Liggett is up 13 percent since the scholarship program started. He said between scholarships and financial aid, students from diverse financial backgrounds are able to attend the school where education comes first. There are only 560 students who attend pre-K to grade 12.

Kevin Breen, director of enrollment, said the scholarship recipients have made an impact on the school and community.

"We are confident they will be the future leaders in metropolitan Detroit," he said. "It's really made a difference."

The 20 scholars, in the first quarter of this school year, combined to boast a 3.96 grade point average.

The scholarship program introduced by Liggett deserves the community's support as the value of education becomes more important each day. To date, the school has funneled nearly \$300,000 for into the scholarship program.

"Education is the only real investment for your kids," Healy said. "It has to be a priority. It's our priority."

And you've shown it is your priority.

Congratulations to Liggett on its continued commitment to education through the merit-based scholar program.

Tomorrow's leaders walk through your halls each day.



LETTERS

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Far from resolved

To the Editor:

After completing a year on the Grosse Pointe Shores City Council, I took a moment to review my campaign objectives: Cut inefficient spending; maintain high-quality services; provide respectful, open city government; and amend the charter to best serve our residents.

Those objectives remain intact.

With council meetings now broadcast on TV, a more comprehensive website and council comments added to the agenda, some headway has been made. However, it seems we have taken a year to accomplish what should have been implemented in a month or two. The core issues of financial reform and true open government are still far from being resolved.

Whether we like it or not, things are changing in our community. For years, Grosse Pointe Shores' government was run by a group of people who knew one another through social and business connections. Mid-term resignations were common, with acquaintances often being named as council replacements.

When elections came around, the incumbent team typically found itself back at the helm, and it was business as usual. Unfortunately, as with our nation's economy, business as usual was no longer working out so well.

Then, in 2009, things veered from the norm. New candidates, who did not receive the blessing of incumbents, were elected, and a less than a warm reception followed.

There was a breach in the long-standing, blindly-obedient social club atmosphere of Grosse Pointe Shores' government. It signaled a change that was embraced by some and abhorred by others.

Proposed ideas on openness and cost-effective budgeting were met with resistance. Tension grew at meetings. Even the traditional council/administration Christmas party was officially canceled.

More importantly, many key decisions that deserved a great deal of thought and consideration were derailed or stalled until the last minute and then pushed through.

If this sounds like our nation's capitol, that's unfortunate. Because unlike in Washington, local government is the one place where our voices should not only be heard, but make a difference.

If we can't resolve the issues that exist in our own backyard, how can we ever expect to bring about a better state or national government.

Like it or not, the good 'ol boy, business-as-usual mentality isn't getting the job done in Grosse Pointe Shores. We can either ignore reality and hide in some kind of dream world, letting the cards fall where they may, or we can face the facts and grab the bull by the horns as real Americans have always done.

The former action will bring about change for the worse; the latter will bring about change for the better.

DAN SCHULTE
Grosse Pointe Shores
City Councilman

Right-size local governments

To the Editor:

I write in support of my police chief and the conversation that is beginning on how to right-size all of our local governments.

As an elected official, it would be a dereliction of duty not to consider and debate cost sharing measures. Grosse Pointe residents are overtaxed and the size of our collective government is too big.

This is not just a short term problem of revenue. It would be right to cut costs and lower our residents' tax burden even if declining revenue was not a pressing issue, though it is.

The biggest single item in any of our budgets is public safety. While I am positive no public official would support any change that would negatively impact road patrols, response times or how public safety officers interact with our businesses and residents, looking at command structure is imperative to reduce cost.

There are questions that need to be studied and debated, such as why does an 11 square mile area need five police chiefs, five dispatch centers, and five command sergeants per shift?

There are different options to debate, one is an all-Pointes police authority; another may be intergovernmental contracting — i.e. contracting one command staff to command each of our own road patrols.

Already under mutual aid we support each other. Could that be expanded to reduce capital costs? I am encouraged at least three of the Pointes are interested in having this conversation and debate. I would ask the community not to spread rumors about police layoffs, but support this process.

Everything must be on the table. We should also start talking about other areas of potential collaboration and cost savings, such as public works, one centralized payroll system or possibly one district court. Grosse Pointe is the last remaining area in the state to maintain municipal courts.

The communities already share health care and rubbish contracts and have seen savings. Our joint school district and libraries are the best in the country.

It is time to talk and act on how we further right-size our local governments while retaining local control for each of our unique communities.

DANIEL C. GRANO
Grosse Pointe Park City
Councilman

Recall election

To the editor:

The recall election in Grosse Pointe Shores is now just around the corner, with the issue facing voters on whether the mayor and two councilmen should be removed from office because of their vote in favor of a one-mill tax increase.

Unfortunately, Grosse Pointe Shores residents have been subjected to a barrage of misleading and baseless allegations about the elected officials subject to the recall.

Grosse Pointe Shores residents should be wary of deceptive allegations brought in the heat of a campaign, and should instead focus their attention on the issue of whether their conscientious public servants should be recalled from office.

Recalling an elected official is an extraordinary process that should be reserved for public officials who have engaged in acts of malfeasance, moral turpitude or corruption.

The Grosse Pointe Shores officials subject to the recall have not engaged in these acts, but nonetheless find themselves subject to unfounded charges by those who want to create the illusion that there are reasons other than the tax mill increase which justify their removal from office. Some examples of these baseless charges are (1) Grosse Pointe Shores is headed for financial ruin; (2) the current "incumbents" are responsible for all council decisions of the past decade; and (3) our new city manager is paid a salary and benefits of \$180,000, including a paid club membership.

I would like to provide some facts to counter these fictitious and unsubstantiated claims.

Fact No. 1: Grosse Pointe Shores has a rating of five out of 10 on the state municipal ranking system, with a 10 rating considered bad.

Three of the five negative points are due to our slightly declining population and property values — conditions not unusual in our weakened Michigan economy and which many other communities in our state are facing.

If any of these three points

did not apply, we would not be on the so-called state watch list.

Neither the mayor nor the council control population or property values.

A meaningful metric of Grosse Pointe Shores' financial health is the rating that Moody's Investors Services assigns to our bonds, which is AA plus — a definite positive indicator of our overall financial credit status. Moody's is a highly respected source of credit ratings and is used by many state and local governments for risk analysis.

Fact No. 2: The three elected officials subject to recall are not responsible for issues that occurred before they were elected to office. Councilman Robert Graziani was elected to the council for the first time last May and served less than six months when the recall campaign was launched.

Councilwoman Victoria Boyce has been on the council for a total of two years. Prior to the new city charter, Mayor James Cooper, as council president, was only permitted to vote in the case of a tie, which rarely if ever happened.

These "incumbents" are not responsible for events that preceded their term in office, and claims to the contrary simply do not hold water.

Fact No. 3: Our city manager does not make \$180,000, but rather \$98,000 in salary and less than half of that in total benefits. There is no paid club membership. He is the lowest paid of any of his counterparts in the other Grosse Pointe municipalities.

His contract is posted on the Grosse Pointe Shores website and I encourage residents to review it to refute the reckless and sensational charges levied by some of the recall proponents. Click on the "finance" section.

The only apparent reason for these misleading charges against our city manager, as well as other current or retired city employees, on the eve of the election is to obfuscate issues as well as inflame voters.

Our community is not well served by those who make baseless accusations to further their political goals. Disparaging our neighbors who volunteer their time and talents to serve Grosse Pointe Shores cannot lead to anything productive, but rather injects a mentality of cynicism and negativism into our community. The destructive campaign waged by certain recall proponents has diverted the focus and resources of our council from real issues to the political machinations of those fighting moot or irrelevant issues from years ago.

Do not reward individuals who have brought the polarized politics of Washington D.C. to the Grosse Pointes by voting in favor of the recall initiative.

Our community representatives should not be removed from office because of a single vote in favor of a single tax

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I SAY By Bob St. John

Braker on scribe's list of top athletes



During my 18 years of sports coverage, I have seen some phenomenal high school student-athletes compete.

First, there was St. Clair Shores Lake Shore basketball player Travis Conlan, who had a nice career at the University of Michigan. He led the Shorians to the 1994 boys basketball state championship after making the game-winning shot in a 38-37 win over East Grand Rapids.

Next was Lake Shore's Stacey Phillips, who went to play a stellar women's softball career at Michigan State University in the mid-1990s. Later that decade, St. Clair Shores South Lake had a soccer player, Jennifer Swalec, who broke all kinds of school records for goals. She had a nice college career at the Division 1 level.

I covered Julius and Marcus Curry, as well as Darnell Hood during their days of scoring touchdowns at Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher. All three played at U-M under Lloyd Carr.

Another BG graduate I had the pleasure to cover was Braylon Edwards. The wide receiver had a wonderful career at U-M and was drafted by the

NFL's Cleveland Browns with the third overall pick of the 2004 draft.

He is currently playing for the New York Jets.

Phenomenal athletes don't come around very often. The past two winters, I had the distinct pleasure to cover Grosse Pointe North senior Ariel Braker, the 6-foot, 1-inch center who helped the Norsemen's girls' basketball team win the 2008 Class A state championship, as well as make three consecutive appearances in the state quarterfinals.

Her head coach during the four years of varsity basketball was Gary Bennett, who spent an hour with me discussing the Dream Team hoopster who will play for the University of Notre Dame's highly touted women's

basketball team next year under Muffet McGraw.

"It was a privilege to coach her," Bennett said. "She is a great player, a great teammate and a great person."

This season, Braker averaged 16.9 points, 11 rebounds, 7.9 steals and 4.1 assists per game. As a junior, coming off ACL surgery the previous spring, she averaged 12.3 points, 8.1 rebounds, 4.3 steals and 2.4 assists per game; as a sophomore she averaged 16.0 points, 11.0 rebounds, 7.2 steals and 3.8 assists; and as a freshman averaged 10.6 points, 8.8 rebounds, 5.0 steals and 3.4 assists.

"Ask anybody about Ariel and they have great things to say about her," Bennett said. "She takes the time to be a friend, help out whenever she can and

she is very positive. She is a leader who people follow. The younger players follow her example on and off the court."

North basketball is about team work and it has been like that during Bennett's long-time tenure at the helm.

"I want our program to be about hard work, sportsmanship and treat teammates and the opposing players with respect. Ariel did that."

Braker holds eight school records, including rebounds in a game (24), steals in a game (12), rebounds in a season (271), steals in a season (181), free throws made in a season (96) and free throws attempted in a season (163).

Coach McGraw said in a statement released by Notre Dame, "Ariel is going to help us

in the press. She can rebound, she can run and she gives us some really good size."

"I think she can contribute immediately at Notre Dame," Bennett said. "She makes so many things happen at the defensive end of the court and her offensive game will improve at the college level."

Bennett said basketball is a vehicle to other things in life and I agree. Watching Bennett coach student-athletes is a treat and watching Braker the past two winters has been a lot of fun.

Watching her deflect a pass on the press or block a shot, grab the rebound and throw a perfect floor-length pass to a teammate who goes up for a layup is something I will put in my memory bank forever.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

What makes you laugh?

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



'When one of my family members says a funny word like 'hogwash.'

KATY SHRADER
Grosse Pointe Woods



'My friend Donny tells great jokes and he makes me laugh all the time.'

ANDREW HAWRING
Grosse Pointe Woods



'When my friends and I are playing we can just break out into giggles because we can be silly and have fun.'

EMMA STREBERGER
Grosse Pointe Woods



'My friend and I make jokes and do silly things and my two sisters can be pretty comical.'

ASHLEY CARROLL
Grosse Pointe Woods



'When my friend Marissa does something funny and I laugh when I watch Ellen Degeneres because she is hilarious.'

ALEXANDRA GORMELY
Grosse Pointe Woods

GUEST OPINION By Mark Russell

Eyjafjallajökull mayhem

Part one of a two-part series. I all started in Stratford-Upon-Avon, about an hour north of London —

Shakespeare country — where I had just successfully led a small team in pitching new brand and marketing ideas to the Land Rover executive team. And, as if that experience wasn't harrowing — and draining — enough, the Icelandic volcanic ash arrived Thursday, April 15, just in time to add another layer of complexity to my life. A lot of peoples' lives.

I was so focused on our business at hand, I didn't learn my flight was canceled until Friday, just moments after the pitch. The volcano had erupted late Wednesday, but the news and word-of-mouth groundswell took a few days to gain its corresponding head of steam.

I immediately tried calling Delta Air Lines, but the lines were jammed with callers, the line would just disconnect. Over the next four days, I was never able to get anyone from Delta on the line.

I know it's hard to imagine the scene, especially since press coverage in the United States under-reported the situation in Europe, but from my perspective, it was mayhem.

Eyjafjallajökull, besides being impossible to pronounce,

Acts of kindness, as they say, were a recurring theme throughout my ordeal of getting home. Expenses were another: My laundry bill at Claridge's was 145 English pounds or about \$224, which didn't include any dry cleaning, shirts, slacks, sport coats or suits. Only socks and boxer shorts.

would erupt, ease up, then erupt again, spewing more ash into the atmosphere, with no end in sight. The news reporters seemed to be throwing their arms up in the air, not knowing what to make of it all.

Stranded people were everywhere: Hotel lobbies, restaurants, cafes, train stations and ticketing offices. Airports were closed across Europe. Planes were grounded around the world, unable to return — travelers couldn't get in or out.

Images of travelers stranded in airports — from JFK to Bangkok — began to emerge and were plastered on news outlets everywhere. And, there was talk of weeks and months, not hours and days, before things would clear up.

6 p.m. Friday, April 16

My journey started with a car ride from Stratford to London — "The City," as it's known, or ironically, "The Big

Smoke," as it's also known — where I would spend 48 hours strategizing my next moves with very little information to really form any real decision. Should I stay or should I go? Having just left Shakespeare's birthplace, to me, that was the question.

I found my way to Claridge's Hotel in the historic Mayfair district in London, just feeling lucky to get a hotel. The Queen of England sometimes "teases" in the restaurant's lobby. It's a grand affair, but it only made me wonder how I was going to explain this to my chief finance officer. A friend from London who helped me secure the hotel also helped me secure a decent corporate rate.

Acts of kindness, as they say, were a recurring theme throughout my ordeal to get home. Expenses were another: My laundry bill at

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GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

Don't smoke by me!

Beginning Saturday, May 1, Michigan is enacting its own "no smoking" policy throughout the state. Only exceptions are the casinos. So if you want to gamble with your money and perhaps with your health, you can travel to the smoke-laden casinos and hope some have plans for a smoke-free floor.

I realize this is a topic that engenders strong lines of demarcation, but I'm confident the ban on smoking has more widespread acceptance than

disapproval. As such, I thought it was appropriate to exhale my own smoke screen in this debate.

Recently, Oakland County Executive Brooks Patterson stated he would not enforce the ban in the county because it was an "unfunded directive." After more than 100 phone calls and e-mails, all in favor of the ban, he rescinded that statement and is working to police the new directive. Other counties in Michigan have indicated their readiness for the ban.

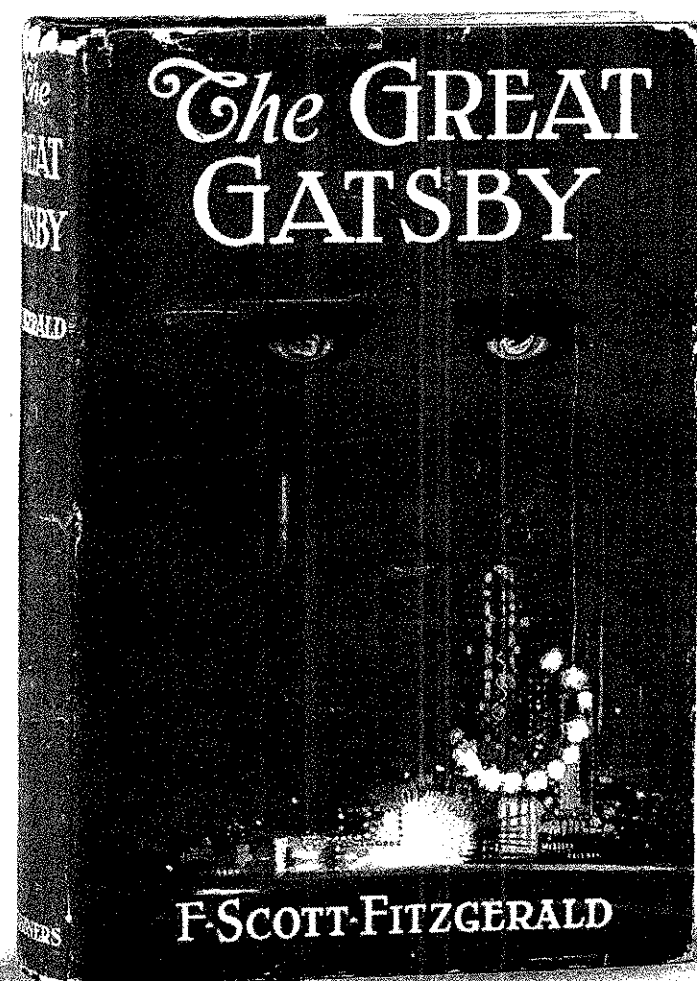
Here's what I have difficulty

understanding: As a nation concerned about impure drinking water, lead-based paint on toys, tainted seafood and other defective products from China, we seem unable to decide what should be done with tobacco smoke that's proven to be dangerous to our health.

In Michigan, it took years before the ban was passed. Numerous states have already instituted smoking bans and from what I have read, there has not been an appreciable re-

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MAYHEM: Charlie's golden ticket

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Claridge's was 145 English pounds or about \$224, which didn't include any dry cleaning, shirts, slacks, sport coats or suits. Only socks and boxer shorts.

To help me get home, I set up a command center back in the States with my sister, Margot, who scoured the Internet for travel information, and my wife, Amy, who would combed the news for the latest information. Information became a scarce currency that fueled better decision-making. It took the three of us, managing through the time difference, sometimes talking through the night, to get me home.

Saturday, April 17

Not one to meet a challenge sitting down, and with little information available to me, I finally made the decision to head south, where volcanic ash concentrations were being swept away by giant west-

erly jet streams. Flights into Rome, Athens and Madrid had become the new hot ticket. I made Madrid my new destination.

Sunday, April 18

After one last moment of pause, and with help from my command center, I was able to secure a Eurostar rail ticket to Paris — Charlie's golden ticket — because my sister instinctively knew not to hesitate anywhere in the online purchasing process. A lot of people must've had the same idea, because securing tickets — for any form of transportation — felt like day trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

Once in Paris, adding to my cultural iconography, I visited The Great Canadian Pub for an ice cold Molson. I was craving something from home, even if that something wasn't from home, but just close to home. To put it in perspective, I was 100 yards from Cathedral Notre Dame, but my priorities still felt straight.

Back at my hotel lobby, a small group of Americans banded together working as a team to get home, united in purpose. Their laptops were flipped open and they were

ferently tapping keys.

You meet the most interesting people abroad, and as luck would have it, one of them happened to be a travel planner for A-list movie stars — for their personal travel,

not their publicity junkets.

And after talking with her for 30 minutes about it, believe me, there's a big difference between the two. Anyway, right there in the lobby, she booked me on a flight from

Madrid to Atlanta. She reserved a few other flights for me around Europe, just in case things started opening up.

Not knowing how to speak much French, and even less

Spanish, a mere 16-hour car ride from Paris to Madrid still seemed the most logical choice.

*To be continued.
Mark Russell is a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms.*

SMOKING: Napalm in the morning

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duction in restaurant business.

Whether we are smokers or recipients of second-hand smoke, this is an issue that will continue to swirl, much like the puffs of smoke being generated by cigarettes.

Warnings on tobacco products plainly exclaim smoking is a habit that might just kill you. In Canada, one of the warnings on a pack of smokes warns that "tobacco use can make you impotent," but millions of people ignore the admonition and continue to light up.

Frankly, that is their right, and I have no problem with that.

What does disturb me,

though, is when I had to be subjected to clouds of smoke in a restaurant while I was trying to enjoy some delectable epicurean delight.

I realize most restaurants had a "no smoking" section, but smoke rarely adheres to assigned boundaries. It's tantamount to having a "pee zone" in a swimming pool — everyone still gets contaminated!

Florida has the most comprehensive smoking ban, which includes all restaurants, country clubs, bowling alleys and prisons.

In downtown Chicago, with hundreds of dining establishments, most are smoke-free. Having visited the Windy City recently, the restriction didn't seem to have an appreciable lapse in customers. The restaurants were jammed.

Several hotel chains, including Marriott — which includes The Ritz-Carlton — adopted a total non-smoking policy years

ago. Violators are subject to a \$250 fine if they should light up in their room. Now that's an expensive smoke.

In addition, the Walt Disney Co. has banished cigarette smoking in Disney-branded films. It plans to place anti-smoking public service messages on DVDs of its films that feature smoking.

NBC Universal Studios has committed to reducing the incidence of smoking in films rated for PG-13 or younger audiences. It's a clear sign smoking in movies is on the decline.

I continue to wonder what took our Michigan Legislature so long to enact a policy that is starting to sweep the nation. Unfortunately, like most issues coming before this dysfunctional group of blowhards, the only important issue seems to be their re-election!

Here's something else to consider: Old war movies always had an instruction from the pla-

toon sergeant who would utter those famous words to the troops: "Smoke 'em if you got 'em."

That troop directive may still be true today and in my way of thinking, if you have \$7 for a pack of cigarettes and you are aware of the dangers inherent in smoking, go for it. It's your right.

Smoke 'em if you got 'em. But please not around me!

In that regard, the words of Lt. Col. Bill Kilgore, played by actor Robert Duvall in the film "Apocalypse Now," pretty much sum up my feelings about smoking.

He said, "I love the smell of napalm in the morning."

Well, I don't. And before I upset any more smokers in the audience, it's time for me to butt out!

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

LETTERS: Shores recall vote

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mill increase, especially given the budget deficit in a community that relies on residential property tax for its revenue.

There are legitimate problems and issues facing our community, but recalling elected officials who have served less than a year in their term in office is not one of them.

I encourage Grosse Pointe residents to vote NO on May 4 on all three of the proposed recall proposals so our elected officials can get back to the business of running Grosse Pointe Shores for the betterment of our community.

PATRICK MCCARROLL
Grosse Pointe Shores

Vote 'yes' on recall

To the Editor:

This is not the time to "put the past behind us." We need to remember how all this evolved to avoid it ever happening again. Most of us have been aware of the failing economy for years.

However, our administration has been in denial. They should have moved aggressively as the other Pointes did.

It should be obvious to everyone that it has taken a recall to finally wake up our leaders.

Since the threat of the recall, there has been an attempt to "demonize" those who want to make the necessary changes to turn things around.

The answer will not be found by retaining the administration that has proven time and again it "just doesn't get it" and is not up to the task at hand.

We can no longer afford them. The majority of our community have come to the realization we must have more qualified, caring representation.

It has been said, "it's a sad day for Grosse Pointe Shores, as difficult as times are, this is not what our community needs." I couldn't agree more. That's why there is a recall.

Do we have the time and money to risk further failure?

Shouldn't we have learned something from all those bad decisions?

The Shores homeowners deserve and must demand better for our great, one-of-a-kind city. We all love it here. Let's get it back on track — vote "yes."

FRANK BRADLEY
Grosse Pointe Shores

Compensation

To the Editor:

To the residents of Grosse Pointe Shores:

In keeping with my personal and professional code of ethics, I have stayed out of the

politics that are playing out in our community and will continue to do so during and after this important election.

Many are unaware my position as the city manager and city clerk places me in a very sensitive position which limits my ability to respond to information being published or circulated.

However, given the fact my compensation has recently been reported inaccurately, I feel I would be remiss if I did not respond. Therefore, I encourage all Grosse Pointe Shores residents to go to the Grosse Pointe Shores website, gposhoresmi.gov, where my employment contract is posted.

Scroll to the bottom of the "Finance" page and the document can be viewed.

I would welcome the opportunity to sit down with anyone who remains uncertain as to the facts as they are listed.

BRIAN P. VICK
City Manager/Clerk
Grosse Pointe Shores

Clean house

To the Editor:

I am quite appalled some public officials have recently written urging the recall effort in Grosse Pointe Shores be abandoned.

It is quite inconceivable these officials would urge citizens to forego their rights to demand good government and ask them to be shackled with bad government for three more years. They apparently do not disagree that we have not had good government, but think that unity is more important.

There will never be unity in this community until the people who ran our government into the ground are gone from office. We cannot expect new residents to move here until things get cleaned up.

Consider the following outrageous activities that caused more than 500 citizens to question the council's decision to raise taxes:

◆ Exhausting the rainy day fund that was built in the good years.

◆ Putting the village on the state fiscal watch list.

◆ Hesitating to reduce wages and benefits because employees like to work for the village.

◆ Retaining a defined benefit retirement plan when most municipalities have moved to a defined contribution plan.

◆ Representing that the increase of approved tax mills to 20 mills in the charter was to create future flexibility and that there was no present intention to increase taxes; within weeks, a tax increase was approved.

Were they lying or just incompetent?

◆ Refusing to adopt some residents' suggestion there be community advisory committees of highly qualified financial experts, many of whom reside in Grosse Pointe Shores.

I have looked at proxy material and the annual report of Bank of America. Since its debacle, the chief executive officer who failed to tell the whole story about the Merrill Lynch transaction has been replaced.

In the past 15 months, 10 of 12 sitting board members have been replaced by about seven new board members, each of whom has served in a high capacity with a comparable financial services organization. Most are retired and will have the time to give the type of oversight Bank of America shareholders deserve.

Bank of America cleaned house, but it will take years to restore shareholder income.

Residents of Grosse Pointe Shores who will be paying for mismanagement for many years deserve the same. We need to just clean house.

J. KAY FELT
St. Clair Shores

Vote 'no' on recall

To the Editor:

I have had the privilege of working closely with Mayor James Cooper for the past 10 years.

In that time I have found him to be an honorable man who consistently has the best interests of Grosse Pointe Shores at heart. He represents our city in a dignified and respectful manner.

Cooper is a hard working family man who has helped make Grosse Pointe Shores the premier community in which I am proud to be a part of. To his tribute, our services and amenities are the envy of all the municipalities in southeastern Michigan.

Victoria Boyce is an intelligent working mother and a registered nurse who always brought a unique perspective to council business. She is intuitive, insightful and has the ability to seek out common ground on difficult issues this council has faced over her tenure as councilwoman. She has been very dedicated to her position and has served our city well.

Robert Graziani, a nonincumbent, was thrown into this recall fiasco because he voted according to the facts, as he saw them, for the betterment of Grosse Pointe Shores. He is a highly respected attorney and partner in a prestigious law firm. Bob's leadership and legal expertise has been a valuable addition to the council. Mr. Graziani has served this community with honor and distinction.

These three dedicated individuals have made difficult decisions in the best interest of our community and have done nothing to warrant recall from their duly elected positions.

The people of Grosse Pointe Shores elected them to serve us and each one overwhelmingly won their seats on the council in an election held just one year ago.

I ask that the residents of Grosse Pointe Shores vote

"no" on the recall referendum and allow our elected officials to do the work they need to do to keep Grosse Pointe Shores a community seldom equaled, never surpassed.

DR. BRIAN J. HUNT
Grosse Pointe Shores

Great service

To the Editor:

We are writing in praise of the public safety departments of the Grosse Pointes.

When our 1-week-old grandson was having breathing problems, a 911 call was made. Within minutes, officers responded, assessed the situation, decided not to wait for an ambulance and took my daughter and grandson directly to St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

When they came to the intersection of Mack and Moross, the whole intersection was blocked off by squad cars, allowing for direct entrance to the emergency room. Wow, talk about feeling special.

Thankfully, all was well the next morning and, while leaving our daughter's house on Fisher to pick them up, we were stopped by Officer Kraft who wanted to know "how the little guy was doing."

His response when we voiced our gratitude was a simple, "we treat child emergencies as if they are our own."

We are very thankful for this type of caring professionalism and we are proud to live in a community that takes such a special interest in its citizens.

We urge everyone to let their elected officials know how important the public safety department is and that further privatization would be detrimental to the quality of life in the Pointes.

PAUL AND POLLY WARGO
Grosse Pointe Woods

What you pay for

To the Editor:

I find it hard to believe any resident or business owner in Grosse Pointe Woods would be unwilling to pay an extra \$10 or even \$20 a year to fatten up our police presence here.

Watching panhandlers, music so loud it shakes glass, men urinating on buildings and non-residents wandering the alleys and streets is not good for our already fallen property values.

When criminals see police they go elsewhere. The more police the better in any community.

Now and always being proactive sends the right message. No one should have to be concerned about these things, or the safety of employees and customers.

We have new strong leadership in our police department. Let's give them the budget to save Mack Avenue today before it's too late.

EDWIN FRAMALINO
Grosse Pointe Woods

Constitutional convention

To the Editor:

If everyone who thinks Michigan's government is broken votes "yes" on the upcoming question of a constitutional convention, it'll pass overwhelmingly.

Michigan's system of government is gridlocked. We all know it.

Our two conflicted legislative bodies can't even pass a budget on time so our school system will know what it can expect to receive.

So, Joseph Lehman is too quick to dismiss the opportunity we voters will have in November, to say we've had enough wheel spinning in Lansing.

It's time for some bold ideas to reform the way we do government in Michigan. So here's one:

Combine the house and the senate into one general assembly with 110 members. That would save at least \$30 million a year every year — easily covering the cost of a convention estimated, probably high, at a one-time cost of \$45 million.

Why do we need two duplicate legislatures — the redundant structure that is at the root of gridlock in Lansing?

We're already successfully using a unicameral structure in Michigan in our county boards, city councils and school boards. It's not that every decision is perfect, but they can make timely decisions. Imagine the chaos if we went the other direction and created bicameral school boards.

Much of the present Michigan constitution violates the U.S. Constitution but has never been replaced.

The last convention set up a bizarre formula to allot senate seats based 80 percent on population and 20 percent on land. This section has never been used because the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1964 that both houses of a state legislature have to be apportioned by population in its one man, one vote decision.

Likewise, the section on apportionment is unconstitutional dead wood. And without clear constitutional guidelines, the last reapportionment was a travesty: It led to split party control of the state legislature over the wishes of the majority of the voters in the state.

In Michigan we have a way for a rejected party remaining in control and gumming up the works: That's what's wrong with the current gap in the constitution.

A one-body legislature might be the most cost-effective way to end Lansing gridlock. But if that's too much change to contemplate, then let's empower the governor to call a joint session of the legislature to resolve an impasse over a state budget.

There's way too much wrong with the current failed

constitution to deal with amendment by amendment. The issues are too tied together.

If this convention was like the last one, it would bring a whole new cast of leaders to the forefront. The last convention propelled George Romney to the governorship. It gave Dick Austin, who helped create one of the fairest redistricting plans in Michigan's history, his post as secretary of state.

Because the 148 delegates would be elected from our 110 house districts and 38 senate districts, Lehman argues that nothing about the process of a constitutional convention would address our problems any better than our current legislative system.

But because a 148-member convention would work as one body, Michigan voters could see unicameralism in action and then compare that to the broken bicameral model.

If anyone wants a more detailed history of the 1961-62 Constitutional Convention, I have written an online article for Dome Magazine at dome.dmagazine.com.

DICK OLSON
Grosse Pointe Park

Choirs shine

To the Editor:

It is with great pleasure I share with the Grosse Pointe community wonderful news about the Grosse Pointe South High School choir.

Sixty-one students ranging from freshmen through seniors participated at the State and Solo Ensemble Festival in late March.

Thirteen students and/or ensemble groups were awarded a level 2 — excellent rating and 46 students and/or ensemble groups were awarded a level 1 — superior rating. The Pointe Singer choir, which is the most advanced choral group at Grosse Pointe South, was selected as one of the top ensembles in the state of Michigan as a result of its outstanding performance.

Due to time constraints at the festival, 12 of the 24 groups will be selected to perform at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival at Western Michigan University in mid-May.

Senior Amanda Harvey also was selected as one of the top 24 soloists in Michigan and as an alternate to perform at MYAF.

These young performers reflect well on our school and our community and we all celebrate their accomplishments. Please join us April 28 through May 2 to see many of these South high school vocalists shine on the stage at the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center.

Tickets for the musical "Pippin" are on sale now at Posterity: A Gallery in the Village and on the choir website, gpsouthchoir.org.

DONA JOHNSON-BEACH
Grosse Pointe Park

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Reading room established

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Reading rooms aren't just for libraries.

A room at Grosse Pointe Shores city hall will be used as needed for city officials to read confidential documents.

The set-up grew from a request by Councilman Ted Kedzierksi to review in detail certain legal opinions provided by the city attorney.

Kedzierksi, an attorney, specifically wanted more time than available during city council sessions to study a recent opinion allowing the city to reduce the employee sick bank benefit.

"I would like to take the documents with me so I could read them," Kedzierksi said. "(The sick bank) is a critical issue. We have to get it right the first time."

Councilman Brian Geraghty suggested the city establish a reading room in which such documents can be read with-

out risk of public distribution.

Geraghty said he often used a reading room at Ford Motor Co., from which he is retired.

"We could go to the reading room and stay all day if we chose, to study all the documents," he said. "But, they stayed in the room. You'd have lots of time to study and have all the information in front of you."

"That would preserve (the council's) need for information, plus the need for confidentiality."

The Shores historically collected confidential opinions after closed sessions of the city council and filed them in accordance with state law, according to Brian Vick, city manager.

Certain documents, such as those dealing with labor negotiations and lawsuits, are kept confidential to preserve the attorney-client privilege.

"The purpose of the privilege is to encourage and allow the attorney to give his best, unvarnished advice to the client, in

this case, the council," Mark McInerney, Shores city attorney, told the council last week. "If there's concern that advice is going to go beyond the client, that may affect the nature of the advice given."

"If we modified the policy, we would risk not getting unvarnished opinions from the (legal) counsel," said Geraghty, who was appointed to the city council this month to complete the term of one of two councilmen who resigned in February.

"When I look at changing a policy, we have to look at unintended consequences," said Councilman David Galbenski, sworn in last week to complete the term of a second councilman who resigned.

"I'd rather have a solution such as Councilman Geraghty's — the reading room where you can review opinions so we can get the unfiltered version from the city attorney without the fear of the policy having some unintended consequences."

SHOW: Lakeshore residence featured

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block island is in the center, while stone floors complete the room.

The kitchen and adjoining conservatory are the work of Kathleen McGovern, John Mozena of Mutschler Kitchen and Chris Blake of the Blake Company.

"This was only the third kitchen renovation in the house," said McGovern, and according to Sedlek, "the last one."

One unique feature of the kitchen, lest anyone think that the stone would lend an air of coldness to the room during Michigan's freezing winters, is a heated floor.

"That was at the homeowner's request," McGovern said. "He didn't want a kitchen like anyone else had."

A winding staircase leads to the upstairs, featuring bedrooms and baths with French Normandy architecture. The stonework in the master bath and paneling was removed from the house's main entry way and used on the bathroom's ceiling. A steam shower and a television, which can be viewed in the bathroom mirror, are fun features in the room.

The master bedroom, awash in white woodwork, window treatments and bed linens, nearly fools the visitor into not seeing the walls are painted black. A black and white painting on one wall hides the place where the homeowner will eventually hang a flat screen television, yet another nod to modern life.

Whimsy, and a touch of Camelot, is found in a sitting room spotlights a rug from the late Jacqueline Kennedy's estate.

Taking the back stairs to the garden leads visitors along a garden path to the lawn and a view of Lake St. Clair. Coffee, tea and pastries are served lakeside at the Boat House Café. Due to the size of the house, there is no room for the



usual luncheon café. But in its true sense of giving back to the community, the Junior League is urging visitors to dine at local restaurants in the Village or on The Hill.

"On Saturday, we will be running a shuttle service that will go from the house through the Village and The Hill," said League member Cristina Garberding. "We will make it very easy for you to enjoy the show house, then enjoy having lunch or tea at one of our local restaurants. We will not have the shuttle service to the restaurants during the week, but we will provide a map of the area so that those not familiar with the area can find their way to eat and shop in the area."

It is the sense of giving back to the community that drives the league to undertake fundraising projects like the show house. It takes hundreds of volunteers and thousands of hours to put together this bi-annual event, but, according to Garberding, it's well worth it.

"Our focus has been on early childhood literacy," she said. "We have partnered with Carstens Elementary School to promote the reading program." In addition, the league has chosen to direct its resources toward programs in the 48205 Zip code area of Detroit.

"It's our immediate neighbor," Garberding explained. "We have identified several programs where we could lend our assistance."

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Wear walking shoes.
The show house is not handicapped accessible.
No children under 8 years, babies in strollers or arms, or pets are allowed.
No photographs allowed.

There is at least one person who can't say enough about the dedication league members demonstrate. "I have great admiration and respect for the Junior League," Sidlek said. "Ever since I have lived in Grosse Pointe I have been to every show house the league has done. "Now that it is my house, I can't believe how talented and organized league members are. Everything just happened so fast. It is a great organization to work with."

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Pointe South High School's all-school performance, is at 3 p.m. in Grosse Pointe North's Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets are available at Posterity: A Gallery in the Village; online at gpsouth-choir.org; or at the door.

MONDAY, MAY 3

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza.

TUESDAY, MAY 4

◆ Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours meets at 5:30 p.m. at Small Favors, 19798 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
◆ Polls for the Grosse Pointe Shores special election are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the municipal building, 795 Lakeshore.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Committee of the Whole meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 795 Lakeshore.
◆ Senior symposium, "Stop Dieting and Relate to Food

in a Healthy Way," is from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Ann Cobau, St. John Hospital and Medical Center Weight Loss Center counselor, is the speaker.

THURSDAY, MAY 6

◆ The mayors of the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods host their annual Mayors Prayer Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. in the main ballroom of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Golfer Wally Armstrong is guest speaker. Tickets cost \$20 and may be reserved by calling Mary Celmer at (313) 343-1078.



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On the catwalk

The Grosse Pointe South High School Mothers' Club kicked off the spring fashion season with its annual luncheon and fashion show, Tuesday, April 27, raising funds to support classroom enrichment, college scholarship and historic preservation projects. This year, the school gym was transformed into a Paris scene as students modeled stylish ensembles from local boutiques, as well as those crafted by South's Fashion and Fabrics class. Above: Sophomore Carmen Engel prepares to walk the runway, coating her eyelashes with mascara. Top right: Modeling dresses from Deja Vu, 10th-graders Jessi Aboukism and Emily Jackma practice going down steps backstage so they are ready for the catwalk. Right: Several preschoolers in South's childcare program got their fashion debut, modeling dresses made by the Fashion and Fabrics class that are being donated to little girls in Haiti. Front row, from left, are Carly Brown, Lilly Lagrau, Tia Kosmas, Maggie Green, Elena Papas and Rebecca Roberts. Back row, from left, is Sarah Burke, Samantha Potter, Kara Motschall, Kelsey Whitney and Maddie Miriani.



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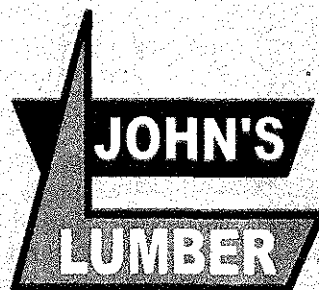
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District set to lay off teachers, staff

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

Pink slips are going out this week to staff in the Grosse Pointe Public School System, an unwelcome remedy, officials say, to the district's projected \$7.3 million budget shortfall.

The layoffs involve the elimination of about 81 positions: 29 teachers, eight custodians, 12 clerical and secretarial personnel, 22 teacher and classroom assistants, 3.6 full-time equivalent paraprofessional staff and 6.2 full-time equivalent non-instructional supervisors.

Trustees on the Grosse Pointe Board of Education approved the action at the Monday, April 26 meeting.

Tom Harwood, assistant superintendent for human resources, said bargaining teams for the board and the Grosse

Pointe Education Association have worked "a great deal" over the last few weeks.

The two groups have yet to settle a contract.

"We have been able to attain a lot of success in some of our dialogues and our discussions versus language items and compensation areas, and we're going to continue to complete the negotiations and continue to move forward," he said. "I do feel successful progress is being made at this point in time and we'll continue to negotiate until we reach a resolution between the two parties."

Ranae Beyerlein, GPEA president, says the people in the positions have face-to-face contact with students and "it will obviously have a direct impact on the district's ability to service our students' needs," she said. "Classroom teachers count on classroom assistants

to help with providing special services to the students in their regular education classrooms. Additional classroom assistants are needed to provide special services in special education classrooms."

Beyerlein says the district won't survive without its clerical services.

"Secretaries provide services to families by contacting homes when students are ill and by coordinating the services that the district provides for families to ensure that students obtain medication, lunches and materials students need from home," she said. "They are the first line of communication to and from the schools to homes. They field questions, direct parents and students to service providers, and assist all stakeholders in the schools in finding information and resources they need."

"When we are in the school teaching, one of the first things we are taught by other teachers is that secretaries 'run the school.' We are told to make friends with them because their services are essential for teachers to be successful in their classrooms."

She added the services are the least costly for the district.

"The district gets more bang for their buck with these employees. If services must be cut, the district should try cutting some of the things that 'look pretty,' but aren't as cost efficient," she said. "Those things would be at the top of the employee pyramid, not at the bottom."

The district has faced one hurdle after the next as it attempts to balance its 2010-11 fiscal year financial plan, including reductions in state

funding and increasing costs of staff health care and retirement benefits.

GPPSS officials are anticipating:

- A decrease in enrollment of 118 students
 - No change in state per pupil foundation allowance payments, and no reinstatement of the \$165 per pupil foundation allowance proration from October 2009
 - No reinstatement of 20J funding, a loss of \$198 per pupil
 - An increase in the state-mandated retirement rate from 16.54 percent to 19.41 percent
 - An increase in health insurance benefits
 - No on-schedule increases to employee and bargaining unit pay scales, but increases in direct compensation costs
 - No contract settlements.
- In addition to the layoffs, of-

ficials are recommending reductions of nearly \$800,000 in total purchased services, supplies and capital expenses.

Board treasurer Brendan Walsh said it's not lost on him how painful the layoffs are.

"It's of deep, deep concern to me, but as I said many, many times, the position we're in is not of our doing, not the doing of our teachers or any of our other employees ... I remain very optimistic of our ability to solve our problem," he said. "I believe that with the commitment of our families, of our residents, of our taxpayers, of our board, of our negotiating teams, I have the utmost confidence that we'll be able to solve this problem."

"I believe that this can end well for all of us. I'm hopeful there is another chapter to this story."



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 first grade teacher, Cheri Trefney.

She was nominated by student Alice Scott: "I think my teacher is the best because she let's me do the board to fill in for the absent kids and she let's me do jobs around the classroom."

"She helps me practice the songs in our play. She gives me special time with her. She is SOSOSOSOSO nice to us!"

Years at the Grosse Pointe Woods school: 19 — 18 as a first-grade teacher and one year leading kindergarten.

Previous work: I worked for my dad, who owned Rosen's Bread Company for years. I was also a bookkeeper and worked in public relations.

Why did you become a teacher?

I became a teacher because it is what I have always wanted to be ever since I was a little girl. I was inspired by Anne Sullivan, Helen Keller's teacher.

What do you enjoy about teaching?

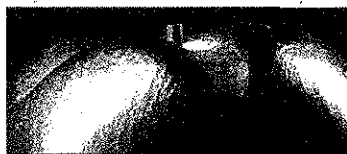
I love being a part of a profession that impacts children in

Teacher of the Week



Monteith Elementary School first-grade teacher Cheri Trefney was nominated by Alice Scott, pictured in back.

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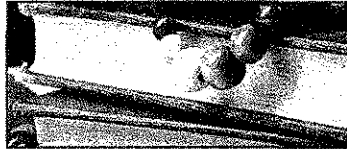


as successful as possible.

The little girl in the story is truly miserable in school because she is teased relentlessly by other children who think she is dumb.

Finally, after many sad and frustrating years in the fifth grade, her teacher Mr. Falkner realized that this little girl had a reading disability. He helped her learn to read and impacted her life in a way no one else could do for her. As a matter-of-fact, she became a very famous author: Patricia Polacco. Talk about an everlasting impact.

—Amy Salvagno



Give your teacher something better than a shiny red apple.

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

Submissions should include the teacher's name, current school and grade they teach, along with the nominating student's name and contact information. E-mail the information to Amy Salvagno at asalvagno@grossepointenews.com.

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How do you feel about being nominated?
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to be nominated

Favorite book you like to share with students?

Selecting a favorite book is very difficult for me. However, if I had to pick one it is, "Thank

You Mr. Falkner," by Michigan's own Patricia Polacco. This true story is a constant reminder that children come to me in many different boxes and it is my job to find a way to open that box and help each child be

Fundraising under way

The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education has stepped up to the challenge, one put forth to support the school district's technology plan.

On Monday, April 26, officials for the GPFPE presented the Grosse Pointe Board of Education with a \$100,000 gift, the amount the nonprofit has already raised toward its special goal.

The organization is looking to raise \$250,000 to be matched with the \$500,000 John and Marlene Boll Technology Matching Campaign.

Last month, GPFPE announced its biggest initiative yet. The community-wide fundraising campaign supports advanced instructional technology and associated teacher training for classrooms throughout the school district.

Among the purchases in the multi-phase plan are electronic SMART boards, digital document reader and projection systems and SMART slates and response clickers. In addition, teachers will be trained

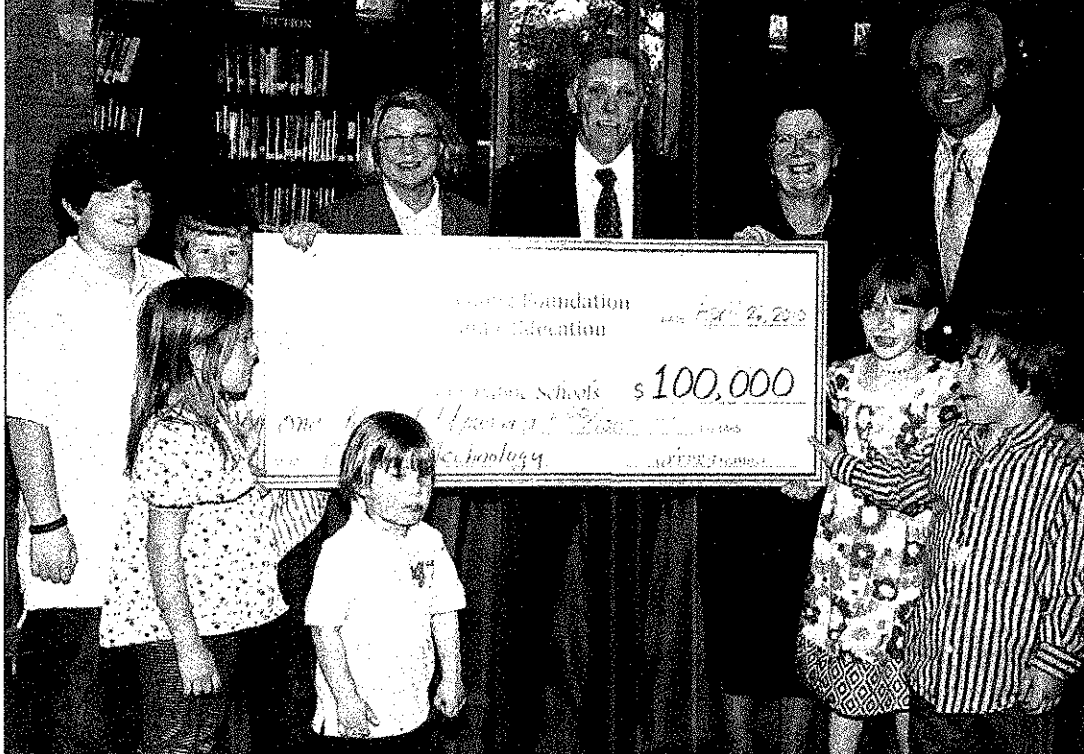


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Back row, from left, Grosse Pointe Board of Education Vice President Joan Dindoff, President John Steininger and Superintendent Suzanne Klein receive the \$100,000 check presented by Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education President Bob Bury. The nonprofit is looking to raise an additional \$150,000 for technology purchases in the district.

this summer and fall.

GPFPE is looking to the community to help raise the

remaining \$150,000. For more information or to contribute to the challenge, visit gpfpe.org

or call (313) 432-3058.

—Amy Salvagno



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Sewn with care

Students in Grosse Pointe South High School's Fashion and Fabrics classes created handmade dresses for little girls in the earthquake-ravaged Haiti. Above: Senior Christina Maniaci sews a lavender dress. Top right: Junior Leah Noecker, left, shows the polka dot dress she made while sophomore Briana Chatfield holds the stack of clothes the rest of their first-hour class made.

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Auction planned

Tickets are on sale for Assumption Nursery School and Toddler Center's fifth annual Silent Auction and PJ Party at 6 p.m. Friday, April 30, at the Assumption Cultural Center, 22150 Marter Road, St. Clair Shores.

Auction items include spa packages, home and garden items, jewelry, health and beauty services, sports and

recreation activities, family outings, restaurant gift certificates and items for children.

Tickets are \$20 for general admission and include free babysitting by Assumption teaching staff. Proceeds benefit the Assumption Nursery School and Toddler Center expansion/renovation fund.

Call (586) 772-4477 for more information.

Volunteers needed

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.

Summer camps coming

Registration for University Liggett School's annual summer camp program is under way.

The camp, for children ages 3 to 7, offers activities such as archery, arts and crafts, canoeing, sailing, drama, singing, outdoor adventure, overnight camping, field hockey, soccer and basketball. Three- and six-

week sessions are available.

Liggett also offers summer school, including classes in SAT preparation, math, reading and writing, study skills, Spanish and algebra. Classes are taught by Liggett teachers and other qualified instructors.

For more information, call (313) 884-4444, ext. 370. Register online at uls.org.

Summer program for children

Camp Invention returns this summer, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. June 28 through July 10, at Parcels Middle School, 20600 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods.

Elementary-aged children spend a week immersed in imaginative play that reinforces and supplements school-year learning through activities in science, technology, engineering, math, history and the arts.

Each day of the program, children rotate through five integrated modules that require creative thinking to solve real-world challenges. Modules include "I Can Invent III," where younger children take apart discarded household appliances and create fantasy inventions, while older children use the pieces and parts to

build Rube Goldberg machines; and "Global Games," where children explore ancient cultures and sports, such as lacrosse and soccer from civilizations around the world.

There is also INNOVATE. Children not only rebuild a virtual world and act as entrepreneurs as they establish a new marketplace in the Hatched module and explore alternative energy to power their robotic creatures in the Power'd module, but also explore the mathematical connections between soap bubbles and lightening bolts in the SMART module.

For more information, visit campinvention.org or call (800) 968-4332. Contact director Debra Duffey, at (313) 432-5341 or debra.duffey@gp-schools.org.



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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.

Raymond R. Tessmer

Longtime Grosse Pointe Park resident and Detroit auto dealer Raymond R. "Trader Ray" Tessmer, 98, died Saturday, April 24, 2010.

Born June 6, 1911, he grew up on the family farm at the corner of 12 Mile Road and Dequindre in Warren. As a youngster, he would wake at 2 a.m. with his dad and ride under the seat of a horse drawn wagon on its way to Detroit's Eastern Market for the 6 a.m. opening.

As a boy, he loved tinkering with his dad's Model-T Ford, changing clutch belts when his dad didn't know it, and nurturing a mechanical desire to work at an auto dealership one day. His first job was at Ed Schmidt Chevrolet as a parts and service helper in 1927.

In 1930, he was hired by C & R Chevrolet after someone recommended him as "a young fellow who can make any car run."

By 1932, a new owner bought the dealership with the help of loans from Mr. Tessmer and the dealership's bookkeeper Rose Knauf. Shortly thereafter, Ray and Rose became husband and wife.

Over the next 10 years, Mr. Tessmer and his partner bought several other franchises. When his partner purchased Jefferson Chevrolet in Detroit in 1942, Mr. Tessmer purchased a 25 percent interest in the dealership and worked full-time as its general manager.

In 1953, Mr. Tessmer purchased sole ownership of Jefferson Chevrolet and quickly made his mark by implementing 24-hour service.

He earned his nickname "Trader Ray" by accepting almost anything that could be appraised as down payment on a vehicle. He used everything from odd jewelry to the occasional cow as down payment. He was a self promoter on area signs with his picture and "Trader Ray" became a Detroit area household name.

He was among the first dealers in the area to start a company pension plan and he diversified into the tire wholesale business as well. Many 30- and 40-year employees and their families provide testament to the business he developed.

Mr. Tessmer was a generous and active supporter of many community activities including church paper drives, Soap Box Derbies and hosted several Michigan-Ontario Muskie club parties at the dealership.

He served on the Chevrolet Dealer Council and was also president of the Greater Detroit Chevrolet Dealers Association.

Mr. Tessmer was loved by customers, employees, family and friends alike. He was the life of the party and enjoyed sharing the opportune "friendly drink." His zest for the car business was rooted in a life of service and his legacy as a generous person and great Detroit businessman will not be forgotten by the many lives he touched.

Predeceased by his wife of 68 years, Rosanna, Mr. Tessmer is survived by his daughter, Sandra and her husband Jim; grandchildren, Jimmy, Brian and Stephanie and great-grandchildren, Gabrielle and Grayson.

He also is survived by his sisters, Marie McClennan and Martina (Barney) Novak.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 29, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park. Visitation begins at 10 a.m. at the church.

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

Geraldine Marie Brush

Former longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Geraldine Marie Brush, 83, passed away peacefully Wednesday, April 21, 2010, in Safety Harbor, Fla.

Mrs. Brush, the widow of Alfred W. Brush, was born in Detroit. She loved to read, especially mystery novels. She enjoyed playing bridge and had fond memories of her bridge club in Grosse Pointe with whom she played for many years.

She was devoted to her husband and lovingly cared for him many years after he suffered a major stroke.

Mrs. Brush is survived by her three sons and their families: John "Jack" and his two children, Caroline and Braden; Bradley, his wife, Heather, and their children, Kathryn Roorda, Emily (Michael) Drake and Haley; Bruce and his wife, Marie-Louise and their children, Chene-Marie Klimowicz and Lauren-Elise; and her great-granddaughter, Isabella Drake.

She also is survived by her brothers, Robert and Milton Clark.

A funeral service will be held May 4 in Sylvan Abby Memorial Gardens in Safety Harbor.

George J. DeClerk

Grosse Pointe Farms resident George J. DeClerk, 96, died Monday, April 19, 2010.

He was born July 1, 1913, in Chicago. He was the owner of DeClerk Industries in Center Line until his retirement in 1975.

Mr. DeClerk was a member of the Economic Club of Detroit, Detroit Athletic Club and Circumnavigators Club.

He is survived by his children, Jacqueline (Charles) Cornillie and Dennis (Barbara) DeClerk; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mr. DeClerk was predeceased by his wife Evangeline "Angie."

The funeral arrangements were private and handled by Ford Funeral Home in Center Line. Inurnment is in White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Donations may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Thomas Motter

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Thomas Motter, 64, died Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

He was born April 10, 1946, in Barrington, Ill., to Charles and Virginia Motter and moved to Grosse Pointe Woods in 1962. He graduated from Northwood Institute.

In his early years, Mr. Motter owned an Arctic Cat snowmobile dealership in Midland and was later employed as a cost analyst at Amtec Corp., Pico Manufacturing, ThyssenKrupp and DTE Energy.

Mr. Motter enjoyed boating, motorcycling, snowmobiling and car racing. For two years he was the Formula 440 Track champion at Waterford Hills racetrack. He was a member of Unlimited of Detroit and Nitrous Racing Service.

Tom "Bear" Motter was married to Karen "Fox" Hutton in 1984, who survives him.

He also is survived by his sister, Carol "Itsy Bits" Hunt and her sons, Christopher and David Hunt; nieces, Geneva Jahnke and Greta Milliron; cousin and best friend, Jim Fraser and cousins, Joanne Dennis and Mary Weathers.

He was predeceased by his parents and sister, Genevieve Jahnke.

Memorial arrangements are pending.

Pamela Francis

Grosse Pointe Park resident Pamela Francis, 62, died Sunday, April 18, 2010, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center after a battle with cancer.

Born Nov. 2, 1947, she attended Grosse Pointe High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Wayne State University. She began her nursing career as staff nurse in charge of the intensive care unit at Detroit Receiving Hospital.

She went on to become clinical director, head nurse ICU at Hutzel Hospital from 1974 to 1981.

From 1981 to 1992, she was critical care instructor and manager of the education department at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital.

Mrs. Francis' second great love was music. She played viola in the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra for 40 years, was personnel manager from the early 1970s until 2003 and also served on the board of directors as orchestra representative. She enjoyed playing chamber music and attended Interlochen adult chamber music conferences for many years.

At home, Mrs. Francis enjoyed cooking, gardening and the company of her cats. She became interested in water gardening, which initially included goldfish and graduated to a 2,500-gallon koi pond.

After attending a Grosse Pointe pond tour given by the Southeast Michigan Koi and Pond Club, she and her husband, Derek, became members of that organization. She soon became a board member, serving as secretary until recently.

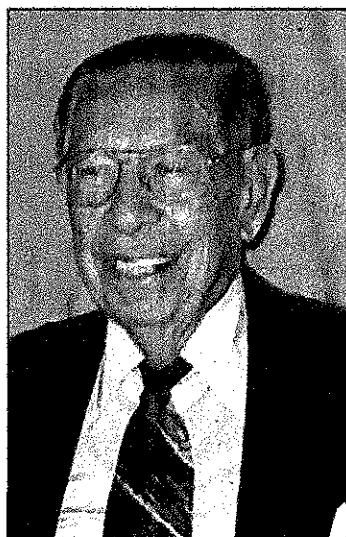
She will be remembered as a fun-loving, enthusiastic and caring person.

Mrs. Francis is survived by her loving husband, Derek; brothers, Ernest and Raymond Rapalee; stepchildren, Mark and Susanna Francis and granddaughter, Emma.

A celebration of life will be held at noon Saturday, May 8, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, Inc., 1755 Abbey Road, East Lansing, MI 48823 or the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

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Raymond R. Tessmer



Geraldine Marie Brush



Thomas Motter



Pamela Francis



Michael R. Tucker



Reginald J. Zielinski M.D.

Michael R. Tucker

Michael R. Tucker, a Cleveland lawyer who spent more than a decade rock climbing around the world, died in a rock climbing accident Saturday, April 24, 2010. He was 27.

He had recently returned to Cleveland to serve as the staff attorney for the Hon. Richard McMonagle, overseeing the newly created commercial docket of the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court deciding business disputes.

Mr. Tucker graduated from University School in 2000, and received his undergraduate degree from The University of Colorado in 2004. After spending two years rock climbing around the world and guiding other climbers at Hueco Tanks in Texas, he returned to Cleveland and attended Cleveland Marshall Law School for a year, completing his law training at The Ohio State Moritz College of Law in 2009 where he served on the Law Review.

Mr. Tucker was a passionate outdoorsman who made time to teach rock climbing at the Cleveland Rock Gym, and to climb at sites around North America. He frequently traveled to Red River Gorge in eastern Kentucky, the New River in West Virginia, Hueco Tanks, Yosemite, and Rocky Mountain National Park, as well as abroad. He had a deep love of nature and a profound respect for the discipline, both physical and mental, necessary for rock climbing.

He is survived by his parents,

Christy Cole of Grosse Pointe Shores and Bob and Karen Tucker of Shaker Heights, Ohio; his sisters, Emily of Los Angeles, Kelly Elliott of Cleveland and Ann Elliott of Chicago; grandparents, John and Mary Cole of South Carolina and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was predeceased by his grandparents Carl and Hester Tucker.

Memorial donations may be made in Mr. Tucker's memory to The Access Fund, a national organization dedicated to conserving the climbing environment, PO Box 17010 Boulder, CO 80308, or to Western Reserve Land Conservancy, P.O. Box 314, Novelty, OH 44072.

A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, April 29 at Fairmount Presbyterian Church, 2757 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Arrangements were handled by Brown-Forward Inc. of Shaker Heights, Ohio.

Reginald Joseph Zielinski M.D.

Reginald Joseph Zielinski, M.D., 74, died Tuesday, April 20, 2010, in Fort Myers, Fla. He was a former resident of the City of Grosse Pointe.

He was born in Philadelphia to Dr. Charles and Francis Zielinski and graduated from the University of Detroit Dental School and received his residency degree from Detroit Receiving Hospital in 1963.

Dr. Zielinski was a Doctor of Oral Surgery who maintained a practice in Warren until retiring in 1998 and moving to Fort Myers.

He enjoyed golfing, fishing and duck hunting. He loved to travel and passed that love on to his children.

Dr. Zielinski gave back to the community through a variety of volunteer and charitable organizations, most notably working with victims of accidents who needed facial reconstructive surgery. Additionally, he helped raise funds for St. John Hospital.

He was a member of various professional and community organizations including the American Society of Oral Surgeons and the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association. He was also co-founder of U.S. Aluminate Corp.

Dr. Zielinski is survived by his sons, Thomas R. Zielinski and Robert A. Zielinski; daughter, Janet F. Miller; grandchildren, Tyler Conlan and Jack and Caitlyn Miller; his sister, Charlene Dienes and his former wife, Suzanne Zielinski of Grosse Pointe Farms.

He was predeceased by his parents.

A memorial service will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 1 at the Lochmoor Club, 1018 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hope Healthcare Services, 9470 Healthpark Circle, Ft. Myers, FL 33908.

City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

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City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2010 CITY PROPERTY TAXES AND 2010-2011 BUDGET

The City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan, 17147 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48230, 313-885-5800, will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 10, 2010 in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Offices, 17147 Maumee Avenue, on the proposed 2010 City tax levy and on the proposed 2010-2011 City budget. Copies of the proposed budget are available for public inspection during regular business hours in the office of the City Clerk beginning May 7, 2010.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Public comments, oral or written, are welcome at the public hearing on the proposed millage rate and the proposed City budget.

Julie E. Arthurs
City Clerk

GPN: 4/29/10

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Proposed 2010-2011 City Budget

The City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 3, 2010 in the City Hall at 90 Kerby Road, on the proposed 2010-2011 City Budget. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the Public Hearing. The proposed Budget is on file in the Office of the Clerk for public inspection during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The following is a summary of the proposed Budget:

GENERAL FUND ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS	
Municipal Court	\$254,700
General Government	985,500
Public Safety	4,599,339
Public Service	467,500
Public Works	1,573,300
Parks & Recreation	1,292,807
Other Functions	2,238,139
Contingency	281,905
Transfer - Other Funds	829,500
Total	\$12,522,690

MEANS OF FINANCING

Taxes	\$9,562,150
Licenses & Permits	295,000
Federal and State Grants	9,800
State-Shared Revenue	654,500
Charges for Service	1,136,240
Fines/Forfeitures	303,500
Interest Income	150,000
Other Revenue	211,500
Fund Balance Appropriation	200,000
Total	\$12,522,690

Public comments, oral or written, are welcome at the Public Hearing on the proposed City Budget.

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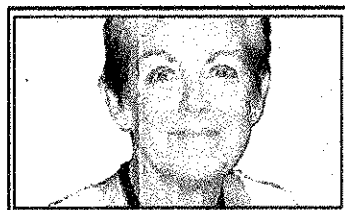
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AUTOS By Jenny King

Sleek profiles are among the latest automotive fashion statements. The Hyundai Sonata for 2011 is no exception.

Hyundai Sonata challenges competition



based on model year 2009 EPQ test results.

The journalists pointed out Hyundai has no light trucks in its product mix, which allow it to claim a 30.1 miles per gallon product line fuel economy average.

Riding the crest of its 2009 sales successes in a dismal market, Hyundai is upping the ante with the recent introduction of its 2011 Hyundai Sonata.

What's the risk and where's the challenge? The risk may be in the challenge of taking on former mid-size sedan top-sellers like the Honda Accord and Toyota Camry. These formidable opponents could send the latest Sonata home with a black eye.

But Hyundai is counting on the Sonata's good looks, fuel economy, equipment levels and price points to keep it in the ring for as many rounds as its takes.

Staff at the company's Ann Arbor research center briefed local reporters in April on what Hyundai believes are the strongest selling features of the latest interaction of the Sonata. Citing its successes in customer conquests from other brands, its competitive pricing and improving resale values, they said the 2011 Sonata "will represent the single most important launch for the Hyundai brand" from the seven all-new models it will unveil in 2010 and 2011.

Reporters quibbled with Hyundai product planning manager Michael Deitz about Hyundai claiming to be the industry's fuel economy leader,

Not that it isn't a tight race, however, with Honda at 29.7 mpg, Volkswagen at 29.6 mpg and Toyota at 29.4 mpg. An interesting fact is the 2011 Sonata and 2010 Honda Accord, because of interior capacity, are classified as "large" vehicles by the EPA, while the Camry, Nissan Altima, Ford Fusion and Chevrolet Malibu are deemed mid-size.

Whence the Sonata's efficiency? The base engine is a 198-horsepower 2.4-liter four with direct injection. It is available with either a six-speed manual or a six-speed automatic transmission. The manual is standard on the base GLS model, which means you will pay a little more if you opt for the automatic. That base model with the manual starts at \$19,195.

Ford's Fusion does not offer a manual transmission. A five-speed manual is available on Accord sedan and coupe models. Camry has a six-speed manual. Nissan's Altima can be ordered with a six-speed manual. The Malibu from Chevrolet appears to offer buyers either a four- or six-speed automatic; no manual transmission here.

The Shifttronic automatic transmission can be ordered with steering wheel-mounted paddle shifters on some Hyundai Sonata models for 2010.



PHOTOS BY JENNY KING

Outside the company's Ann Arbor research center, the 2011 Hyundai Sonata prepares for battle in a highly competitive market segment that includes Ford, Chevrolet, Nissan, Honda and Toyota products.

Product expert Deitz said Hyundai wanted to make content packaging for the latest Sonata "simple for customers and sales staff." And of course streamlining choices speeds assembly and presumably helps cut costs.

The base GLS model includes as standard electronic stability and traction control, front active head restraints, front side seat air bags and full side air curtains, a versatile sound system, power windows/locks and heated mirrors, air conditioning and inte-

grated wireless Bluetooth.

Hyundai said it anticipates up to 60 percent of Sonata buyers will choose the GLS model. It can be dressed up with items such as power driver seat, leatherette interior trim and alloy wheels. A navigation system is an available option for all Sonata models: GLS, SE and Limited.

The mid-range SE includes as standard an upgraded interior, an automatic transmission, sport-tuned suspension, leather-wrapped steering wheel and dual exhaust. The

automaker figures 10 percent of 2011 Sonata buyers will choose the SE, and about 30 percent will order the Limited. All feature the 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine.

A quick countryside trip

Like tasty dessert after a well-balanced meal, a ride-and-drive followed the technical presentation. And the tour was a long one, involving a circuitous and pleasant route along Washtenaw County's less-traveled roads.

We found the Limited model very complex with respect to items such as radio controls. Under heavy acceleration, the automatic transmission was noisy, with that small four-cylinder engine really working up a sweat.

Rear-seat headroom is compromised by the steep slope of the new model's roofline; it is adequate, however, and the side windows for rear seat passengers are huge. That slope does give the new Sonata a very classy, contemporary look.

The driver's seat in the test Limited was power operated. The front passenger seat had manual features. The window sticker on this five-passenger family sedan was \$28,000.

Our drive was in a base GFS, with fewer bells and whistles. A sunroof would have been nice, but for that you must move up to the SE or Limited. The radio was far less complex and, prepped for satellite reception, entertained us with 20 minutes of Frank Sinatra.

Final assembly for the 2011 Sonata takes place in the company's new plant in Alabama.

Keeping up with hybrids

Hyundai in March unveiled its 2011 Hyundai Hybrid, saying it is changing the game in hybrids with its approaches in hybrid powertrain design, battery technology and vehicle appearance. The Sonata Hybrid will be Hyundai's first hybrid in the U.S. market.

The Korea-based automak-

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SONATA: Hybrid Blue Drive

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A couple of 2011 Hyundai Sonatas, stop for a quick break and driver change as auto writers examine the new five-passenger sedan. The all-new Sonata went on sale in February of this year.

er said its Hybrid Blue Drive architecture is a full parallel hybrid drive system, which can operate on an electric motor, gasoline internal combustion engine, and a combination of the two depending on driving conditions and driver demands. This architecture differs from the power split technology used by most competitors, Hyundai said, allowing significant efficiency advantages at higher speeds. The Hybrid Blue Drive uses

lithium polymer battery technology — leapfrogging competitive in market nickel-metal hydride and lithium-ion applications, Hyundai said. Lithium polymer offers the benefits of lithium-ion, a technology used in laptops and cell phones, but adds power-density and package flexibility. Hyundai Hybrid Blue Drive uses the company's own compact new six-speed transmission, modified with hybrid starter-generator, electric motor, and low-friction oil pump, which are designed to allow the elimination of the traditional torque converter.

The 2011 Sonata hybrid will be available later this year, the company said.

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AUTOWIRE By Derek Price

Chrysler's 2010 PT Cruiser Classic looks essentially the same as it did 10 years ago. This timeless design is unmistakably retro, and it made an impression on more recent automotive history by inspiring several copycats.

One last gasp for the PT Cruiser

If you like the way the PT Cruiser looks, you'd better move fast, as it probably won't be around much longer. This iconic Chrysler, one of the brand's most popular cars when it was introduced 10 years ago, was scheduled for a timely death in 2009. The New Chrysler Corporation decided to bring it back for one more year as a 2010 model, this time dubbed the PT Cruiser Classic.

That "Classic" badge is actually a nice way of saying this is a car that hasn't been updated in a long, long time. Yes, there have been a few facelifts along the way, but the 2010 PT Cruiser has

essentially the same bones as the original version that debuted a decade ago. It's really an old car with new shiny paint. Still, if you like the way the PT Cruiser looks, and a lot of people do, this is probably your last chance to go out and buy a brand new one.

The PT Cruiser was a revolutionary car when



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The 2010 Chrysler PT Cruiser Classic's contemporary interior complements its retro exterior and features.

PT CRUISER: Timeless design

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it was introduced. It had head-turning style with the look of a classic American hot rod, along with a very practical, family friendly cabin. It brought retro styling to the masses with its affordable price and useful four-door layout and one-piece trunk lid.

Today's PT Cruiser doesn't snap necks like it used to, mainly because it's been such an overwhelming success. Since it was introduced, Chrysler has sold more than

1.3 million of these cars in 60 countries around the world, which took its unusual looks right into the mainstream.

Unfortunately, Chrysler never nurtured the PT with the updates and redesigns it deserved. The changes through the years have been relatively minor, with the exception of the turbocharged and convertible variants that were added.

Drive a PT Cruiser today and you'll see why the term Classic isn't such a good thing. It's not as supple and refined as the small crossover vehicles that have become popular recently, feeling more choppy, noisy and rough than the competition.

And it's not a fast car, especially now that the turbo model has been eliminated. The

only engine is a 2.4-liter four-cylinder that makes 150 horsepower. It's an engine that Chrysler describes as "time-tested," and that's the truth. That's the exact same amount of power it produced when the PT Cruiser was introduced in March of 2000.

So, after all this, why would you think about buying one? Simple. It's a bargain. The PT Cruiser Classic is only available in one trim level, starting at \$18,995. It's a handsome car with lots of chrome jewelry and body-color bumpers, which make it look timeless. And it's nice enough on the inside with the special color trim that make it look like a custom hot rod.

You'll also get reassurance from the recent J.D. Power

and Associates Initial Quality Survey. The PT Cruiser was rated tied for first place in model year 2009. So with more than a million-plus copies sold, the PT Cruiser Classic has plenty of reasons to brag before it retires.

What was tested? The 2010 Chrysler PT Cruiser Classic with a base price of \$18,995. Options on the test car: None. Total manufacturer suggested retail price as tested: \$18,995.

Why avoid it? It hasn't had a thorough update since it was introduced a decade ago, and you can no longer get the turbocharged model, so acceleration is moderate.

Why buy it? It has the classic look of a PT Cruiser, which is not only unique, but also surprisingly useful and practical.

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Channeling retro '60s

43rd Annual Academy Action Auction salutes era of Motown

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

The swinging '60s have found a new decade to dwell in — at least for a few days in May.

The Grosse Pointe Academy salutes the era of tie-dye and paisley, Motown and Beatlemania and disco balls and peace signs for its 43rd annual Action Auction.

The major fundraiser, Wednesday, May 5, and Saturday, May 8, has grown to one of the largest and most successful in the country, raising more than \$12 million since its inaugural event.

Co-chair Kristen Van Pelt says this year's theme acknowledges the country's movement toward 1960's fashion — and even some of its social issues, including war.

"It's actually been kind of fun," says the GPA alumna and mother of two, formerly involved with the fashion industry. "I can't tell you the number of peace signs Lisa (Valle-Smith) and I have gotten."

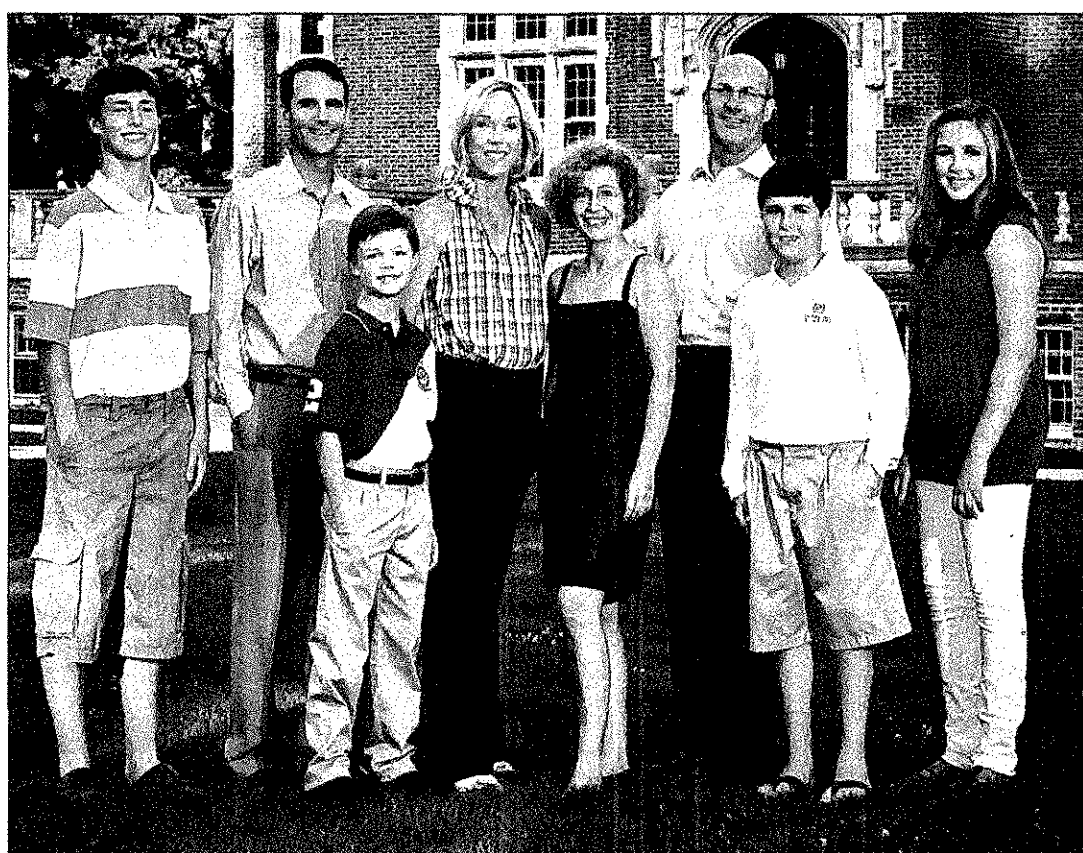
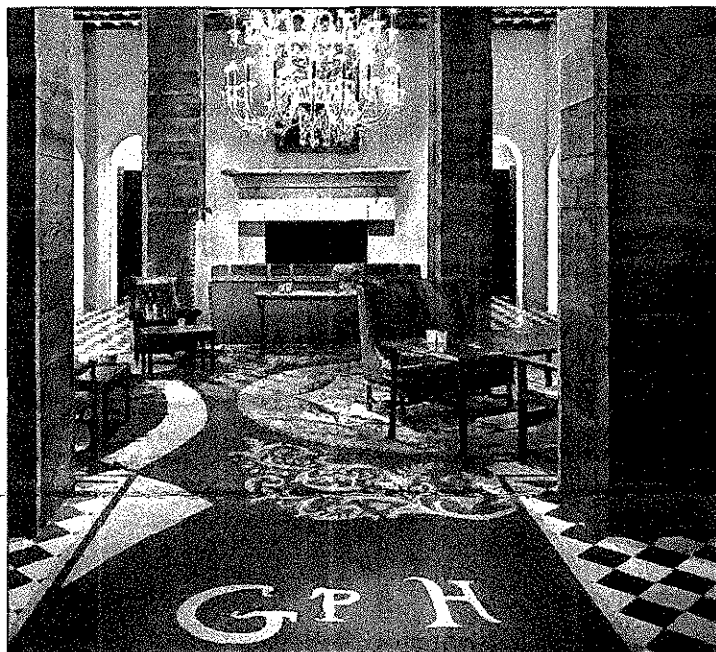
Her fellow co-chair has been busy creating the auction's first website, which accepts sponsorships, donations and new

volunteers, previews items and allows visitors to submit an absentee bid.

Smith says her role is an extension of her prior leadership on the academy's board of trustees.

"It's opportunity to support the school and its mission. It's one of the most important and rewarding things," said the mother of two. "It's a fun use of creative energy and we're really making good friends."

The auction attracts more



Above, from left, pictured with their children, Action Auction general co-chairs are Tom and Kristen Van Pelt and Jeffrey Smith and Lisa Valle-Smith.

Among some of items for sale at the action auction is above, left, a '60s London pop-inspired original oil, "Mod Girl," by local artist and Center for Creative Studies graduate Benjamin Elias; and left, a Labor Day weekend in New York, which includes a three-night stay at the Gramercy Park Hotel.

than 100 parent volunteers, 1,000-plus guests and despite the turbulent economy, countless donors and corporate sponsors.

Proceeds provide scholarships and help finance the

preservation of the historic campus, school operating costs and special projects and equipment.

"The event is really important to Grosse Pointe," said Van Pelt. "The business community

and people who live here look forward to it every year. It's the first big party of the summer."

The May 5 preview night will turn the academy's field house

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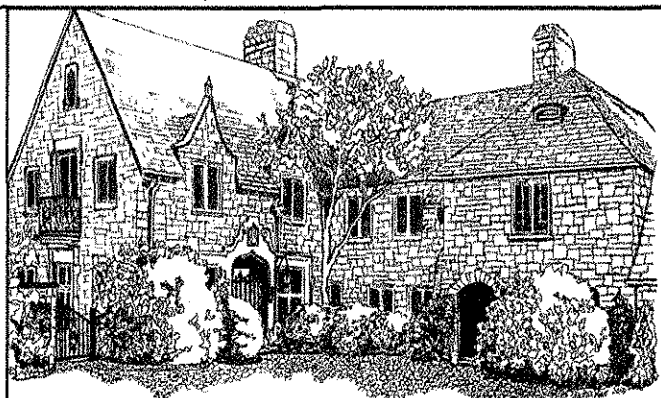
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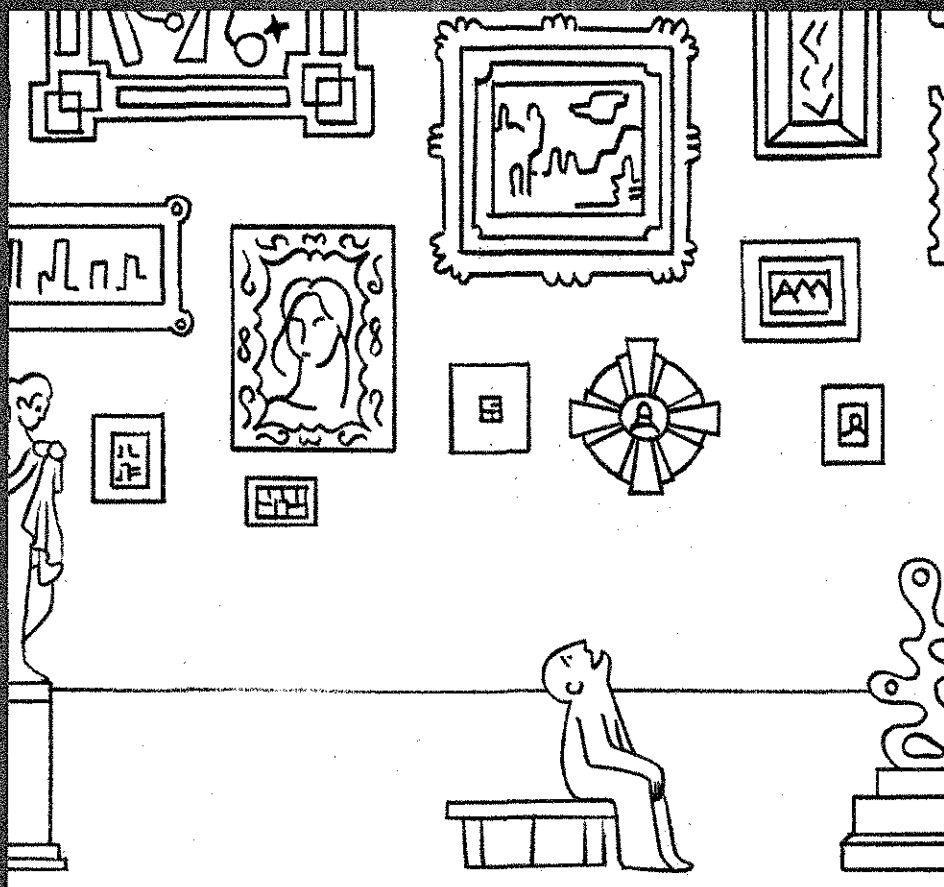
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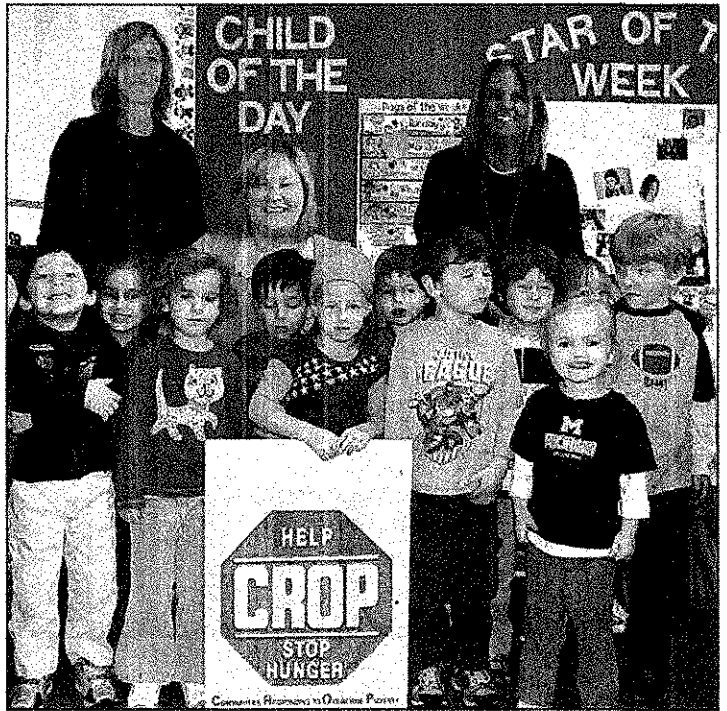
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Children join walk to reduce number of hungry families

The Grosse Pointe and St. Clair Shores Area Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty plan to raise \$30,000 with 500 walkers Sunday, May 2.

Participants can walk either one mile or five beginning at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. and start time is 1 to 3 p.m.

A portion of the funds are given to Gleaners Community Food Bank.

East Africa is one part of the world that benefits from CROP Hunger Walks. Church World Service's food security program in East Africa is assisting marginalized households and communities to ensure access to sufficient food year round. These walks also play a role in rebuilding lives of those effected by hurricane Katrina. Church World Service oversees the program.

Last year, 200 local walkers raised \$30,000.

This year, the Grosse Pointe and St. Clair Shores participants join 2,000 cities across the nation under the theme "Enough for All."

This year's CROP sponsors are the Grosse Pointe News, Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, Cultural Center and Toddler Center, Marchiori Catering; ShorePointe Nursing Center; Closet Connections, St. James Lutheran Church and Extra Pointe Communications.

For more information, call Olga Cardasis at (586) 779-6111, ext. 3; or contact Bonnie Mellos at bmellos@hotmail.com.

AUCTION: Channeling the 1960s

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into a blast from the past: Wait staff don bell bottoms, headbands and fringed vests against a backdrop of colorful, retro-pop decor. The evening features a strolling buffet with cocktails and a silent auction.

The main evening channels an elegant, cosmopolitan style, with disco balls and black and white accents. Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and speciality wines are served during the silent auction, which is followed by a buffet dinner and the live auction.

This year's mistress of ceremonies is Kim Adams, former Channel 4 meteorologist and anchor, fresh off her film debut. The academy parent was cast in a movie currently being filmed in Detroit.

Auction items this year continue to prove one-of-a-kind.

Bidders have a chance at winning a Labor Day weekend in New York, complete with a three-night stay at the inimitable Gramercy Park Hotel, tickets to Broadway's "Hair" and a \$500 shopping spree at the midtown mainstay, Bergdorf Goodman.

There's a Napa Valley adventure for four, with vineyard tours, golf and \$1,000 in wine.

Those with a flair for fashion can vie for a chance to meet internationally-recognized designer, Carolina Herrera, at Neiman Marcus at the Somerset Collection. The winner and one guest get a sneak peak at her fall runway collection, mingle backstage at the local fashion show and receive a \$5,000 Carolina Herrera ensemble.



An apartment on the Ile St. Louis in Paris, just steps away from the Notre Dame Cathedral is another item available at the academy's action auction.

There's also a family voyage on board the National Geographic Sea Lion, which sails along Alaska's Inside Passage from Sitka to Juneau. A team of naturalists lead families to uncover hidden inlets by kayak and hike along salmon streams in the state's pristine wilderness.

New auction categories tailor individually to men and women: Guys and Gadgets — electronics, gaming systems, even a motorcycle — and Beauty and Bling, with jewelry and fashion.

The cost to attend both evenings is \$150 per person on or before May 3; for Wednesday only, the cost is \$75 per person.

For reservations and a catalog of items, call the auction office at (313) 886-1221, ext. 182, or visit academyactionauction.org.

Wednesday's event runs from 6 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday's event goes from 5 to 10 p.m. This year's honorary chairs are Dr. and Mrs. John Schneider.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Farms Boat Club

Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club has its general membership meeting at 7 p.m. Friday, April 30, in the Pier Park Clubhouse, 350 Lakeshore.

A meal is available beginning at 6:30 p.m.

For membership information, call Nadine Pendolino at (313) 882-8595.

Grosse Pointe Hunt Club

The second annual Derby Day is from 3:30 to 9 p.m., Saturday, May 1, at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, 655 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Tickets cost \$24 for adults and \$12 for children. For more information, call (313) 884-9090. This is open to the public.

A portion of the proceeds benefit the Junior League of Detroit.



Flower sale

The Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Commission and the Grosse Pointe North Parents Club holds its fourth annual flower sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 7, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 8, on the grounds of the Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Building, 20025 Mack. Flats of geraniums, impatiens, begonias, marigolds, petunias, perennials, hanging baskets and potted patio planters are available. Setting up the event are from left, Jerry Hilton, Sally Sterr, Dennis Hyduk, Kelly Martin Rahaim and Renee Seago.

Dominican Literacy

The Dominican Literacy Tutor Orientation Workshop is from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, May 14, and from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at the Dominican Literacy Center, 11148 Harper, Detroit. Registration deadline is Monday, May 3.

For more information, visit dlcliteracy.org, or call (313) 267-1000 to learn how to be an adult reading tutor.



Arrangement

Guests of the Sue Abbott Lecture, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Garden Center April 15, heard Pat Young from Conner Park Florist discuss flower arranging. She spoke about presenting arrangements using less flowers yet in a natural way. With Pat Young, left, is Carol Sauter, Grosse Pointe Garden Center program chairwoman.



Lions pause for a cause

Grosse Pointe Lions Club White Cane Drive chairman Chip Gibson and club vice president, Will Conway give Ginny Sielert of PAWS with a Cause, right, a check for \$1,500. Joe Diz, left, and his dog, Adam, received a certificate of appreciation as guests of the local club. PAWS trains dogs to help adults with hearing and health disabilities as well as children with autism.

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SOC

A Mature Drivers Workshop is from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday, May 10, and Tuesday, May 11, at Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

The workshop is confidential, voluntary and designed to be self-evaluating and is offered by the Traffic Improvement Association.

The cost is \$20. Registration can be made by calling (313) 882-9600.

Family Center

"Are Your Kids at Risk? Not Mine! Not Here! Not Now! ... Not True! Unexpected Dangers" is the topic presented by The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Yeoman Hall, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Presenters Dr. Mark A. Menestrina, attorney Gary M. Wilson, attorney Randall D. Cain and social worker Lynda M. Zott discuss unexpected legal consequences of teen alcohol, drugs and substance abuse, the new "gateway" drugs, risk factors and protective factors for teen substance use and how and where to get help.

For reservations, call (313) 432-3832 or visit info@familycenterweb.org by May 10.

Senior Men's Club

Detroit Mayor Dave Bing is guest speaker at the Grosse

Pointe Senior Men's Club noon meeting Tuesday, May 11, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The lunch costs \$6 and begins at 11:15 a.m.

Bing discusses the current and future plans for the city.

For more information about the club, call club president John Prost at (586) 774-6400.

National Senior Health and Fitness Day

National Senior Health and Fitness Day begins at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 26, at Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

For more information, call (313) 882-9600.

Neighborhood Club

Microsoft Excel Step-by-step — 6 to 8 p.m. May 4 and 5. Students learn how to create reports with charts and tables, save contact information for labels and billing and keep track of numbers and totals. The cost is \$65.

Girls softball league — May 3 - June 4 with one game and one practice per week. The cost is \$50.

Softball skills night — 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays, May 3, and 10,

at Brownell Middle School, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. The cost is \$65. Class size is limited.

Karate — Karate for kids, 4 to 14, is 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. All classes are Thursdays, May 6 - July 8 with instructor master Benjamin Wolbert, 5th degree black belt. The cost is \$54.

Karate for families is 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. The cost is \$108.

Karate for adults is 8:15 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$54.

Special needs softball league — for ages 12 through adult is 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 1 - July 29 at Brownell Middle School. The cost is \$95. Registration deadline is Monday, May 3.

To register, visit neighborhoodclub.org or 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Friday at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. For more information, call (313) 885-4600.

St. Hyacinth Grade School

Saint Hyacinth Grade School and Commercial High School has a reunion beginning with an 11 a.m. Mass, Sunday, Sept. 19, in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the school's closing.

For more information, call the rectory at (313) 922-1507.

Grosse Pointe Rotary

The Grosse Pointe Rotary meets at 12:10 p.m. Monday, May 3, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Interact Club runs the meeting.

Grosse Pointe Audubon

The Grosse Pointe Audubon Society bird walk is from 6:30 to 9 a.m., Tuesday, May 4, at the Country Club of Detroit, 220 Country Club, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Friends of Vision

Friends of Vision, a support group, meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, May 3, and Wednesday, May 5, at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

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

Grosse Pointe Art Center

The 72nd annual Member Show of the Grosse Pointe Art Center, 19600 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, is accepting entries from May 4 to 8 at the center.

Entry information can be found at grossepointeartcenter.org.

Optimist Club

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Athina Siringas is the keynote speaker at the 28th annual Respect the Law Program from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Wednesday, May 5, at Lochmoor Club, 1018 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods, sponsored by the Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe.

Siringas is director of the homicide unit in the prosecutor's office since April 2009.

The Optimist recognize officers Kyle Seidel and Daniel Marietta and Corporal James Lafer of Grosse Pointe Woods; Officer Matthew Steppay and dispatcher Margaret Pretty of St. Clair Shores; Officer Jason Sakowski and Deputy Chief James Burke of Harper Woods; Officer Joseph Adams from the City of Grosse Pointe; and John Parnell Jr. of Grosse Pointe Park and the Rev. Darren Harville of Harper Woods for their contributions. For advanced reservations,

call Jeff Graham at (313) 647-9830 by Monday, May 3.

Windmill Pointe Garden Club

Windmill Pointe Garden Club meets at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 5, at the residence of Doris Costakis. Pauline Thomas is co-hostess.

Robin Maghielse discusses the "Lasagna Garden."

Lions Club

The Grosse Pointe Lions Club meets from noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

The speaker is Kristy Schena, director of Kids on the Go, and discusses the summer program at Assumption Cultural Center.

Grosse Pointe Shores Garden Club

The Grosse Pointe Shores Garden Club meets at 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 7, for its annual spring lunch at the Bayview Yacht Club, 100 Clair Pointe, Detroit. The hostess is Ruth Ellen Mayhall.

The cost is \$25. Send a check to Delores Serra, 1260 Bishop, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

Herb society

The 2010 annual herb plant sale by the Herb Society of America Grosse Pointe unit is 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 7, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Building, 20025 Mack.

More than 40 varieties of plants will be for sale.

Interactive workshops, tastings and presentations are planned every hour on Saturday.

For more information, e-mail annodoc@comcast.net.

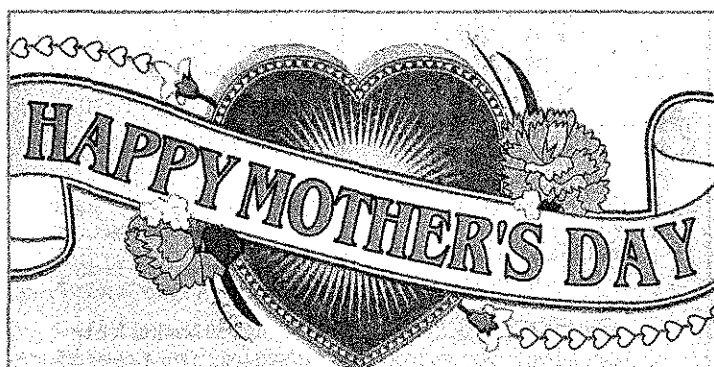
Edsel & Eleanor Ford House

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, offers a Mother's Day brunch and tour from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 9, in the Ford House Activities Center.

The day's menu includes asparagus, wild mushroom and caramelized onion egg strata; bananas foster french toast with amaretto whipped cream; herb roasted breast of turkey with cranberry orange relish; apple cider marinated pork loin with grilled pear chutney; potato gratinee; spring vegetable medley; creamy vanilla yogurt parfaits with fresh blueberries and granola; fresh baked breakfast pastries and popovers with fruit butter; a fruit and cheese display and mixed greens salad with feta cheese, dried cherries, and raspberry vinaigrette. Dessert is raspberry passion fruit torte.

The cost is \$33 for adults and \$18 for children for brunch and tour; \$25 for adults and \$14 for children, brunch only.

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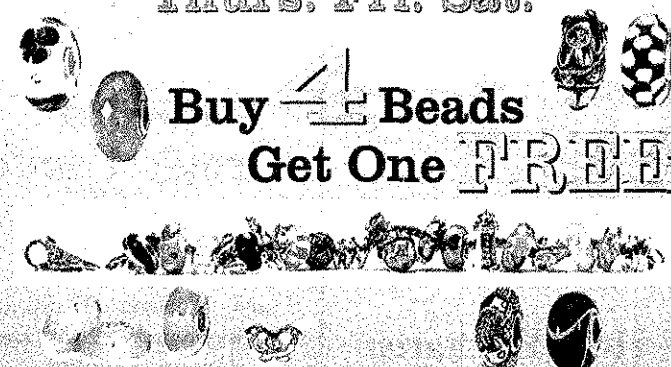
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4B | CHURCHES

PASTOR'S CORNER By Sergio Mazza

What is a church?

In many ways, it's the same as it was when Christians first gathered to share the good news of Jesus' teachings and praise God in song and prayer. This gathering has been the foundation of the "church," the body of Christ, for all the centuries Christianity has grown.

What is different today is how we gather together, how we share the good news of Jesus Christ, what kind of music we use to praise God, and how we fulfill the church's mission in the community.

The Internet has radically changed how we gather and share information in all aspects of our lives — from the new to politics, to health care, to education and even how we socialize. "Church" is probably the last place to change in this respect.

Nothing can replace coming together in person to sing and pray. There is a joy and intimacy that comes from being there in person that is of unique experiential value to us humans and to our expressing our love of God. We can and do need to complement our in-person community with an online community that helps us share more broadly and more deeply so that people can see and share more about each other, our experience with God as a community of believers with the broader community our churches seek to serve.

We also need to provide alternative in-person experiences to traditional worship services.

There are many ways to share the good news of Jesus' teachings and praise God in song and prayer that are more meaningful and relevant to people today than a traditional service.

Music that inspires is different for a different generation, seating that encourages conviviality. Sharing drink and food is an integral part of that conviviality. Sermons and liturgies that are more conversational and less hierarchical are all elements of a different approach to worship that, for some, are more pertinent to their spiritual journey.

A new approach does not supplant the other; the new simply represents different means of connecting people to God and listening to the spirit amongst us.

What we do — reciprocate and share the love God has shown us through Jesus Christ with each other — has not changed. How we share that love can be different and needs to be to reach those who are left uninspired by our traditional worship. Mark 2:27 — Then he (Jesus) said to them, "The Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath."

Mazza is a member of the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church and chairman of the board of the Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit. He also serves on the board of the Journal of Ecumenical Studies and Dialog Institute and is a graduate of Hartford Seminary.

CHURCH EVENTS



Rummage sale

Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts its annual Spring Rummage Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, April 30, and Saturday, May 1. Carol Tolly and Betty Durkin look over a variety of housewares to be sold along with clothing for adults and children, jewelry, boutique items, books, puzzles, toys, linens, small electrical appliances and sports equipment. For more information, call (313) 886-2363.

Presbyterian Women

884-8905.

The Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Women host Celebration of Tables IV Saturday, May 1, at the church, 19950 Mack.

Table viewing and silent auction bidding begins at 11 a.m. A buffet lunch is served at 12:30 p.m. and a fashion show follows.

Proceeds fund scholarships for children to attend the Howell Nature Center Camp.

Advanced tickets cost \$15. For more information, call Esther Gompers at (313)

St. Paul Lutheran

The women's group of St. Paul Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, sponsor a luncheon, at 1 p.m., Saturday, May 1.

Lincoln High School select choirs, under the direction of Eric Miller, sing.

The cost is \$10 and \$3 for children. Proceeds benefit the church's outreach projects.

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church

The Presbyterian Women at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, host its annual Spring Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at the church.

Items for sale include hand knitted and custom sewn designs. Speciality items are an 18-inch doll, gifts for Mother's Day including a wonder wallet, reversible quilted casserole carrier, knitted neckwear and prayer shawls.

Food and baked goods are available. Proceeds benefit Detroit mission agencies.

Christ Church

A special service of Easter lessons and carols is at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

The event features the choir of men and girls and the service includes readings and music celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The service is free and open to the public.

Contemporary religious movements its the topic of the Rev. J. Christopher Berg's "Tuesdays Together" discussion from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, at the church.

The evening begins with the children's choir performing at 4:30 p.m.; children's fun and formation at 5:15 p.m.; worship at 5:45 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m.

For more information, call (313) 885-4841.

First English

First English Lutheran Church Youth Group, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts a lunch from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at the church. The menu is hot dogs, chips, pop and ice cream.

The cost is \$5. Proceeds benefit the group's Colorado mission trip.

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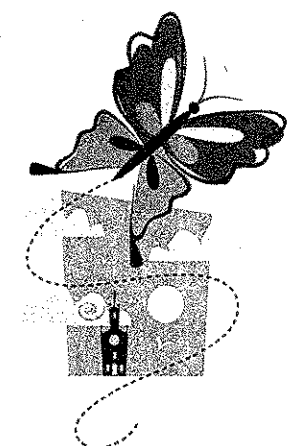
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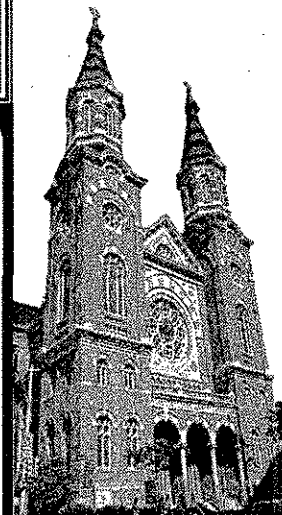
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ASK THE EXPERTS By Shelly Bania

Screening child for FASD distressing for parent



Q. "The school psychologist is encouraging me to have my child screened for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders as part of their overall assessment. I've never heard of it. What does an FASD screen look like and what does this mean for my daughter? I did drink before I knew I was pregnant — but my doctor said not to worry about it."

A. First, let me say, no mother wants to willful-

ly harm her child. Fifty percent of pregnancies today are unplanned and for many people, social drinking is a part of their every day. However, we do know that any amount of alcohol does pose a risk to the developing fetus and can affect development in seemingly subtle ways.

For example, does your child frequently melt down during a routine trip to the grocery store? She was fine before you walked through the doors, and now her behavior — screaming, kicking, grabbing — is puzzling, at best, and most likely leaves you feeling annoyed, embarrassed, and thinking she is behaving very poorly, even willfully so.

Save the date

Are Your Kids at Risk? Unexpected Dangers
7 p.m. Tuesday, May 11
Presenters: Mark Menestrina MD, Gary Wilson and Randall Cain, attorneys at law and Lynda Zott, CARE Youth Assistance Program
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Her meltdown is not willful misbehavior if what's behind the behavior is really sensory integration issues due to prenatal alcohol exposure.

Knowing this may lead to an understanding of the behavior and responding to it in a very different way. She's melting down because the lights are bright, the smells are very strong, and the noise is too much for her to process all at once. Her brain is on "sensory overload," but she doesn't know it and can't express that to you.

Having your child screened for FASD is just that — a screen. It consists of a conversation, reviewing medical records and analyzing a digital photo of your child's face. It can and does play a significant role in having a comprehensive assessment of your child and can lead to learning more about how she thinks,

acts and learns.

A positive screen is not a diagnosis. The next step would be a referral for a comprehensive diagnostic evaluation. The staff can assist in every action step along the way — providing education and support, as well as some financial assistance.

Including an FASD screen as part of a comprehensive pre-evaluation is an opportunity to address any concerns early, rather than later. Research shows that early intervention, support and services go a long way in an individual's success in living with an FASD.

Bania is the FASD program coordinator and project director for FASD ACHIEVE, part

of a national initiative through SAMHSA FASD Center for Excellence to provide early FASD diagnosis and intervention, at CARE, Community Assessment Referral & Education of Fraser & Grosse Pointe Woods.

The Family Center, a 501(c) 3, non-profit organization, serves as the community's centralized hub for information, resources and referral for families and professionals.

To view more Ask The Experts articles, visit family-centerweb.org.

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Why do you relay?

Editor's note: This is the second in a series of personal Relay for Life team stories. Relay for Life is 10 a.m. Saturday, May 22, to 10 a.m. Sunday, May 23, at Lake Front Park in Grosse Pointe Woods.

My story probably isn't much different from many — I lost both my grandmothers, my godfather and a favorite aunt to cancer. My best friend lost her mother to cancer and my college roommate lost her father. Like my cousin says, "Cancer sucks!"

I have thought about participating in Relay for Life for a few years now, but May is always a busy month — I have two boys that play baseball and a husband that coaches both teams. I have a 2-year old daughter and there are always

First Communion, graduations, weddings and baby showers that take up all my time.

But, shortly after Valentine's Day, my mom was diagnosed with cancer. At about that same time, my cousin had a re-occurrence of her cancer. They are both named Susan Clark, they both have the same rare cancer and they both have family and friends that love them.

Right then, I decided to participate in Relay for Life this year — "No Excuses!" I registered a team online and sent out some e-mails. Soon our team was No. 1 in donations and people were registering and offering to help. It has been a wonderful way for our family to support my mom and Susie as well as the millions of



Cancer survivor Susan Clark Thill and Patti Cleland.

others affected by this terrible disease.

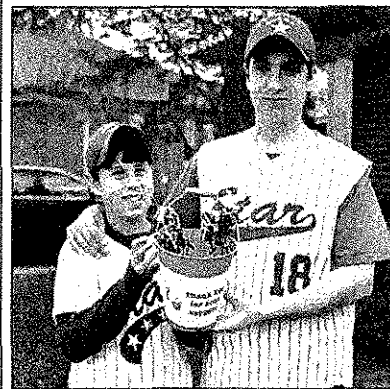
My college roommate was our first team donor and my best friend was the first to join our team.

We are very much looking forward to participating in the Grosse Pointe Relay for Life event this year and are hoping for another successful relay. My mom is looking forward to walking her survivor lap and we can't wait to be there to cheer her and the others on!

Patti Cleland of Grosse Pointe Woods is with the team, No Excuses!

Relay scores

At right, St. Clair Shores Blackhawk hockey player Timmy Cleland of Grosse Pointe Woods raised \$50.19 for his Relay for Life team during the Mite Championship game in March. He requested donations each time his team scored. The Blackhawks lost the game, but their players and fans helped the American Cancer Society win.



Our Lady Star of the Sea baseball players Matthew Wholihan, left, and Stephen Cleland are collecting donations for their Relay for Life team. No Excuses! each time their teams score a run this season. After the first week of the season, the boys raised more than \$30 for the American Cancer Society.



HEALTH POINT By Dr. Mann Askar

Got a minute? 12 super-fast ways to improve well-being

Want to be healthier? It's easy...when using these tips that require only a minute or so.

◆ Wash your hands. It's the best way to reduce the risk of spreading or being exposed to germs. Scrub with soap and water for 20 seconds, or about as long as it takes to sing "Happy Birthday" twice.

◆ Stand up straight. Proper posture can help reduce back pain. By sitting and standing more erect, you can maximize the curvature of the spine that can occur with aging.

◆ Flossing daily can remove plaque and debris, helping to prevent gum disease. Break off about 18 inches of floss, wind most of it around the middle finger of one hand and wrap the rest around the middle finger of the other hand. Leave about one inch to floss the first tooth. Using your thumbs and forefingers, bring the floss up and down several times between teeth, forming a C shape around the tooth. Gently go below the gum line). Unwind floss from one finger to get a fresh piece as you move to the next tooth.

◆ Scrub fruits and veggies with water. Even if peeling them, make sure to remove pesticide residue, dirt, or bacteria.

◆ Buckle up. Wearing a safety belt lowers the risk of being seriously injured in an accident. Make sure children are put in car seats or other age-appropriate restraint system.

◆ Test smoke alarms. A good rule of thumb: Do it when setting clocks ahead or back each spring and fall.

◆ Disinfect the kitchen sponge. That innocent little sponge can be a big source of bacteria. Studies indicate microwaving a wet sponge

(never a dry one, which can cause a fire) for one minute can kill almost all bacteria on it...better than soaking it in bleach.

◆ Take a multivitamin. Most people don't need a multivitamin because they get the right nutrients from their food. But if you're pregnant or trying to get pregnant, are at risk for osteoporosis or are a vegetarian, you may need extra folic acid, calcium, or vitamin B12. Always ask a health care provider before taking supplements.

◆ Turn down the volume. Prolonged exposure to noises at or above 85 decibels (the equivalent of heavy city traffic) can cause gradual hearing loss. An MP3 player turned all the way up emits up to 120 decibels, which is about 100 times more intense than 85 decibels. Hearing loss can't be reversed, so keep the volume at about half of its maximum capacity and take breaks from the music.

◆ Do a freezer check. Raw ground meats should not be kept for more than four months and cooked meats more than two to three months. Toss anything that's older. And make sure the freezer is set to 0 degrees Fahrenheit or lower.

◆ Pack safety gear. Springtime can mean injury time with the increase of outdoor activity. Depending on what you're doing, pack elbow and knee pads, a helmet, a chest protector, or a life jacket.

◆ Post the National Capital Poison Center number, 800-222-1222, on all phones. Sometimes harmful medicines, cleaning supplies and insect and rodent repellents are within a small child's reach. Unfortunately, they all have the potential to be poisonous if swallowed.

Mann Askar, MD, is a family medicine physician at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

Valade Healing Arts Center classes

The Valade Healing Arts Center, located within St. John Hospital and Medical Center offers a variety of classes.

Call (313) 647-3320 to register for all classes, which are all held on the third floor of the Van Elslander Cancer Center on St. John's campus. Below is a listing of classes/services for

May.

Lunch and learn, noon to 1 p.m., Tuesday, May 11 — Bring a lunch and hear Kathy Neuman, BSN, MSN, certified holistic stress management educator, and certified laughter yoga teacher speak on "Gratitude, Humor, and Health." She discusses how to

integrate gratitude and humor into our daily lives. Registration is required for the free lecture.

Intro to reiki, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, May 20 — Participants experience a mini, hands-on reiki session and learn about the benefits of using the Japanese healing method. Registration not required for this free event. Donations are accepted.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Ballew - Cherry

Beverly Ballew of Grosse Pointe Shores and Thomas Ballew of Washington, D.C., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn Ballew, to Emmanuel Benjamin Cherry, son of the late Calvin and Barbara Peoples. A June wedding is planned.

Ballew graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 2000 and Michigan State University in 2005 with Bachelor of Arts degrees in political science and criminal justice. She is the lead transportation security watch officer for the Department of Homeland Security in Washington, D.C.

Cherry is to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in media arts from Wayne State University in 2010.

Congdon - Vandeginste

Robert and Kimberly Congdon of Allen Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Congdon, of South Rockwood, to Michael Vandeginste of Monroe, son of Michael and Nina Vandeginste of Grosse Pointe Woods. A July wedding is planned.

Congdon graduated from Allen Park High School, earned a bachelor's degree in education from Wayne State University and a master's degree in education from the University of Michigan. She is employed by Monroe Public Schools.

Vandeginste graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School, earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering and a master's degree in electrical engineering both from WSU. He is employed with Wacker Chemical in Adrian.

Fellows - Rizzo

Mark and Marilyn Fellows of Jenison, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Magan Fellows, to Robert Rizzo, son of Ronald and Christina Rizzo of Grosse Pointe Woods. An August wedding is planned.

Fellows earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Michigan Stephen M. Ross School of Business. She is an analyst

with Digitas

Rizzo graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from U of M. He is an actuarial analyst with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

Grow - Brock

Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Grow of Palm Beach, Fla. and Harbor Springs have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lindsay Fisher Grow, to James Earl Brock III, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brock Jr. of Grosse Pointe Farms and Mr. and Mrs. William A. Chope of Grosse Pointe Farms. A June wedding is planned.

Grow earned a bachelor's degree in marketing and art from the University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt. and is a licensed medical assistant and manager of a plastic surgeon's office.

Brock graduated from University Liggett School and Whittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, earning a political science degree. He is vice president of operations with Middleton Moldings.

Iwanski - Skowronski

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Iwanski of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Krystyna Catherine Iwanski, to Christopher James Skowronski, son of John and Patricia Skowronski of Harper Woods. A July wedding is planned.

Iwanski earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nutritional science in 2006 and a Master of Science degree in human nutrition in 2008 from Michigan State University. She works for St. John Health System.

Skowronski earned a Bachelor of Science degree in zoology from Michigan State University in 2004 and a teaching certificate from the University of Michigan. He is teaching Advanced Placement environmental science and biology at Walled Lake Central High School and is pursuing a master's degree in education.

Klein - Horning

James and Elizabeth Klein of

Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Elizabeth Klein, to Ryan Andrew Horning, son of Susan Horning of Edwardsburg and the late Robert Horning. An August wedding is planned.

Klein graduated from the University of Dayton in 2001 and works with Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. in Chicago, Ill.

Horning earned a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and a juris doctorate degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law. He is pursuing a master's degree in sports administration at Northwestern University. Horning is an associate with the Chicago office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom.

MacEachern - Szymkiewicz

Leonard and Theresa MacEachern of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Emily A. MacEachern, to Jason E. Szymkiewicz, son of Edward Szymkiewicz of Oak Forest, Ill., and Jeanine Szymkiewicz of Coloma. An October wedding is planned.

MacEachern earned a Bachelor of Science degree in retail management from Michigan State University and is the assistant branch manager at United Federal Credit Union in Niles.

Szymkiewicz earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in food marketing from Western Michigan University. He is a sales representative for Kellogg's Snacks in southwest Michigan.

Monte - Florence

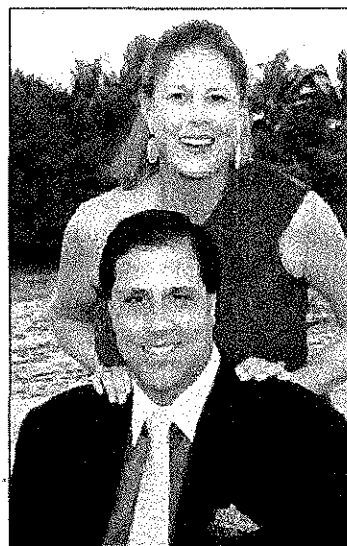
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Monte of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Andrea Monte, to Brandon Lee Florence, son of Alan Florence of Cape Town, South Africa and Sharon George of Melbourne, Australia. A July is planned.

Monte earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education from Oakland University and is pursuing a master's degree in linguistics at the University of Michigan. She is teaching kindergarten at Detroit Merit Academy.

Florence holds a BCompt (Bachelor of Accounting



Emmanuel Benjamin Cherry and Jennifer Lynn Ballew



James Earl Brock III and Lindsay Fisher Grow

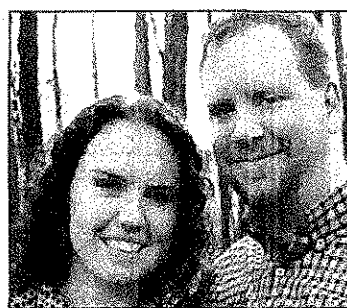


Emily A. MacEachern and Jason E. Szymkiewicz

Science) degree in accounting and auditing. He completed his Associate of Arts in Teaching and is working on a Masters Management Accounting in London, England. He is employed as the deputy financial manager by the British Orthopaedic Association in London.

Reinholz - Kordas

Mark and Jane Reinholz of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Anne Michelle Reinholz, to George James Kordas, son of James and



Kelly Congdon and Michael Vandeginste



Krystyna Catherine Iwanski and Christopher James Skowronski



Lauren Andrea Monte and Brandon Lee Florence



Valerie Slowik and K.C. Beuker

Coleen Kordas of Grosse Pointe Farms. A September wedding is planned.

Reinholz is a 2000 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate and a 2005 University of Michigan graduate. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in French studies with a secondary education teaching certificate. Reinholz received tenure in the Bloomfield Hills Schools district teaching International Baccalaureate French at the International Academy.

Kordas, a 2001 Grosse



Robert Rizzo and Magan Fellows



Lauren Elizabeth Klein and Ryan Andrew Horning



George James Kordas and Anne Michelle Reinholz



Ashley Alexis Wolters and Christopher Douglas Taylor

Pointe South graduate, received his Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from the University of Colorado in 2005. He is the sales and marketing director for the Metropolitan Baking Company in Hamtramck.

Slowik - Beuker

Christopher and Janet Slowik of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Valerie Slowik, to K.C. Beuker, son of Steven and Pamela Beuker of Portage. A September wedding is planned.

Slowik earned a bachelor's degree in organizational behavior and general business from Miami University. She is a workforce manager with Hewitt Associates in Chicago, Ill.

Beuker earned a bachelor's degree in finance from Michigan State University and is a senior vice president with Fifth Third Bank in Chicago.

Wolters - Taylor

Mona and William Wolters of Hollister, Calif., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Alexis Wolters, to Christopher Douglas Taylor, son of Robyn and Doug Taylor of Mission Viejo, Calif., formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms. An August wedding is planned.

Wolters attended the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising and studied merchandise marketing. She is operations manager with 6126, LLC.

Taylor earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration, magna cum laude, from the University of Southern California. He is an investment associate with Tannenbaum Capital.

WEDDINGS

Ellerbrock - Klimczuk

Kathryn Lynn Ellerbrock, daughter of Mark and Jean Ellerbrock of St. Clair, married Jonathan Randall Klimczuk, son of Ron and Theresa Klimczuk of Grosse Pointe Woods, on Friday, September 18, 2009, at St. Anne's Church, Mackinac Island.

The ceremony was presided over by the Rev. Norbert Landerville. After a carriage ride on the island's Main Street, a champagne and hors d'oeuvre reception was on the porch of the Grand Hotel followed by dinner and dancing in the hotel's Grand Ballroom.

The bride wore a white, A-line gown with sheer beaded cap sleeves and attached train and carried a bouquet of white lilies, pale pink roses, white hydrangeas, and hot pink baby roses.

The bride's best friend, Emily LaVoie, of Cleveland, Ohio, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were the bride's high school friend, Julianne Kammer, of Richmond; a friend of both the bride and groom, Erin Miedema, of the City of Grosse Pointe, the groom's sister, Amanda Klimczuk, of Cambridge, Mass.; and the bride's cousin, Sarah Ellerbrock, of East

Lansing.

Attendants wore tea length dresses in aqua trimmed in light pale blue. They carried bouquets of hot pink hydrangea and lilies.

Trevor Dougherty, the groom's friend from Chicago, Ill., served as best man.

Groomsmen were the groom's friends, Robert Smith III, of Los Angeles, Calif.; Robert Ireson II, of Salt Lake City, Utah; Peter Rosberg of State College, Penn.; and the bride's brother, Kenneth Ellerbrock, of Sterling Heights.

The bride's brother, Ken, and the groom's sister, Amanda, gave readings along with the bride's aunt, Theresa Lynn.

The bride's mother wore a floor length dress in amethyst. The groom's mother chose a champagne colored dress.

The bride earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Michigan and is a fifth grade teacher at St. Mary's Catholic School in Mount Clemens. The groom earned a J.D. degree from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. He is employed by the law firm of Blake, Kirchner, Symonds, Larson, Kennedy & Smith, P.C., in Detroit.

The couple honeymooned at the Grand Hotel and Rome, Italy and currently reside in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Sirota - Ollison

Amanda Ashley Sirota of Houston, Texas, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Gunner Sirota of Houston, married Christopher Dempsey Ollison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hague Ollison of Sarasota, Fla., formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms, May 30, 2009, in Houston.

David Peterson officiated at the 7 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at The Junior League of Houston.

The bride wore a strapless Amsale gown fashioned of duchess satin and a chapel length veil edged in satin. She carried a bouquet of phalaenopsis orchids, lily of the valley and stephanotis.

The bride's twin sister, Natalie Sirota of Houston, served as maid of honor. The matron of honor was Teresa Pitner, the bride's sister, of Houston.

Bridesmaids were Jessica Tallierne, Emily Kingswell Smith, Anna Rose Feinsilver and Kristin Jacobs, all friends of the bride and from Houston.

Junior bridesmaids were the bride's niece Annie Pitner; and the groom's nieces, Kelsey Bing and Lindsay Bing, all of Houston.

The groom's nieces, Kylie



Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Randall Klimczuk

Stackpoole and Elle Bojarczyk of Grosse Pointe Park were the flower girls.

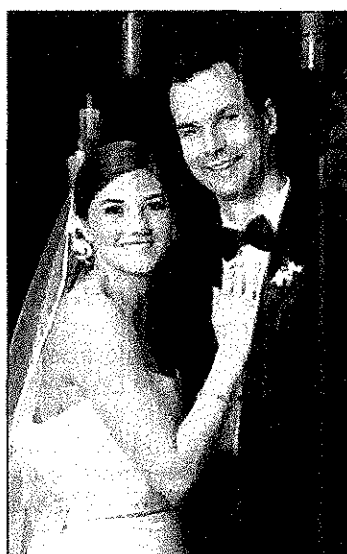
Attendants wore long pink satin dresses and carried multi-colored floral bouquets.

The groom's brothers, Patrick Ollison of Miami, Fla. and Robert Ollison of Alexandria, Va., were best men.

Groomsmen were Bryan Mohler of New York, N.Y., Eric Bing of Houston, and Harold Stackpoole and Paul Bojarczyk of Grosse Pointe Park.

Ushers were Matthew Pitner of Houston, Patrick Martinson of Concord, N.H. and Frederick Ollison IV of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Serving as ring bearers were the bride's nephews, John and Luke Pitner of Houston, and Blake Stackpoole of Grosse



Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Dempsey Ollison

Pointe Park, the groom's nephew.

The bride's mother wore a long black and white print silk dress.

The groom's mother chose a short multi-colored tunic.

Scripture readers were Hague Bing, the groom's sister of Houston and David Holmberg, the bride's uncle.

The bride graduated from Episcopal High School in Houston and Rhodes College in Tennessee. She is employed with Houston Energy L.P.

The groom graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School and John Carroll University. He is with Dr. Pepper Snapple Group.

The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and live in Houston.

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WEDDINGS

Getz -
Sullivan

Allison Worcester Getz of Chicago, Ill., daughter of Kathy and Mike Getz of Grosse Pointe Farms, married Kevin John Sullivan of Chicago, son of Lynn and Terence Sullivan of Western Springs, Ill., on Nov. 21, 2009, at Old St. Mary's Catholic Church in Detroit.

The Rev. Ed Vilkauskas officiated at the 3 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Country Club of Detroit.

The bride wore a strapless ivory gown of shantung silk and alencon lace with a chapel length train and her mother's cathedral length veil trimmed in alencon lace and seed pearls. She carried a hand-tied bouquet of white roses, green and white kale, berzelia, fall grasses, millet and a mix of white flowers.

Molly Getz of New York, N.Y., served as her sister's maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Katie Connor of New York; Lauren McLaughlin of Chicago; and Dana Mertz of Washington, D.C., all friends of the bride.

The groom's nieces, Grace and Clare Sullivan of Carmel,

Ind.; Fiona Sullivan of LaGrange, Ill.; and Piper LeFevre of Crystal Lake, Ill. were flower girls.

Attendants wore black strapless silk shantung dresses, and carried hand-tied bouquets of mixed green and white flowers, fall grasses, and herbs.

The groom's brother, Michael Sullivan of LaGrange, was the best man.

Groomsmen were Brian Sullivan of Carmel, the groom's brother; Steve LeFevre of Crystal Lake, the groom's cousin; Brian Nugent of Chicago, a friend of the groom; Chris Farrell of Chicago, a friend of the groom; and Mike Getz Jr. of New York and Max Getz of Grosse Pointe Farms, the bride's brothers.

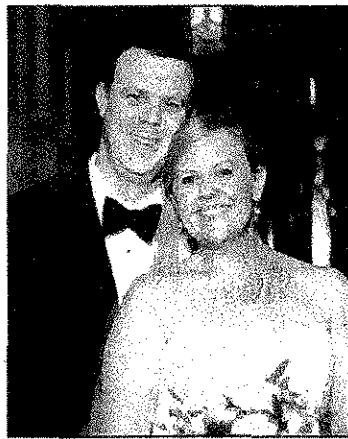
Aidan Sullivan of LaGrange, the groom's nephew, was the ring bearer.

The bride's mother wore an iridescent teal floor length taffeta dress with ruching throughout the bodice.

The groom's mother wore a black chiffon floor length dress and jacket with pink, rose, silver, and white beading.

Both mothers carried hand-tied nosegays similar to the attendants bouquets.

Organist Robert Barnhart, trumpeter William Beger, violinist Judith Teasdale, and vocalist Gail Mitchell performed the music.



Mr. and Mrs. Kevin John Sullivan

Betsy Getz of Grosse Pointe Farms, the bride's aunt and godmother, and Mark Manetti of Western Springs, Ill., the groom's uncle and godfather, read the scripture.

The groom's friend, Ben McLaughlin of Chicago, recited the Prayers of the Faithful.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in film and video studies in 2001 from the University of Michigan and is an account manager with Google, Inc. in Chicago.

Sullivan earned a Bachelor of Science degree in finance in 1999 from the University of Dayton. He is an associate in international sales with William Blair and Company in Chicago.

The couple honeymooned in Hawaii. They live in Chicago.



Mr. Andrew and Ms. Rachel Shelden

Shapiro -
Shelden

Rachel Shapiro, daughter of Robert and Susan Shapiro of Chicago, Ill., married Andrew Shelden, son of William and Sally Shelden of Grosse Pointe Farms, in a lakefront ceremony at the Grosse Pointe Club Aug. 1, 2009.

Friend of the Shapiro family, Edward Hamburg of Chicago, presided over the ceremony, which was followed by an outdoor reception.

The maid of honor was Katie Shapiro, sister of the bride, of Austin, Texas. Bridesmaids were Jori Lambert of Washington, D.C.; Michelle Weiler of Chicago; the bride's sister, Madeleine Shapiro of

New York, N.Y.; and the groom's sister, Kristin Shelden of Washington, D.C.

The flower girl was Robin Shapiro, sister of the bride, of Chicago.

Justin Pront of Chicago was his friend's best man.

The groomsmen were Jeff Shelden, brother of the groom, of Chicago, and childhood friend Terry Szymanski of Ann Arbor.

The ceremony was performed under a chuppah, which was held by the bride's brother Gabriel Bartlett of Ashland, Ohio; Adam Hamburg, friend of the bride, of Chicago; and friends of the groom Adam Litle, of San Francisco, Calif., formerly of Grosse Pointe Park, and Alex Gurevich of San Francisco, Calif.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts in history from Stanford University and a Master of Arts in history from the University of Virginia. She is a Ph.D. candidate in history at U of V, studying 19th century American politics.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts in history from Stanford and is a Master of Fine Arts candidate in creative writing at Columbia University. He is working on his first novel.

The couple resides in Washington, D.C. with their dog, Maddux.

They plan to honeymoon in Italy in the late summer of 2010.

ANNIVERSARY



Rosemary and Ronald Bedway

Ronald J. and Rosemary Bedway of Grosse Pointe Shores observe their 50th wedding anniversary with a private family dinner Sunday, May 2.

The couple married May 1, 1960. He is the owner of Ronnie's Quality Meats — Eastern Market, Detroit.

The couple has four children, Tom (Mary) Bedway of Grosse Pointe Woods; Evonne Stevenson Schott of Grosse Pointe Woods; Rene (Luke) Ciaramitaro of Grosse Pointe Woods; and Michelle (Eric) Lundgren of St. Clair Shores; 11 grandchildren, Andrea, Ronnie, Chrissy, Sam, Tom, Francesca, Lexi, Eva, Vanessa, Noah and Rosemary.

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YESTERDAY'S HEADS

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

1960

50 years ago this week

♦ **27 GIVEN SUBPOENAS:** A former Pointer, Detroit Police Commissioner Herbert W. Hart, along with 26 other prominent Pointe and Detroit residents have received subpoenas to "testify and produce records" concerning the Grosse Pointe Brokers Association, the Grosse Pointe Property Owners Association and Grosse Pointe Properties Inc.

The state attorney general issued the subpoenas for questioning concerning a "point screening system process" set up by these groups in an effort to keep "undesirables" out of Grosse Pointe.

♦ **BURGLARS INVADE WOODS BUILDING:** A Woods medical clinic building appears to offer lucrative pickings for burglars, when for the third time in more than a year it was broken into, netting thieves hundreds of dollars worth of antibiotic drugs, gold nuggets, cash and other items.

♦ **THIEF SMASHES STORE WINDOW:** A fur thief had to settle for "grabs" when a heavy piece of concrete tossed through a plate glass window of a Woods fur shop netted him a \$500 mink stole from the shoulders of a mannequin.

The concrete smashed through the window and struck another mink stole and carried it about 12 feet into the store, out of the reach of the thief.

1985

25 years ago this week

♦ **DECLINING ENROLLMENT FORCES LAYOFFS:** Citing declining enrollment and fewer high school students who will be taking seven classes next year, the board of education laid off 23 full- and part-time teachers while reducing the assignments of 11 others.

♦ **TEEN ARRESTED IN COMPUTER SCAM:** After three days of surveillance of a house on Lexington Road, Farms police arrested a 17-year-old Woods boy April 10 and charged him with larceny by conversion in obtaining more than \$5,000 in consumer goods through computer credit card fraud.

The teen, a student at Grosse Pointe North High School, was part of a nationwide "network of hackers," young computer operators who often use their machines to obtain restricted information.

2000

10 years ago this week

♦ **SEVERE RAIN KNOCKS OUT POWER IN CITY:** Heavy rains knocked out power for several hours in a section of the City of Grosse Pointe that included the city hall and public safety buildings.

City workers lost telephone contact and had to rely on battery-powered cellular telephones to communicate.

♦ **GUNMAN ARRESTED:** Grosse Pointe Park police arrested an armed man who was walking down the street with friends last week.

Officers converged on the group of five men in the 1300



FROM THE APRIL 28, 2005, ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

2005: It's a hoot!

A family of Eastern screech owls is apparently using Neff Park as a maternity ward this spring. Bill Rapai, president of the Grosse Pointe Audubon Society and resident of the City of Grosse Pointe, spied two adults and six fledglings at Neff park one afternoon. An adult, left, snoozes while a fuzzy fledgling, right, wonders how much damage he can do to the camera (or the person behind it).

block of Grayton. Numerous residents had reported seeing the group acting suspiciously. One suspect had a .22 caliber pistol in the lining of his coat.

2005

Five years ago this week

♦ **SCHOOL BOARD CONSIDERS CUTS, FEE INCREASES:** Grosse Pointe school's elementary music program may be kept for another year, but plans to privatize a portion of the janitorial and all cafeteria services are still on the board of education table.

Facing an estimated \$2 mil-

lion shortfall in the 2005-06 budget, central office administration had suggested to the board of education and the public these three items as cost cutting measures to help balance the budget.

♦ **VILLAGE GAS STATION TO BE RAISED:** Construction crews are expected to arrive soon to replace another Kercheval gasoline station with a bank branch.

For the past few months the vacant Marathon service station on the north side of Kercheval at Cadieux in the Village has been blocked

from view by a tall fence made of green tarp.

The property is owned by Flagstar Bank, which plans to replace the station with a branch office.

♦ **ROOFTOP RESCUE:** A 25-year-old man from the eastside of Detroit flipped out on drugs early Sunday morning and wound up on the roof of a house in the 800 block of Washington in the City of Grosse Pointe. Records showed the man called 911 for help 16 times during the ordeal.

— Karen Fontanive

CULTURAL HAPPENINGS

Detroit Zoo

The Detroit Zoo and Michigan Humane Society host the 18th annual spring Meet Your Best Friend from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 1, and Sunday, May 2, at the zoo, 10 Mile and

Woodward, Royal Oak. Dogs, cats, puppies and kittens are available for adoption.

An unveiling ceremony for the United States Postal Service's 44-cent Animal Rescue: Adopt a Shelter Pet

commemorative stamp is at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 1.

For more information, call (248) 541-5717 or visit detroitzoo.org.

Detroit Historical Museum

A children's etiquette tea party is from noon to 3 p.m. at the Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward, Detroit.

The event is for children ages 6 to 14 and an accompanying adult.

Guests are served beverages, tea sandwiches and desserts. An etiquette booklet is given to participants.

The cost is \$15 and includes museum admission.

For more information, call (586) 777-5898 by May 12.

War Memorial

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a Mother's Day brunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, May 9.

The cost is \$24 and \$12 for children 8 and under.

Reservations must be in by 5 p.m. Friday, May 7, by calling (313) 881-7511.

EVENTS:
Walk to reduce hunger

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CROP Walk

The annual Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty Walk registration begins at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, Grosse Pointe Woods. The walk is from 1 to 3 p.m.

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

"The Clinton River Watershed."

A Mother's Day brunch is Sunday, May 9, at the ARK at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park. Reservations for either 9:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. can be made by calling (313) 822-2814 by Sunday, May 2.

The cost is \$25 and \$12.50 for children.

Grace United

Grace United Church of Christ, 1175 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park, hosts the National Day of Prayer from noon to 1 p.m., Thursday, May 6.

Capuchin fundraiser

The 29th annual Souper Summer Celebration benefiting the Capuchin Soup Kitchen begins at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at Comerica Park with the theme "Broadway Lights," hosted by edmund t. AHEE jewelers.

Tiffany Haas from "Wicked" is performing, along with recording jazz artist Ben Sharkey, Justine Blazer with Don Whyte, DJ Prevu, Superstar Karaoke and look-alikes of Broadway New York. Cash bars are located throughout the venue. Big Cat court and Brushfire Grille offer food and drinks. Fireworks are at 10:30 p.m. followed by a raffle.

This year's raffle includes jewelry from AHEE jewelers, Roberto Coin, Marco Bicego, Mikimoto and David Yurman, watches by Rolex, Cartier and Tag Heuer. Tickets are \$1 and may be purchased at AHEE Jewelers, 20139 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods; The Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 4390 Conner, Detroit, online at ahee.com/capuchin or at the event. All proceeds benefit the soup kitchen.

For more information, call (313) 886-4600 or visit AHEE.com or CSKDetroit.org.

Fort Street Choral

The Fort Street Choral and Chamber Orchestra presents Handel's oratorio "Joshua" at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at the Fort Street Presbyterian Church, corner of Fort and Third, Detroit.

"While by far the most familiar musical rendition of the Joshua story is the African-American spiritual, 'Joshua Fights the Battle of Jericho,' Handel's work contains a well-known tune, as well," said director Edward Kingins. "The chorus, 'See The Conqu'ring Hero Comes,' was the first composing for 'Joshua.' It was an immediate hit, so Handel brought it back, adding it into the score of 'Judas Maccabeus' which he had penned a year or so earlier."

Tickets cost \$18 and student tickets cost \$10. To order, call (313) 961-4533 or visit fortstreet.org.

St. Ambrose

Adult faith formation class is 9:45 to 11 a.m. at the ARK. The session is titled "Ecology Close to Home." The Sunday, May 2, class lead by Dan Kiefer is

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LINCOLN REACH HIGHER

'50s musical closes Grosse Pointe Theatre season

The all-American '50s musical "Grease," Grosse Pointe Theatre's last show of the season, opens at 2 p.m., Sunday, May 9, in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Fries Auditorium, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Additional performances are at 8 p.m., May 13 to 15, May 19 to 22; 2 p.m. Sunday, May 16; and 4 p.m. Sunday, May 23.

Tickets cost \$22. For reservations, call (313) 881-4004 or visit gpt.org.

The production is based on the subculture of Rydell High School with greaser Danny Zuko as leader of the duck-tailed, hot-rodding T-Birds, who romance their female equivalents, the gum-snapping, hip-shaking Pink Ladies.

When "good girl" Sandy Dumbrowski arrives on the scene, the Pink Ladies take her under their collective



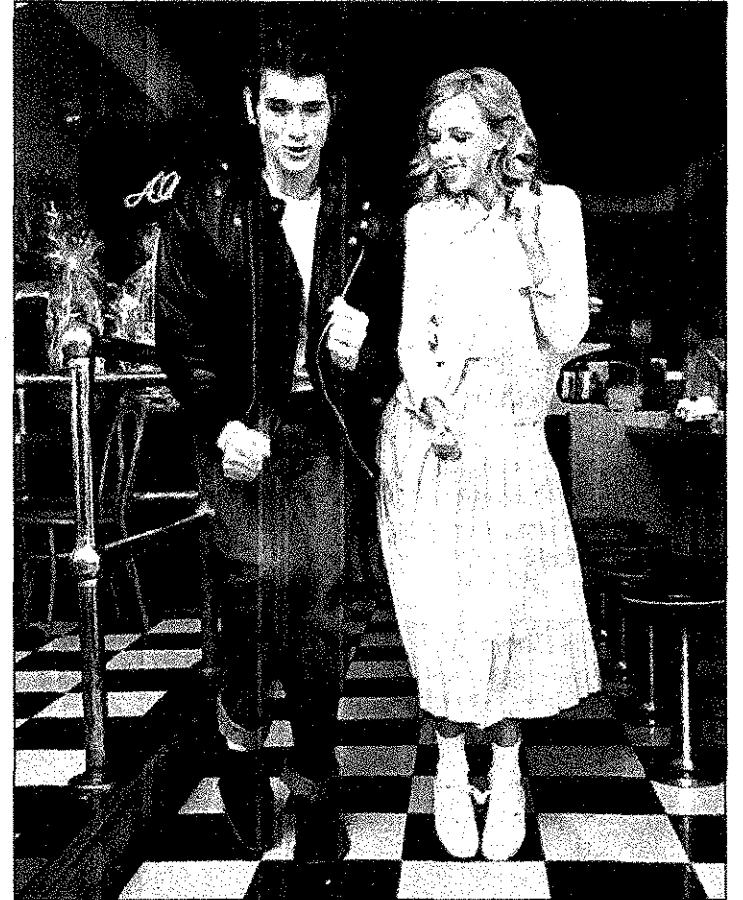
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Rebekah Tiefenbach of St. Clair Shores as Frenchy; Matt Listrom of Clinton Township as Sonny LaTierri; Janine Lozon of St. Clair Shores as Jan; Kristin Schultes of Grosse Pointe Park as Marty; and, standing from left, Dante Bufalini of the City of Grosse Pointe as Kenicke; Dan Clair of Canton as Doody; Stephanie Rinderknecht of Grosse Pointe Woods as Sandy Dumbrowski; and Luke Rose of Harrison Township as Danny Zuko.

wings. Sandy is still lovelorn over her summer affair with Danny, then she bumps into him at school and the romance is reignited.

"Grease" credits include book, music and lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey with additional music from the film by Barry Gibb, John Farrar, Scott Simon and Louis St. Louis.

The cast includes Luke Rose of Harrison Township as Danny Zuko; Stephanie Rinderknecht of Grosse Pointe Woods as Sandy Dumbrowski; Danielle Caralis of Grosse Pointe Shores as Betty Rizzo; Rebekah Tiefenbach of St. Clair Shores as Frenchy; Kristin Schultes of Grosse Pointe Park as Marty; Janine Lozon of St. Clair Shores as Jan; Dante Bufalini of the City of Grosse Pointe as Kenicke; Dan Clair of Canton as Doody; F. Scott Davis of Birmingham as Roger; Matt Listrom of Clinton Township as Sonny LaTierri; Emma Kruse of Grosse Pointe as Patty Simcox; Rob Weber of Grosse Pointe Farms as Eugene Florczyk; Michele Karl of St. Clair Shores as Miss Lynch; Dennis Martell of Livonia as Vince Fontaine; Nate Cedroni of Chesterfield Township as Teen Angel; Melissa Schroeder of Sterling Heights as Cha-cha/Gratude; Joanna DelPaz of Macomb as



Luke Rose of Harrison Township as Danny Zuko and Stephanie Rinderknecht of Grosse Pointe Woods as Sandy Dumbrowski.

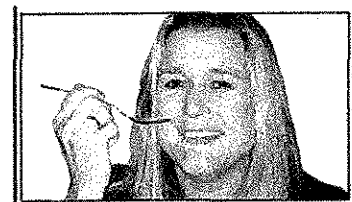
Jean; Angelica Baker and Josiah Baker of Eastpointe as Margaret and Gerald; Kevin Fitzhenry of Warren as James and Brendan Marshall of Harper Woods as Gordon.

Timothy P. Higgins of Birmingham, is the director and choreographer and by Marie Reinman, of Grosse Pointe Farms, is the musical and vocal director.

Two St. Clair Shores residents, Lois Bender is set designer and Dennis McGiness is the technical director.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

It's easy — only three ingredients



My friend, Margie Smith, once told me she only makes a recipe if it contains three ingredients or less. This easy appetizer goes out to Margie with its simple construction of three flavorful ingredients; goat cheese, fresh thyme and olive oil.

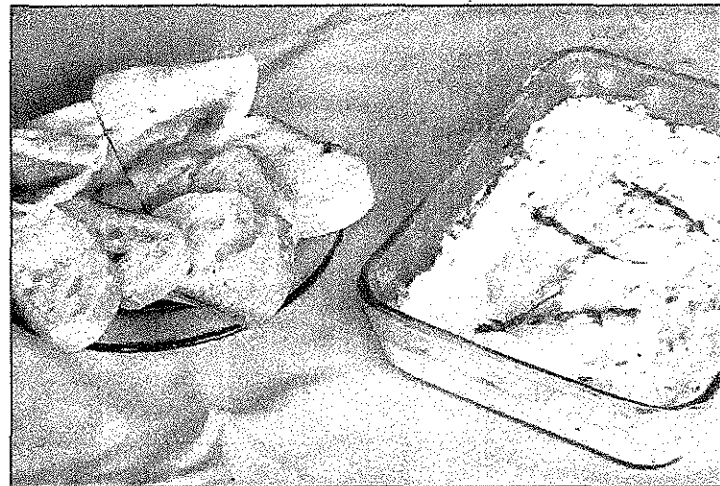


PHOTO BY TONY SCHERIFF

Baked Goat Cheese with Fresh Thyme and Olive Oil

(adapted from Fine Cooking)

1-11 oz. log goat cheese, softened to room temperature
1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves, plus a few sprigs for garnish
3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil, plus more for garnish
cracked fresh black pepper

With three ingredients, this appetizer can be made on the run and will please guests.

assorted breads or crackers for serving

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a small bowl, combine the goat cheese with thyme and olive oil. Mix until blended well.

Turn the mixture into a small gratin dish and top with a few cracks of fresh black pepper. Bake for 25 minutes, until bub-

bly and beginning to brown around the edges.

Remove from oven and drizzle with a bit more olive oil and garnish with a few sprigs of fresh thyme. Serve with toasted pita wedges, bread sticks or sliced baguette.

I enjoy leftover baked goat cheese tossed into scrambled eggs. Yummy.

Grosse Pointe Theatre offers playwriting class

Grosse Pointe Theatre offers a playwriting class, beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, at the Grosse Pointe Theatre rehearsal facility, 315 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe.

Subsequent class sessions are determined after the first day.

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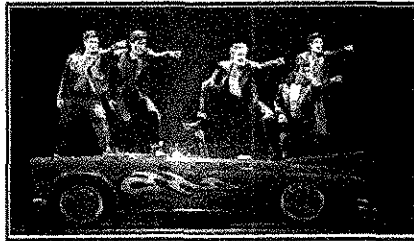
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GIRLS TENNIS

Liggett stuns No. 1 Greenhills

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Liggett's girls' tennis team pulled off a stunning victory last week, beating the No. 1 ranked squad in Division IV, Ann Arbor Greenhills, 5-3.

"This is a huge win for us," head coach Cathy Hackenberger said. "This gives our girls a lot of confidence and it came down to our

team, but our girls battled and won."

It was tied 3-3 with two matches left.

The Knights' No. 1 doubles team of Emily Broder and Madeline Mair won 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 to guarantee at least a tie, and the No. 3 doubles squad of Carolyn Charbonier and Mary Nehra won a marathon match, 7-6 (18-16), 7-5 to secure the upset.

said. "I'm thrilled beyond words."

The Knights split the doubles matches as Sarah Pollick and Jasmine Policherla lost 6-3, 6-2 at No. 2 and the No. 4 team of Nimet Williams and Meghan Berkery lost 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.

The home team won three of the four singles matches with Morgan Ellis winning 4-6, 6-1, 6-3 at the No. 4 slot.

Sophie Mair won 6-4, 6-4 at No. 3 and Medea Shanidze shrugged off a poor first set to roar back and win her No. 2 singles match 1-6, 6-4, 6-0.

At No. 1 singles, Paige Counsman lost 6-0, 6-1 to one of the top ranked players in the state, Kasey Gardner.

The home win over Greenhills came after the Knights' won the Portland Tournament the week prior.

This gives the Knights two shining moments early in the season that includes upcoming matches against city rivals Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South.

Liggett will see Greenhills again, but this time it will be with much higher stakes on the line as the Ann Arbor school hosts a state regional tournament Friday, May 21.

The Knights battled another state power, Birmingham Detroit Country Day, Monday afternoon.

The Knights lost 8-0, falling to 1-1 overall.



PHOTOS BY JEFF GOOD

Senior Morgan Ellis has been on fire during the Knights' first two outings, winning a flight at a tournament and beating her Greenhills foe.



Sophomore Madeline Mair warms up before taking the court with teammate Emily Broder at No. 1 doubles.

girls being mentally tough.

"Greenhills is an excellent mances today," Hackenberger

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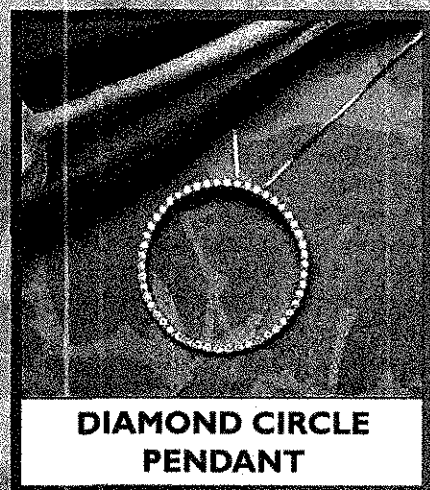
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Baseball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils' offense blasts way to wins

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' baseball team won its invitational last weekend, finishing 3-0.

"It was a nice day as we were able to get 24 players into the games," head coach Dan Griesbaum said. "We were able to play some different teams and it was nice to win a trophy."

The host Blue Devils beat Port Huron 12-1 in five innings in its opener as Bobby Peltz and Ross Muniga each had two hits and two RBIs. Peltz had a double and triple and Robbie Kish had a two-run homer.

Karl Brecht chipped in with two RBIs as Cooper Hartman pitched the first four innings to earn the win, giving up only three hits. Steve Walworth came in to pitch the fifth inning and did not yield a hit.

Next came a 5-3 victory over L'Anse Creuse as Anthony Riashi earned the win and Joe Aliotta tossed the final three innings to get the save.

Offensively, Tim Kramer had two hits, including a double, and two RBIs, and Matt Reno had two hits, including a double, and an RBI.

The Blue Devils also edged Warren Mott 7-6 as Carmen



PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Grosse Pointe South's Karl Brecht, pictured above during an early season game, had a solid week pitching and hitting.

Benedetti was the winning pitcher and had two hits at the plate with two RBIs.

Aliotta and Chris Shirar also pitched one inning.

Offensively, Charlie Getz had three hits, including a double, and Muniga had two hits and two RBIs.

Earlier in the week, the Blue Devils blasted Birmingham Brother Rice 12-5 as Brecht earned the win, pitching three innings of relief. Peltz started and went the first two innings and Shirar pitched the final two innings.

Shirar had three hits, including a home run, while Brad Remillet had three hits, including a double, and three RBIs.

Peltz had two hits and Benedetti had two hits, including a three-run homer. Brecht also belted a home run as the Blue Devils improved to 7-5 overall.

Correction

The second game of the April 17 doubleheader played between Grosse Pointe South and Warren Woods Tower was a scrimmage and not an actual game. Statistics are not kept for this game, so the Blue Devils' actual record after that day was 3-5, not 4-5 as was reported.

LIGGETT

Knights' offense explodes in easy victories

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Liggett's baseball team is off to a 7-2 start to the early season.

Last weekend, the host Knights split a doubleheader with Birmingham Detroit Country Day, winning 8-6 and losing 10-7 in nine innings.

"We played pretty well against a good Country Day team and had a shot to win both games," head coach Dan Cimini said. "We hit the ball well against their top two pitchers, which I loved to see."

In the opener, senior Skippy Faber earned the win, while junior Dominic Jamett was 3-for-3 with a two-run homer in the opening inning and drove in four runs.

Junior Joe Simon got the final three outs to get the save and freshman Connor Fannon chipped in with a 2-for-3 performance at the plate.

The Yellow Jackets jumped all over the Knights in the second game, scoring seven first-inning runs.

Freshman Mark Auk came in to pitch five innings of relief and slammed the door, keeping the Knights within striking distance.



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Junior Dominic Jamett, center, was solid behind the plate and offensively, blasted a couple of tape-measure home runs.

Cimini's squad chipped away and eventually tied the game after freshman Nate Gagin drove in two runs with a single and Jamett hit a solo homer.

In the bottom of the eighth inning, the Knights were in position to win the game, but

Fannon's liner to the outfield was caught right above the ground and the Yellow Jackets were able to turn an easy double play when Jamett was off with the crack of the bat.

"That was my call all the way," Cimini said. "If the ball is another inch or so in front of

the kids glove, Dominic scores the winning run. It was a nice defensive play."

Earlier in the week, the Knights won home games against Bloomfield Hills Roeper 15-0 and Sterling Heights Parkway Christian 11-

1, and went on the road to demolish Auburn Hills Oakland Christian 15-0 and Franklin Road Christian 23-2.

"Our guys are hitting the ball very well right now," Cimini said. "Our young guys have done a nice job so far and they're fitting in nicely with this team."

Against Roeper, junior Mitch Gatzke was the winning pitcher, giving up only one hit and walking two.

Offensively, Jamett hit a grand slam, while Fannon was 3-for-3 with three RBIs. Seniors Mark Ghafari and Joey Shannon had two hits apiece in the rout.

In the Parkway Christian contest, Simon gave up two hits and struck out eight to get the win.

Fannon had the big bat, hitting two-run singles in the first and third innings to help the Knights build a 6-0 lead.

Junior Nate Weiss had his turn in the rotation and made the most of it, giving up one hit and striking out eight in the victory over Oakland Christian.

Ghafari and Faber had three hits piece, as did freshman Kevin Allen, who also drove in three runs.

In the final road game, Faber's three-run homer in the first inning got the Knights going in the three touchdown victory.

Senior Chris Ralstrom had three hits, while Ghafari, Allen and Faber each had two hits.

Liggett improved to 4-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

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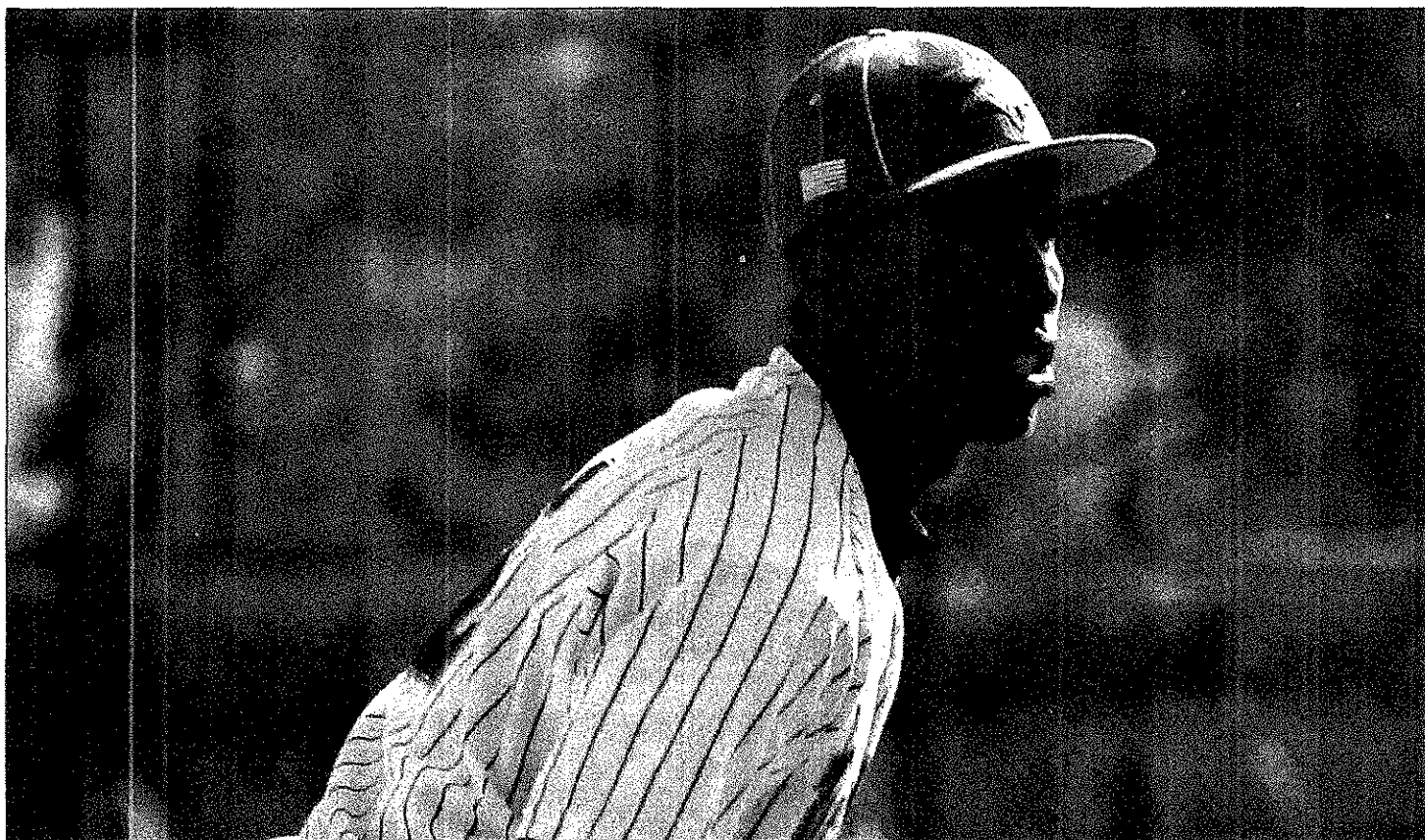


PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Senior Teddie Williams has been a standout at the plate and in the field for the Grosse Pointe North baseball team.

Norsemen beat Pioneers, 9-4

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys' baseball team is off to a solid 7-3 start after beating Harper Woods 9-4 last week.

"We're playing pretty well right now, but we have to pitch and play defense to win," head coach Frank Sumner said.

Senior Josh Richardson earned the win, pitching the first four innings, giving up two hits with five strikeouts.

Junior Sean Koerber pitched two innings and junior Nolan Rozich tossed the final inning as the Norsemen built a 7-0 lead.

In the five-run first inning, senior Brandon D'Agnes hit a two-run double, while senior

Teddie Williams and junior Paul Kappaz drove in runs with singles.

Senior Kirk Gowen had a run-scoring single in fifth inning as the Norsemen extended its lead to 8-0 before the Pioneer came back with two runs in the sixth and two more in the seventh.

In other action, the Norsemen competed in the Milan tournament Saturday, April 18, and made it to the championship game before losing to Plymouth Canton.

"It was one of the coldest days I can remember playing baseball," Sumner said. "The wind was blowing right in and a lot of hard hit balls just died in the wind. It was a long day, but at least we were able to play."

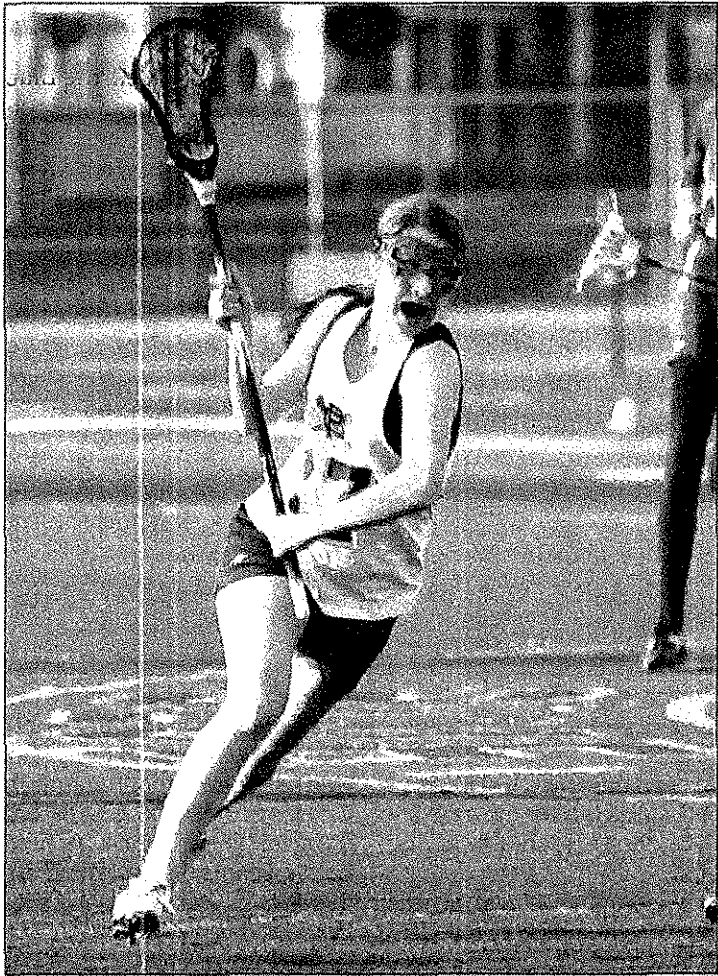
Girls lacrosse

RIVALS

North, South get the best of rival Liggett

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South beat city rival Liggett last week, winning 17-4 and 19-4, respectively.



Grosse Pointe South's Shelby Stone, No. 17, is off to a fast start this season.

PHOTOS BY DANA KAISER

ly. "We're a young team and these tough teams will make us better," Liggett head coach Tamara Fobare said. "We were able to jump out quickly and use our speed to

get those scoring opportunities," North head coach Bill Seaman said. "We were able to get all of our kids playing time." The Norsemen got off to a quick start against the visiting Knights, building a 12-2 half-time advantage.

Senior Molly Youngblood led the Norsemen with four goals, followed by junior Mackenzie Seaman with three.

Junior Meghan Williams, senior Laura Thibault, junior Lauren Annas and senior Hannah Everett scored two goals apiece with junior Samantha Capizzo tallying once to round out the Norsemen's scoring.

For the Knights, senior Maggie Zinkel, sophomore Abby Belcrest, senior Natalie Boll and junior Anne Sullivan had a goal apiece.

"The girls really passed the ball well today and had some fun out there," South head coach Lauren Germaine said. "However, I wasn't happy with our 28 turnovers. The girls have to take better care of each possession and we will work on that in practice."

For the host Blue Devils, senior Katherine Palms led the way with five goals, while sophomore Libby Griffith, junior Shelby Stone and sophomore Jennifer Ryan had two goals apiece.

Scoring single goals were



Liggett's Abby Belcrest and North's Laura Thibault battle for possession of the ball during the Norsemen's win over the Knights.

seniors Shannon Burke, Courtney Cholody, Hanna Doyle, Melanie Parke, Lauren Schmidt and Lindsey Thibodeau, as well as junior Mary Mecke.

For the Knights, Sullivan had two goals, while Boll and junior Nozomi Yamasaki had a goal apiece.

In other action last week, the Norsemen defeated Farmington Hills Mercy 14-8

behind Everett's seven goals. Seaman added four to the winning cause.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 4-2 overall.

"We've lost two one-goal games, so with a break here and there, we could be 6-0," Seaman said.

South also played last weekend, losing 18-14 to host Birmingham Detroit Country Day.

The Blue Devils fell behind 3-0 five minutes into the opening half and never could regain the momentum.

Palms had six goals on her 18th birthday, while Stone and Burke had two goals apiece. Parke, Griffith and Mecke scored a goal apiece to round out the Blue Devils' output.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 3-4 overall and Liggett dropped to 0-5.

Boys lacrosse

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Streak ends with a win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The mini-losing streak is history, thanks to Grosse Pointe North's boys' lacrosse team's 14-3 thrashing of Romeo last week.

"We needed this win after those three tough defeats," head coach Dan Preston said. "The guys passed the ball very well and were able to get most of our goals with shots within five yards of the goalie."

Senior Jeremy Peyton benefited from the passing by netting six goals, while junior Zach LaValley had three. Seniors James Mattes and Jeff Graves had two goals apiece

with senior Matt Lucchese scoring one goal to round out the Norsemen's scoring.

The home team broke open a close game by ended the first half with a three-goal outburst, which gave it an 8-2 advantage.

The Norsemen outscored the Bulldogs 4-0 in the third quarter and 2-1 in the final stanza to win its most lopsided game of the season.

However, they couldn't make it two wins in a row since the Norsemen lost 14-12 to Warren, leaving the squad with a 4-4 record.

Next up are road games Thursday, April 29, against Stevenson, and Saturday, May 1, against L'Anse Creuse.

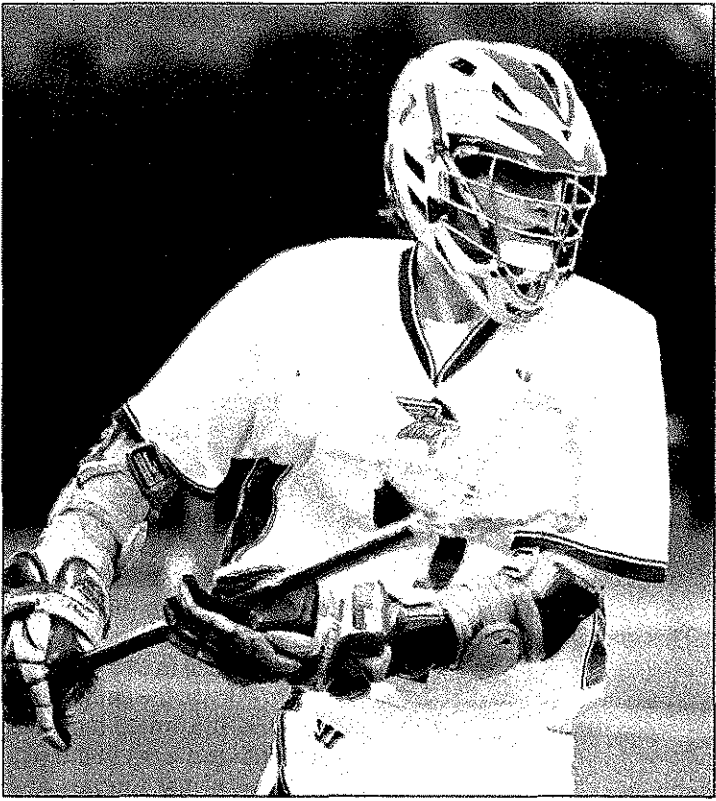


PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Grosse Pointe North's Jeff Graves scored a goal in the Norsemen's 14-3 win over Romeo.

LIGGETT

Knights roll in second half

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Captains are supposed to get the team going.

Senior Dan Zukas went out and put his game into overdrive, thus helping the Liggett boys' lacrosse team beat visiting Grosse Ile 10-5 last week.

"We didn't play our best game, but we won with a big second half," head coach Jon Bartoy said. "Dan stepped up his game in the second half and the rest of players followed his lead."

The Knights led 5-4 at the intermission, but outscored the Red Devils 5-1 to dominate the second half.

Zukas had five goals, while freshman Manny Counsman and senior Patrick Gushee had two goals apiece. Sophomore Patrick Monahan had the other goal and Gushee added four assists for a six-point game.

Liggett improved to 2-0 overall.

Coming up are road games Friday, April 30, against Grenhills and Saturday, May 1, against Grosse Pointe South.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Victories

Nick Diehl and the Grosse Pointe South's boys' lacrosse team got back on track with wins over Sterling Heights Stevenson, 16-1, and L'Anse Creuse, 14-6, last week. South improved to 5-4 with the wins.



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Girls tennis

RIVALS

South beats North, captures dual title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' tennis team won its seventh consecutive Macomb Area Conference Red Division dual meet title Monday afternoon after beating city rival Grosse Pointe North 9-0.

It's the Blue Devils' ninth straight outright or shared Red Division title.

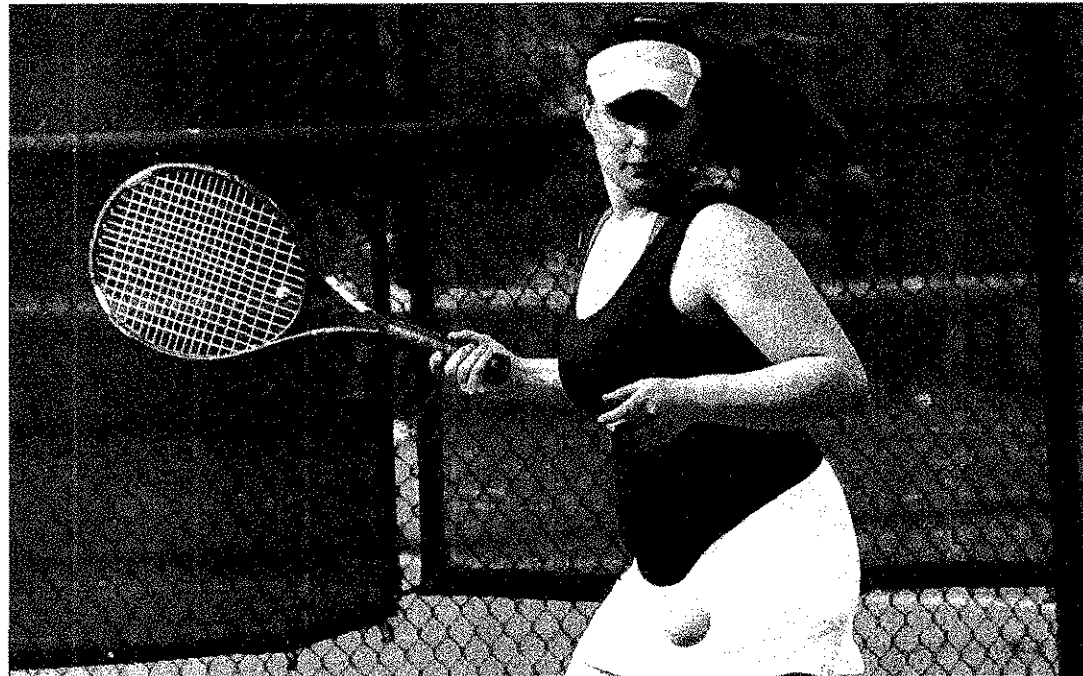
"The girls have really played some good tennis and it's a nice accomplishment," South head coach Mark Sobieralski said.

"Despite the final score, our girls did play much better this time around against South than in the past few seasons," North head coach Matt Eszes said. "All of these tough matches get our girls ready for the regionals."

At No. 1 singles, junior Julie Wittwer beat freshman Ali Scoggin 6-4, 6-2, while sophomore Emma Hyde defeated senior Kim Woods 6-2, 6-2 at No. 2 singles.

The Blue Devils' senior Emily Lynch won 6-1, 6-0 at No. 3 singles over senior Emily Biegas and at No. 4 singles, senior E.A. Kennedy beat sophomore Holly Gilezan 6-2, 6-1.

Senior Carla Schmidt and junior Cecelie Uldbjerg defeat-



Grosse Pointe South's Carla Schmidt is a co-captain this season for head coach Mark Sobieralski and the Blue Devils' girls' tennis team.

ed sophomores Alyse Victor and Kelsey Richards 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1 doubles, and the Blue Devils' No. 2 doubles tandem of junior Alana Dickson and senior Kiki Fox beat the Norsemen's duo of juniors Sarah Warnez and Kiera Maloney 6-0, 6-1.

At No. 3 doubles, senior Courtney Nestor and sophomore Amelia Boccaccio beat junior Maura Bresser and

sophomore Erin McCarthy 6-2, 6-2, and at No. 4 doubles, senior Molly Andrew and sophomore Carrie Lynch defeated junior Natalie Rusinow and senior Kimberly Cooper 6-0, 6-3.

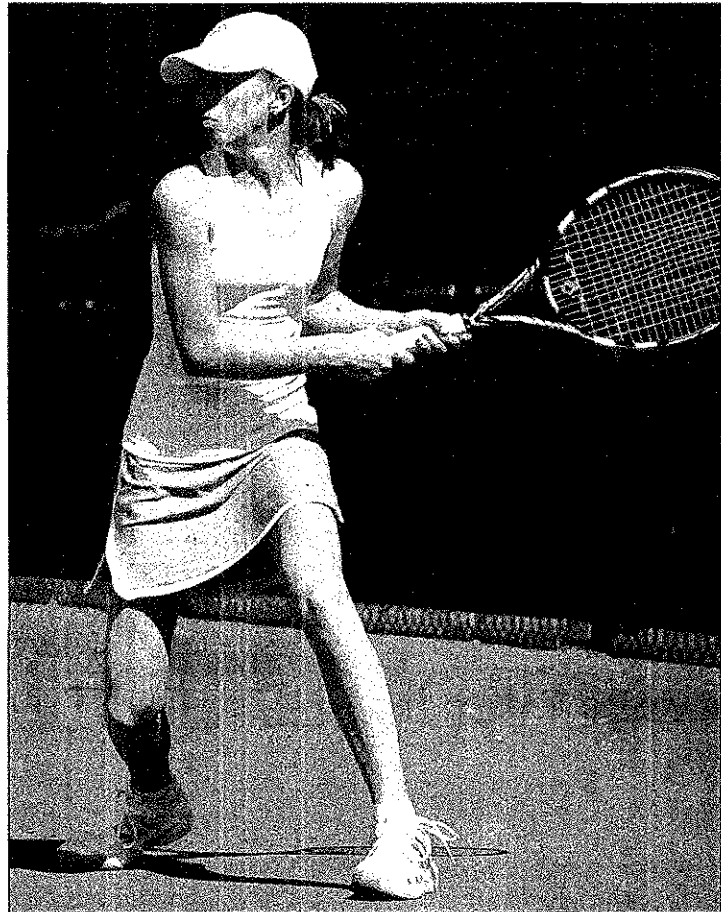
In the final match, underclassmen Libby Krueger and Alexa Cornwall beat senior Lydia Fuller and freshman Blake Moncur 6-1, 6-2.

In other division matches last week, the Blue Devils beat

St. Clair 6-2 and blanked Chippewa Valley 8-0. The team also beat Troy Athens 8-0 to improve to 6-0 overall and 5-0 in the MAC Red Division.

"St. Clair has a good team," Sobieralski said. "We had some good matches and came away with a tough win. Our schedule gets pretty tough the next couple of weeks as we prepare for regionals."

The Norsemen finished its



Grosse Pointe North's Ali Scoggin has made a positive mark on the Norsemen's tennis team, despite being only a freshman.

division dual match slate at 1-4 (1-5 overall) after losing 8-1 to both Utica Eisenhower and St. Clair.

"We wanted to win at least one match and be competitive

against two good teams," Eszes said. "We accomplished our goal. Our girls are playing better tennis and staying in matches longer with solid rallies."

Girls softball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Solid efforts

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

In some cases, the record isn't as important as the progress and effort of a team, particularly early on in the season.

The girls' softball squad at Grosse Pointe South is an excellent example of this fact.

Blue Devils head coach Nicole Crane is building more than just a competitive varsity squad at the school; she's sculpting a top-notch program.

In order to accomplish this, however, the varsity team has to lead the program by example and lay a foundation that future teams can build upon.

And although the victories have been tough to come by

thus far for the Blue Devils, there are more important things at this juncture, such as the intangibles and character of a team.

These facets are certainly in place for the squad, despite some tough breaks to begin the season.

"We've had some obstacles this year," Crane admitted. "We came in with only 11 girls on varsity, plus, we've had some injuries recently. But that doesn't stop us, and we aren't going to use that as an excuse. This team gets out there and gives it all they've got every day. We're working hard, very hard. The chips just aren't falling our way in games so far."

A heartbreaking, 7-6, loss to



Grosse Pointe South's Emily Wybo connects for a home run during the Blue Devils' game against Sterling Heights.

Garden City in the team's Macomb Classic Tournament opener April 24, was indicative of what's been happening to South this season.

This game followed a pair of

tough losses April 20 against Sterling Heights, 7-6, and April 22 against Fraser, 5-2.

After battling back to knot the score at 6-6 in the final inning against Garden City, the Cougars rallied in extra innings to narrowly win the game.

Despite the tough-luck defeat, South came out in the second game of the tourney and battled hard against one of Macomb County's top teams, Romeo.

"This team comes out there and gives it everything they've got every game," Crane said.

The Bulldogs, a Macomb Area Conference Red Division favorite, set down South, 8-2, but not until South jumped out to a 2-0 lead after the opening three frames.

"We're getting better every day and we're still fighting every day," Crane said. "I'm proud of this team for that, and I think it says a lot about the girls on this team."

fourth inning.

The visitors scored five runs in the fifth to take a 7-2 lead, but the home team roared back to tie it 7-7 by tallying five runs in its final at-bats.

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through in the clutch, driving home the tying runs with a hit.

Neither team scored in the eighth inning, but, thanks to three errors, Franklin Road scored six runs in the top of the ninth to put the Knights in another hole.

They were able to get one run back, but that would be it, falling to 1-2 overall and in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Boys golf

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils 5th

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' golf team placed an impressive fifth in last weekend's star-studded TCC Tee Off Invitational at Grand Traverse Bay.

On the first day, the Blue Devils posted a 309 as Matt Temrowski shot a 75, followed by Tommy Pendy with a 76, Evan Inger with a 78 and Konrad Tech with an 80.

The Blue Devils shot a 312 the following day with Matt Talfinger and Jeff Welscher shooting a pair of 77s. Inger

and Temrowski had a 79 to round out the scoring.

Earlier in the week, the Blue Devils split Macomb Area Conference Red Division matches, losing 160-162 to Romeo and beating Utica Ford 151-159.

In the first match, Pendy had a 39, followed by Inger with a 40, Welscher with a 41 and Tech with a 42.

In the win, Pendy had a 36, while Temrowski and Welscher each had a 37. Inger's 41 rounded out the Blue Devils' scoring.

South is 3-1 in the MAC Red Division at the halfway mark.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

One stroke victory

The Grosse Pointe North boys' golf team squeezed past Utica Eisenhower early last week, winning 169-170.

Jon Freismuth and Kevin Zak each posted a 41 to lead the Norsemen, while Alex Plomaritis had a 43 and Patrick Flynn shot a 44.

"We have had an up and down start to the season," head coach Brian Stackpoole said. "The boys have been really working hard and are getting better every day."

North improved to 2-1 overall and in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

On Monday, the Norsemen finished second in the annual Evans-Gill Tournament. Utica Ford was first with a 314 and North was a close second, posting a 318.

Freismuth shot a 76, followed by Zack Hanna with a 78, Stephen Demers with an 80 and Eric Sandmier with an 84.

—Bob St. John
Sports Editor

LIGGETT

Big rally not enough

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Liggett's girls' softball team dropped a 13-8 nine-inning league game to Franklin Road Christian last week.

"We're not having trouble hitting, but our pitching and defense has to get better," head coach Ted Alpert said. "I like the effort."

The host Knights trailed 2-0 before tying it 2-2 in the

fourth inning. The visitors scored five runs in the fifth to take a 7-2 lead, but the home team roared back to tie it 7-7 by tallying five runs in its final at-bats.

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LIGGETT

Knights get split

The Liggett boys' golf team split its double dual match last week, beating Franklin Road Christian and losing to Huron Valley Lutheran.

Sophomore Austin Petitpren led the Knights with a 44 and sophomore Caleb Ninivaggi

had a 47. Head coach Dan Sullivan and the Knights improved to 1-2 overall and in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

—Bob St. John
Sports Editor

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Track and field

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH GIRLS

Records continue to fall as team rolls

Grosse Pointe South's girls' track and field team set 12 school records last week in its two meets.

In fact, the girls have set 16 new records since the beginning of the season, head coach Steve Zaranek said.

In dual meets, the host Blue Devils crushed Port Huron Northern 121-16, improving to 2-0 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 4-0 overall.

"Many of our previous JV girls had the chance to run varsity in this meet," Zaranek said. "Our depth was showcased extremely well as we were able to completely dominate on the track."

Freshman Hannah Meier posted her fourth individual school record, winning the 800-yard run with a time of 2:12. The previous record of 2:19 was set in 1997 by Jonnie Vasse.

Freshman Haley Meier also broke the record, finishing second with a time of 2:17 and freshman Christina Firl was close, taking third at 2:21.

"This was one of the very best races I have ever witnessed in a dual meet," Zaranek said. "These three girls are wonderful teammates and they, as they constantly do in meets and practices, push each other to these incredible times."

In the meet's opening event, the 3,200-yard relay, Margaret Levasseur, Hannah Wheeler, Michaela Houff and Natalie Gay beat the second-place team by 35 seconds to win with a time of 10:50.2, while the all-

freshman 800-yard relay team of Omelia Nembhard, Alexis Novak, Mia Perkins and Andrea DiCresce won with a time of 1:54.

Other spring and distance place finishers were Kathleen Nelson, Caitlin Moore, Elaine Kussurelis, Molly Robinson, Ali DeLoof and Ali Zoltowski.

"Our girls are very focused on personal goals," Zaranek said. "We had 68 (out of 101) set at least season-best marks at this meet. At the same time, the girls are extremely supportive to one another. That is helping us to improve as a team in every single meet."

In field events, Veronica Schacht won the high jump and both hurdle races, while Marissa Monforton won the long jump.

Last weekend, the Blue Devils won every event in the Stevenson Titans Relays at Runkel Field. South earned 122 points, followed by Romeo with 86 and Rochester Adams with 79.

Setting records was the 3,200-relay team of Firl, Kelly Langton, Haley Meier and Hannah Meier of 9:36. The old record was 10:13.

The 800-yard relay team of Moore, Katie Raymond, Amanda Ray and Monforton set a record with a time of 1:49. The old meet record was 1:50.

The sprint medley relay squad of Moore, Raymond, Ray and Hannah Meier posted another meet record with a time of 1:51, beating the school record by :01 and the meet record by :08.

The mid-distance relay four-

some of Haley Meier, Monforton, DiCresce and Hannah Meier set another meet record of 5:32. The old meet was record was 5:51 and the school record was 5:48.

The 400-yard relay team of Moore, Raymond, Schacht and Ray also set a record, posting a time of 51.8. The old record was 52.8, and the distance medley relay team of Firl, DeLoof, Langton and Hannah Meier set a record with a time of 12:41. That old record was 13:43 and school record was 12:54.

The 1,600-yard relay squad of Firl, Raymond, DiCresce and Haley Meier broke the meet record of 4:14 with a time of 4:12 and the shuttle hurdle relay team of Schacht, Cara Monforton, Marissa Monforton and Caroline Wilkinson set a meet record with a time of 1:10.

The Blue Devils' pole vault relay team of Madi Kaiser, Sydney Burke and Harper Pizzimenti placed first and set a new school record with a combined mark of 21-feet, 9-inches.

In addition to the vaulters, the throwers had a solid day as Aubryn Samaroo, Emily Jackman and Meredith Gilbert combined to take third and fourth, respectively, in the discus and shot put relays.

The Blue Devils' long jump contingency of Monforton, Nembhard and DiCresce placed second with a mark of 43 feet.

"As good as we were at this meet, we have the potential to greatly improve and our peak

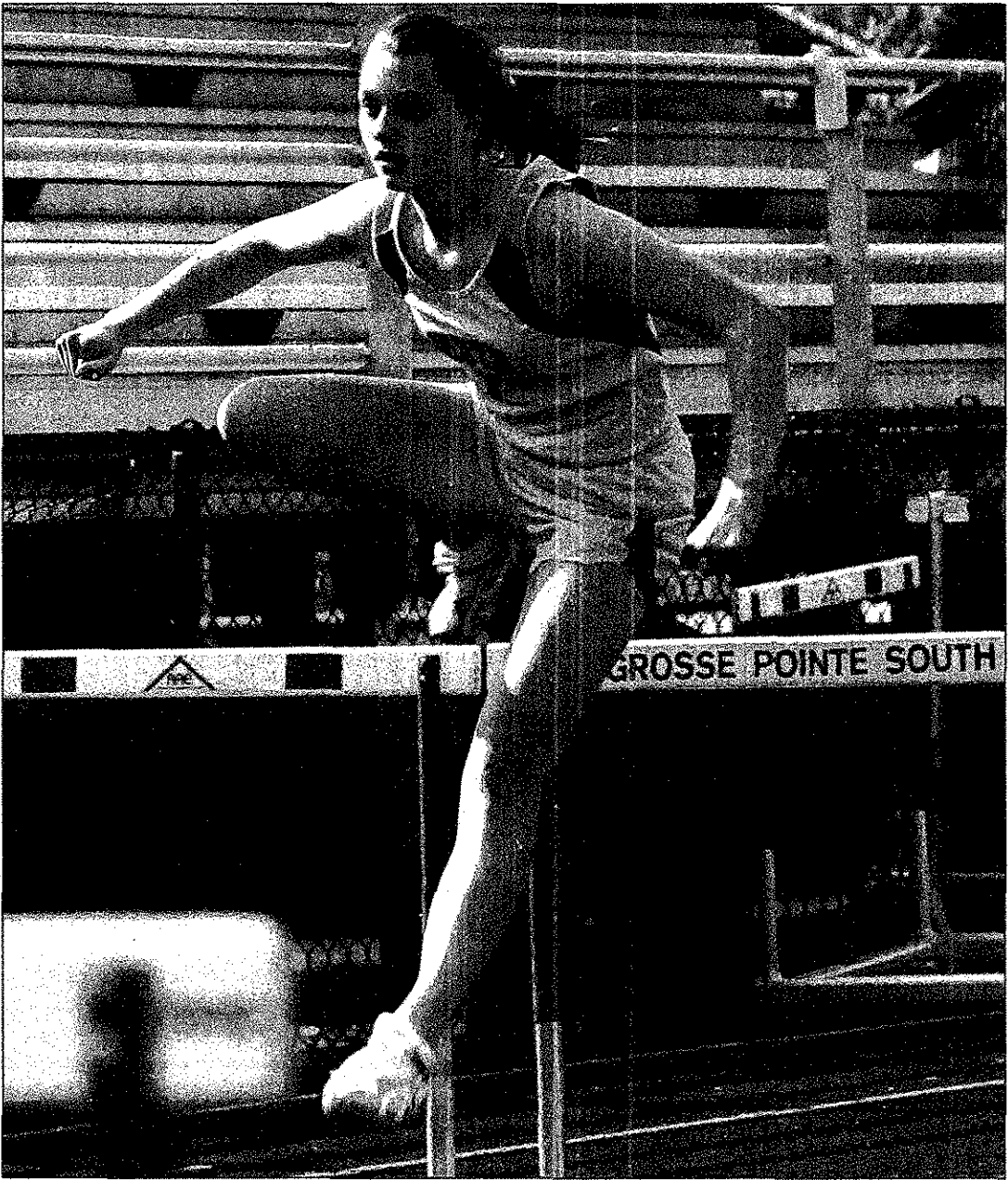


PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Veronica Schacht is off to another fast start for the Grosse Pointe South girls' track and field team.

performances are still weeks away," Zaranek said. "We have an incredibly exciting team to watch and the girls are eager for even bigger and better competition."

Rowing

GROSSE POINTE



PHOTO COURTESY OF BRIAN SULLIVAN

Grosse Pointe rowers were all smiles after a successful weekends competing against tough competition in Ohio.

Grosse Pointe crews excel in Cincinnati

By Monica Hubbard and Marylynn Sullivan
Special Writers

After finishing a week of spring training in Cincinnati, OH, Grosse Pointe rowers competed in the Cincinnati High School Invitational Regatta April 10.

The Detroit Boat Club Crew was up against teams from Ohio, Michigan and Illinois.

The girls' varsity 8 plus won a silver medal as Allison DeClercq, Laine Maher, Casey Wizner, Alix Chrumka, Kitsi Hubbard, Maggie Fragel, Karlene McGarry, Michaela Keady and Erin McGarry, coxswain, competed.

The girls' varsity 2 8 plus boat clinched a bronze medal with team members Bridgid Klick, Alex Moot, Chloe Walker, Jeanette Llorens, Cailin Klick, Kelsey Flynn, Kirstin Schoensee, Maggie Sullivan and Anita Shah, coxswain, competing.

Other top placements were posted by the boys' varsity 8 plus, fifth place overall; girls' varsity 4 plus, sixth; boys' varsity 2 8 plus, fifth; and the girls' novice 8 plus, sixth.

Returning from Cincinnati, the crew began twice-a-day practices on the Detroit River joining the geese, ducks, freighters and little else at 5 a.m. each morning and again after school.

Spring training has already started paying off as the team advanced to the next regatta.

On April 17, the crew was back in Ohio for the Hoover Invitational Regatta in Columbus. Despite the windy conditions, DBCC Juniors made it to finals in eight races and finished 7th out of 39 crews in overall team points. The results are as follows:

Girls' crew varsity 2X team of DeClercq and Chrumka, first; girls LWT 8 plus crew of Laine Maher, Kitsi Hubbard, Bridgid Klick, Emily Hughes,

Cailin Klick, Alex Moot, Maggie Sullivan, Chloe Walker and Anita Shah, coxswain, first; girls' varsity 8 plus crew of Bridgid Klick, Alex Moot, Chloe Walker, Jeanette Llorens, Cailin Klick, Kelsey Flynn, Kirstin Schoensee, Maggie Sullivan and Anita Shah, coxswain, third; girls' varsity 8 plus crew of Allison DeClercq, Laine Maher, Casey Wizner, Alix Chrumka, Kitsi Hubbard, Maggie Fragel, Karlene McGarry, Michaela Keady and Erin McGarry, coxswain, fourth; boys' 4X crew of Colin Mott, John Blanz, Andrew Fildes and Peter Cornillie, fourth; boys' 4 plus crew of Colin Mott, John Blanz, Andrew Fildes, Peter Cornillie and Chris Simon, coxswain, fourth; and boys' LWT 8 plus crew of Jack Sullivan, Stuart Nolton, Alijah Dillard, Alex Fuller, Ian Thompson, Trevor Duncan, Nick Willson, Zak Jatkowski and Chris, coxswain, fourth.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH GIRLS

Norsemen off to solid start

Grosse Pointe North's girls' track and field team won its division opener last week, beating Sterling Heights Stevenson 80-56.

For head coach Charles Buhagiar, Aretha Frazier led the way, winning the 100-yard dash with a time of 13.7 and leading two relay teams to victories.

She teamed up with Haley Abessinio, Taylor Lang and Kayla Womack to win the 800-yard and 400-yard relays, posting times of 1:54.2 and 53.9.

Womack also won the shot put with a mark of 33-feet, 5-inches, and 200-yard dash with a time of 27.6, while Abessinio was first in the 400-yard dash with a time of 1:04.6.

In other track events, Krystal Bush won both hurdle races with times of 16.7 and 50.5 and the mile relay of Bush, Zyanya Wright-Servais, Katy VanEgmond and Kamille Hamzey took first with a time of 4:42.7.

In the field events,

VanEgmond won the pole vault, clearing 6-feet, 6-inches, and Anajai Gutierrez was first in the discus with a mark of 78-feet, 4-inches.

Other standouts in the meet were Allison Francis in the two-mile run, Kailey Sickmiller in the two-mile relay and mile run, Kia Tyus in the high jump, Chrissy Hess in the high jump, Natasha Gilbert in the discus and Alesia Alexander in the discus.

— Bob St. John
Sports Editor

GROSSE POINTE NORTH BOYS

Norsemen fall to Titans

Grosse Pointe North's boys' track and field team lost its Macomb Area Conference Red Division opener last week, falling 83-54 to Sterling Heights Stevenson.

The visiting Norsemen, coached by Frank Tymrack, won five events, including Kyle Lacey, who ran a 10:31.3

in the two-mile.

Roland Day won the 300-yard intermediate hurdles with a time of 44.9 and JeJuan Henderson was first in the 110-yard high hurdles, posting a time of 16.7.

In the field events, Shane Kurza won the pole vault won, clearing 10-feet, 6-inch-

es, and the Norsemen's 400-yard relay took the top spot with a time of 45.1.

In the other opening meets, Macomb Dakota beat Utica Eisenhower 73-59 and Port Huron defeated Sterling Heights 90.5-41.5.

— Bob St. John
Sports Editor

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH BOYS

Close, but not close enough

The Grosse Pointe South boys' track and field team lost 77.5-59.5 to Port Huron Northern last week.

The host Blue Devils won several events, but just not enough to overcome the Huskies.

Austin Montgomery was a dual winner, taking the mile and two-mile runs with times of 5:01.6 and 11:23.3, while the 400-yard relay team of Victor Hedenberg, Renell Perkins, Dan Sutton and Victor Mattison won with a time of 46.5.

Mattison also won his first-ever 400-yard dash, posting a

time of 52.04 and the throwers won 17 out of a possible 18 points to bring the Blue Devils closer.

Head coach Werner Schienke watched Stan Scott win the shot put with a mark of 42-feet, 4-inches. He was followed by teammates J.R. Roberts and Bernard James.

In the discus, Roberts won with a throw of 127-feet, 8-inches and Scott was second.

Last weekend, the team placed sixth in the Stevenson Titans Relays.

The discus relay team of Roberts, Scott and Phil Nauert took third with a combined

mark of 323-feet, 7-inches, and the shot put relay trio of Scott, Roberts and James also came in third with a mark of 126-feet, 1-inch.

The 400-yard relay team once again had a solid race. This time, the foursome of Hedenberg, Sutton, Mattison and Scott placed fourth with a time of 45.6 and distance relay team of Montgomery, Jake Carolan, Steve Fox and Matt Geist took sixth at 12:06.

South fell to 0-2 overall and in the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

— Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Girls soccer

LIGGETT

It's a split

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Liggett's girls' soccer team split its games for a second straight time last week.

The visiting Knights beat Hamtramck 8-0 and lost 3-0 to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, leaving its record at 2-2 overall.

"We played very well in each game, but came away with only one win to show for it," head coach David Dwaihy said. "Hamtramck is vastly improved and gave us a decent game and I think we played just as well as Cranbrook."

In the victory, freshman Eleni Pitses had a hat trick, while senior Katie Sheehy, sophomore Haley Smith and senior Paige Counsman had a goal apiece.

Senior Hannah Baird and sophomore Emily Johnson each set up two goals, while Smith had one assist.

The Knights had its chances to score against former league foe Cranbrook Kingswood, but couldn't get the ball into the back of the net.

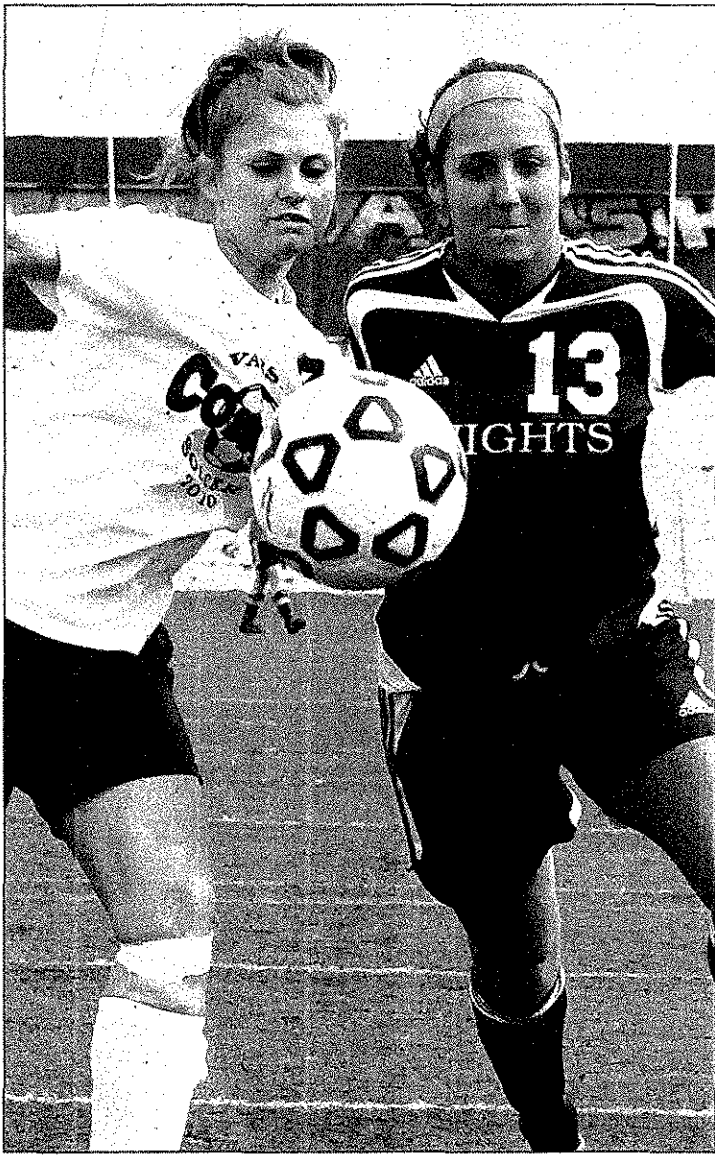


PHOTO BY PHIL LANGFORD

Senior Hannah Baird, right, assisted on two of the Knights' eight goals in its 8-0 win over former league foe Hamtramck.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Learning curve is high

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' soccer team has been trading wins for losses during its non-league schedule.

Last week was no different as the host Norsemen lost 4-2 to Fraser after impressively beating St. Clair Shores Lakeview 6-0 in its previous game.

"We didn't play a good first half, but I was happy to see the girls come back and play a solid second half against a nice team," head coach Jen Nadeau said.

Sam Langer scored in the first half to give the Norsemen a 1-0 lead before the Ramblers tallied four straight to take control of the match.

Amanda Gay rounded out the scoring, netting a goal with seven minutes left in the contest.

Are the Norsemen ready for the rough and tumble Macomb Area Conference Red Division slate?

"I knew we would be a little inconsistent early in the season because we replaced so



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Freshman Emily Armbruster scored a goal in the Norsemen's 4-2 loss to Fraser.

many players from last year's team," Nadeau said. "We have to get it all together now that it's time to play our division games."

The Norsemen opened its

division schedule last weekend at unbeaten Utica Eisenhower. They lost 6-0 to the Eagles, dropping to 0-1 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 3-4 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils tie

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The good news is Grosse Pointe South's girls' soccer team stretched its unbeaten streak to five games last week.

The bad news is the host Blue Devils dominated the game, yet came away with a 1-1 with against St. Clair Shores Lakeview.

"It's disappointing," head coach Gene Harkins said. "We can't finish around the goal. We're getting great shots on net, but their not going in and that has to change when we begin our division schedule."

The Blue Devils outshot the Huskies by a 3-1 margin, but the Huskies managed to survive.

Chelsea MacGriff scored early in the second half to give



PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Senior Ana Harris cruises down field during the Blue Devils' tie with St. Clair Shores Lakeview.

the home team a 1-0 lead. Emily Flom drew the assist after her shot was saved by Huskies goalie Gina Horner.

Flom's shot couldn't be smothered and the ball slid away from Horner. MacGriff was a step away and easily kicked the ball into the open net to give the Blue Devils the slim lead.

At the 19:10 mark, the Huskies were able to tie the game and they held on, despite the Blue Devils' onslaught off scoring chances.

The Blue Devils opened division play last weekend, losing at home 2-0 to Utica Ford, dropping their record to 0-1 in the MAC Red and 2-3-3 overall.

Hockey awards

GPHA

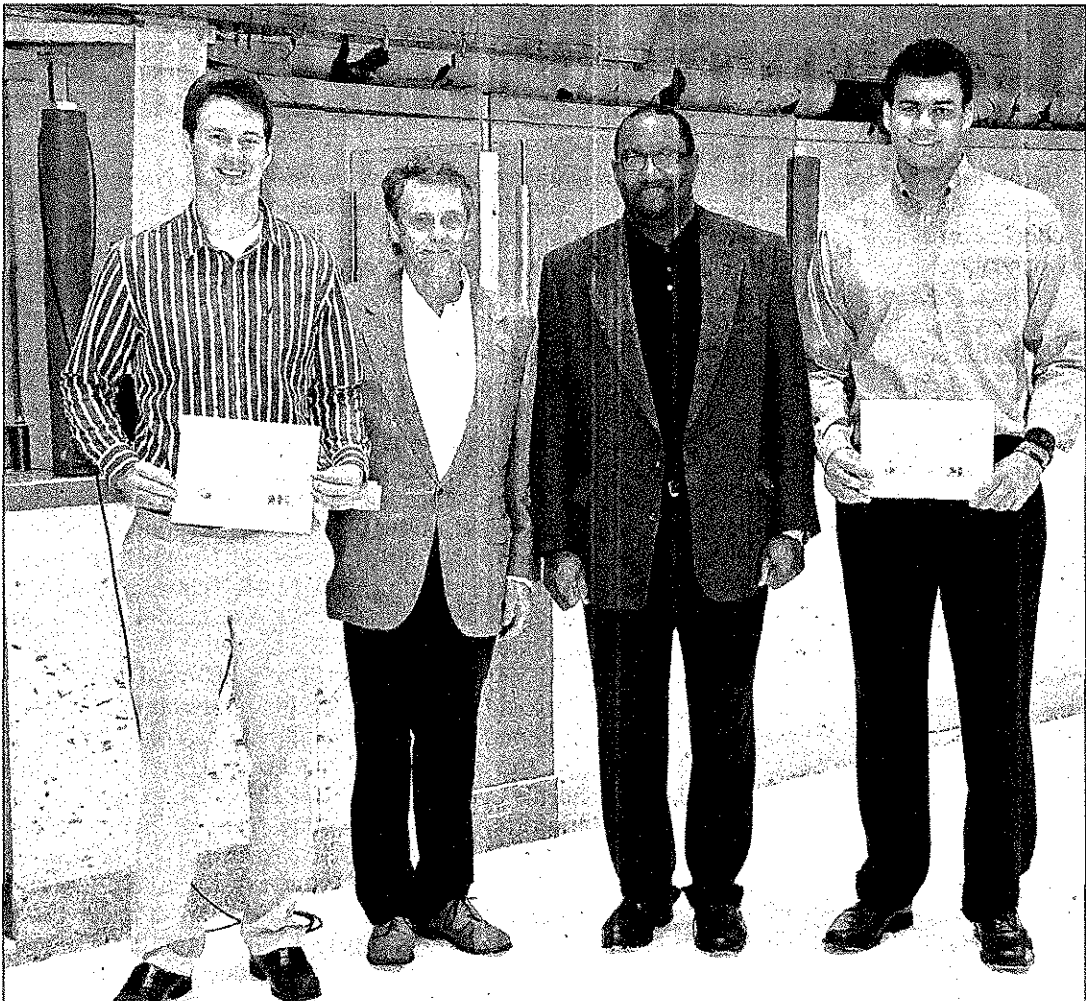


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Scholarship honorees

Grosse Pointe South senior Blake Sanford, far left, and Jonathan Robert, far right, received the prestigious McSorley Scholarship, named in honor of John and Judy McSorley's son, Jack McSorley who is a South graduate and was attending Penn before his sudden death during his junior year of college. Handing out the awards during the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association's annual banquet last month were John McSorley, center left, and GPHA President Bobby Mitchell.

Sanford, who has a 4.07 grade point average, is a member of the Spanish National Honor Society, the football team and a goalie for the Grosse Pointe South varsity hockey team. He is a writer for the Tower newspaper and has served on mission trip overseas and helped build houses. He is a life guard and plans on attending the University of Michigan in the fall, planning on attending medical school. Roberts had a 3.79 grade point average and is a member of the National Honor Society and earned Academic All-State honors in football. He played varsity basketball and several years of hockey in the GPHA, as well as participated in the Congressional Student Leadership Conference, as well as being recognized as a student ambassador for People to People for China.

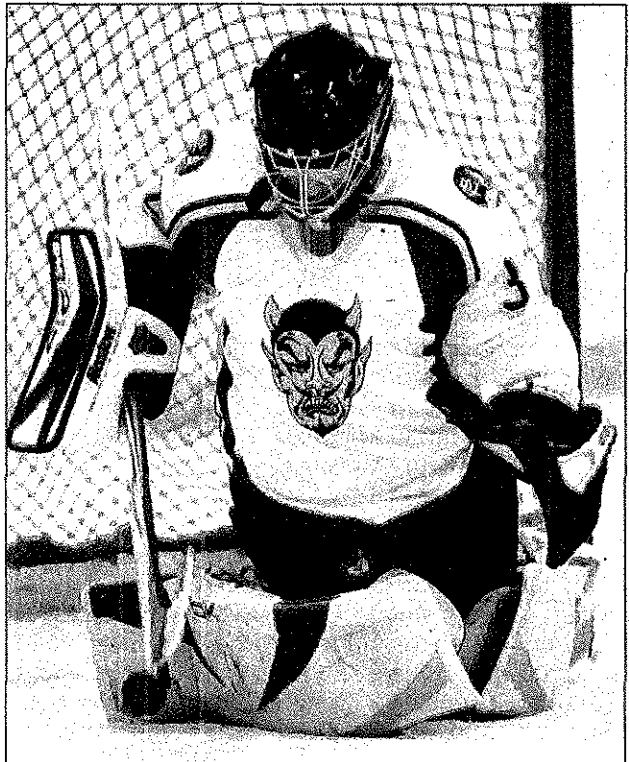
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All-State

The Grosse Pointe girls and boys ice hockey teams were well represented in this year's post-season honors. Grosse Pointe North senior Matt Lucchese, above, and sophomore Scott Dornbrock earned Division 2 First-Team honors in boys' ice hockey. Liggett senior Paige Counsman, Grosse Pointe South senior Shannon Gianino and Grosse Pointe North junior Taylor Moody earned All-State First Team in girls' ice hockey. Liggett seniors Dan Zukas and Jake Goldberg, bottom left, earned Division 3 Second-Team honors and senior goaltender David McIntyre made honorable mention. For the girls, Grosse Pointe South seniors Rae Sklarski, Maggie Miller, right, and Emma Hull, as well as Liggett senior Morgan Ellis, made the All-State Second Team. Those on the honorable mention list were Grosse Pointe South sophomore Claire Boyle, Grosse Pointe South senior Ana Harris, Grosse Pointe North sophomore Jennifer Cusmano and Liggett sophomore Haleigh Bolton.



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ACROSS

- U.K. TV network
- King (Latin)
- 9-Down, for one
- Came to earth
- Corroded
- "— Lang Syne"
- Assess
- Chatter
- Note from the boss
- Rosemary's partner?
- Bound
- Tiny legume
- Fasteners
- Graceful animal
- Otherwise
- Furniture brand
- Reverence
- Mischievous Norse god
- Dynamite constituent
- Authorize
- Slow crawlers
- Eg. and Syr., once
- Ardor
- Rosters
- "Scatt"
- Freedom, for short
- Willy Wonka's creator

DOWN

- Homer's imp son
- Mediocre
- Metropolis
- Tatter
- And others (Latin)
- Three-masted sailing ship
- Home of the Buccaneers
- Regret
- Shade provider
- Tokyo's old name
- Suburb of Phoenix
- Conger, e.g.
- Will Smith
- Homer's biopic
- Carte intro
- Winter forecast
- Jab
- Use a teaspoon
- Traps
- Related
- Catherine
- Jones
- Ram's mate
- Ostrich-like bird
- Bullring bravo
- Crony
- Spirited attack
- Told a whopper
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