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### THURSDAY, MARCH 17

St. Patrick's Day

### SUNDAY, MARCH 20

First day of spring

### MONDAY, MARCH 21

◆ Healthy Gardens for Children and Pets is Mil Hurley's topic at the 7 p.m. free LocalMotionGreen seminar at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.  
◆ Grosse Pointe Woods council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza.  
◆ Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, hosts "Meet the Commish" from 9 to 10 a.m. in Grosse Pointe Park City Hall, 15115 E. Jefferson.  
◆ City of Grosse Pointe council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 17147 Maumee.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 22

◆ Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours is hosted by Harrington Communications & Harrington, Dragich PLLC, at 7 p.m. at 21043 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.  
◆ Job Resources @ Your Library for adults is from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch, 20680 Mack. For more information and to register, call Danis Houser at (313) 343-2074, ext. 212. Presenters are librarians James Moffet and Houser.  
◆ Bonnie Anderson, president of House of Deputies, The Episcopal Church USA, is the speaker at Christ Church of Grosse Pointe Lenten series, "Our Spiritual Journeys: Listening to God," from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The church is located at 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

◆ The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods and Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe host "End Bedtime Battles" at 6:30 p.m. at Assumption Nursery School, 22150 Marter Road, St. Clair Shores. For reservations, call (313) 432-3832.

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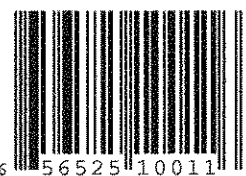


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Farms Dispatcher Dottie Deneau in the department communications center.

## Matches made in recession

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

It might take a matchmaker to keep track of all the wooing going on among individual Grosse Pointes to partner their public safety dispatch centers.

The Farms proposed this week to operate the Shores' center.

The Park is preparing to pop the question to the City.

The Woods is expected to court the Shores.

"Some of our cities already are in negotiations to join up with each other," said James Farquhar, Farms mayor and chairman of the Ad Hoc Grosse Pointe Public Safety Committee.

The committee, comprised of the

Pointe mayors, city managers, one council member from each city and a Southeast Michigan Council of Governments representative, issued a report this week recommending dispatch services be shared among the cities.

There's no recommendation to consolidate entire public safety departments, much less the cities themselves.

### Cutting costs

The five Pointes collectively budget \$1,281,594 for dispatch services, according to the report.

Cost savings per city would average nearly 29 percent annually if all five dispatch centers joined as one, accord-

ing to the report.

Yet, the cost of constructing and outfitting a centralized facility and prisoner lock-up is prohibitive in current economic conditions.

The committee, therefore, urges the respective Pointes to take the intermediate step of partnering with another city. The short-term goal is creating two or three joint dispatch centers.

"Because of the capital costs of trying to create one large Pointe answering service, it would be more expedient to have sharing among communities and have fewer call centers rather than one large center," said Dale Krajniak, Park manager.

"The savings are there," added

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## Fincham: Partnering will pay off

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

If the longest journey begins with a single step, the journey toward consolidation of city services within the Grosse Pointes may finally have started.

Consensus has apparently been reached by representatives of the five Pointes on the direction to take in implementing the consolidation of public safety dispatch services, according to a report released earlier this week.

The Ad Hoc Grosse Pointe Public Safety Committee looked at three options, according to Grosse Pointe Woods city administrator Skip Fincham.

"The committee agreed that the best option was to begin combining dispatch services on a city by city partnering basis," he said.

According to Fincham, cities would merge their dispatch service two or three cities at a time. When the time comes to form one dispatch center for the five Pointes, there would only be two groups to work with, rather than attempting to combine all five at once.

"We had obviously looked at combining all five Pointes at one time," he said, "but that would have required a huge capital outlay. Combining smaller units make far more sense."

There also are issues related to staffing, including the cost of negotiating with a new bargaining unit for dispatch center employees.

Another option the committee explored but ultimately rejected was having the five Grosse Pointes combine

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More reaction from  
the Pointes' leaders,  
page 2A

## Patrols up, crime down

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Armed robbers had a bad time getting away with it last year in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Farms had three armed robberies during 2010, and police solved them all.

The perfect record contributed to the public safety department last year solving — or clearing — crimes at an overall rate twice that of law enforcement agencies nationwide.

"Our clearance rates are outstanding compared with the national average," said

Dan Jensen, Farms public safety director.

The city's 2010 annual report for public safety chronicled an overall drop in reported crime from 2009.

Larceny declined 25 percent.

Car theft dropped 62 percent. There were 10 actual or attempted car thefts last year in the Farms compared with 29 in 2009.

Jensen attributed the drop to pro-active patrols along the Detroit border.

"The No. 1 deterrent to crime is visibility," Jensen

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## State champs

Grosse Pointe South junior Marissa

Monforton and her teammates played in a fourth consecutive state championship last weekend, beating Ann Arbor 6-2 in the title tilt at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia.

Monforton's tenacious play was indicative of every player on the roster. For complete coverage, see pages 1 and 2C.



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# All for one

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

A group of like-minded elected officials from sister Grosse Pointe communities agree it is mutually beneficial to get together and brainstorm ways of working collaboratively for the betterment of all.

"We need to caucus about concerns and issues affecting all five Grosse Pointes," said Ted Kedzierski, Grosse Pointe Shores city councilman. "It would be very positive for the Grosse Pointes."

Kedzierski chairs the Shores finance committee. He'd like fellow elected representatives of the other Pointes to meet informally to discuss how cities can hurdle municipal budget humps.

"Solutions are going to involve some degree of commonality, ultimately, to become more efficient," Kedzierski said.

"We'd be happy to reach out," said Robert Novitke, mayor of Grosse Pointe Woods.

"It would be good to see where everybody stands and the progress that could be made," said Greg Theokas, chairman of the Grosse Pointe Park finance committee. "That's something we'd support."

The Pointes' city managers already are meeting about ways to save costs by partnering aspects of municipal operations.

The cities' public safety directors are part of discussions about consolidating dispatch services.

Cross-border cooperation has existed for years: Grosse Pointe Farms sells water to the City of Grosse Pointe; the Shores uses the Wood's municipal judge; cities buy trees and road salt together.

"We've offered to do building inspections for other communities," Novitke said.

Kedzierski hopes all cost-cutting options would be considered. Even little things, such

as if money could be saved by sharing a single postage metering machine rather than renting five individually.

"We could save \$12,000," he said. "If we talk together, maybe we can see the overlap."

Novitke mentioned eliminating the purchase of redundant public works equipment by having one city contract with another to sweep streets or conduct curb-side leaf collection.

"Sharing ideas would bear fruit," said Councilman Christopher Walsh of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Given that at least three of the Pointes face preliminary budget shortfalls of at least \$400,000 next fiscal year, there's room for fresh ideas about operating more efficiently.

"Not every one of us has the full breadth of ideas," Walsh said.

Some of the Pointes already have sought fresh ideas beyond city council and administrative chambers.

The City last year surveyed its households about which municipal services should be enhanced, maintained or reduced given declining property tax revenues resulting from shrinking property values.

The Shores, Park and Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce followed suit.

The City and Shores also formed citizens advisory task forces to suggest cost-saving tactics.

"Dialing that down in terms of applicability of finance ideas has merit," Walsh said.

An ad hoc committee of municipal representatives has been meeting since September about ways to cut costs by sharing services.

The committee is comprised of the five mayors, city managers and one council member from each city.

"I like the size of our group," said Farms Mayor James Farquhar. "We've had good, informative meetings."

# Expert agrees with path of the Pointes

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Ed Henschel makes his living showing cities how to save money.

Clients range alphabetically from Algoma, Wisc., to Yuma, Ariz., and from the rust belt demographics of Gary, Ind., to the pleasure dome of Pasadena, Calif.

"The fact is, municipalities simply cannot operate business as usual," Henschel said. "Money is not there anymore. States are broke. Taxpayers are about ready to revolt. We simply can't have that. We need to change operations."

He's in the process of doing a police consolidation study for Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti Township.

"I've done a lot of police consolidation work," said Henschel, senior manager of RW Management Group in Wisconsin. He's also a former city manager and current executive director of the Wisconsin City/County Managers Association.

"In most cases of consolidation, particularly with dispatch, you generate significant savings," he said.

## Shared concern

Savings has been the topic since September of mayors and city managers in the five Grosse Pointes.

The group recommended this week communities pursue savings in the range of \$1 million per year by partnering public safety dispatch services.

No public safety dispatcher in the Pointes approached for interviews would speak on record. They referred to concerns about risking their employment.

Public safety dispatch centers are staffed to handle emergency situations, which, by definition, are exceptions to the normal daily routine. Consequently, dispatchers assigned primarily to handle emergency communications can spend a lot of downtime

between calls.

"That's primarily what makes dispatch centers such low-hanging fruit in terms of the opportunities to be more efficient," Henschel said.

Many Pointe dispatchers, however, do more than man incoming phone lines. In the Farms, dispatchers handle prisoners and carry sidearms for protection.

One Farms dispatcher received a commendation this month for coordinating radio communications last August during an armed robbery. A co-worker was honored for helping with a drug arrest.

"We care about all of our employees, believe me," said Farms Mayor James Farquhar.

Yet, Grosse Pointe residents indicate a desire to save money by reducing the redundant manpower and equipment of public safety call centers, known technically as public safety answering points.

The results of unscientific household surveys last year in the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Shores supported melding homogenized call centers with those of the other Pointes.

Results were the same in a more formal, community-wide survey commissioned by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

## Leadership needed

If shared services are to result in cost savings, strong political leadership among elected officials is needed to overcome feeling uncomfortable about a loss of control or their community's identity, Henschel said.

Leadership needs to overcome turf- and job-protection issues.

"I've done police dispatch consolidation studies, and dispatchers have gotten up and in public meetings and all but scream at me, telling me it can't be done and people will die," Henschel said. "I've yet to see a fatality, to be honest with you. Scare tactics almost are never true and simply are

tactics."

Opponents of a centralized Grosse Pointes dispatch operation caution that, if the five individual departments are combined into fewer offices, let alone one, public safety headquarters lacking dispatchers won't have personnel available to handle walk-in reports from the public.

"It depends," Henschel said. "I hear that one quite frequently. When we do our analysis of such consolidations, we ask for statistics on walk-in traffic. By and large, (the) data does not support buildings being open 24/7."

He addressed that concern recently when analyzing the possible consolidation of dispatch services for a city in Wisconsin.

"That community is opting to hire clerical staff to, essentially, keep their building open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., but not 24 hours," Henschel said. "They found that after 8 p.m. there is almost no walk-in traffic."

Consolidated dispatch can be troublesome if the centralized operation doesn't develop a uniform response procedure between the merged departments.

"Many police departments have differing protocols for responding to things such as a bank alarm," Henschel said. "If these can't become more uniform between differing police departments, it becomes

confusing for the dispatcher. He or she has to memorize too many different response protocols. You want uniformity in how calls are dispatched."

## Underpinnings

In an article, "Consolidation and shared services: a proven method for saving tax dollars," that Henschel co-wrote for the October 2008 issue of Government Finance Review, he stated, "In general, about half of consolidation and shared service efforts are successful."

Conditions under which cities could successfully reduce costs by sharing services include:

◆ Communities with histories of working together. The five Pointes have a long-standing public safety mutual aid agreement.

◆ Elected officials in neighboring communities have good working relationships.

◆ Communities see a mutual benefit to sharing services, as indicated in the three community surveys.

◆ Cost savings outweigh a perceived loss of control by the parties involved.

◆ Existing services provided by the communities are comparable.

"If consolidations are done carefully and with thorough analysis, this tried and true method can result in significant savings and improved service," Henschel wrote.

# Lines to be buried along The Hill

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — With budgets tight everywhere and little likelihood of a quick reversal of misfortune, Councilman Terry Davis doesn't see the sense of spending municipal taxpayer dollars he may not have to qualify for federal taxpayer-funded grants he may not want.

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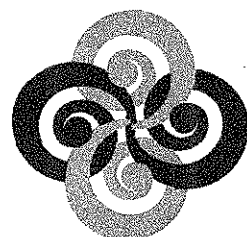
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Sadly, due to the recent losses of the entire Percussion Section and Principal Flutist Philip Dikeman, the DSO now needs to add rebuilding the Orchestra to the many tasks that await it once the music begins playing again.

Ultimately, the future success of the DSO rests on the shoulders of the Community. With a membership of 5,000 after just a few short months, SOS is solid evidence that there is wide-spread community support for the Musicians and the DSO.

Thus it can be said that the Musicians, the DSO Board, and the Community are working towards the same goal - SO LET US WORK TOGETHER NOW as well.

SOS is asking the Board Members to work with the Musicians and agree to binding arbitration. We are confident a solution is possible that will give consideration to both the financial concerns of the Board and the artistic concerns of the Musicians.

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# Nun robbery suspect behind bars

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Park police arrested an 18-year-old Detroit man they say tried to rob a nun Monday, Feb. 28, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church.

Raylon Vandie Wright was arraigned Friday, March 11, in Grosse Pointe Municipal Court. He faces up to life in prison if convicted on armed robbery charges and is being held on \$50,000 cash bond in the Wayne County jail.

According to Lt. James Smith, Park police received a telephone tip March 10 that Wright was talking about committing the crime and addi-

tional information was received that he could be found in the area of Three Mile and East Warren. Police responded to the area and arrested Wright without incident. Police also recovered a weapon.

Based on information supplied by Park police, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office authorized charges.

Wright stood mute at his arraignment in front of Park Judge Carl Jarboe. He then requested a court-appointed attorney.

According to the police report, the nun, 74, was locking the church after services and was approached by a male subject with a gun. He de-

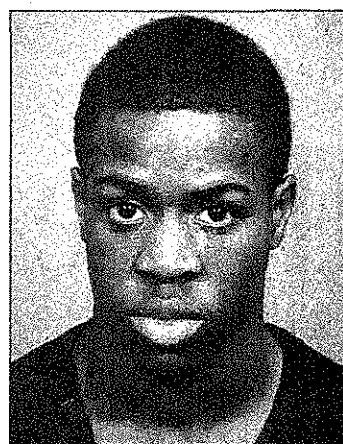
manded money.

When she replied she had none, he patted down her pockets and ordered her into a bathroom. He eventually left the church and the nun was not harmed.

Wright has no criminal record.

Smith credits his department, and in particular the lead detective on the case, Michael Narduzzi, with making an arrest so quickly. He also cited information from citizens.

"We had several citizens calling us with tips," he said, "including one from a citizen who had seen the Crime Stoppers poster in his neighborhood which led to his ar-



Raylon Vandie Wright

rest."

Wright will be back in court for a pre-trial hearing Thursday, March 24.



A rendering of the project planned for Cook Road.

## Neighbors check out project plans

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

The neighbors gathered to meet the new neighbor, as some Grosse Pointe Woods residents who live near a proposed senior housing development sat with project managers to review plans and express concerns.

Questions from the approximately 30 residents who attended the Monday, March 14, meeting, ranged from the time line for The Rivers of Grosse Pointe project to the landscape plans to the cost of living at various units within the development.

But the major concern expressed by most of those in attendance centered on the traffic on Cook Road.

"We have had a traffic study done and we don't believe that this development will cause an adverse traffic condition," lead developer Richard Levin told the audience. "We plan on staggering work shifts, so there will not be a huge influx of traffic at one time."

Levin also assured the neighbors that shift changes would be worked around school arrival and dismissal times. There will be approximately 160 jobs connected with the development, spread over three shifts and Levin also noted that in his experience with these kinds of complexes, very few of the residents actually own cars.

Developers walked the residents through the timeline for the project, which is still wait-

ing approval by the Woods city council. If approved, construction could begin this summer and finish by the end of 2012.

Residents were able to review site plans for the project, which include a three-story main building that will house an independent living unit, an assisted living unit and a skilled nursing component. Architectural renderings for proposed condominium units that will surround the 14-acre site were also available.

The sale of the property, owned by Starr Commonwealth based in Albion, is pending final approval of the project by the city. Neither the developers nor Starr Commonwealth will reveal the price of the property until the sale is complete.

While several neighbors said they look forward to the property being developed and were pleased with the plans they had seen, others were not so welcoming.

"They're not answering our questions," said Ray Chown, who expressed concerns over the traffic impact on Cook Road.

His neighbor, Emmett DeGuvera, questioned the need for such a facility in the Pointes.

"I don't know that it isn't needed, but I don't know that it is, either," he said.

The Grosse Pointe Woods planning commission holds a public hearing on the project at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 24 in the Woods city council chambers.



Balancing the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department budget became less of a challenge this week with the arrival of a 2011 Dodge Challenger R/T donated to the city by residents Ken and Linda Meade. They stand on the driver's side with Public Safety Director Dan Jensen. In back are, from left, Farms City Manager Shane Reeside, Deputy Public Safety Director John Hutchins and Mayor James Farquhar.

## Yeah, it's got a Hemi

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

This city's police parking lot is starting to look like a display at the Autorama.

The public safety department accepted possession this week of a 2011 Hemi-powered Dodge Challenger R/T.

The black-on-black muscle car joins a silver, semi-marked 2009 Ford Mustang GT 5.0 in traffic control.

The Challenger came as a

gift from Grosse Pointe Farms residents Ken and Linda Meade.

"At this time of the economy, municipalities are having a hard time balancing their budgets," said Ken Meade. "The Farms needed a car. This is my gift."

"We couldn't appreciate it more," said Dan Jensen, Farms public safety director. "It will replace a traffic car and save us approximately \$50,000 over three or four years."

Before being put into service, the Challenger will be outfitted with the same minimal amount of public safety markings as the Mustang.

"Not only are they great traffic enforcement units, they're great public relations tools around the schools," Jensen said. "They attract a lot of positive attention, unless you're speeding. Then, it would be negative attention."

"People like to see us out there," said Patrolman Frank Zielinski, vehicle maintenance officer in charge of the fleet and often assigned to the Mustang.

"You get to talk to people all the time because they ask about the car."

Ken Meade, an auto dealer, said he and his wife "have an interest in speed."

The Challenger is "an excellent car, very stable and safe," he said.

It's Hemi's 365 horsepower "will put you back in the seat," he added.

"I'm going to have to test that," said Mayor James Farquhar. "Bad guys are going to be surprised when they're pulled over in this car."

Farquhar thanked the Meades.

"We appreciate the gift with open arms," Farquhar said. "It shows that people really love where they live and what we do."

Lt. Detective Richard Rosati eyed the Challenger with special interest.

He owns a four-speed, 1970 Challenger with a 340-cubic-inch engine that puts out 275 horsepower.

Rosati hopped-up the car with a 3:55 positraction differential.

"I'd like to compare it with the Challenger of 41 years later," Rosati said.

## ULS plans spring event

University Liggett School's spring event, A Sunsational Knight, will be held on Friday, April 29, at the Roostertail in Detroit.

With Edmund t. AHEE jewelers serving as the premier sponsor, the evening will include a strolling dinner, open bar, and live music by The Sun Messengers. The public is invited to attend.

Highlighting A Sunsational Knight will be a silent and live auction, each offering a selection of unique items such as a New York City Baseball and Broadway getaway, gift certificates including a one-year membership to Yoga Shelter, tickets to sporting events and more.

A special his or hers Rolex Watch Raffle, courtesy of Ahee Jewelers will be held on event night only. For a sneak peek at additional auction items, visit [uls.org](http://uls.org) after April 1.

At the close of the evening, there will be the spring raffle drawing.

This year's raffle prizes include a first place prize of \$4,500 cash, a second place prize of a landscaping package valued at \$3,500 courtesy of Backer Landscaping, and a third place prize of an interior decorating package valued at \$2,500 from Arkay-Walker.

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A pre-event benefactor dinner will be held Tuesday, April 19, at the Dirty Dog Jazz Café. Guests will enjoy a strolling dinner and live music by RJ Spangler. Benefactor tickets are \$200 per person and provide an exclusive invitation to the dinner at the Dirty Dog, an invitation to the pre-glow reception and tickets to A Sunsational Knight, both on April 29.

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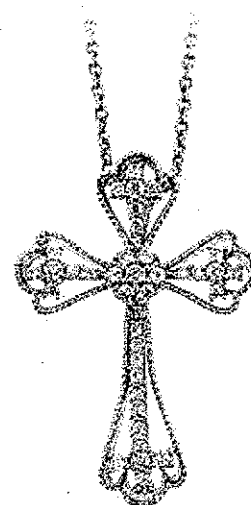
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By Justin Hicks  
Special Writer

Michigan is cold. Residents of the mitten-shaped state know that. But 17-year-old Dimpho Rapotu was caught a little off guard when she moved to Grosse Pointe Farms in January as part of an exchange student program.

"Now when I see it's snowing I think, 'Oh, it's just snow,' but two weeks ago I couldn't even go outside," Rapotu said. "It's just different with a new country and a new family."

Through the Rotary Youth Exchange program, the Grosse Pointe South High School senior has the opportunity to spend a year studying in the

United States — quite a jump from her hometown of Polokwane, South Africa.

"(The program) give youth the experience living in another country, whether it be for six weeks or a year, and give you the platform to view different aspects of life and to grow independently," she said.

Rapotu became friends with an Indiana native studying in South Africa, and grew intrigued by the idea of traveling to America.

Before being accepted to study abroad, she went through a screening process, which included two interviews.

With each student interested in traveling to a distant country to learn about another culture, there needs to be a host family

interested in taking them in.

Jim and Melissa Rizer, and their three children — Spencer, 12, AJ, 10, and Vivian, 5 — welcomed Rapotu into their Grosse Pointe Farms house with open arms.

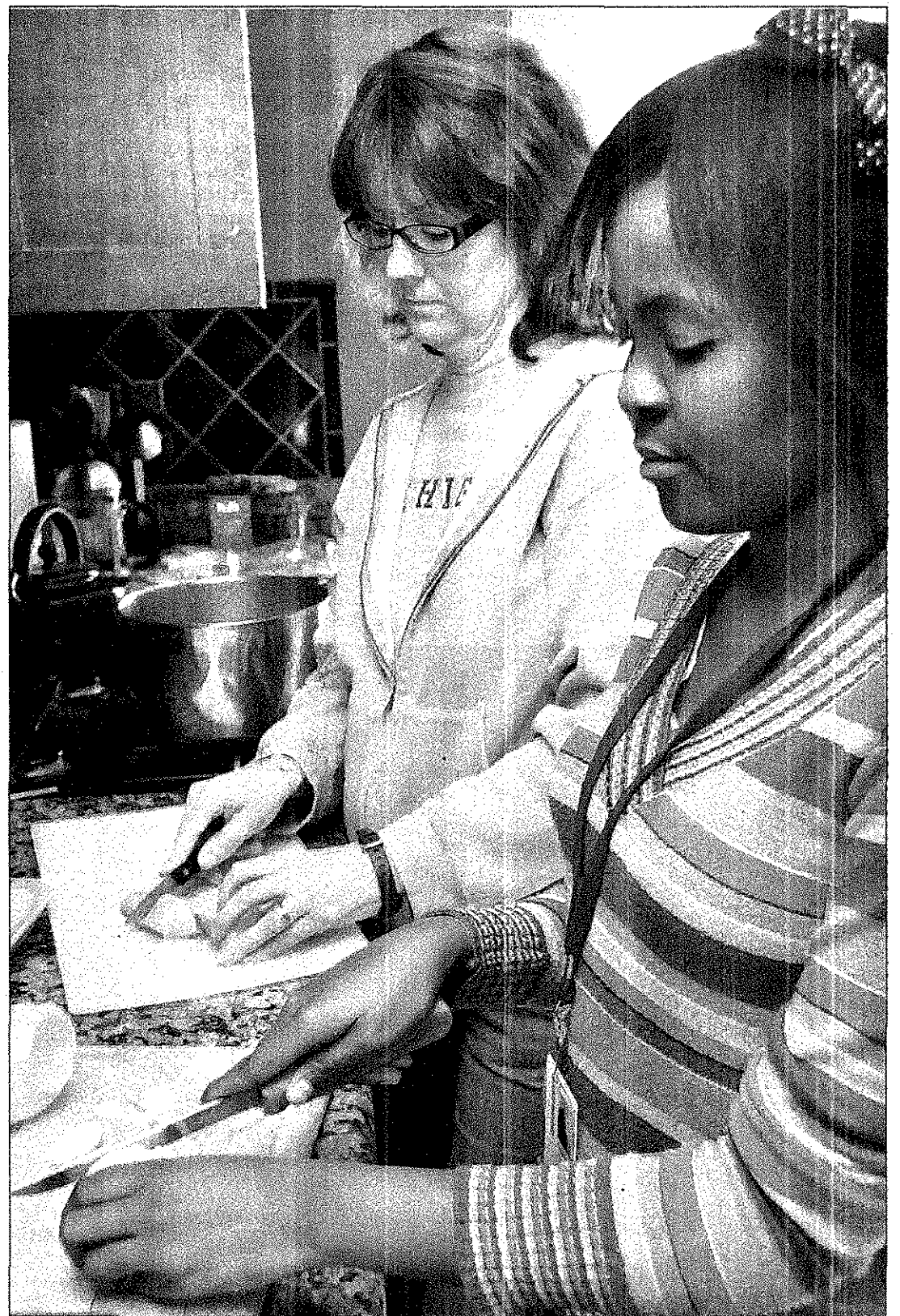
"It's nice for our kids to meet new people, and Jim and I are glad to open our home because it's a neat experience and there is so much to gain," Melissa Rizer said. "It's kind of like a 'paying it forward' type thing."

Hosting Rapotu wasn't the couple's first interaction with an exchange program.

Melissa Rizer made multiple trips to Germany in high school and college, staying with host families. Jim Rizer has traveled to Mexico, Jamaica and Israel.

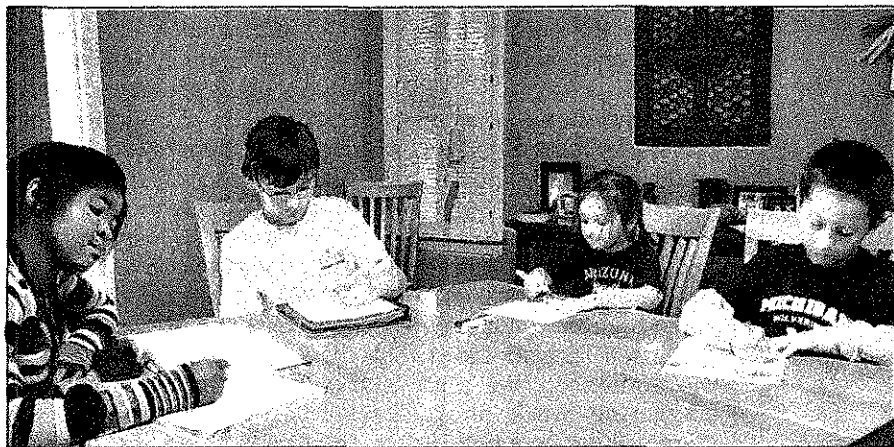
Interest in hosting exchange students has spread through Melissa Rizer's family. Her parents housed exchange students when she was growing up, and she and her sister followed suit.

"My sister and her husband are part of Rotary and have hosted kids, and



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Melissa Rizer and Dimpho Rapotu work together making chicken carriatore.



The Rizer family dining room is the usual gathering spot to complete homework and play games. From left, Dimpho Rapotu, Spencer Rizer, Vivian Rizer and A.J. Rizer.

they had a student last summer with no place to stay, so he came and stayed with us," Melissa Rizer said. "He was a

good kid and it was a good experience."

Rapotu has a 10-year-old sister back home, and many younger cousins, making it easier for her to interact with the Rizer family.

"They get along great. They watch shows together and they have similar sense of humors," Melissa Rizer said. "Dimpho is great with the kids and likes to know what they think about things. They enjoy each other's company."

When asked about the challenges that come with hosting an exchange student through a Rotary group, Melissa Rizer said, "We had to rearrange the furniture so the three kids could share a room together, but nothing major."

## The transition

Rapotu flew to the U.S. from Johannesburg, South Africa, with two friends also in the program. The trio separated, and one student went to New York and the other to Petoskey.

The continental leap required a little transition time.

"After the first two days, I was like, 'school? I'm not going back,'" Rapotu said. "As time went by, I think I found friends and I've developed the ability to open up more to people."

Prior to attending an American high school, Rapotu said she pictured the experience as something from the movie, "Mean Girls."

"At first I thought 'Oh my gosh, I'm new. I'm going to be bullied,'" she said. "It's not what I expected and it was challenging at first, but it's generally the same (as back home) because I come from the city."

Rapotu's studying in America revolves around her desire to follow a future in the medical field.

"I love helping people of all different kinds, and you could say I love math and biology," she said. "Now I have to decide which type of doctor I want to be."

Her goal is to try a little bit of everything during her time in the U.S., and for "self exploration" to find what she wants with her life.

"So far, I've been to a hockey game. I went snow tubing. I went skiing and I've eaten at a Mexican restaurant — which I loved — to name a few things," she said.

Although Rapotu is a fourth-year high school student, she doesn't have the opportunity of graduating at the conclusion of the current semester.

As an "unofficial senior," she doesn't have the paperwork needed to graduate, but may return to South after her exchange time expires to officially graduate.

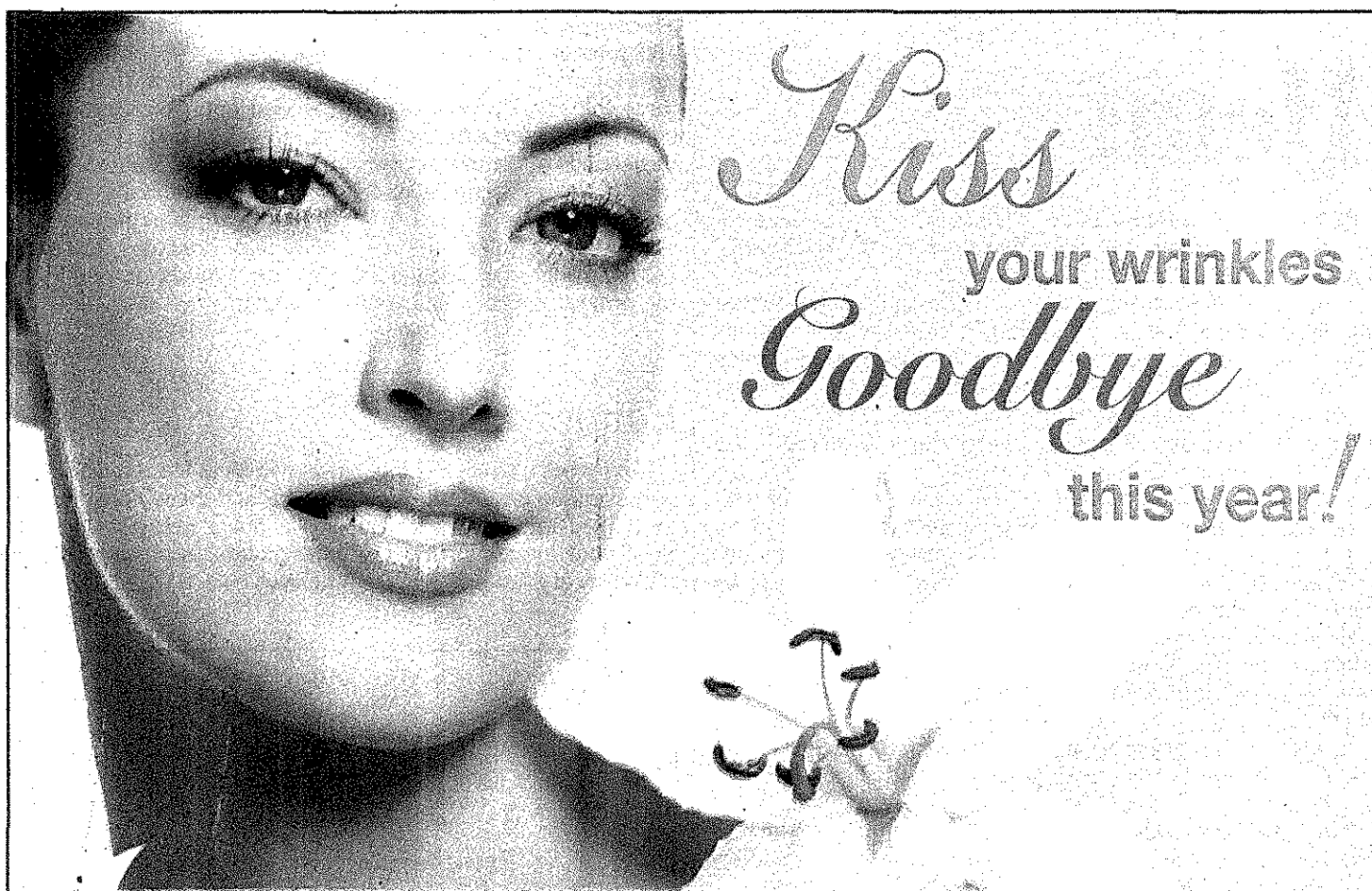
"I would definitely be interested in doing it again," Rapotu said of being an exchange student, "and I would advise people to try it, but not until the right age. I wouldn't advise a 15- or 16-year-old to go through it because it's challenging."

"My family believes in me a lot and in the end I decided to come so I could grow as a person and become independent," she said. "It sounds cliché, but I feel like I'll be able to establish myself coming here alone and I wanted to broaden my horizons on different cultures."

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## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

## City of Grosse Pointe

## Purse taken

A Grosse Pointe Farms woman said someone stole her purse from a shopping cart left unattended at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, in the parking lot behind Kroger in the Village.

The purse contained \$400 cash.

The victim described her purse as black, 10-by-18 inches with a floral print.

## Burglary

Two unknown men reportedly stole two television sets and a video game system early this month from an apartment in the 800 block of St. Clair.

Items stolen at about 3 p.m. Thursday, March 3, consist of two \$500 Westinghouse 32-inch flat-screen TVs and a \$300 Xbox system.

A neighbor who reported a disturbance in the apartment saw two men run from the location to a gray four-door vehicle and speed away northbound on St. Clair.

—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

## Car crash

A 31-year-old Farms woman was arrested during the investigation of a traffic crash at 2:35 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, at the intersection of Mack and Moross.

She had no Michigan driver's license. Her driving privileges in Florida had been suspended, according to police.

—Brad Lindberg

If you have any information about these or other crimes,

call the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department at (313) 885-2100.

## Grosse Pointe Shores

## Party canceled

Police last weekend believe they intercepted the onset of an unauthorized house party in the 500 block of Lakeshore.

Officers were giving the house special attention overnight Saturday, March 12, at the request of its owner, who had gone out of town.

Shortly before 11 p.m., a patrolman noted "numerous" cars parking in the driveway and on nearby Clairview.

"The vehicles were loaded with numerous young people," the patrolman said.

Officers searching a car full of 18- and 19-year-olds confiscated unopened containers of beer and a bottle of vodka.

## Gas leak

At 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, a Shores resident called police about an odor of natural gas creeping from a crack in the sidewalk in the 600 block of Lakeshore.

A public safety officer confirmed the leak and notified a DTE Energy repair crew.

## Officers' best friend

Rhondo, a drug-detecting St. Clair Shores police dog, found a small amount of marijuana last week in a green 1993 Pontiac two-door belonging to a 43-year-old man pulled over in Grosse Pointe Shores for a traffic violation.

The man, a resident of St. Clair Shores, was arrested on an outstanding warrant for breaking parole in California, according to police.

## 'Wandering'

Police arrested a 38-year-old Detroit woman at midnight Monday, March 7, on northbound Lakeshore for driving drunk.

She registered a .15 percent blood alcohol level, according to police.

A patrolman pulled over the woman in the 1100 block of Lakeshore for driving erratically.

"The vehicle (was) wandering within its lane and riding the center line," said the patrolman.

## Potholes

Two vehicles, including a public safety cruiser, were damaged Sunday, March 6, when driven over potholes in the 1040 block of southbound Lakeshore.

The first incident occurred at 11:30 a.m. A patrolman hit a pothole, which flattened the left front tire of a police car.

At 6:31 p.m., a pothole caused a slow leak in the left front tire of a Chevrolet HHR driven by a St. Clair Shores man.

## Vandal

Overnight Saturday, March 5, an unknown motorist entered the driveway of a house in the first block of Stillmeadow Lane, hit a parked 2006 Jeep and knocked over a portable basketball hoop.

—Brad Lindberg

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

## Screwing around

A resident in the 1300 block of Cadioux reported at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 12, a man came to his door asking for a screwdriver because his car would not start.

A few minutes later, a resident on the same block reported the family car had just been stolen from the driveway.

Officers stopped the vehicle on Vernor near Yorkshire and arrested the driver, a 42-year-old Detroit resident, for car theft.

## Bike theft

A 26-inch Hard Rock mountain bike was taken Tuesday, March 9, from an open garage on Windmill Pointe Drive.

## Larceny

Overnight Wednesday, March 9, a flat screen television was taken from a house in the 16000 block of Jefferson.

There were no signs of forced entry.

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

—Kathy Ryan

## Grosse Pointe Woods

## Bomb scare

Residents on Severn were evacuated from their houses at 3:45 p.m. Friday, March 11, after a suspicious package was found on the front porch of a neighboring house.

Woods police and the Michigan State Police bomb squad were called out when a resident reported finding a package wrapped in burlap addressed to a former resident with a return address of Afghanistan. No postage or other delivery service identification was found on the package.

X-rays revealed it contained women's clothing and jewelry.

## Money taken

A vendor participating in a mom to mom sale at a church on Mack Saturday, March 12, told police her purse had been taken. Police found the purse in a trash container in a men's bathroom, but \$200 was missing.

## Dog bite

A 23-year-old Birch Lane resident reported at 4:45 p.m. Saturday, March 12, he was bitten by his mother's dog, a bull mastiff.

According to the report, the man had been bitten by the dog before and so had his sibling a week earlier. His mother, however, told police her son startled the dog and was upset when it jumped on him and drooled on his cashmere coat. She said he shoved the dog to the ground and slammed its tail in a door, causing the dog to bite.

The dog has been placed with a veterinarian on a 10-day hold and police continue to investigate.

## GPS taken

An employee of a funeral home on Mack called police at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 10, after finding a broken window in a 2009 GMC Yukon parked in the lot behind the funeral home. Police said the car's GPS system had been removed.

—Kathy Ryan

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

## Five-finger discount

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Twenty percent markdowns at Border's liquidation sale in the Village weren't enough for a Grosse Pointe Park man, according to accounts of his arrest last week for shoplifting.

Officers said Jeffery Michael Stepanski, 19, tried to steal three DVD movies at about 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 8.

"The movies he stole weren't very good," said Detective Alan Gwyn.

They weren't Stepanski's, either, and had list prices — before markdown — totaling \$62.97.

A search of Stepanski turned up a fifth of 151-proof rum, a marijuana pipe with residue, rolling papers and "female undergarments," according to police.

"Those were his girlfriend's, I think," Gwyn said.

Officers said they weren't able to fingerprint him "because of his level of intoxication and increasing irritability."

Stepanski was arraigned in City Municipal Court on a misdemeanor, Gwyn said.

"He pleaded not guilty," Gwyn said.

Stepanski is expected back in municipal court Thursday,

March 17, for a pretrial hearing.

"He's wanted in a Wayne County home invasion," Gwyn said. "They took him to the Wayne County Jail on a felony warrant."

At least three officers responded to a store employee's report of a shoplifting in progress.

"The suspect was walking around the store gathering merchandise," a witness told police.

Officers stood by as the suspect waited at a checkout counter to buy a poster. A suspicious clerk repeatedly asked the man if he had anything under his coat.

"Finally, (the) suspect provided several DVDs without packaging from his jacket and threw his hands in the air," said an officer. "(He) stated he was going to steal the DVDs, but got scared."

Cases for the DVDs were discovered by Borders employees in the men's bathroom, said an officer.

Markdowns at Borders increased late last week to 30 to 50 percent.

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## PATROLS: Officers crack down on speeding around school bus stop

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said. "I have young guys on Mack busting butt. They're politely aggressive. They know what's going on."

Although the Farms recorded only three armed robberies last year, the figure represents a 50 percent increase from two cases reported during 2009. There have been seven cases of actual or attempted armed robbery reported in the Farms since 2006.

Likewise, last year's lone unarmed robbery compares with none the year before. There have been five unarmed robberies in the Farms since 2006. Burglary during 2010 went up 50 percent. Fifteen cases were reported during 2010 compared with 10 for 2009.

"A majority of those cases were solved," Jensen said.

Of nine residential burglaries, five happened in May and two in April. Of six break-ins of

commercial properties, two each occurred in September and November.

Two cases of criminal sexual conduct compared with none the year before. Both cases involved minors who had some degree of involvement with each other, according to Jensen.

"They're weren't any forceable rapes," Jensen said.

Major property crimes, which accounted last year for nearly 95 percent of all major crime reported in the Farms, declined 29 percent.

Last year's 17 cases of malicious destruction of property were the fewest in at least five years. Cases in 2010 compared with 22 during 2009 and 44 in 2007.

So, too, bicycle thefts last year hit a five-year low. The year's seven cases were down from 12 in 2009 — a more than 40 percent drop — and amounted to less than 25 per-

cent of stolen bikes reported in 2006.

Lt. Detective Richard Rosati, head of the detective unit, attributed reduced crime and high clearance rates to dogged investigations.

"If we aggressively attack crime, both on the patrol and investigative levels, word gets out, just like in any business," Rosati said. "I call it good customer service."

### Road patrol

The Farms public safety department consists of 36 sworn officers and eight civilians for a total of 44 personnel. The patrol division is the largest, with 26 officers.

Traffic officers gave special attention throughout 2010 to cutting down motorists speeding in the area of a school bus stop on Moross near Williams. Several violations also were issued to speeders on Chalfonte. There were 150 roadway

wrecks last year, including eight hit-and-runs. Wrecks caused 26 injuries but no fatalities. There hasn't been a fatal crash in the Farms since 2005.

### Fire

Of 108 fire runs last year, 83 were to private residences and 21 were to commercial or public buildings. Most alarms were false.

Two residential fires, on Ridgemont and Stephens, combined for losses approaching \$270,000.

The biggest commercial fire of 2010 occurred in August at the Country Club of Detroit. A set of utility buildings burned, causing more than \$2.2 million in damage.

Total fire losses during 2009 totaled \$17,000.

Farms firefighters last year provided mutual aid 12 times to neighboring communities: four times to the City of Grosse Pointe, three times each to

Grosse Pointe Park and Harper Woods, and twice to Grosse Pointe Woods.

### Outreach

Officers conducted numerous community education programs throughout the year. Activities included, but were not limited to:

- ◆ Safety Town, where children in kindergarten and first grade learn what to do during fires and other emergencies,
- ◆ anti-bullying presentations to students in grades three through five,
- ◆ bicycle safety,
- ◆ animal safety and
- ◆ smoking and drug awareness.

### Marine division

Members of the marine dive team led the search last January for a woman missing in Lake St. Clair off of Moran. Despite help from the U.S. Coast Guard and other agen-

cies, the woman's body wasn't found until three months later by fishermen in the lower Detroit River.

In a separate incident during the boating season, a Farms diver recovered the body of a pleasure boater drowned accidentally near the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

### The reserves

The department is backed up by a 22-man, all-volunteer Emergency Support Unit.

The unit was called into action numerous times last year.

Deployments included fireworks shows on Lakeshore and in Grosse Pointe Woods, the high school homecoming dance, Halloween patrol and the Santa Claus parade.

Volunteers also helped public safety officers at major fires, including the country club.

Members of the unit served a combined 317 hours during 2010.

## Tree program

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — This year's municipal tree planting program is one of the smallest in memory.

"This is the second smallest program we've had in years," said Terry Brennan, director of public services.

The program consists of 11 varieties of 40 trees up to 2 1/2 inches in caliper.

Plantings replace storm-damaged specimens and accord with homeowners' requests for trees to be planted between curbs and sidewalks.

"It's scattered pretty well throughout the community," Brennan said.

Trees are being bought from Charles F. Irish Co. The company edged out Marine City Nursery despite both bids being the same, \$7,980.

"Charles Irish has done work for the city in the past," said Shane Reeside, city manager. "It was a question of going with a contractor who has done prior jobs for the city."

Brennan hopes the new trees grow better than Valley Forge elms, purchased in recent years because they share char-

acteristics of American elms, yet resist Dutch elm disease.

"Valley Forge elms haven't turned out well," he said. "They're not maturing."

Examples are located on Chalfonte and at Kerby Elementary School.

On the other hand, the Farm's preservation of ash trees is going well. An in-house injection campaign against tree-killing emerald ash borer is paying off.

"Our on-staff forester is qualified to do injections himself," Brennan said. "He did the first 1/3 of the city last year, which is the Chalfonte to Mack corridor. This year, he's going to do Chalfonte to Kercheval. Next year, he'll do the balance of trees."

The three-year rotation matches the three-year efficacy of Tree-Age (pronounced triage), an anti borer chemical endorsed by Michigan State University researchers.

In-house treatments are less expensive than hiring licensed contractors.

"Between (our forester's) time and the chemical, the city's is going to save between \$25,000 and \$30,000 per year," Brennan said.



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**GUEST OPINION** By Joseph Romm  
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## U.S. nuclear power

**T**he recent history of the U.S. nuclear industry suggests nuclear power can be a safe source of low-carbon electricity. But disasters can happen very quickly, with potentially cataclysmic results. The loss of coolant, explosions and apparent partial meltdown of nuclear plants in Japan following the earthquake and tsunami remind us nuclear power is inherently risky. The U.S. government and the nuclear industry must take new actions to ensure nuclear power is safe for the American public.

New nuclear reactors are expensive, costing up to \$10 billion apiece. John Rowe, Exelon CEO, recently said the combination of low natural gas prices and failure of Congress to put a price on carbon dioxide pollution pushes back any significant nuclear renaissance by a "decade, maybe two."

The U.S. nuclear industry has long argued new reactors are prohibitively expensive because of an overly burdensome site selection and permitting process, which they say unnecessarily drives up costs. But, in fact, new nuclear plants have seen soaring prices not just in Florida, Texas and other states — but in Finland, Turkey and Canada. New reactors are intrinsically expensive because they must be able to withstand virtually any risk we can imagine, including human error and major disasters. Why? Because when the potential result of a disaster is the poisoning — and ultimately, death — of thousands of people, even the most remote threats must be eliminated.

Insurers know the results of a nuclear catastrophe would be ruinous on a scale that would overwhelm any private company, which is why they won't insure nuclear plants. Instead, the U.S. government — which is to say taxpayers — takes on the liability for nuclear reactors.

If one of the 104 nuclear reactors in the U.S. experiences a catastrophic failure, taxpayers will be on the hook to pay for the damages.

Taxpayers aren't just bearing the risk for operational and environmental disasters, they are also on the hook for financial disasters. No bank will finance a new reactor without a loan guarantee from the federal government, which says if the power company can't pay the loan, the government will step in and pay it for them.

Because taxpayers have so much to lose in a nuclear disaster, the government has a responsibility to take every precaution to minimize that risk. In the immediate future, the government must do four things:

1) Review the ability of every reactor to deal with threats to its safety. The "Japan Syndrome" — a major disaster causing loss of coolant that threatens a meltdown — means we must make sure reactors in coastal or seismic areas can withstand any disaster. Many disasters can imperil reactors.

For example, severe floods are becoming more common. As Craig Fugate, Federal Emergency Management Agency head, said in December after all the record-smashing deluges around the globe, "The term 100-year event really lost its meaning this year." Every reactor in a 500-year flood plain should demonstrate it can handle the challenge.

2) Congress must not cut funding for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's tsunami warning service. House Republicans have proposed cutting funding to NOAA — the agency directly responsible for tsunami monitoring and warning — restricting the government's ability to respond. America has a number of reactors that could be affected by a tsunami, such as the Diablo Canyon Power Plant in California. Many more are at risk from a major earthquake.

3) The permitting process must not be further weakened. Today, new reactors must undergo a multiyear review process before they are given a "Combined Operating License." This is already an accelerated permitting process — multiple reviews are conducted simultaneously. It mustn't be sped up again.

4) The Department of Energy must continue to run the nuclear loan guarantee program to protect taxpayers and must continue to accurately charge the nuclear industry for the risk it incurs by guaranteeing these projects. To receive a loan guarantee, a builder has to pay a fee to compensate taxpayers for taking on significant risk. If DOE collects too little money, taxpayers bear too much risk. The nuclear industry has claimed these fees are too high, despite evidence to the contrary. Congress must not interfere with DOE's role in taxpayer protection.

Today, one-fifth of our country's electricity comes from nuclear power. Nuclear safety depends on being ready not just for the threats that existed when reactors were built many decades ago, but on being ready for the challenges of today's world. If the nuclear industry wants to generate even more power, it must demonstrate it can do so safely and affordably, with minimal risk to the American public.

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### High school challenge day

To the Editor:

My wife and I recently participated as volunteers in

"Challenge Day" at Grosse Pointe North High School.

Each year, both North and South high schools host this national non-profit program that addresses issues of vio-

lence, bullying, harassment, racism, suicide, peer pressure, alcohol, drugs and other challenging issues facing our high school students today.

More than 400 students participated in the four-day program. We were involved as volunteer facilitators alongside teachers, counselors and other parents. It was one of the most meaningful and memorable experiences for both of us.

I learned Challenge Day is funded solely on community support. I know the Grosse Pointe Board of Education faces extremely challenging budgetary constraints, but I urge the board to provide

funds to at least partially underwrite this very important program.

It has a direct and significant impact on very serious issues that exist in our high schools today. Most students said the day seriously changed the way they look at their lives and their world.

If there are any local foundations, businesses, or nonprofits looking for a cause, this is it.

For more information contact Sheila.moll@gpschools.org or visit [challengeday.org](http://challengeday.org).

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**GUEST OPINION** By Michael D. LaFaive

## The good, bad and ugly of Gov. Snyder's first budget

**G**ov. Rick Snyder's first budget fell short of the "atomic bomb" promised by Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, in part due to a megaton of further spending and tax cuts left on the table. Overall, however, the budget moves the state in a positive direction with greater tax simplicity, more transparency, less corporate welfare and fewer discriminatory tax policies.

Among the lost opportunities is the net effect is a tax shift, not a tax cut. Yet as Mackinac Center for Public Policy analysts have shown, by bringing government employee benefits in line with private-sector averages, \$5.7 billion in savings could be made available for real tax cuts without reducing programs or laying off employees.

That said, there's plenty of good news here: Snyder intends to scrap the complicated and hated Michigan Business Tax and surcharge, replacing it with a simpler corporate flat tax of 6 percent. The Washington, D.C.-based Tax Foundation estimates this will move Michigan from 48th place in its business tax rankings to 22nd, even without a

*Pension tax revenue projections may assume taxpayers are just sheep sticking around to be sheared, but many won't.*

net tax cut.

Also positive is Snyder's intention to eliminate the Michigan Economic Growth Authority and other discriminatory tax breaks. Given the governor was once the vice chair of the Michigan Economic Development Corp., which presides over the state's current corporate welfare regime — this has a certain "Nixon goes go to China" aspect.

It's not quite the "fair field and no favors" recommended by Mackinac Center scholars, because special treatment for certain firms won't be eliminated entirely, but the process henceforth will be done through straightforward legislative appropriations, bringing a huge leap in transparency.

And there are real cuts in this budget, including revenue sharing haircuts of up to \$300 million, trimming school grants by \$300 per pupil from current year levels and \$280 million from higher education spending.

However, there are devilish details that may partially undercut potential savings — schools, universities and local governments may reclaim some of those dollars by agreeing to reforms in their own governance, for example.

Most unfortunate is the proposal to raise taxes on pensions. While the tax fairness and simplicity arguments are not invalid, it's still a very large tax hike, and one that's totally unnecessary. The \$5.7 billion in potential government employee fringe benefit savings would save several times the estimated \$700 million in new revenue from this tax. It's worth noting such a hike could be far more tolerable if the off-setting personal income tax cut was deeper.

Currently, the personal income tax is scheduled to drop in fiscal 2012 by one-tenth of 1 percent. In revenue terms, that's about \$161.8 million. A proper tradeoff for the pension tax hike would be an income tax cut of at least \$700 million.

It's worth mentioning, too, the pension tax revenue projections assumes taxpayers will stick around, but many won't. In effect, the move charges a retiree with a \$40,000 annual pension about \$1,700 a year for remaining in Michigan rather than move to sunny, income tax-free Florida.

In his essay, "How to Save \$2.2 Billion," my colleague, Jack McHugh, points out requiring school employees to pay 25 percent of their health insurance premiums could save \$650 million annually. Other ideas abound too.

The state could devolve state police road patrols to county sheriffs and save \$65 million. Mackinac Center analyst have published literally hundreds of ideas for saving more than \$2 billion from the state budget since 2003, and many have not yet been adopted or adapted.

There's much to like in this budget and tax proposal. In effect, it represents a huge change from an opaque and dishonest tax-and-spend system to one transparent and forthright.

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**GUEST OPINION** By Russ Harding

## Criminals profit from carbon trade

**I**t has been difficult to figure out who benefits from carbon trading exchanges designed to cap CO2 emissions in the name of fighting global warming.

Most businesses and virtually all consumers will be penalized by higher energy costs, resulting in less economic activity and a further loss of United States jobs. Nor is the environment a beneficiary of carbon cap-and-trade systems.

*The last thing we need is to provide another lucrative opportunity for cyber fraud.*

Even many supporters of carbon trading admit the environmental benefit of a cap-and-trade system in the U.S. is almost too small to measure — somewhere in the neighborhood of a projected drop in temperature of a few hun-

dredths of a degree during the rest of this century.

It appears the biggest beneficiary of carbon trading may be criminals. An article in USA Today reports most carbon trading markets in Europe have had to shut down due to extensive criminal behavior on the part of hackers making bogus trades. According to the article, in one sting a gang stole \$31 million from a Romanian company.

The U.S. Congress has been

wise in not implementing a cap-and-trade system in the U.S. With the U.S. economy still reeling from massive fraud in the housing meltdown, the last thing we need is to provide another lucrative opportunity for cyber fraud that would surely occur if the U.S. follows the lead of Europe in creating a carbon trading system.

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I SAY By Joe Warner

# Hiding behind the cloak of anonymity



I've received many comments about last week's newspaper delivered to all the houses in Grosse Pointe. Thank you for taking the time to call or drop an e-mail or letter to me. We've made many changes over the years, thanks to the suggestions of our readers, and we will make many more.

One interesting point mentioned a few times is why we don't allow anonymous comments on our editorial page or after stories featured online.

The answer really came to me this weekend as I took in all the information I could about the tragedy in Japan.

I used it to teach my 10-year-

old daughter, Abby, about the news. We looked at the local newspapers and their coverage. We viewed CNN, the local channels, Fox News, MSNBC, etc. We looked at the Internet, where I'm still amazed you can Google a topic and instantly access 44,202 stories about the "Japan earthquake and tsunami."

I'm also still amazed at the misinformation, along with the cruelty, we viewed in 30 minutes of perusing.

The answer to the question about allowing people to post whatever they want came to me in less than five minutes. People on one Metro Detroit site said the "(Japanese) got what they deserved after Pearl Harbor," and this is "God's way of saying their (sic) are to (sic) many people in Japan."

Really? That's what this disaster is all about? Getting even? Diminishing overcrowding?

Another said "the price of TV's (sic) will go up."

Perhaps meant to be funny, I found it hard to laugh as I read and watched coverage of the disaster. I also noticed in subsequent postings, it was the same people over and over, day after day that took the time to send their opinion. They all did so with a made-up online name.

My lesson became something different; not only the variety of ways news is reported, but how everybody now has access to report the news and make comments.

I read one online story saying the nuclear threat was likely less deadly than that of Chernobyl. I also read a meltdown in Japan would kill people in the United States after it killed everybody in Japan.

Two very different stories. One quoted sources, the other was strictly opinion. Scary they showed up on the same

search.

My dad has a saying about opinions. I can't repeat it here or to my 10-year-old.

It's my opinion, it's great to have opinions about everything. I've always believed though — unless there is a threat to one's life in doing so — opinions should come with attribution. You have something to say? Stand up and say it. Don't hide behind the cloak of anonymity. Your message loses impact.

It's too easy to file an anonymous complaint. You can say anything you want.

I told my daughter many people disagree with my opinion. I've never pretended to know all and when it comes to work, life, raising children and everything else I have going on, I'm wrong sometimes.

"I know you're wrong sometimes, Dad," darling Abby said to me, no doubt repeating something her mother has

said once or twice.

I told her as a teenager, she'll likely think I'm wrong all the time.

"But get used to it," I said sternly.

It was also a lesson about being kind to people even if you have a bad past. That's an understatement when it comes to Japan. Yet, the country means a great deal in our economy today. And it means something because we would want it to be here when we endure something so horrible as it just experienced.

We have plenty of bad things going on here. No doubt we need to fix some of them. Yet we worry about the possibility of the NFL strike, who will make it through American Idol and what stupid thing Charlie Sheen has done today.

An event like this should put it into perspective. We have homeless and jobless right here. We have folks who can't

afford to work a minimum-wage job when gas is \$4 a gallon.

Health care issues are by no means close to being solved. We have soldiers dying every day in Iraq and Afghanistan. We have to help our own and we have to be there when others need us.

You can't proclaim to be the greatest nation in the world and turn your back when someone needs help.

No one deserves an earthquake and tsunami. Just as no one deserved Hurricane Katrina.

Two images I shared with my daughter: One of our war ships headed to the region and the other of a Japanese woman sitting on the ground surrounded by destruction.

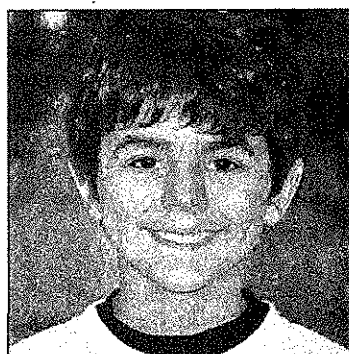
Imagine she was your mother. Or you. You just lost your family and everything you own.

How could you not help?

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

## What is your favorite way to exercise?

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'Jogging, squatting and jumping jacks because they help me get strong.'  
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'Trojan salutes, push-ups, running and jumping because it makes your heart strong.'  
DEAN PANAGOS  
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'Doing the splits and jump roping because I can stretch out and work out.'  
IVY CATRETT  
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'Running and baseball because they give you exercise and they are fun.'  
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'Swimming because it takes hard work and it's good for you.'  
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GUEST OPINION By James M. Hohman and Jack McHugh

## Legislature's early-out deal

Legislators celebrated a "victory" in September by passing a state employee early retirement scheme generating upfront savings of just less than \$140 million — but at the expense of higher costs down the road.

It will be used to fill in a gap between desired 2011 government spending versus expected revenue — aka "the deficit."

The measure lets politicians get back to the campaign trail, but in the long-term may cost taxpayers more overall, despite some "rosy scenario" projections claiming otherwise.

On the positive side, taxpayers can celebrate part of the package requiring state employees to kick in an additional 3 percent toward the cost of future retirement benefits. But only for three years. So powerful are the government employee unions in Lansing they forced lawmakers to place a 2013 "sunset" on these taxpayer savings.

Unless the next legislature makes the co-pays permanent, that is.

Attention tea partiers seeking accountability yardsticks for newly elected or re-elected candidates who swore on stacks of Constitutions they are "fiscally conservative."

The "early out" pension sweetener scheme gives as many as 6,400 state employees richer lifetime benefits if they retire in 2010. Supposedly, the state will only fill two-thirds of the positions at lower starting salaries, thus the short-term savings. We'll see — pension increases are forever, but politicians' workforce reduction promises may have a shorter shelf-life.

These pension increases aren't forever, but just 21 years on average: That's the additional life expectancy for state employees eligible for the early-out "sweetener," assuming they have an average age of 59.

Thus the overall package "score" of 21 years of benefits for new state retirees versus just three years of savings for taxpayers.

Fiscal analysts presented optimistic workforce reduction figures suggesting paying high-seniority state employees more to stop working won't mean higher costs in the long-term, but instead will generate net savings averaging between \$19- and \$33 million over 10 years. Even if the higher figure is correct, it saves just \$1 out of every \$13,636 in the \$45 billion annual state budget — practically a rounding error. To get this, taxpayers will have to give all those new government retirees — many in their 50s — a 6.7 percent increase in their monthly pension checks for the rest of their lives.

Most important to lawmakers, however, was the larger but temporary upfront savings allows them to claim they "balanced" the budget for the new fiscal year starting Oct. 1 — a claim that would never stand up under private-sector accounting standards.

The 3 percent increase in retirement contributions from remaining employees really will save money — around \$82 million each year. For the next three years, anyway.

Another provision makes small cuts in the future health benefits of newly hired employees — contrary to popular belief, these could have been trimmed for current retirees also. And a third closes a "double-dipping" scam allowing government workers to retire, start collecting a pension and also collect a paycheck working for the state as a "contract" employee.

Incidentally, no one should become too exercised over the modest additional co-pay required of remaining state employees — for three years only. Since 2002, they have received across-the-board pay raises 10 times, in addition to regularly scheduled individual employee "longevity" boosts, "step" hikes, plus increases in the amount taxpayers have been forced to kick in to pay for their health care and other benefits.

Can any other group of workers in this state say the same? Adding injury to insult,

yet another 3 percent state employee pay hike went into effect Oct. 1 — because lawmakers in the House and Senate failed to veto it earlier this year.

All told, state employees re-

ceive an average compensation package — benefits included — that costs taxpayers \$93,039. State salaries surpass private levels in many job categories. And government em-

ployees at all levels in Michigan receive benefits that exceed private-sector averages by \$5.7 billion annually.

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GUEST OPINION By Mark Hertsgaard

## Climate skeptics

My daughter, age 5, is a member of Generation Hot. Chances are, your youngster is too, as is every child on Earth born after June 23, 1988.

These 2 billion young people will spend the rest of their lives coping with the hottest, most volatile climate civilization has ever known — a crisis their elders helped create.

I date the start of Generation Hot to summer 1988 because that's when humanity was put on notice greenhouse gas emissions were raising planetary temperatures. And if emissions weren't reduced, humanity's survival would be endangered. The warning came in NASA scientist James Hansen's United States Senate testimony. When The New York Times printed the news on page one, global warming became a household phrase the world over.

Recently I went to Capitol Hill with members of Generation Hot — and the Sierra Club, the nation's largest grassroots environmental group — to confront the politicians whose denials and delay have done so much to land Generation Hot in this predicament.

We asked them why Republicans in Congress refuse to accept what every major scientific organization on Earth, including our own National Academy of Sciences, has accepted: Man-made climate change is happening now and is extremely dangerous.

Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla.,

famously called climate change "the greatest hoax ever perpetrated on the American people," told our group "the science is mixed" and his handful of scientists know better than our thousands.

Frank Maisano, a public relations consultant for big energy companies, told us "the science doesn't matter," what matters is what's politically feasible.

"The science does matter," responded Caroline Selle, a member of our group who works for the Energy Action Coalition. "We face a climate

catastrophe that will define our generation and the future of our country, and the solutions to this crisis will create jobs and improve public health. So why aren't we acting?"

Unfortunately, the answer is simple: Capitol Hill is swarming with 'climate cranks' — politicians willing to trade our future for their own political gain."

Denial of man-made climate change became a GOP litmus test issue during the 2010 midterm elections; not a single new Republican member of

Congress now says they accept human activities are dangerously overheating the planet.

While climate change deniers sit comfortably in the seats of U.S. government and corporate power, the world's youth are condemned to cope with harsher heat waves, stronger storms, deeper droughts and sea level rise, along with the resulting food shortages.

Mark Hertsgaard is the environment correspondent for The Nation and a book author.

— Blue Ridge Press

GUEST OPINION By Russ Harding

## EPA's war on energy

Recently, the Michigan House voiced its opposition to the United States

Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to side-step Congress by promulgating rules regulating greenhouse gas emissions.

House Resolution 19 was introduced by Rep. Aric Nesbitt, District 80, Lawton, and passed by a 65-44 vote. The resolution asks Congress to ban the EPA from unilaterally imposing greenhouse gas emission regulations, strips the agency's funding for it and imposes a two-year moratorium on new air, water and waste management regulations, except for in

emergencies.

It is encouraging to see state lawmakers take a stand against actions taken by unelected federal bureaucrats that pose a serious threat to jobs in Michigan. This past year, the U.S. Senate wisely killed legislation limiting greenhouse gas emissions through a cap-and-trade scheme. Federal lawmakers rightly understood the costs to U.S. consumers and businesses were steep due to increased energy bills and would result in the loss of more U.S. jobs, while any impact on global warming was almost too small to measure.

The fact Americans were being asked to undergo economic pain for little to no environmen-

tal gain has not stopped the Obama administration from forging ahead with plans to limit greenhouse gases — achieving their desired results through the EPA rather than Congress.

Although House Resolution 19 is non-binding, it and Senate Resolution 10, sponsored by GOP Sen. Tom Casperson and passed Feb. 16, are nonetheless important as they put elected officials on record opposing heavy-handed action by the EPA that threatens to further damage Michigan's fragile economy.

Russ Harding is director of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy's Property Rights Network.



LINES: Councilman wants budget shortfall taken care of before lines go underground

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"I'd rather say to the federal government, stop wasting your money on Grosse Pointe Farms and other places," said Davis, chairman of the Farms budget committee.

At issue is the city having to front nearly \$80,000 to qualify for a \$140,000 federal grant. Money would pay to bury electrical lines and erect improved traffic signals at the intersection of Kercheval and McMillan on the Hill.

Work funded in part by a Local Agency Safety Program Grant would reduce obstructions and improve aesthetics at

the corner by replacing six utility poles — five of wood, one of steel — with decorative poles.

"I'm looking at a budget shortfall of \$1/2 million, and you want me to spend 20 percent of that shortfall on traffic lights that don't need to be replaced because we don't want wooden posts?" Davis said at this month's city council meeting.

He added, "If we could postpone this until we know we can solve our budget problems without more taxes, which we hope we can, then I have no problem — if we have the money. But, right now, we don't know if we have the money."

Even if the Farms pledges its share of the money, construction wouldn't start until the summer of 2012.

Yet, a united council found a way to move the project forward.

The Farms will cover \$12,000 of its \$18,200 preliminary engineering costs with money Fifth Third Bank put in the Hill Business District Parking and Infrastructure Fund a few years ago during site plan approval of its branch

at the intersection.

"We approved their site plan on condition they make a \$12,000 contribution toward the improvement of traffic signalization of that intersection," Councilman Joe Leonard reminded Davis. "Let's use that \$12,000 to design new signalization for that intersection."

"So, you're saying we promised Fifth Third that \$12,000 would go to improve

that intersection?" Davis said. "If we use the \$12,000 to fund engineering, we have ethically spent that money on what we promised?"

"Yes," Leonard said.

"You've answered my objection," Davis said.

Farms officials are contracting preliminary engineering work to its consultants, Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick.

"Wayne County indicated they would not be able to assist in this project with engineering due to manpower issues," said Shane Reeside, city manager.

Specifications for final construction will be competitively bid and presented to the city council for approval.

MATCHES: Committee will search for more ways to cut costs

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Farquhar. "It makes sense to do a little of this and a little of that right now."

"In the short term, dispatch savings would accrue by having individual communities partner with others," said Peter Dame, City of Grosse Pointe manager and committee organizer. "In the longer term, all five Grosse Pointes (would) share dispatch service to avoid major equipment replacement costs in the hundreds of thousands of dollars and also potentially achieve operational savings."

"There would have to be an infusion of dollars to make that

happen," Woods Mayor Robert Novitke said of the long-term, single-center plan. "It's probably a bad time right now for the cities to make it happen."

If and, most likely, when the economy turns around and full-blown consolidation of dispatch and lock-up occurs, it will be located in the Park.

"They have the largest facility," Novitke said.

The logistics of ferrying prisoners from throughout the general community to and from a central lock-up and the respective municipal courts isn't seen as a problem.

"It's doable, whether by a shuttle service or whatever," Novitke said.

Farms and Shores

The Shores is eager to shed its \$255,000 annual cost of operating its dispatch center. The city faces a \$400,000 draft budget shortfall and has a recent history of residents bucking a 1-mill tax increase with recall drives.

Shores council members built this year's budget partly on savings anticipated to accrue from contracting dispatch services to a sister community. Some savings came this week by default. A dispatcher employed since 1995 and cross-trained as a firefighter and paramedic resigned and took a dispatching job with the Park.

"There is interest in the communities — particularly smaller communities — in working with a bigger community to get economies of scale and provide dispatch without having a major capital investment," said Shane Reeside, Farms city manager.

Shores council members Tuesday night accepted the Farms' terms to assimilate their dispatch department. The contract offer calls for a first-year payment of \$125,000 and \$95,500 per year thereafter.

The deal won't be final until a formal agreement is adopted.

The main appeal of intermediate consolidation is how quickly it could be done. Also, there would be minimal capital expenditures, according to the report.

"The committee left it up to each community to decide upon which partnership works for them in the short term," Dame said.

"Major disadvantages are the savings results almost entirely from the elimination of personnel, and the fact that it is a temporary solution," according to the report.

Now that cities' collective leadership endorses dispatch consolidation, the ad hoc committee is investigating additional ways to save costs.

"The other thing is we want to look at consolidation of fire services, but not of all five Grosse Pointes in total," Novitke said.

PAY: Options were limited

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with the South East Regional Emergency Services Authority, which currently serves several nearby communities, including St. Clair Shores, Roseville and Eastpointe.

However, the cost to join the authority was determined to be higher than expected and, according to the report, "would result in significant loss of local control with little or no financial benefit." There was also concern that there were no employment options for current Grosse Pointe employees with that option.

According to the report, the major advantages to a partnering model are that it can be accomplished quickly with little capital outlay.

"One community would get out of direct provision of the public safety dispatching business and would purchase service from another Grosse Pointe," the report said. "The remaining issues common to any type of consolidation effort, such as lock-up, walk-ins, etc. would need to be resolved, but would be less complicated in the smaller model."

CITY OF HARPER WOODS  
BOARD OF REVIEW  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN 48225  
PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Review of the City of Harper Woods will be holding public meetings at 19617 Harper Avenue on Monday, March 28th, 2011 from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Tuesday, March 29th, 2011 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to consider appeals on property assessment. Property owners may obtain a Petition to the Board of Review in the Assessor's office or on line at [www.harperwoodscity.org](http://www.harperwoodscity.org).

Residents who are unable to attend this meeting may submit their appeal by letter to the Assessor's office at 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225 on or before March 29th at 6:00 p.m. For information please call 313.343.2526.

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS  
MICKEY D. TODD  
CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS  
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 23, 2011

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

**ROLL CALL:** All Councilpersons were present except Councilman Michael P. Monaghan.

**MOTIONS PASSED**

- 1) To excuse Councilman Michael P. Monaghan from tonight's meeting because of illness.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held February 7, 2011, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Board of Trustees Employees Retirement System meeting held February 7, 2011.
- 3) To open the Public Hearing on a proposed fare increase by Shamrock Cab Company.
- 4) To close the Public Hearing on a proposed fare increase by Shamrock Cab Company.
- 5) To receive and file the Management Report on the City's Dial-A-Ride Transit Service as submitted by the City Manager.
- 6) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

**RESOLUTION PASSED**

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 92990 through 93110 in the amount of \$266,363.93 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance in the amount of \$18,766.80 for sidewalk salting and snow removal in various areas of the City. (3) Approve payment to Guardian Sewers in the amount of \$9,100.00 for their assistance with various water main breaks in the City. (4) Approve payment to Statewide Security Transport in the amount of \$6,214.50 for prisoner lodging and maintenance for the month of January 2011.
- 2) To approve the following fares for Shamrock Cab Company: Flag Throw \$3.00, Per Mile Charge \$2.50, Wait Time/Traffic Delay Time \$36.00.
- 3) To approve payment to C & L Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$47,299.97 for Progress Payment No. 1 on the 2010 ADA Ramp Replacement Project, #180-126.
- 4) To receive and file the Management Report on the City's Dial-A-Ride Transit Service as submitted by the City Manager.
- 5) That the request from the Harper Woods Civic Foundation of Harper Woods County of Wayne, asking that they be recognized as a non profit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses, be considered for approval.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor  
Mickey D. Todd, City Clerk

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City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan  
SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES  
March 7, 2011

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present on Roll Call: Mayor Farquhar; Councilmembers, West, Joseph, Davis, Theros, Leonard & Waldmeir

Absent Were: None

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

Mayor Farquhar Presided at the Meeting.

The Department Employees & Citizens receiving Public Safety Awards were honored at the Meeting.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 7, 2011, were approved as submitted. The Minutes of the Closed Session held on February 7, 2011, were approved as submitted.

The Council, acting as a Zoning Board of Appeals, approved the appeal of Mr. /Mrs. James TenBroek of 39 Beverly.

The Council approved the low bid of \$37,500 from Den-Man Contractors for the demolition of the former Kroger building.

The Council approved Phase II, preliminary engineering design, in the amount of \$18,200.00, subject to specific conditions.

The Council approved the following item from its Consent Agenda:

- Appointment of Mmes Christine Allen, 27 Beverly & Susan Tait, 404 Mt. Vernon to the City's Beautification Committee.
- The low bid of Utility Services Authority, LLC, in the amount of \$16,852.00 for the 2011 Sewer Rehabilitation Program.

The following Report were received by the Council and ordered placed on file:

- Investment Report – October, November, December 2010.

The Council approved the resolution for Charitable Gaming License at the request of The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Council adopted a resolution that immediately following adjournment of the Regular Meeting a Closed Session to discuss certain real estate matters.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, April 11, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC, INTERESTED PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. YOU MAY ALSO VIEW THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: [www.ci.grosse-pointe-farms.mi.us/](http://www.ci.grosse-pointe-farms.mi.us/)

James C. Farquhar Jr.  
Mayor  
GPN: 3/17/11

Matthew J. Tepper  
City Clerk

CITY OF HARPER WOODS  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
NOTICE  
AUCTION OF IMPOUNDED/ABANDONED VEHICLES

Pursuant to PA 104, an auction will be held on March 30, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at Woods Towing, located at 22755 Lexington, Eastpointe, MI. The following impounded/abandoned vehicles will be auctioned:

1996 Ford E150 Van	1FTEE14N9THA24225
2001 Pontiac Grand Am	1G2NF52E11M583235
1999 Sunfire	1G2JB124XW7597506
1994 Pontiac Grand Prix	1G2WJ62M6RF343964
1994 Mercury Marquis	2MELM74W3RX672138
1994 Lexus ES300	JTS6K13T5R0040431
2000 Bluebird Bus	5B4KP32Y2Y3318680
1997 Chevrolet Lumina	2G1WL52MXV9260357
1992 Mercury Marquis	2MECM75WXX672386

The above vehicles can be viewed 1/2 hour prior to the auction, at Woods Towing. Payment by cash or certified check only. Cars listed may be pulled or released prior to the auction by the Harper Woods Police Department.

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Sgt. Robert Bensinger  
Traffic Safety Section

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan  
BOARD OF REVIEW

Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the 2011 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2011  
From 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
and  
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

Hearings will be scheduled by appointment. Please contact City of Grosse Pointe Farms at (313) 640-1618. You may also petition the Board in writing through the mail if you cannot make the hearing dates. These letters HAVE TO BE IN THE OFFICE BY THURSDAY, MARCH 17th.

TIMOTHY E. O'DONNELL  
City Assessor

GPN: 3-10-11; 3-17-11; 3-24-11

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan  
PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods will hold a public hearing under the provisions of Michigan Compiled Laws, Sections 125.3101 through 125.3702 as amended, to consider the following:

An application for site plan review and special land use submitted by the Rivers of Grosse Pointe for a Continuing Care Retirement Community ("CCRC") to be located at 900 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.

The hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. Agenda documents are available for inspection at the City Clerk's Office, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given opportunity for public comment. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk's office, up to the close of business preceding the hearing. A group spokesperson is encouraged on agenda items concerning organized groups. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Clerk's Office at 313 343-2440 seven days prior to the meeting.

Lisa Hathaway, MMC  
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 3-10-2011, 3-17-2011

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THURSDAY, MARCH 24

- ♦ A portion of the day's proceeds at SideStreet A Finer Diner, 630 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe, is donated to The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods.
- ♦ Master gardner Kristine Hahn, Michigan State University horticulture educator, lectures on the "Power of Gardening" at 7 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch, 20680 Mack.



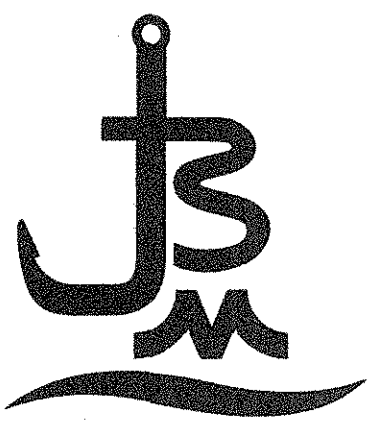
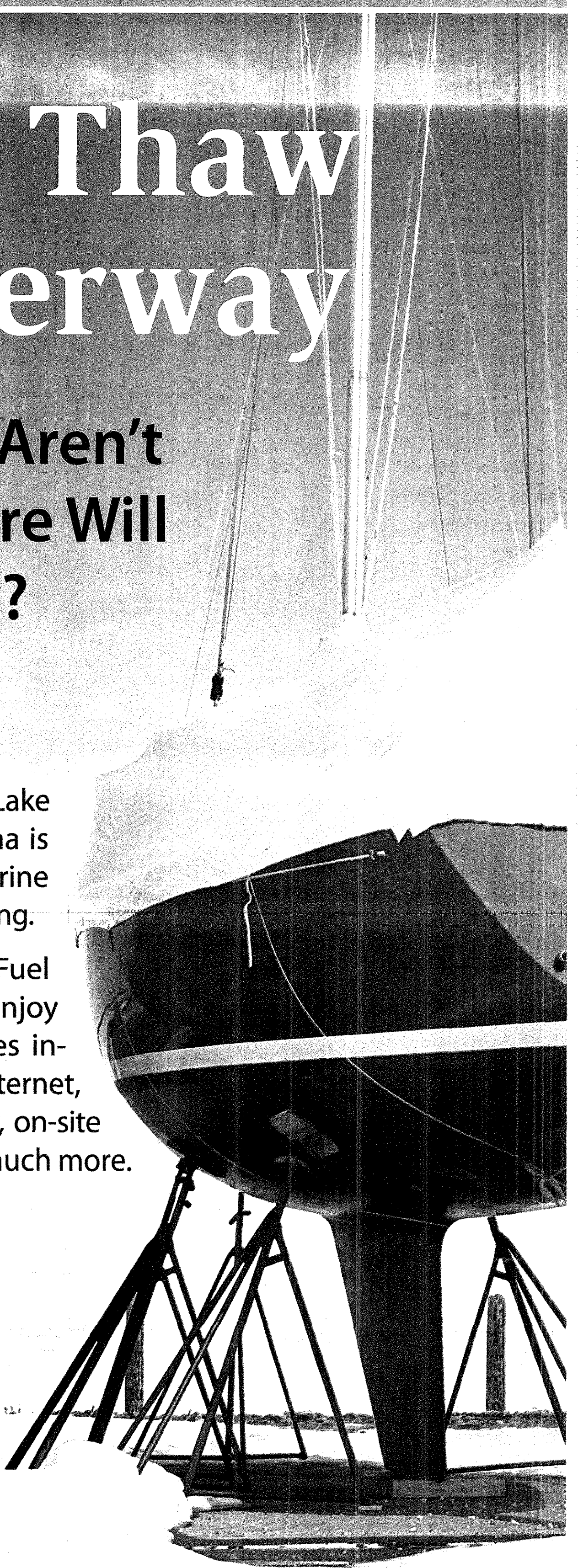
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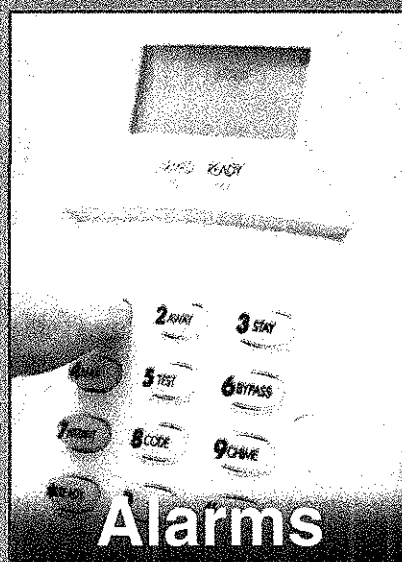
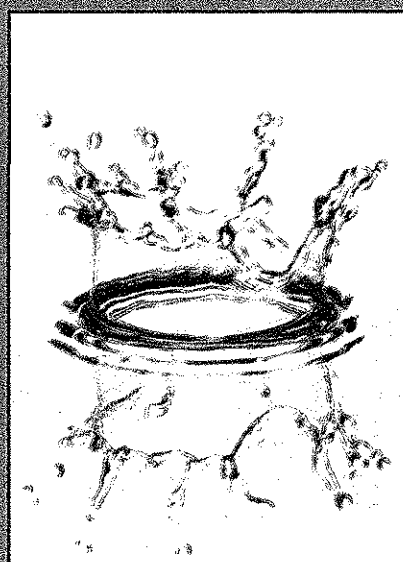
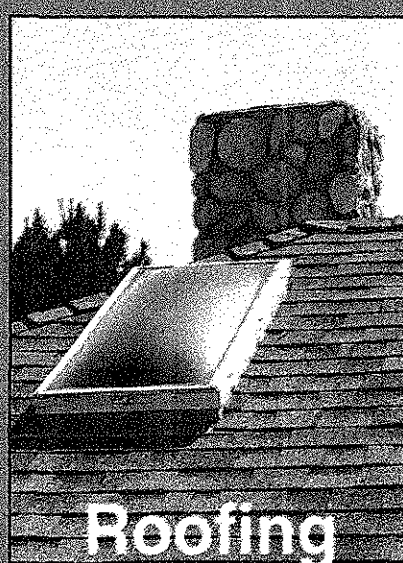
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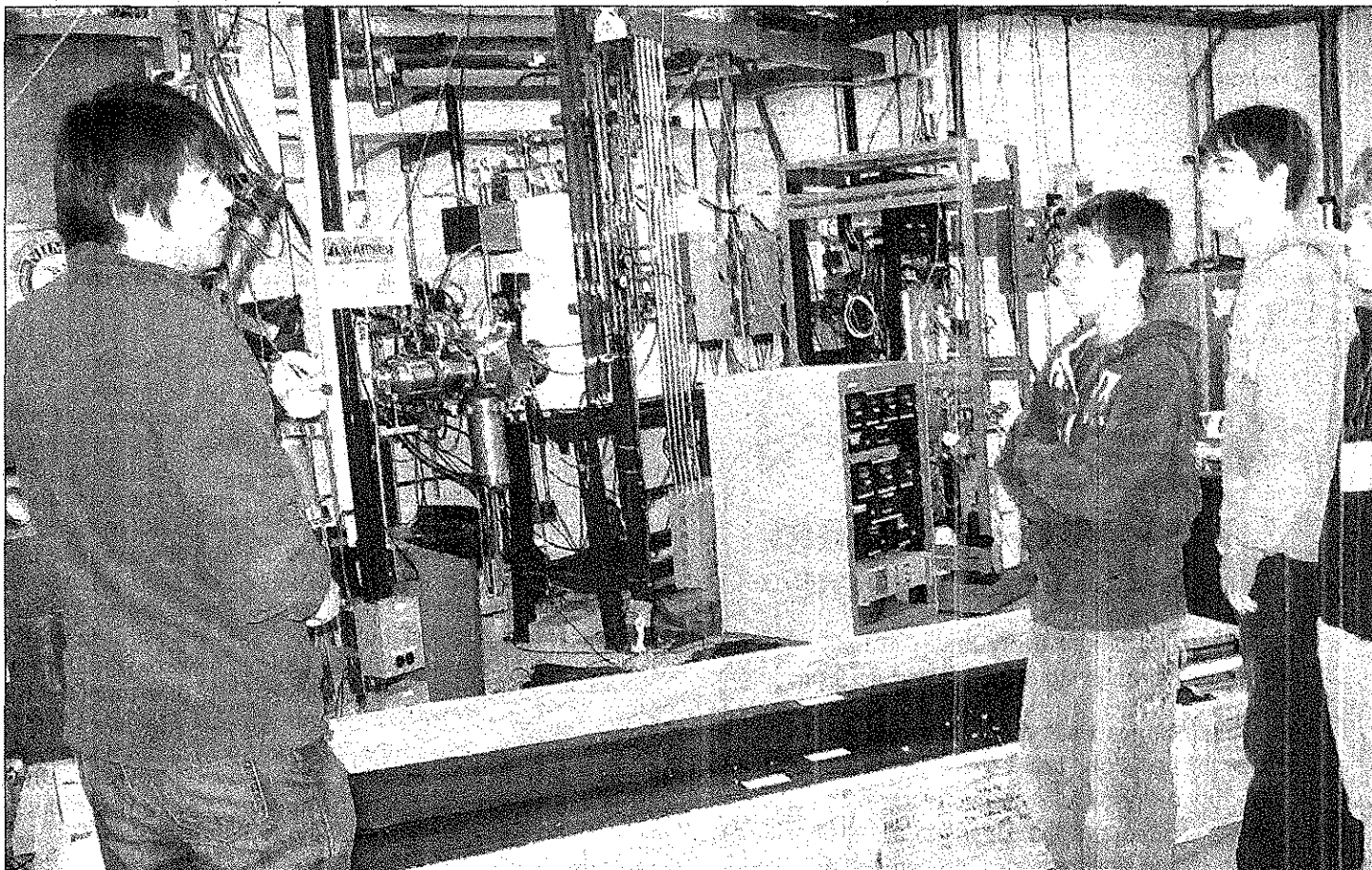
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# Intense field trip leads to superconductor

Fifty-one eighth-grade science students at Brownell Middle School were welcomed into Michigan State University's National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory last Friday, as part of teacher Maggie D'Angelo's field trip.

Split up into five groups of 10, each with its own graduate student as its tour guide, the students received a behind-the-scenes look into a world-class rare isotope laboratory and also to experience lunch inside a residence hall.

The purpose of the field trip was for students to have a chance to experience demonstrations in radioactivity, superconductivity, and nuclear fragmentation, among other things. Also, to learn how the lab produces unstable isotopes, which travel at half the speed of light, and to visit the vaults where nuclei are accelerated, smashed, filtered and studied.



Above, Brownell Middle School eighth-graders Jack Frasier, Scott Brooks and Doug Kubek listen intently as their tour guide takes them around the experiment room. Left, Back in the experiment room, Jimmy Fennessey, left, plays with a remote control device as fellow classmates Cara Dietz, Tom Davies, Daniel Hass, Adam Campau and Kate Derringer look on. Right, the 51 eighth-graders in attendance watched a demonstration on superconductivity.



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# A "shoe in" — South's benefit

Taking its theme from Lauren Weisberger's novel, "The Devil Wears Prada," The Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South is preparing for its Spring Benefit Fashion Show and Luncheon.

The event, titled "The Devils Wear..." takes place from 12 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, at South, and features students from South modeling clothes from local retailers. It also includes: shopping at vendor tables, a raffle with prizes, and entertainment by the South choir, band and orchestra.

Proceeds from the event support academic enrichment projects, college scholarships and historic preservation projects at South.

Tickets are \$35. For more information call (313) 885-3789.

Right, committee members include: In front, from left, Allison Baker, Ann Marie Aliotta, Barb Palazzolo, Polly Tech, Pamela Flom and Mary Anne Brush. Back row, from left, Dana Kaiser, Pari Hollerbach, Eileen Stratelak, Janet Dettloff, Evie Ansell, Mindy Stewart, Patrice Esse, Patty Groezinger, Bridgit Calhoun, Christine Uznis, Vicki Clevenger, Julie Bingol, Laurie Aurora, Robyn Daley, Christine Marohn, Cynthia Sohn, Sabrina Smith and Beth Carpenter.



## Once-in-a-lifetime moment for North student

By A. J. Hakim  
Staff Writer

It was a rare opportunity, one of those once-in-a-lifetime moments most others can only dream — a moment Myles Harlan lived.

Harlan, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident and sophomore at Grosse Pointe North, was handpicked by a special selection committee associated with the GRAMMY Foundation to attend the "Sound of Young America: The History of Motown" event held last month at the White House. The event, sponsored by the GRAMMY Foundation, White House and Motown Museum, featured a tour of the White House, workshops, talks and insights into the history of Motown music.

"This was my first time doing something like this," Harlan said. "And because of that, it was absolutely life-changing and an experience I'll never forget."

Along with several other Michigan-area students, Harlan, 15, received a special private tour of the West Wing, and attended a workshop hosted by Michelle Obama, Smokey Robinson, John Legend and Berry Gordy, Jr., founder of Motown Records who also

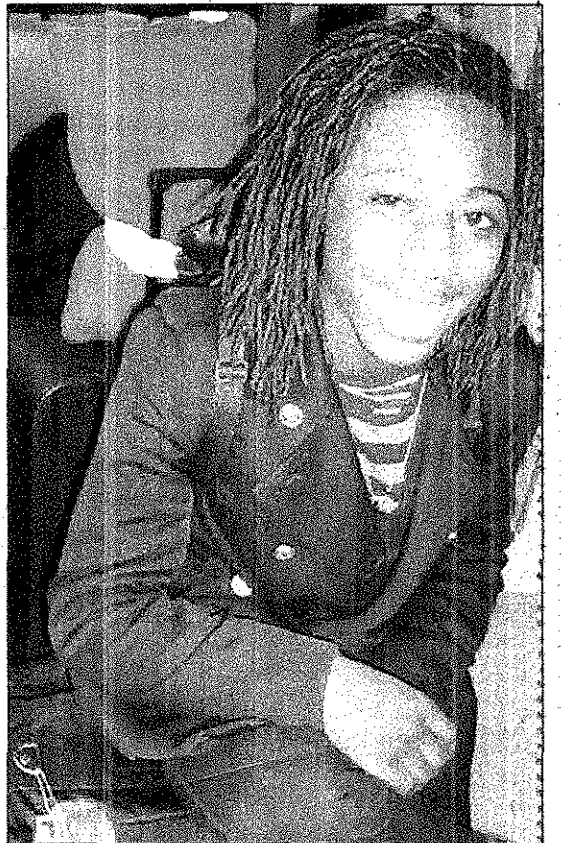
met privately with the students for a one-hour talk.

"The president and the first lady full-heartedly enjoy expressing the importance of the youth of America," Harlan said. "The event focused on encouraging children to go after their dreams, and the example used to support this concept was the Motown company and how it changed the world."

They also learned about the history of Motown from Bob Santinelli, executive director of the GRAMMY museum that organized the tribute concert, of which the students watched a live-feed at a building near the White House.

Other recording artists, of whom Harlan met, included: Sheryl Crow, Ledisi, Nick Jonas, Martha Reeves, Jordin Sparks, Jamie Foxx and stars from the television show, "Glee." Attorney General Eric Holder also participated in the events.

"My experience was wonderful, of course," Harlan said. "It was historical, which makes it even more wonderful. I learned that I'm even closer to my dreams than I thought I was, and I learned that anything is possible. I also learned some new future career possibilities that I may be interested in, involving politics."



Myles Harlan, a sophomore at Grosse Pointe North, awaits his transportation to Washington D.C.



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Above, with the tables filled, Kayla, left, Whitney, middle, and Laila Deveroux found a spot near the stage to enjoy their doughnuts. Left, Justin and Allie Peruski take a break from breakfast to pose for the camera.

## 'Donuts with Daddy'

Dads, moms and children packed Defer Elementary School's gymnasium last Friday for the Parent-Teacher Organization's annual "Donuts with Daddy."

The event, which began in 1998 and takes place each year around St. Patrick's Day, is what PTO member and host, Helen Srebernak, considers a "friendraiser." It provides dads the opportunity to mingle with and befriend each other before sending their children off to class.

Along with Srebernak, Laura Parthum and Heather Simmit also hosted the event, which offered attendees an assortment of Tim Hortons doughnuts, as well as, muffins, fruit, juices and coffee.

"It really is a great event," said Srebernak, who also helps coordinate "Mornings with Mom" each year around Valentine's Day. "People come in with their kids, dads get to know each other. It's a great way for them to make friends. They're forced to mingle."



A steady stream of dads, moms and children lined up to get their doughnuts. PHOTOS BY A. J. HAKIM

## Teacher of the Week

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

This week, it's Maire Elementary School third grade math teacher Sarah Neely Barba.

She was nominated by Emma Naporano: "This is why I think Ms. Barba should be teacher of the week: because she has the best personality, and she is always ready to start a day and feel like there is a million teachers inside her because nobody can beat her teaching skills."

"And when the year has gone by, I'll already pass my multiplication and will be ready to move on to division because she is the best math teacher. And, finally, when I go to Pierce, I will miss Maire and all my friends, and mostly my third grade teacher."

**Years at the Grosse Pointe school:** 17

**Previous work:** I taught fifth grade for one year at Damon J. Keith Elementary School in Detroit.

**Why did you become a teacher:** I fell in love with the teachable moment at camp. I was a camp counselor at Fenner Arboretum in Lansing for two summers before college. I was amazed by what could be learned in a walk through the woods. I wanted to bring that authentic learning to the classroom.

**What do you enjoy about teaching:** I love being with children. They are hopeful, honest and enjoy the journey. You can tell a story to third graders that contains elements of magic and they all very much want to believe in it.

I enjoy building a community with my classes and helping students to problem solve about how we can make our community better.

I love to see children improve because they worked hard. When students do well and figure how to repeat that success, it is very exciting.

One of the best perks of being an educator is the ability to watch a child grow up into an adult. I like to teach third grade because you have a chance to see the young students before they get to your class and to continue to watch



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Maire Elementary School third-grader Emma Naporano, left, alongside her favorite teacher, Sarah Neely Barba.

their progress after they have moved on in fourth and fifth grades. It is awesome to have former students come back to share their lives.

**How do you feel about being nominated:** It is a great honor to be nominated and it reflects back on the great and thoughtful students that I have.

**Favorite book you like to share with students:** Two of my favorite books to share include: "Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days," by Stephen Manes. It is a fun book that underscores that no one is perfect and no one would really want to be anyway. It is a great book for the beginning of the year.

I also love reading "A Wrinkle in Time," by Madeline L'Engle. This is a great book for talking about the eternal battle between good and evil and the writing is wonderfully descriptive.

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# OBITUARIES

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## Thomas C. Boisture

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Thomas C. Boisture, 79, of Little Ferry, N.J., died Friday, March 11, 2011.

He graduated from Holy Redeemer High School in Detroit and Mississippi State University. He played football at both schools.

Mr. Boisture retired from the New York Giants in 2000 as vice president of player personnel, responsible for the team's scouting and grading of college players.

His football career began immediately after college graduation in 1955 when he began coaching baseball and football at Austin Catholic Preparatory High School in Detroit. A year later, he was recruited by St. Ambrose High School to become head coach of its football team. He remained at St. Ambrose for six years, winning the Goodfellow Games in 1959 and 1961.

Following his winning years at St. Ambrose, Mr. Boisture coached football at the University of Tulsa, College of the Holy Cross and the University of Houston. The next 10 seasons were spent as a scout for the New England Patriots. The New York Giants recruited him as director of player personnel where he remained for 20 years. He was instrumental in piecing together a pair of Super Bowl winning teams.

Mr. Boisture was an active and enthusiastic grandfather and fan to all his children and grandchildren's sporting and recreational activities. For 10 years, he and his wife, Dolores, enjoyed their family at the Jersey Shore, where they vacationed and developed their strong family bond and sense of community.

Mr. Boisture is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Dolores A. (nee Kenney); loving children, Susan and her husband, Jim Thompson,

Debbie and her husband, Arnold Johnson Jr., David and his wife, Elizabeth, Nancy and her husband, Joe McTighe and Michael and his wife, Lisa; grandchildren, Melissa, David, Amanda, Molly, Chloe, Joseph, Shannon, Michael, Cameron and Matthew; great-grandchildren, Zoe, Abigail and Fiona and his sister, Patricia Suzor.

He was predeceased by his children, Tommy in 1962 and Janet in 1963 and his brother, Daniel Boisture.

A funeral Mass was celebrated March 16 in Little Ferry.

Donations may be made to HNMC Villa Marie Claire Hospice Fund, c/o Jean A. Leone, Executive Director, 12 West Saddle River Road, Saddle River, NJ 07458.

## Florence Mossner Hinks

Florence Mossner Hinks (Adams) passed away peacefully Wednesday, March 9, 2011. Born Dec. 18, 1917, in Detroit to robust parents of Scottish and German stock, she otherwise lived her entire life in Grosse Pointe save for brief residences in the South as her husband, Richard Elbridge Hinks, trained to go overseas during World War II. Florence and Richard married July 24, 1943. After the war, they lived briefly in Detroit before moving to Grosse Pointe Park in 1949.

Florence shepherded a family of four children: Susan, Richard, Peter and David. She nursed, fed, enrolled, guided, shuttled, adorned and loved them all through their accomplishments, trials, and, most often, the daily routine of school, sports, choir, first jobs, vacations and much else.

As the children grew and moved on, they returned home each summer and Christmas to wonderful parties, dinners, outings and conversations with Florence as long and as animated as each child wanted. As her children soon brought their children home, the festive annual reunions only grew bigger, louder, happier, just better and better because she made them so. Grandchildren soon wandered in and out on frequent visits which continued well beyond their youth because they loved her welcome and they loved her verve.

Florence was her family, her husband, her friends, her home and community in Grosse Pointe. She gave generously of her time to Defer, Maire, Pierce, Grosse Pointe South, Christ Church Grosse Pointe, and the War Memorial. In her later years, she was very involved in outreach through the Stephen Ministry at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

Florence lost her dear husband, Richard, in June 1990. In September 1996, she married Dr. Charles W. Adams, who passed away in December 2010. Florence mourned the loss of her son, Richard, in June 2004.

Florence's kindness and light and acceptance have drawn so many to her irresistibly over the decades. For those seeking affirmation, fellowship, repose, Florence was a very touchstone. She never failed them. She will be carried always in the many hearts she touched and changed, a memorial of warmth and beauty and life that she above all would have desired the most.

## Dorothy Ellen Renaud

Grosse Pointe Park resident Dorothy Ellen "Dottie" Renaud passed away peacefully at home Friday, March 11, 2011. She was 83.

Born Oct. 17, 1927, in Grand Blanc, to Herbert and Lillian Baker, she graduated from high school at age 16 and moved to Detroit, where she completed a program in business administration, and was employed in the Fisher building during the bustling post-war years. She also enjoyed spending time in the real estate and interior design business in Grosse Pointe, where she ensured the highest standard of service to her customers.

She was married to the love of her life, George F. Renaud Sr. for more than 55 years. Mrs. Renaud devoted her life to being a homemaker and mother and took great pride and enjoyment in interior design and decorating. During the summer months, she was an avid gardener and took pride in the beautiful results.

Mrs. Renaud was active in the Detroit Junior Symphony, the Detroit Boat Club and the Grosse Pointe Newcomers Club. She also enjoyed volunteering at Bon Secours Hospital. She had a special passion for Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, serving as a deacon, elder on the Session, and a member of both the Parish Life and Worship committees. She attended services and social functions at the church faithfully and truly made fellowship the focus of her life.

Mrs. Renaud's family recalls her special ability to bring a smile to anyone she met, all being touched by her kindness, style and grace. She extended unconditional love to her family and friends and always had an interesting story to tell.

Mrs. Renaud is survived by her children, Dorothy



Thomas C. Boisture



Gayl Frances Bloink Lehman

(Sheilah) Deborah Renaud of Ben Lomond, Calif., Denise (Nece) Deshayne of Maui, Hawaii, and George F. Renaud Jr. of Troy; brothers, Herbert and John; grandchildren, Grace, Ajja, Shen, Daly, Deme and Carter and great-grandchildren, Clarity, Generosity and Serenity.

She was predeceased by her husband, George and her sister, Betty Riemann.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 24, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 26, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Mrs. Renaud's ashes will be interred in the Barbour Chapel of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

Donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or Hospice of Michigan, 400 Mack Ave., Detroit, MI 48201.

Express condolences or share a memory at [verheyden.org](http://verheyden.org).

## Gayl Frances Bloink Lehman

Gayl Frances Bloink Lehman, 66, of Bonita Springs, Fla., passed away peacefully in the arms of her husband, Jan Eric Lehman, Saturday, March 5, 2011.

Mrs. Lehman had cancer for more than eight years and chose not to share this news with those outside of the immediate family until last month when her fight became a struggle. She was a private person and maintained her pride and beauty into her final moments.

Mrs. Lehman will be remembered for her sparkling personality and vivacity. Her family said her positive energy and captivating spirit was an inspiration to all. She had an uncanny ability to whistle extremely loudly which, unlike her, was not very ladylike!

Mrs. Lehman loved the adventure of travel, throwing and attending theme parties and the thrill of shopping. She enjoyed a good bargain and a good book. She had a passion



Florence Mossner Hinks



Dorothy Ellen Renaud



David Edward Wagensomer



Madge Smolenski

for dancing and recently became an avid bass fisher in the Berkshires of western Massachusetts.

Above all, Mrs. Lehman loved her family. She and Jan, married 46 years, raised their daughters in her hometown of Grosse Pointe and, in recent years, spent time with family in Connecticut and Florida.

Mrs. Lehman is survived by her husband, Jan; her daughters, Kristen (Bob) Schwabe and Nicole (Michael) Stavola; grandchildren, Taylor, Cooper, Alexander and Julianna; and step-grandchildren, Tyler, Ian and Brandon.

A celebration of her life was held with family, friends and neighbors March 6 in their Bonita Springs home. Services will be private and held at a later date.

Donations may be made to Hope Hospice of Lee County, 9470 Health Park Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33908.

## David Edward Wagensomer

Grosse Pointe Woods resident David Edward Wagensomer, 48, passed away suddenly Tuesday, March 8, 2011.

A 1981 graduate of Bishop Gallagher High School, he owned the Edwin Paul Spa in Grosse Pointe Woods and David Edward Inc. construction company.

Mr. Wagensomer is survived by his loving wife, Elizabeth; adoring children, Sarah and Evan; mother, Barbara; sisters, Kathryn (Terry) Cosgrove and Janice (Rich) Gillies; brothers, Greg (Maggie) and Paul (Lisa) and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his father, Edward.

Mr. Wagensomer will be greatly missed by his family, friends and neighbors.

A memorial service was held March 13 at St. Peter the Apostle Church in Harper Woods.

Donations may be made to the Wagensomer Family Memorial Fund and mailed to either the Christian Financial Credit Union, 19770 Harper, Harper Woods, MI 48225 or Edwin Paul Spa, 21023 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

## Madeline "Madge" Smolenski

Madeline "Madge" Smolenski, beloved wife and mother, died Friday, March 4, 2011, of congestive heart failure at Sunrise Assisted Living in Grosse Pointe Woods. She was 87.

Mrs. Smolenski was married 53 years to Ralph Smolenski. They met in 1945 in New York City after his tour of duty with the U.S. Navy in the Philippines. She proudly served in the Navy WAVES during World War II. They were married in 1946. Together they devoted their best energies to raising their seven children and doting over their grandchildren.

Mrs. Smolenski was an avid gardener. For many years, she served as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels. She was an active member of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores.

Mrs. Smolenski is survived by her children, Paul Smolenski of Mt. Pleasant, Mark (Mary) Smolenski of Salt Lake City, Utah, Susan Burgess-Lent (David) of Washington, D.C., Pete (Cheryl) Smolenski of Troy, Don (Paula) Smolenski of the City of Grosse Pointe, Mariann (Dennis) D'Hondt of Grosse Pointe Shores and Kurt (Karen) Smolenski of Orland Park, Ill.; grandchildren, Eric, Matthew, Nikole, Peter, Mary, Erin, Laurie, Stefan, Timothy, Michael, Katie, Daniel, Andrew, Sarah, Emily and Nicholas and eight great-grandchildren.

She also is survived by her sister, Kathy Petrik of Carp Lake and brother, Jack Burgess of Denver, Colo.

She was predeceased by her husband, Ralph and grandson, Adam.

A funeral Mass was celebrated March 7 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores followed by interment in Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Donations may be made to St. Joan of Arc Exceptional Children program, 21412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing has been scheduled to consider proposed discontinuation of Harper Woods Connector (Dial-a-Ride) Service.

Date and Time: Tuesday, April 12, 2011 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Location: Harper Woods City Hall, Council Chambers, 19617 Harper, Harper Woods, MI 48225

Special accommodations will be made available if the City of Harper Woods is contacted seven (7) days prior to the public hearing.

For those unable to attend the meeting, written comments will be accepted through April 12, 2011. Written comments should be addressed to "Public Hearing" and mailed to City Clerk, City of Harper Woods, 19617 Harper, Harper Woods, MI 48225. Comments may also be emailed to [hwclerk@comcast.net](mailto:hwclerk@comcast.net).

Posted: March 14, 2011  
Published: March 17, 2011

### City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

#### BOARD OF REVIEW

Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the 2011 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011  
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at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236.

Hearings will be scheduled by appointment. Please contact City of Grosse Pointe Farms at (313) 640-1618. You may also petition the Board in writing through the mail if you cannot make the hearing dates. These letters HAVE TO BE IN THE OFFICE BY THURSDAY, MARCH 17th.

TIMOTHY E. O'DONNELL  
City Assessor

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### City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

#### NOTICE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW

The CITY OF GROSSE POINTE Board of Review will meet at 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, Michigan on March 7th, 21st and 22nd 2011. The Board will organize and review assessments on Tuesday, March 7th. The Board will hear protests from aggrieved property owners by appointment on Monday, March 21st from 9 am to 9 pm and Tuesday, March 22nd from 9 am to 5 pm. Appointments may be made by calling the City offices at 313-885-5800 from 8:30 am to 5 pm. Appeals made by mail must be postmarked by March 22, 2011 and received by March 25, 2011.

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### City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

#### PUBLIC NOTICE WEEDS, BRUSH AND GRASS

TO ALL OWNERS OR OCCUPANTS OF LAND IN THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS:

Notice is hereby given that after May 1st of this year the provisions of Chapter 46, Vegetation, Article IV, Weeds, Brush and Grass will be enforced. This article requires the owner or occupant to cut, destroy or remove weeds, brush and grass that is six (6) inches high or more. In the case of noncompliance, the owner or occupant of the land shall be responsible for all costs incurred by the city in connection with such cutting or destruction plus a 30 percent administrative fee. If the charges are not paid within 30 days after billing, payment shall be deemed delinquent and shall be enforceable as a tax lien against the land.

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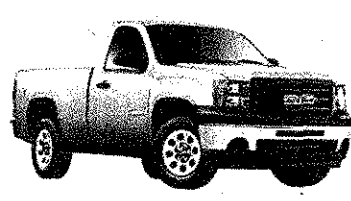


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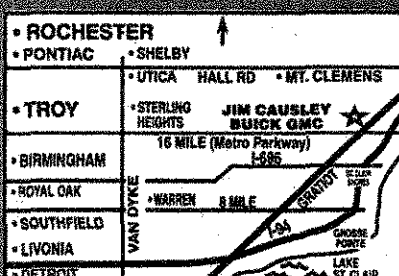
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# Lexus RX 450 Hybrid



## 2011 Lexus RX 450 Hybrid AWD

**T**his week, we're behind the wheel of the popular 2011 Lexus RX, this time in hybrid V6 form with all-wheel drive — base price: \$44,825; price as

tested: \$54,214.  
The 2011 RX Hybrid is a 4-

door, 5-passenger luxury sport-utility available in either 4X2 or AWD versions. Complete with a tweaked exterior and well-appointed interior, Lexus RX offers higher demographic consumers the latest in technological advancements combined with its renowned tradition of Lexus opulence.

The 4X2 and 4x4 models come with a standard 3.5-liter V6 that produces 295-horsepower. This 12.5 to 1 compression gas engine can pull the AWD RX to 60 in about 7.4 seconds and deliver either 32 miles per gallon city and 28 mpg highway in the 4x2 or 30/28 in 4x4 dress.

The Lexus hybrid system works in tandem with the 24-valve V6, as front and rear electric motors drive the RXh and utilize either electric, a combination of electric and engine, or engine only depending on driver need. The gas engine also features variable valve timing for even better fuel mileage, while an electronic Continuously Variable Transmission with intelligence and Sequential Shift also helps.

This redesigned in 2010 third generation RX is still one of the most popular mid-sized SUVs available today. Also available to Lexus consumers is an RX 350 line that offers gasoline only engines at substantially lower prices. RX's outward appearance is bolder up front than previous models with a smaller grille and a more arched appearance.

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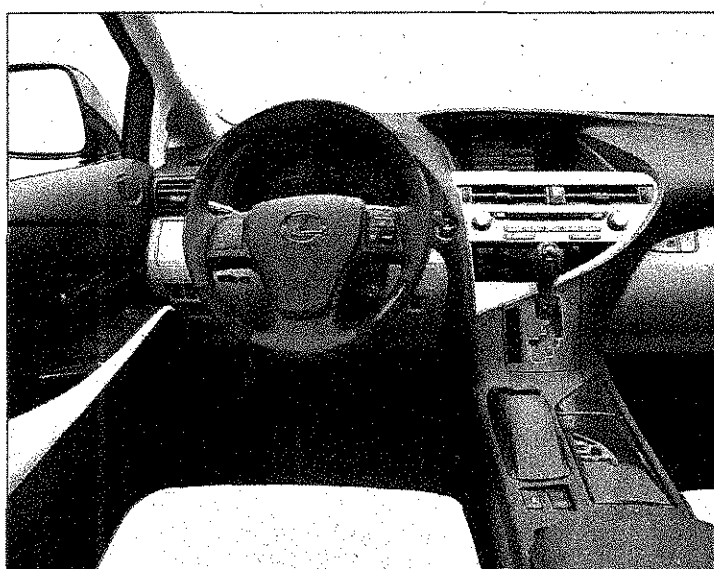
On the highway, the RX450h is a true driver and maneuvered well in some of the heavy snow storms in the Northeast, thanks to a snow mode on the AWD system. When summer arrives, some milder off-road fun could be on your menu, yet I feel most Lexus RX owners are not of the "off-road weekend" crowd.

Meanwhile, that trip to the golf course or taking the children to a ball game results in all riding in comfort, thanks to a MacPherson front strut setup that combines with a coil over double wishbone design out back.

And speaking of children and passengers, the RX450h comes with a class-leading 10 standard air bags to ensure the best protection available in the event of an impact. You'll also feel secure, thanks to a reinforced roll cage body design, 4-wheel disc anti lock brakes with electronic brake force distribution, brake assist and vehicle stability control. Planting Lexus RH are 18-inch tires and beautiful alloy wheels, which add both to traction and aesthetics.

Inside, the Lexus cabin is ultra quiet and appointed with a bevy of standard luxury features, including 9-speaker Premium Audio, Bluetooth, XM Satellite, 6-disc CD; in-glass antenna; dual climate control with rear vents; 10-way power driver and front passenger seats; reclining/sliding 40/20/40 split rear seat; all the powers; Homelink receiver; rear privacy glass; genuine wood trim; LCD screen for audio, climate and music settings; carpeted floor mats and more. Our tester came with a stereo upgrade for \$110, which adds a 12-speaker system.

Options on our tester featured a \$2,465 Navigation System that includes a hard disk drive, voice command, XM NavTraffic and more. Another expensive option is a



Lexus Premium Package for \$2,400 that includes leather trim, one-touch open close moon roof, auto-dimming power heated outside mirrors, power rear door and an MP3/USB plug-in.

Our tester also featured optional LED headlamps with intelligent high beam, adaptive front lighting — headlamps move left and right — and a headlamp washer for \$1,825.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 107.9 inches, 4,652 pound curb weight, up to

80.3 cubic feet of cargo room, 3,500-pound tow capacity, 6.9-inch ground clearance and a 17.2-gallon fuel tank.

It's hard to find fault with one of the best SUVs on the road today, be it the gasoline only or hybrid RX models.

Likes: Handling, safety, design, interior, Lexus quality.

Dislikes: Front end protrudes a bit, MPG numbers drop quickly when power applied.

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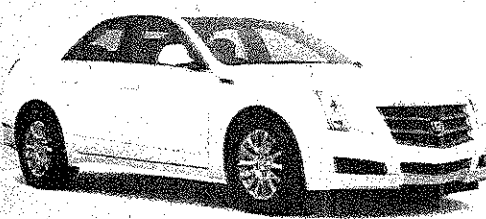
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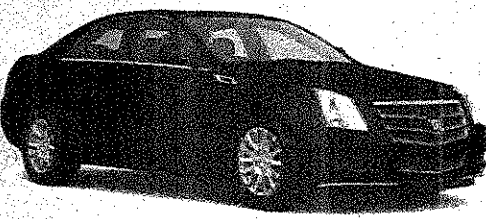
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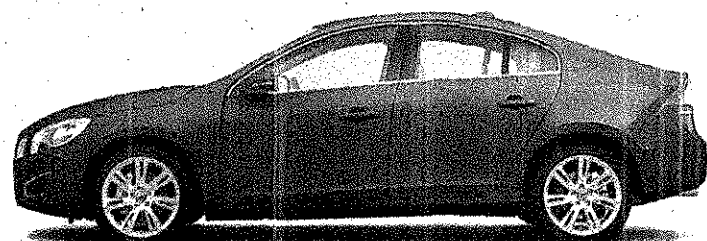
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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

## 2011 Volvo S60 T6 AWD



**W**e recently tested Volvo's all-new "large mid-size" S60 series sedan, dubbed the "Naughty Volvo" by its corporate marketing arm — base price: \$37,700; price as tested: \$46,200.

I classify the S60 as a "larger" mid-size 4-door, thanks to its weight, wheelbase and overall dimensions, which lean to bigger more so than smaller.

Although I've never personally owned a Volvo, I've had many positive experiences with them. My first driving experience came when my college friend allowed me to regularly drive his humpback 1960 PV544 back in 1972. And, I've always taken any Volvo writing opportunity to mention Walter Cronkite, the late beloved news anchor who raced for the Volvo road racing team in 1959 and 1960 — I actually saw him race!

As for accidents, I was hit broadside in a 75th Anniversary Edition S80 test car back in 2002 and received not a scratch as every safety item worked perfect and all air bags deployed. The vehicle that hit me was a big Dodge Durango that had run a stop sign. Although the Volvo ended up on the other side of the road on a curb, I was not injured and drove away from the scene. The whole left side of the car was smashed, and probably resulted in more than \$10,000 in damage.

Thus, my soft spot for Volvo! Fast forward to 2011, and Volvo is sitting on what may be its finest effort to date, as the Swedish automaker's all-new second generation S60 is a special breed. Always heralded for its safety record and innovations, its new S60 raises the bar with several new safety

### 2011 Volvo S60 T6 A SR

features, including warning systems that not only alert the driver, but can stop the car completely.

Our tester included a \$4,400 "Premium, Technology and Climate Package," which added the impressive "Star Wars"-type safety features. Included are adaptive cruise control, collision warning with full auto brake assist, pedestrian warning with full auto brake, distance and driver alert and a lane departure warning. Notable is you can turn off the lane departure warning system with a flip of the switch. It's high-tech at its best and worth every dollar. I highly recommend these safety features be demonstrated by your Volvo dealer.

The package also includes heated seats, heated windshield nozzles, heated washers, rain sensor and more. The premium part adds power moonroof and dual Xenon active bending headlamps.

Built in Belgium, S60's power comes from a turbocharged inline 3.0-liter 6-cylinder that develops 300 horsepower and 325 pound-feet of torque. Volvo's 6-speed Geartronic automatic transmission is standard and allows 0-60 mph in a spirited 6.5 seconds. The sixth gear allows great fuel mileage, as EPA ratings have the S60 listed at 18 city and 26 highway, which is excellent considering the weight of the car and the power of the turbo engine. The Haldex fully automatic AWD system delivers power to the tires that afford the most grip.

The cabin deserves special mention, as beautiful wood trim and leather seating invite driver and passengers. The



seats are very comfortable and supportive in the turns. Although the back seat is still a bit tight for larger size adults, there's a few more inches than the previous S60. The Navigation system is easy to set and part of a \$2,700 Multimedia Package that includes an upgraded stereo and rear park assist.

On the road, the stiffer suspension is perfect for sure-footed, sports car-like handling while not hampering a comfortable ride. Underneath, MacPherson struts in front and a multilink setup in the rear complement the beefier springs and frame. The tires are 18-inches with beautiful alloy wheels.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 109.3 inches, 3,812 pound curb weight, 17.8 gallon fuel tank, 12 cubic feet of cargo space and 3,307 pound tow capacity.

Volvo's new S60 comes standard with All Wheel Drive and is the lone 2011 S60 offered in the United States. A 2012 T5 S60 model, a front wheel drive 5-cylinder turbo with a base price of \$31,450, will be available in the states and makes for a perfect non-AWD S60 sibling.

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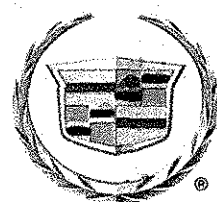
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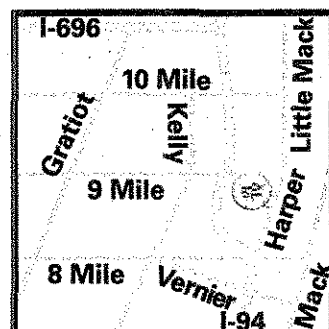
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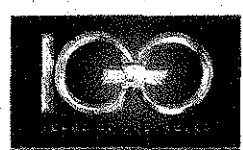
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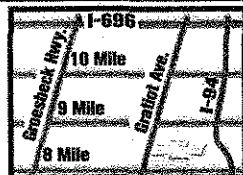
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**AUTOWIRE.NET** By Derek Price

The new 2011 Cruze's handsome body and surprisingly refined driving feel redefines what a compact car from Chevrolet can be.

## New Cruze competes with Japanese models

**C**hevrolet calls it its newest compact car — and it makes sense it's starting with a totally different name.

That's because the Cruze breaks ranks with the small Chevy cars preceding it, most which are easily forgettable, and competes directly with the Japanese stalwarts eating away at American-brand car sales for decades.

How so?

For starters, there's the driving feel. It's hard to describe, but easy to feel when you're in the driver's seat on a country road wrapped up in the nuances of the vehicle.

The ride is firmer than American cars have traditionally employed, although still not as rock-hard as the Honda Civic. It's enough to give you confidence in corners and makes it enjoyable by economy-car standards.

That good driving feel is helped by the modern-sounding whirr of a turbocharged engine. It's a small engine designed more for efficiency than power, particularly in the fuel-sipping Cruze Eco model rated for 40 miles per gallon on the highway. But it's also surprisingly smooth for a turbo, the kind of silky powerplant expected in something more expensive.

Another big plus is the way the Cruze looks on the outside and feels on the inside.

In older compact Chevy cars, one got the impression General Motors wasn't giving its best effort. The bodies were blocky and uninspired and the interiors were brittle plastic with crude holes for the gauges and radio equipment.

**2011 Chevrolet Cruze LT**

The Cruze is a good example of how the new GM is making cars. The trend started before the bankruptcy, most notably with the latest generation Malibu, but it's continuing even on more affordable new models like this one.

The Cruze's body has nice creases and subtle bulges, showing the thought typically reserved for more expensive cars. At the same time, smart styling is becoming de rigueur for compact cars, just look at the new models at Hyundai.

What sets the Cruze apart is the number of air bags crammed into the cabin. There are the typical dual-stage air bags in front along with front and rear side-impact bags, head curtain air bags mounted on the roof rail and air bags to protect the front passenger's knees.

Pricing starts at \$16,995 with a 1.8-liter Ecotec engine, but the 1.4-liter turbocharged engine is much better. It starts at \$18,895 in the Cruze LT and maxes in the LTZ model for \$22,695, adding features such as leather seats, a remote-control starter and ultrasonic parking assist.

Granted, the Cruze is just the latest in a long line of GM compacts claimed to be taking aim at European and Japanese

markets. It has a bunch of ancestors who were expert at puffery.

But the Cruze is GM's closest attempt yet at matching — and in some cases beating — the quality and features in its overseas rivals. It's an encouraging sign GM is making cars that should be on the cross-shopping list for anyone considering a Honda Civic or Toyota Corolla.

What was tested? The 2011 Chevrolet Cruze 2LT with a base price of \$20,675. Options on the test car are: The compact spare tire for \$100. Total manufacturer suggested retail price as tested including the \$720 delivery fee came to \$21,395.

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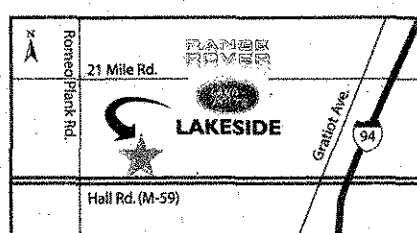
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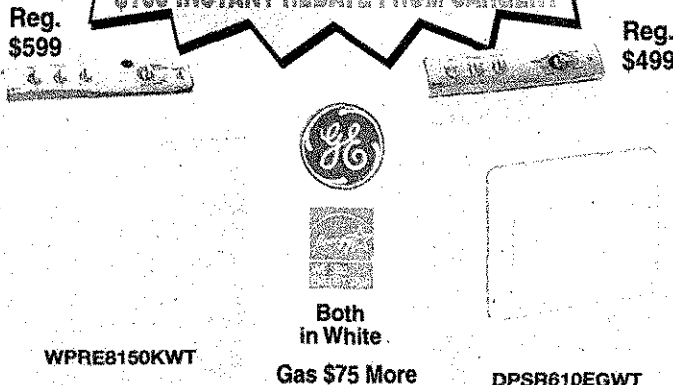
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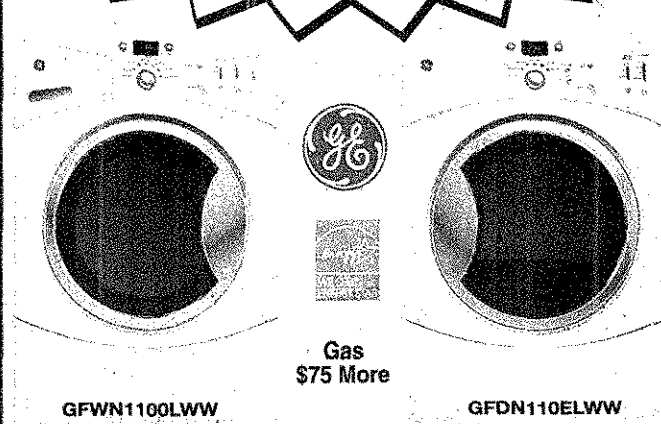


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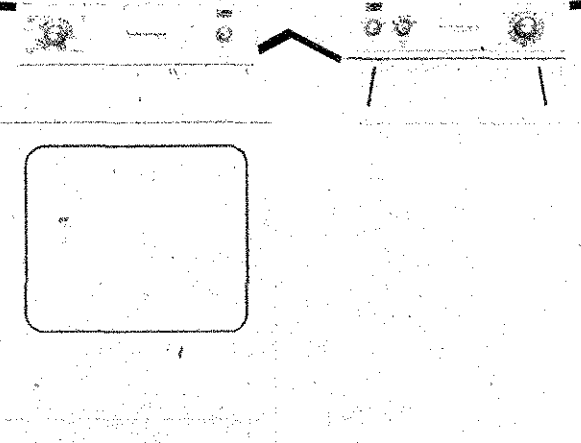
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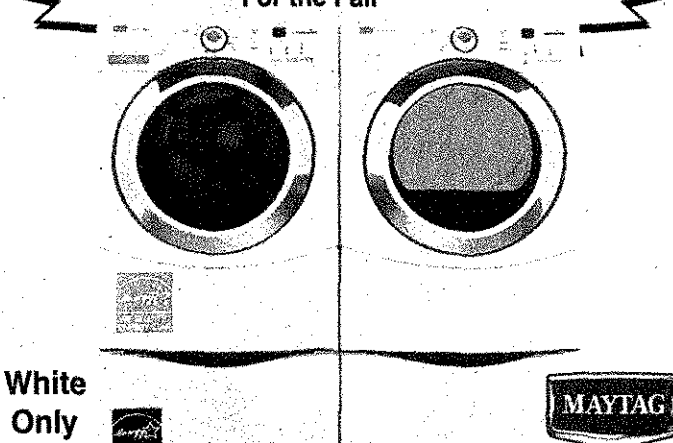
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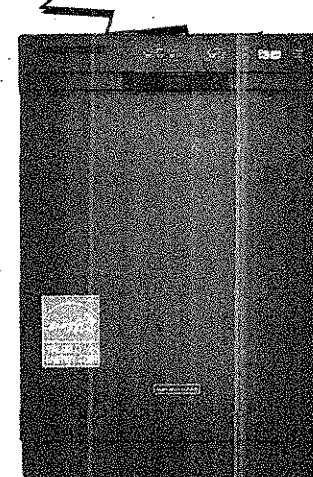
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Annie provides a special recipe  
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## Phoenix Heritage Center

### History brought to life

By Jenny King  
Special Writer

An interesting variety of cars, trucks and trailers filled the walkways and picnic areas of the Historic Heritage Square in Phoenix last month.

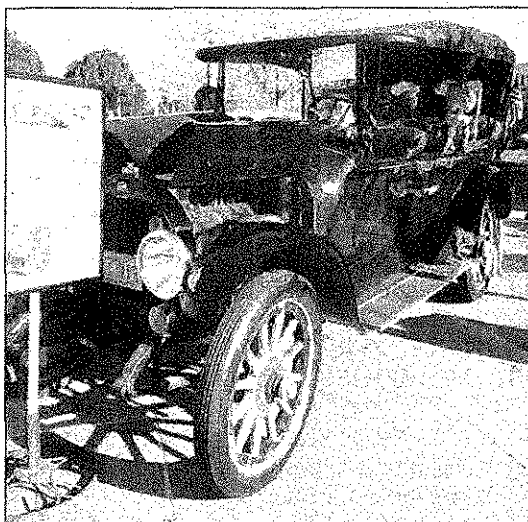
Vehicles ran the gamut from Donna and Jim Bunch's tiller-steered, chain-driven Sears Motor Buggy to the near-perfect red 1952 Jaguar XK120 roadster owned by Mark and Andrea Stephenson.

Phoenix was incorporated as a city in 1881, some 40 years before Arizona was admitted to the Union and 34 years before Sears produced the Motor Buggy now owned by the Bunch family of Glendale, Ariz.

Another brass-era car, a 1915 Willys Overland Touring, was brought to the show by Glen Bigelow from the Sun City area. Bigelow said he bought the car five years ago in an estate sale in Scottsdale.

"It was in excellent condition, except the timing gear had been stripped," Bigelow said. An Internet search put him in touch with a Detroit shop that couldn't produce the part right away and gave him a high price. He later had it done by Apache Gear in Phoenix for about \$700, he said.

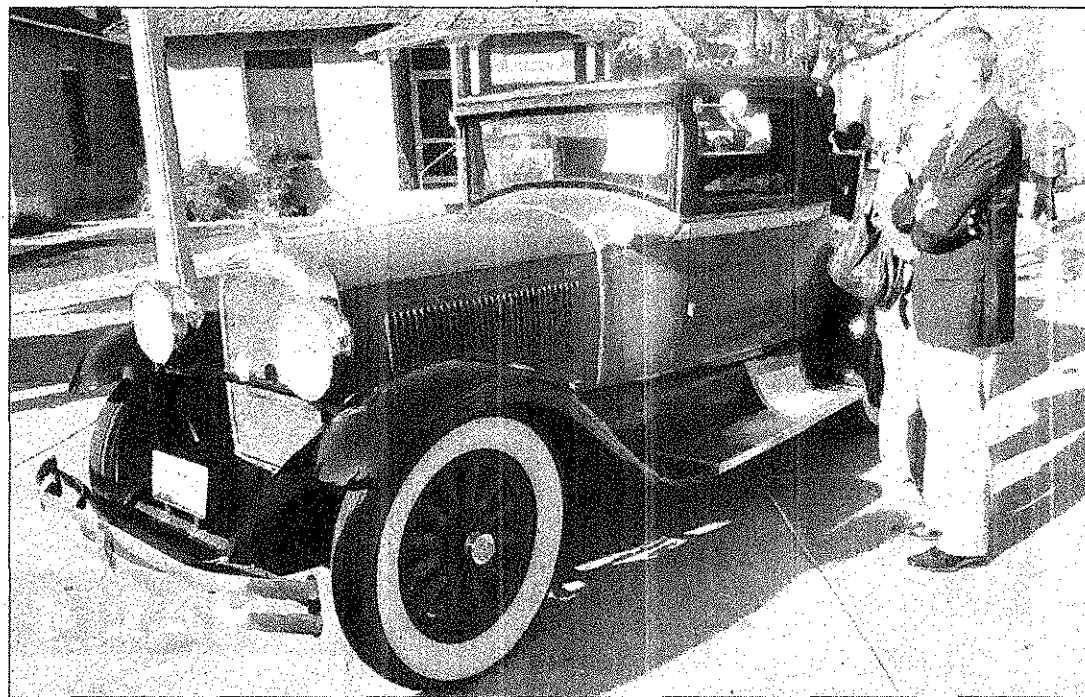
Donna and Jim Bunch of Glendale, Ariz., treated show exhibitors and visitors to a long look into the past with their 1905 Sears Motor Buggy—a fragile early car with tiller steering and chain drive. The 1905 Sears stalled out on its way up the ramp to the safety of a covered carrier, prompting an amused onlooker to ask, "Need a horse?"



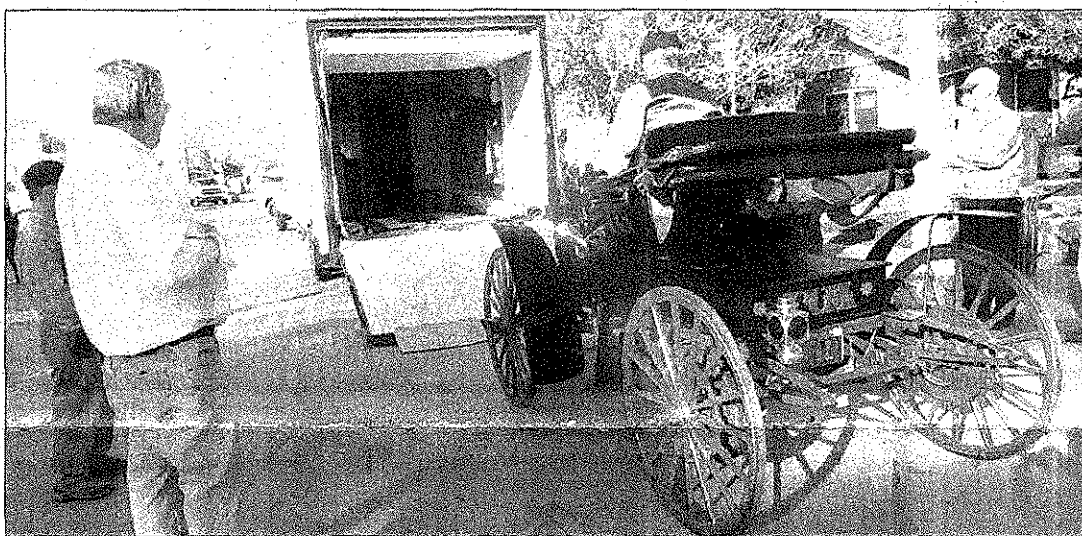
PHOTOS BY JENNY KING

Glen Bigelow of Sun City said he bought his unusual 1915 Willys Overland Touring at an estate sale in Scottsdale five years ago.

The Price family of Scottsdale had three distinctive Cadillacs on display: A 1940 LaSalle, 1941 Cadillac Fleetwood and a 1956 Cadillac



A 1928 Studebaker owned by Terry Stines featured fringed side window shades and was attracting admiring glances.



Sedan de Ville nicknamed "The Goddess."

Hudson enthusiasts Lorinda and Tom Cooper of Phoenix brought along a scrapbook detailing the history of their 1950 emerald green Hudson Super Six Club Coupe. It rested above the grille of their well-traveled car beside the woven water bottle that would have accompanied earlier adventurers through the deserts of the southwest.

"We bought the Hudson back in 2001 and eventually tore it apart," said Tom Cooper, who did much of the work himself.

Completed in 2006, including a drive train rebuilt by a specialist in Maricopa, the Hudson made a successful coast-to-coast trip in 2008.

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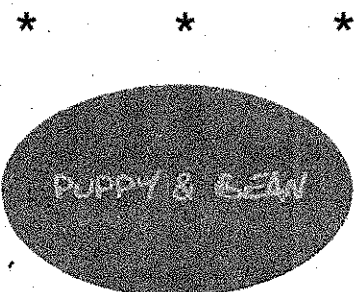
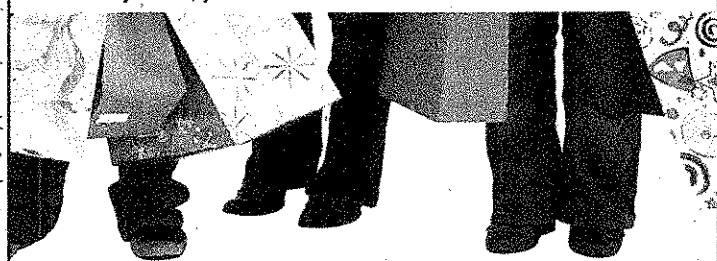
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## Yesterday's Headlines

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

**1961**

50 years ago this week

### ♦ DEFENDANTS WIN

**MAXWELL SUIT:** All Grosse Pointe defendants in a damage suit brought before Circuit Court in Port Huron by John A. Maxwell, a former Algonac manufacturer, were exonerated.

Judge Halford Streeter, hearing the case without a jury, said that there was no basis for Maxwell's claim that certain Grosse Pointe real estate men and associations had conspired to damage the value of his property in Grosse Pointe Park.

### ♦ FUNDING APPROVED:

The Park council approved a total appropriation of \$23,777 for needed equipment and facilities for the Three Mile Drive Park so that it might be in service on or before May 1.

City Manager Robert Slone told the council that it is hoped

that the new park, which will be for passive recreation, should be officially opened on the same date as the waterfront park.

**1986**

25 years ago this week

### ♦ MILLAGES APPROVED:

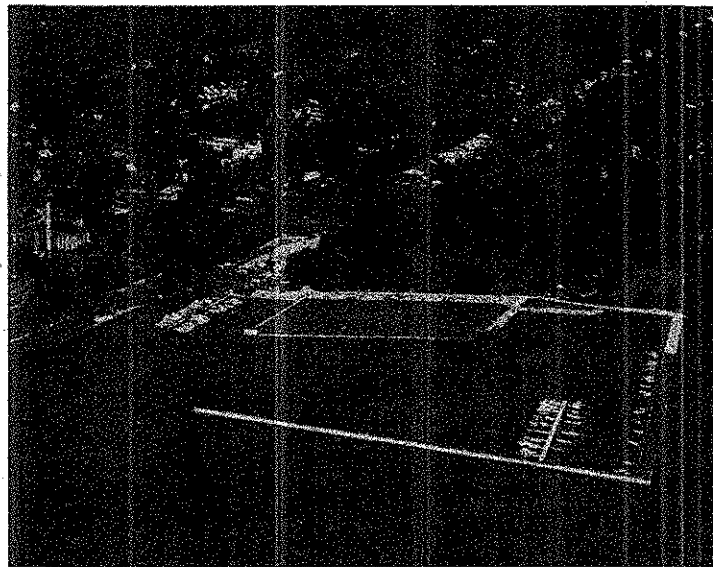
There were congratulations all around at 389 St. Clair Monday night as voters gave resounding approval to the district's three-year millage renewals.

### ♦ WOODS UNVEILS PROPOSED PARKS PLAN:

A new park development master plan unveiled at a special public hearing in Grosse Pointe Woods calls for major redevelopment of the city's Lake Front and Ghesquiere parks, including a 3,600 square foot community center, a band shell, water slide and floating fishing pier.

### ♦ PARK VOTERS TO DECIDE MERGER ISSUE IN JUNE:

A date for a special election regarding consolidation of the police and fire departments



FROM THE MARCH 16, 1961 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

## 1961: Aerial view

This picture shows how the Park's recreational center looks from the air. The swimming pool lies within the boat mooring harbor.

The peninsula on the left between Fox Creek and the boat harbor, is the property of Detroit. Negotiations were carried on to determine if the Park could make arrangements to use some of this land for a launching site for small boats, but Detroit refused.

was tentatively set for June 17.

**2001**

10 years ago this week

**♦ NORTH STATE CHAMPIONS:** Grosse Pointe North boys hockey team won its first state hockey title shutting out Sault Ste. Marie 3-0.

### ♦ SHORES HOUSING ASSESSMENTS RISE 24 PERCENT:

The 24 percent across-the-board increase in housing assessments given Grosse Pointe Shores homeowners was "strongly suggested" by the State Tax Commission, according to Shores village assessor Tim O'Donnell.

### ♦ FARMS PUBLIC SAFETY UNIONS SEEK STATION AT MACK/MOROSS:

Grosse Pointe Farms public safety Lt. Dan Jensen, speaking on behalf of the Grosse Pointe Farms Command Officers Association and the Grosse Pointe Farms Police Officers Association, asked the Farms council to strongly consider building a public safety station on city-owned property at the corner of Mack and Moross.

**2006**

Five years ago this week

### ♦ BLUE DEVILS ARE STATE CHAMPS:

Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team is back on top after beating host Plymouth-Canton-Salem 5-1 in last weekend's state championship game.

The Lady Blue Devils won their sixth state championship in the 10 years girls hockey has had a tournament.

### ♦ PRETEEN SEX CURRICULUM OK'D:

The adolescent health curriculum was unanimously approved by the Grosse Pointe Board of Education despite fervent arguments to delay the vote.

### ♦ WATER PLANT ENHANCEMENTS:

A group charged with protecting the architectural heritage of Grosse Pointe Farms has endorsed restoration of aging double-crescent stairways at the water filtration plant on Moross.

The group also approved the replacement of a community spigot with a fountain feature.

Compiled by Karen Fontanive

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# AREA ACTIVITIES

## Detroit Concert Choir

The Detroit Concert Choir performs "Sounds of the Emerald Isle" at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 20, at the Old St. Mary's in Greektown, 646 Monroe, Detroit.

Tickets cost \$20, seniors pay \$18 and young adults pay \$10.

For ticket information, call (313) 882-0118.

## Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe meets at noon Monday, March 21, in the Fries Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The speaker is U.S. Rep. Hansen Clarke, D-Detroit, who provides an update on federal issues.

Grosse Pointe Rotary and Detroit Rotary club members host an after work cocktail fundraiser to support the clubs' adult literacy initiative with Pro-Literacy Detroit from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 25, at Bookie's Bar & Grille, 2208 Cass, Detroit.

Admission of \$39 is reduced \$1 and up to \$4 for each book donated.

At a previous meeting Grosse Pointe Public School Superintendent Suzanne Klein discussed with the club the future of the public school. The March 7 speaker was Rich Bartoszek, who discussed senior living issues.

## Sunrise Rotary

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m. Tuesday, March 22, at The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

## La Leche League

The La Leche League meets at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 22, in Grosse Pointe Park.

For more information about the mother-to-mother breast feeding information and support group, call Clarke at (313) 469-7399 or Maria at (313) 885-3709.

## Women's Connection

Mary Walsh is the speaker at the Women's Connection meeting Thursday, March 24, at the Lochmoor Club, 1018 Sunningdale Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods. Social hour is at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. followed by the speaker.

Walsh has a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education from the University of Dayton. Her topic is the benefits and rewards of practicing yoga.

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

## Heartland Health Care

The Eastside Senior Alliance hosts an educational presentation from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 24, at Heartland Health Care — Georgian East, 21404

## Quilt Guild to sit and stitch

A time to sit and stitch with Quilt Guild of Metropolitan Detroit members is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 19, at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In recognition of National Quilt Day, women and men can bring their needlework to the church for a day of connecting with area quilters.

Featured speaker Joan Cole, of New Baltimore, demonstrates how to make an iron caddy in a two-hour workshop.

Those who attend must have a yard of outer fabric, three-

Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Topics to be discussed include:

- ◆ Fall prevention and home safety
- ◆ Veterans' benefits
- ◆ Memory loss
- ◆ Preventing caregiver burn-out
- ◆ Pain management.

For reservations, call Services for Older Citizens at (313) 882-9600 before March 21.

Wine, cheese and desserts are served.

## Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library host the University of Michigan professor John Whittier-Ferguson who lectures on D.H. Lawrence's "Women in Love, sequel to 'The Rainbow'" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 24, at Grosse Pointe South High School, 44 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Admission is \$10 or free to Friends members, students and teachers.

Whittier-Ferguson teaches and researches European and American modernism, writings and war in the 20th century.

Membership to the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library is \$25 for individuals and \$30 for families. For more information, visit gpfriends.org.

The Friends scheduled a tour of Ireland July 18 - 25, retracing the places which inspired the writings of poet William Butler Yeats.

University of Michigan professor George Bornstein provides orientations of Yeats' sites and poems about them. There will be readings of Yeats poetry and time for both group and information discussion.

The tour is limited to 20 people and registration deadline is March 24. A \$500 deposit is required. The trip costs \$3,500. Adjustments may be necessary.

For reservations, call Donna Di Sante at (313) 881-2258 or contact her at dmdisante@att.net. Travelers can receive a tax credit of \$200 for each tour booked to benefit the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

Tour sites include:

- ◆ A visit to Thoor Ballyee, Yeats' tower house, summer home for a decade and subject of some of his poetry with orientation film.

- ◆ A brief visit to the grounds of nearby Coole Park, which belonged to his friend and patron, Lady Gregory, of whom he wrote.

- ◆ Visit Sligo which Yeats called "The Land of Hearts Desire" and its beauty, archaeology and folklore filled his early poetry.

- ◆ Tour Lissadell House, if open; Rosses Point; Glencar Lough; Dooney Rock.

- ◆ The village of Drumcliff to stop at Yeats' tombstone.

- ◆ Scenic walk up Yeats' favorite hill, Knocknarea, which has Queen Maeve's burial cairn on top and view of the city of Sligo.

- ◆ Tour to Dublin and do the literary pub crawl.

- ◆ Hear a talk on Yeats' sisters, Lily and Lolly, by Nicola Gordon Bowe, associate fellow of the National College of Art and Design and see the Yeats' exhibition.

- ◆ Other stops include: The National Gallery to see the Jack Yeats exhibition, Trinity College's old library; Municipal Gallery and Abbey Theater

- ◆ County Wicklow in south-east Ireland.

For more information visit gpfriends.org.

## Hockey night

The eighth annual Hockey Night in Detroit fundraiser is from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at City Sports Center, 3401 E. Lafayette, Detroit.

Kids skate No. 1 is at 10 a.m. and kids skate No. 2 is at 11 a.m. A children's pizza party begins at 12:15 p.m.

Chill skate is at 2 p.m., old Devils skate 3 p.m., seniors skate No. 1, 4 p.m. and senior skate No. 2, 5 p.m.

To skate, the advance donation price is \$50 or \$60 at the door; dinner only is \$50 in advance or \$60 at the door; skate and dinner cost in advance is \$100 and \$115 at the door; children's skate costs \$10. Proceeds benefit the Grosse Pointe Crisis Club, Racing for Kids and Wayne State University cancer research.

Dinner and auction begins at 7 p.m. at Sindbad's Restaurant, 100 St. Clair, Detroit.

For more information, or to register, visit gpolddevils.org.

## Scrapbooking

The Happy Scrapper, 28905 Harper, St. Clair Shores, hosts a scrapbooking event 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 26. The cost is \$35. The day features breakfast, lunch, raffle and prize drawings. The event benefits the St. Clair Shores Memorial Day Parade.

For more information, call Steve Maiuri at (586) 778-8828.

## Grosse Pointe Garden Club

The Grosse Pointe Garden Club presents the annual Sue Abbott Memorial Lecture Tuesday, March 29, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The 7:30 p.m. program features Richard Thomas of Soulscape. Thomas' topic is "Fanciful Floral Arrangements."

Refreshments are served at 7 p.m.

Admission is free. For reservations, call (313) 881-7511, ext. 206 or visit gpgardencr

@warmemorial.org, by March 27.

## Class of 1971

Grosse Pointe North High School Class of 1971 40th reunion is 6:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, May 28, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Hors d'oeuvres, an open bar, music, dancing and a photo booth are featured.

A 3 p.m. Sunday, May 29, picnic is at the Crescent Sail Yacht Club, 276 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

For more information, visit gpn1971.org or reunioncommittee@gpn1971.org.

## Optimist

Lou Fazzini, executive director of the All the World's a Stage children's theater group in Macomb County, spoke to the Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Fazzini talked about the group's endeavors and its newest effort working with hearing impaired children.

## League of Women Voters

Sunshine Week, a nationwide effort to call attention to transparency in government and freedom of information runs through March 18.

A Pew Research Center study, released earlier this month, notes those who think local government does well in sharing information "are also more likely to be satisfied with other parts of civic life."

"We all have the right to know what our government is doing — both its successes and failures," said Wilhelmina Giblin, president of the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe's, in a press release. "Exercising our right to know gives us — the public — power. It allows us to contribute to our government and hold government accountable. But these laws are only as good as our demands that they be enforced."

"For decades, members of the League of Women Voters have served as government watchdogs at the federal, state and local levels."

"We monitor Grosse Pointe city council meetings, host can-

didate forums and other public meetings, and we hold our elected officials accountable. Join us in keeping Grosse Pointe a healthy, vibrant and strong community for all."

## AAUW

Ann Nicholson, 39-year member of American Association of University Women, Grosse Pointe branch, is honored as Role Model by Alternatives for Girls Thursday, March 31, at the Westin Book Cadillac Hotel, 1114 Washington, Detroit.

Nicholson, of Grosse Pointe Farms, and husband, James, have been benefactors of the

southwest Detroit organization for 10 years.

Alternatives for Girls has also been a recipient of contributions by AAUW-GP whose mission is "to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research."

Alternatives for Girls helps homeless and high risk girls and young women avoid violence, teen pregnancy and exploitation; it promotes and provides shelter for minors, and offers support, resources and positive alternatives. The organization receives funding only through grants and donations.

The public can attend. For reservations, call (313) 576-5106. Cost is \$150.



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**10:00 am** Who's in the Kitchen?  
**10:30 am** Things to Do at the War Memorial  
**11:00 am** Out of the Ordinary  
**11:30 am** Senior Men's Club

**12:00 pm** Economic Club of Detroit  
**1:00 pm** The Soc Show  
**1:30 pm** Great Lakes Log  
**2:00 pm** The John Prost Show  
**2:30 pm** Legal Insider

**3:00 pm** Things to Do at the War Memorial  
**3:30 pm** Art & Design  
**4:00 pm** Vitality Plus (Tone)  
**4:30 pm** Musical Storytime  
**5:00 pm** In a Heartbeat  
**5:30 pm** The Soc Show  
**6:00 pm** Legal Insider

**7:00 pm** Vitality Plus (Step/Kick Boxing)  
**7:30 pm** Things to Do at the War Memorial  
**8:00 pm** In a Heartbeat  
**8:30 pm** Senior Men's Club  
**9:00 pm** Art & Design

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

**Midnight** Economic Club of Detroit  
**1:00 am** The Soc Show  
**1:30 am** Great Lakes Log  
**2:00 am** The John Prost Show  
**2:30 am** Senior Men's Club  
**3:00 am** Art & Design

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## Featured Guests & Topics

### Who's in the Kitchen?

Pancetta Wrapped Shrimp

### Things to Do at the War Memorial

Oil 101, Trail you Leave in Ink, Easter Candy Making and Negotiating Your Salary

### Out of the Ordinary

Chip Christy, Dvion Thompson, Erika Johnson and Brenda Wilson

### Senior Men's Club

Marlene Hamel  
DIA—Fakes, Forgeries, Mysteries

### Economic Club of Detroit

"Advanced Mobile Technology: Fueling Innovation in the American Auto Industry"

### The SOC Show

Sharon Maier  
Executive Director SOC

### Great Lakes Log

Eric C. Foster and Van Snider  
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### The John Prost Show

Mark Weber  
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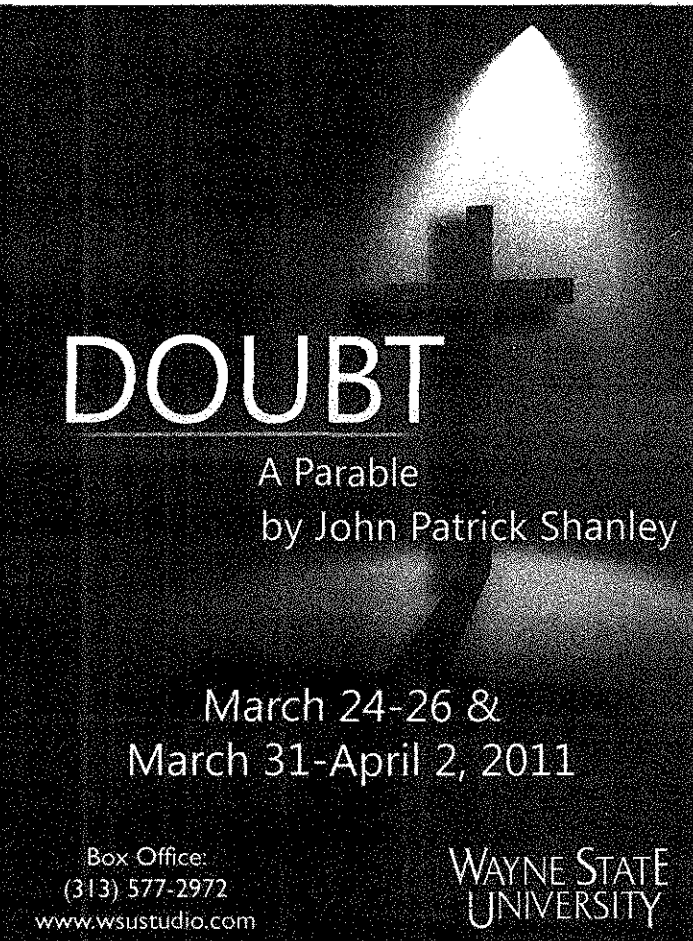
Jenne Whitfield  
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### In a Heartbeat

Kim Ryszewski and Amy Cowan  
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# Orthopedic medicine center renovation complete

The newly renovated orthopedic unit at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe is now open for business.

Featured in the Janet A. and H. Richard Fruehauf Jr. Center for Orthopedic Medicine center are redesigned rooms with home-like amenities, barrier-free bathrooms and a fully-equipped, centrally located physical therapy gym to facilitate healing and recuperation. The renovations were funded by the life-long community residents.

"The new unit provides facilities and accommodations that support our joint replacement program as one of the best," said Paul Schreck, M.D. co-chief, orthopedic surgery at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe. "My patients have always praised the care they receive here. Providing that excellent care in a beautiful environment has energized our staff and will ben-

efit our patients."

In addition to its staff of orthopedic surgeons, Schreck credits the preoperative education and post-op care as the driving force behind the hospital's joint replacement program.

Several weeks before surgery, patients can attend a class explaining their surgery and what equipment — such as shower benches, walkers and personal care devices — they need to assist with at-home recovery and rehabilitation.

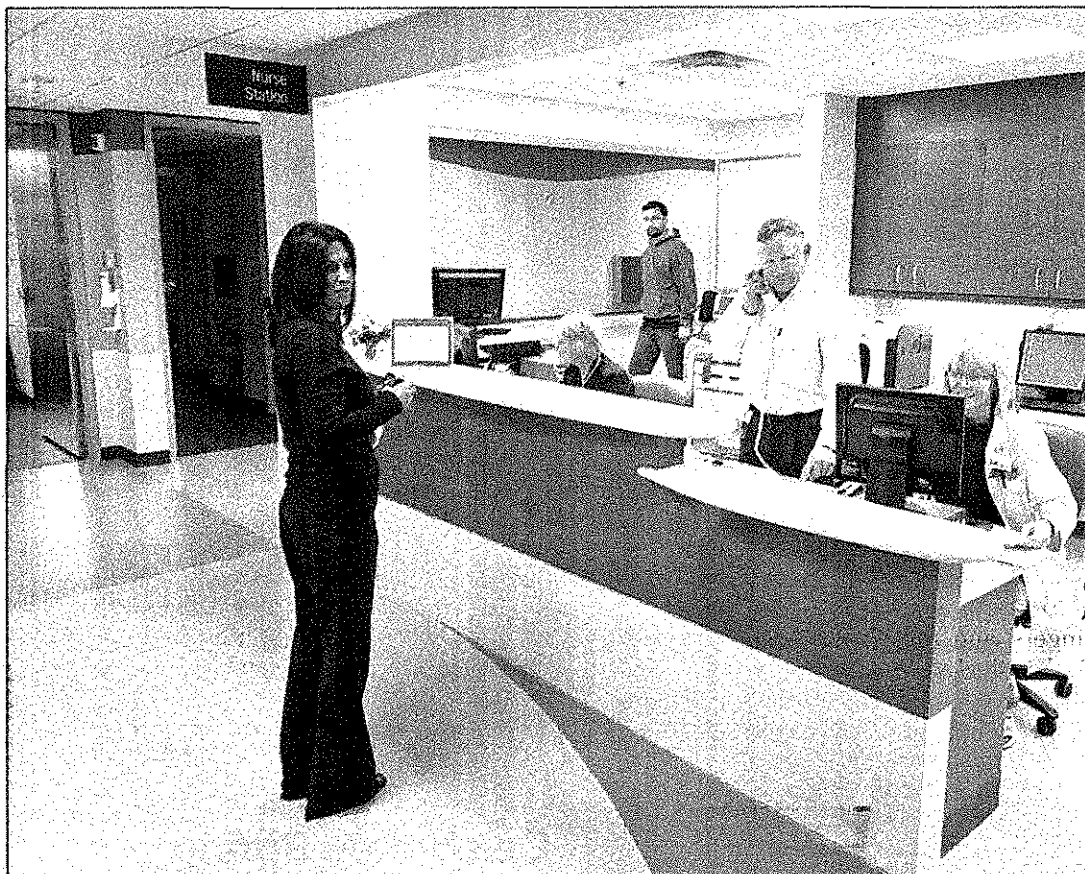
Physical therapy staff explain the morning and afternoon therapy sessions patients attend with other joint replacement patients.

While in the hospital, patients receive nightly foot massages, aroma therapy and fruit smoothies.

For more information, visit [beaumonthospital.com](http://beaumonthospital.com).



Left, Suzanne Springer, Cynthia Bossenberger, Diane Lepere and Karen Van Pietersom, medical information services, tour the newly renovated facilities. Below, the renovated orthopedic unit.



PHOTOS COURTESY BEAUMONT HOSPITAL, GROSSE POINTE

The newly renovated center features redesigned rooms with many home-like amenities, such as barrier-free bathrooms and a fully-equipped, centrally located physical therapy gym to facilitate healing and recuperation.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Lori Warner, Ph.D.

## Bedtime battles and how to defuse them



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**Q.** My 6-year-old son used to be a great sleeper. Since he started school, he says he needs an extra drink of water or he is scared of monsters in his closet. He will not sleep unless I lie down with him.

**A.** It's not uncommon for even the best sleepers to have trouble when routines change or big events are on the horizon. Many parents report the holidays also wreak havoc with bedtimes.

For most children, a little extra reassurance is all they need. It's best to prepare children for any change in routine. For school, let children know it's fine to be a little nervous and (big secret) many other children are nervous too. This alone may help. If the fears persist, you may need to stay with him to help him feel calmer. But, each night leave a little earlier so eventually you are back to your regular routine.

There is no one "right" solution so you may need to brainstorm a little to see what works

best.

**Q.** My daughter is 18 months old and still wakes up every night. She is not hungry and usually not wet, but she cries and cries unless I rock her back to sleep.

**A.** I know how hard it is to "wait it out" when a child is screaming at 1 a.m. But, it may be where you need to start.

To end the crying, you need to change your reaction to the crying. Your daughter knows her cries immediately summon mom and dad. Be prepared, the crying may get worse before it gets better. Typically, families find the crying is longest the first night and then

begins to decrease. If you have followed the plan for several days and the crying has not decreased, you may want to check with your physician to ensure there is nothing physically affecting her sleep.

**Q.** My 4-year-old is an absolute monster to get to bed. He still naps most days and has so much energy at night we can't get him into bed until very late. What can we do?

**A.** First, consider decreasing or phasing out nap time. You may also review your son's sleep routine. Activities preceding going to bed and environmental factors can interfere with sleep.

Having your son avoid activities such as watching television or eating sugary foods just before bedtime may also help you get him to sleep.

Warner earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Western Michigan University and a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Wayne State University. She is a fully licensed psychologist, a doctoral-level board certified behavior analyst and is a licensed psychologist and director of the HOPE Center, Center for Human Development at William Beaumont Hospital in Berkley. She can be reached at (248) 691-4774.

To volunteer or contribute, visit [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org), call (313) 432-3832, e-mail: [info@familycenterweb.org](mailto:info@familycenterweb.org) or write to: The Family Center, 20090 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

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- ◆ Create a structure no larger than 24-by-24-inches from LEGOs, MEGA-blocs or duplo as part of The Family Center's "Building the Future" contest.
- ◆ Each entry must be preregistered and postmarked by March 25.
- ◆ To download the registration form, visit [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org).
- ◆ Entry fee is \$15.
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#### What is depression?

Depression is a serious and very common mood disorder that is pervasive, intense and attacks the mind and body. Depression can result in serious disruptions of work, social and bodily functioning. Depression can last for months and even years.

#### What causes depression?

The current belief is that depression is caused by an imbalance of neurotransmitters in the brain and by social stressors such as losses, moves, financial and relationship stress.

#### Symptoms

- persistent sad mood
- loss of interest in pleasurable activities
- changes in appetite and weight
- inability to sleep or oversleeping
- irritability and restlessness
- fatigue
- excessive guilt, hopelessness, or worthlessness
- decreased concentration
- thoughts of death and suicide

#### Who is affected?

Approximately 17 million American are affected by depression each year. That is 1 out of 5 people experience depression. Women are twice as likely as men to suffer from depression. The research suggests that married women and those who stay home with small children have a higher rate of depression. Less than half of people suffering

from depression seek help. We need to take better care of ourselves.

#### Can depression be treated successfully?

Absolutely. Depression is highly treatable when an individual receives competent care. More than 80% of people with depression improve with therapy. Most people feel an improved mood, within 4-6 weeks.

#### How does therapy help people recover from depression?

Therapy offers people the opportunity to identify the factors that contribute to their depression and to deal effectively with the behavioral, psychological, interpersonal and situational causes. I work with depressed individuals to:

- pinpoint the life problems that contributed to their depression and aid them in resolving these conflicts
- identify negative or distorted thought patterns that contribute to feelings of depression
- help people regain a sense of control and be more fulfilled in life

#### Why seek treatment?

Having one episode of depression greatly increases the risk of having another episode. Untreated depression has been linked to increase in risk, severity and mortality of cancer and heart disease.

Call for a complimentary and confidential depression screening brochure.



# CHURCH EVENTS

## Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical breakfast begins at 6:45 a.m. Friday, March 18, with coffee at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A buffet breakfast is served at 7:15 a.m. followed at 7:45 a.m. by the Rev. Tracie Smith and Elias Cabarcas, from Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, who discuss mission work in Spanish-speaking Detroit.

For more information, call Eric Lindquist at (313) 530-8656.

## Christ Church

The professional core choir of Christ Church of Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, sings at a 4:30 p.m. March 20, service.

## Our Lady Star of the Sea

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts musicians of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 20. The concert features Barbara Nissman performing Beethoven's "Piano Concerto No. 4 in G Major, Op. 58."

Other Beethoven pieces to be played are "Coriolanus Overture, Op. 62" and "Symphony No. 7 in A Major, Op. 92."

Ticket costs range from \$25 to \$50. For reservations, call (248) 860-6786.

## St. Paul

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 22195 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores, offers a free preschool art class at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 22. To register, call (586) 777-0215.

## Memorial Church

The Faith Communities Coalition on Foster Care meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 24, at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A second meeting is set for 6:45 p.m. May 26, also at the church.

The evening's speakers include:

◆ Tanya Griffith, foster home recruiter and trainer for Catholic Social Services of Wayne County.

◆ The Rev. Philip Hemke, director of church relations, Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, whose topic is "Adopting the Stranger into our Ministry."

Both speakers concentrate on what congregations can do to help youth in foster care or aging-out of care.

The coalition is a grass roots community outreach initiative seeking to provide a catalyst to educate and motivate faith communities to en-

gage in one project or program supporting a foster child, family or aging-out youth.

For more information about foster care issues, contact the Rev. Kate Thoresen at kthoresen@gmail.com or the Save Our Children Coalition office at (313) 593-5052 or SOCC Project@umd.umich.edu.

The Memorial Church contact is Peg Carpenter at (313) 409-2503.

## St. James

St. James on the Hill Lutheran Church asks the community to help pack Easter care packages for soldiers from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 10, at the church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations of beef jerky, trail mix, fruit snacks, hard candy, canned or sealed bags of tuna, crossword puzzles, magazines, cards, board games and personal hygiene items for the packages are accepted between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday through April 10.

## Mariners' Church

Mariners' Church of Detroit, 170 East Jefferson, hold free concerts at 12:35 p.m. following brief services of holy communion beginning at 12:10 p.m.

On March 17, assistant organist Kevin J. Bylsma performs organ music by Buxtehude, Bach, Walther and Pinkham. Organist and choir-master Kenneth J. Sweetman plays organ music by Buxtehude, Bohm and Bach.

## PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Fred Harms

# God's promise to not leave us

When the time comes for us to gather at the graveside committal service and say our final goodbyes, we are once again reminded to the promise God gave us. "Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God our sister/brother. The Lord bless them and keep them. The Lord's face shine on them with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon them with favor and give them peace. Amen."

It was at a country cemetery on the border of Nebraska's panhandle and the Wyoming line I had a humbling experience that reinforced that promise for my life. It was early on in my ministry. I was asked to preside at the graveside service of a grandfather of parish members who resided in Bushell, Neb.

The country cemetery, unbeknownst to me, had a history of unstable and shifting ground. As I met the funeral director and family at the gravesite, I noticed fake grass had been spread around the dug grave. The casket was in place ready to be lowered following the closing prayers and benediction. As I reached over the casket to make the sign of the cross, the ground beneath me gave way. I heard a gasp from the mourners, as I slipped one leg into the grave up to my hip. I kept my wits about me; climbed out the grave and continued with the service.

Literally and figuratively, I had "one foot in the grave."

I have not forgotten my close call. Nor have I forgotten the promise from our Lord of the resurrection to eternal life that is God's choice for us.

Jesus did not come to leave us in the ashes of death and sorrow. When Jesus, the good shepherd, spoke to his sheep — his followers — he said, "I came that they might have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10.

This does not mean we are intended to live in a lap of luxury, but that our lives should be full of meaning. We have the warmth of God's forgiving love and the purposefulness of a calling — a task to do as Christ's followers.

We are called to a sharing of life, life with Christ, with one another. Responding to this call moves us from hollowness to wholeness, from wrong choices to the best choice possible. Repentance gives way to new motivation. Motivation moves us out to find the abundant life God wants for us that truly does bring meaning and purpose to our human existence.

During this Lenten season as you ponder all of this, ask yourself what is it in my life that God had made new to make each day count? How has that newness been shared for the benefit of creation and other human beings?

Harms is senior pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

# Concert benefits Haitian relief efforts

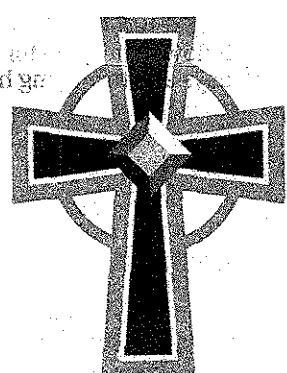
By Ann L. Fouty  
Features Editor

A segment of the Haitian people benefit from the combined musical talents of the singers and directors at St. Paul on the Lake and Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic churches.

With at least 55 voices from the Grosse Pointes and the metro area and Brian Foos, director of music at Our Lady Star of the Sea, and St. Paul's musical director Lawrence Przybysz, the community can hear a special concert at 7:30 p.m. April 9, at Our Lady Star of the Sea and 3 p.m. April 10

at St. Paul's. Proceeds from the two concerts support an annual June mission trip to Haiti when St. Paul's parishioners, doctors and nurses take donated medical supplies to the small Caribbean country.

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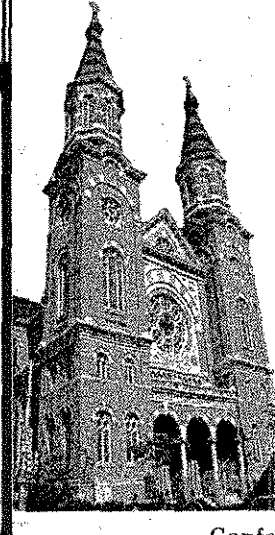
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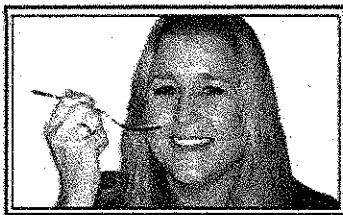
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## 6B | ENTERTAINMENT

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

## Prepare traditional Irish dish today



all that was available to pull off a meal. I chose napa cabbage and scallions for my colcannon and prepared my favorite mustard cream sauce to drizzle over the meat and potatoes. Yummy.

## Colcannon

5 lbs. potatoes, peeled and cubed for boiling and mashing

1 stick butter, divided  
1/2 cup half & half  
1/4 cup olive oil  
1 bunch scallions, chopped  
1 head napa cabbage, chopped

3/4 cup chicken broth (or water)  
salt and pepper to taste

Mustard Cream Sauce  
1 cup heavy cream or half & half

1/2 cup Dijon mustard  
2 tablespoons honey  
2 teaspoons cider vinegar  
Place potatoes in a large pot of water and bring to a boil. Cook until tender, then drain and mash by hand with half stick of butter and 1/2 cup of half & half. Cover to keep hot. Meanwhile, heat half a stick of butter with olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add

scallions and cook for a few minutes. Add chopped cabbage and chicken broth and cook until cabbage becomes tender, about 10 minutes. Season cabbage with salt and pepper. Add cabbage mixture and any skillet juices to mashed potatoes and stir well to combine. Taste and season with additional salt and pepper.

To prepare mustard cream sauce, place cream, mustard, honey and cider vinegar in a small saucepan and bring to a simmer. Cook on low for 10 minutes or so, until sauce thickens a bit. Drizzle sauce over the corned beef and colcannon.

Choose a coarser cabbage (napa cabbage is on the delicate side) or kale if you wish,

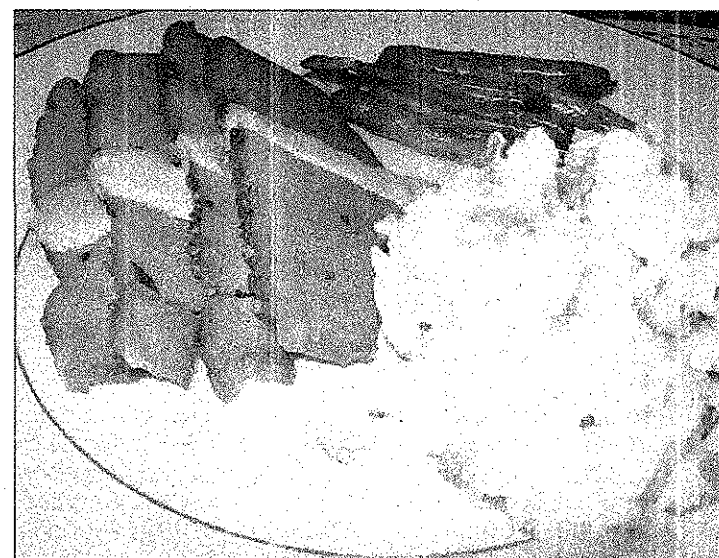


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Annie boils up a potato, cabbage and onion side dish for the corned beef dinner.

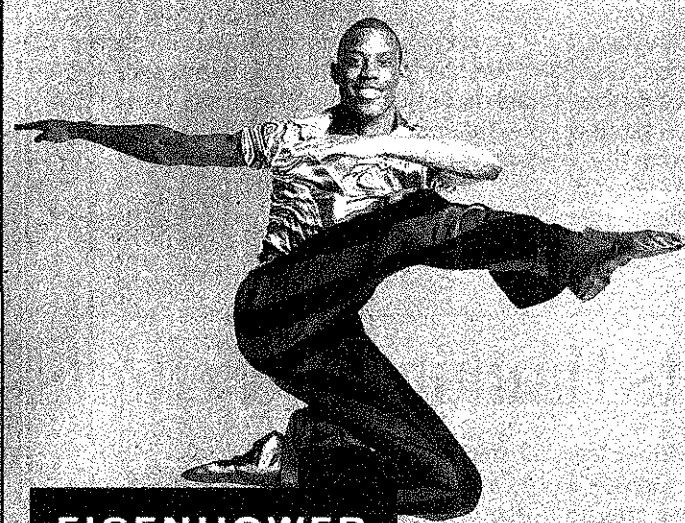
just saute it a bit longer until tender.

Cook cabbage while potatoes are boiling and you can bring this delicious Irish potato dish

to the table in about 30 minutes.

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According to the day's organizer, Alice Oldham, the guild conducts two workshops a year within the metro area. Each provides an opportunity for quilters to talk with other quilters, attend a seminar and work on charity projects.

The guild's focus is on education, promotion of quilting and charitable giving. Guild members make and donate premie quilts to the Children's Hospital and larger quilts to Services for Older Citizens, the John D. Dingell VA Medical Center in Detroit and Pregnancy Aid.

## CULTURAL HAPPENINGS

## Big Band

The Battle of the Bands VII, Detroit's seventh swing band competition since World War II, is Saturday, March 26, at the Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit.

Dancers of all skill levels are invited. Dress is semi-formal or vintage attire.

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Paul Boyer, a United States cultural historian, provides an in-depth look at American society during his 7 p.m. March 10 lecture, "The 1950s: American Life in the Shadow of the Bomb," at the Lorenzo Cultural Center on Macomb

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Boyer's is the first in a four-part series. The other lectures are:

◆ "Polio: A Look Back at America's Most Successful Public Health Crusade," with Pulitzer Prize-winning historian David M. Oshinsky, 7 p.m., March 30.

◆ "McCarthyism to Terrorism," featuring Pulitzer Prize-winning author Haynes Johnson, 7 p.m., April 14.

◆ "The Russians are Coming! Eisenhower and the Cold War," featuring author Susan Eisenhower, granddaughter of the former U.S. Army general who served as president in the 1950s, 7 p.m., May 5.

Individual tickets cost \$15, seniors, students and military personnel pay \$5.

For more information or to buy tickets, call (586) 286-2222 or visit MacombCenter.com.

CONCERT:  
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Pieces by Mendelssohn, John Rutter, Alan Pote and Johanna Anderson and Dan Forrest, will be sung by the chorale presenting "Look at the World," a musical tribute to raising awareness of the

suffering in the world, Przybysz said.

Those words are repeated in Rutter's piece intended to draw guests into the concert and the message, he said.

A former classmate of Foos', soprano Maureen Carlson, who teaches at Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo., makes a special appearance to sing "Nella Fantasia."

Depending on which church guests attend, they will hear music from pipe organs, both built by Karl Wilhelm. Star's

organ was developed in 2001 and St. Paul's in 1986.

"It's a fabulous organ. The mechanical action organ plays all varieties of organ literature. It's very versatile. The sound is glorious," Przybysz said.

The organ compliments the adult chorale's voices in singing "Hear My Prayer" by Mendelssohn, "How Lovely Are the Messengers," "Look at the World" by Rutter and "God is Our Refuge" by Pote.

"Through music, the two of us can facilitate a wonderful community spirit and interest in church music," Przybysz said.

While many chorale members are from the two churches, it is not exclusive. Adults from the community can join rehearsals at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at alternating sites. On March 24, rehearsal is at Star of the Sea.

Foos and Przybysz have big plans for the chorale's future. They would like to make this a permanent musical group. Przybysz said he'd also like to take the chorale on tour, with the ultimate destination of Rome and the Vatican.

"I have a feeling this will catch on," Przybysz said.

For more information, visit gpcatholicchorale@gmail.com or call Foos at (313) 319-2342. No auditions are required.

HISTORY:  
Rolling out  
vintage autos

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The Hudson was purchased new in Yuma, Ariz., and stayed with the same family but sat unused for the last three decades of the 1900s. The Coopers admitted it needed more work than it appeared when they brought it home.

"We had Hudson's in the family," said Jim Cooper. "One of them was a 1949 which, with its step-down design and lower center of gravity, kept the car from rolling over in an accident. I was happy to find this (1950) one."

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

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BASKETBALL

## Regional champs

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### GIRLS HOCKEY

# South captures state championship

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South is the storied program in girls' ice hockey.

The Blue Devils, playing in their fourth straight Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League state championship game, avenged last year's double-overtime loss by blasting Ann Arbor 6-2 at Eddie Edgar Arena.

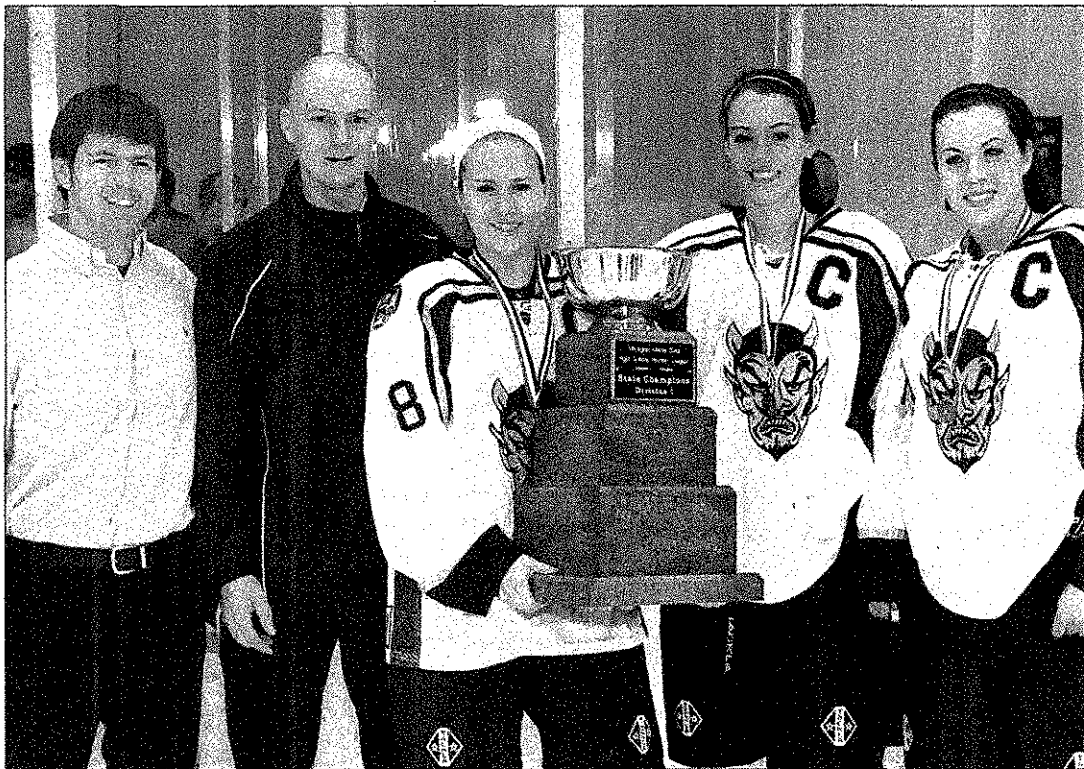
Junior Claire Boyle had a hat trick to lead the Blue Devils, which used a three-goal second period to bury the Pioneers. Boyle scored eight goals in the Blue Devils' three playoff victories.

"I'm happy for the girls," South head coach Joe Provenzano said. "All the hard work they put in this season paid off in the end."

The Pioneers, playing in their third state title game in their seven-year history under head coach Lon Grantham, scored first when junior Julia Franceschi tallied at the 10:53 mark of the opening period as senior Emy Guttman netted an assist.

Boyle evened the game with a goal at the 6:33 mark. Senior Dylan McColl had the lone assist.

The Blue Devils grabbed total control of the game, scoring three second-period goals,



Taking part in the award ceremony were, from left, Grosse Pointe South Athletic Director and Assistant Principal Jeremy Hawkins, first-year head coach Joe Provenzano and team captains Andrea Marshall, Elizabeth Clem and Claire Boyle.

including Boyle's second of the contest just 40 seconds into the stanza. Once again McColl had the assist.

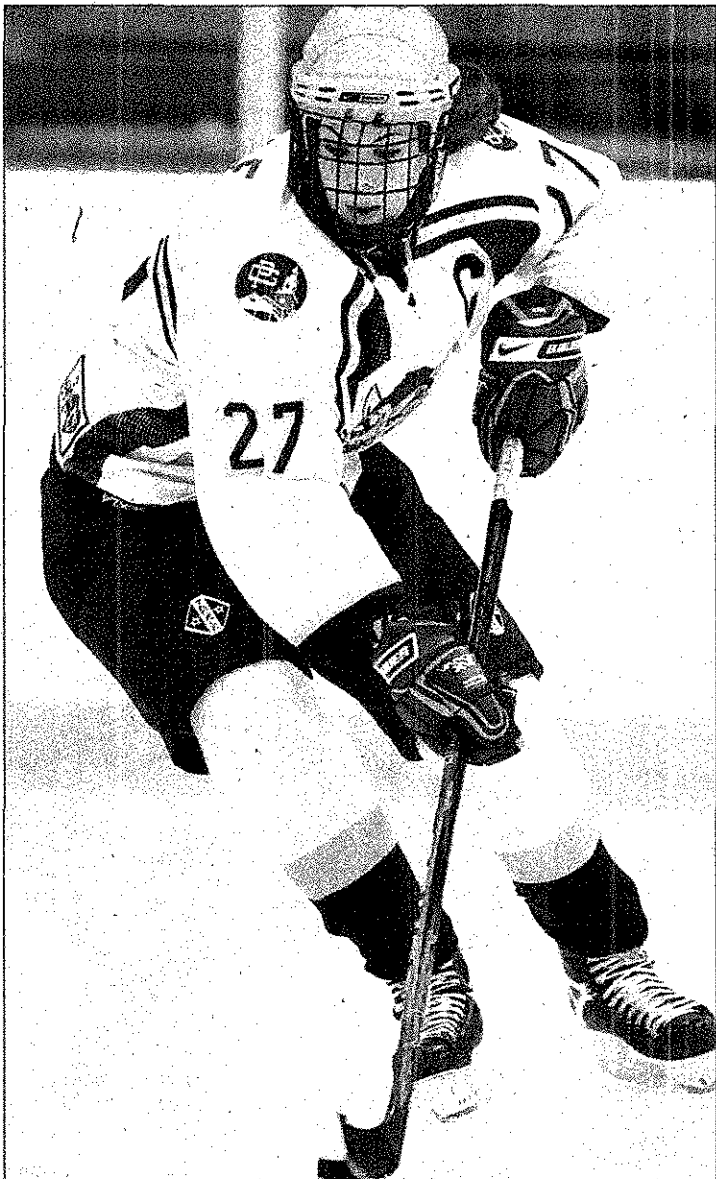
"I told the girls they had to play smart, defensive hockey because Ann Arbor is quick and they can get the corner and put the puck in the net, like they did the last time they played us (a 5-2 defeat),"

Provenzano said. "We held our own and really played well in the final two periods. We didn't give Ann Arbor much room on the ice to use their quickness."

Sophomore goalie Anastasia Diamond came up with a huge save with 10:40 left in the second period, smothering a sure-goal.


Senior Elizabeth Clem scored what turned out to be the winning goal at the 5:36 mark with sophomore Allison Daudlin collecting an assist.

Senior Andrea Marshall put the finishing touches on the three-goal outburst, scoring at the 4:18 mark to make it a 4-1



Grosse Pointe South junior Claire Boyle scored a hat trick to lead the Blue Devils to the state championship.

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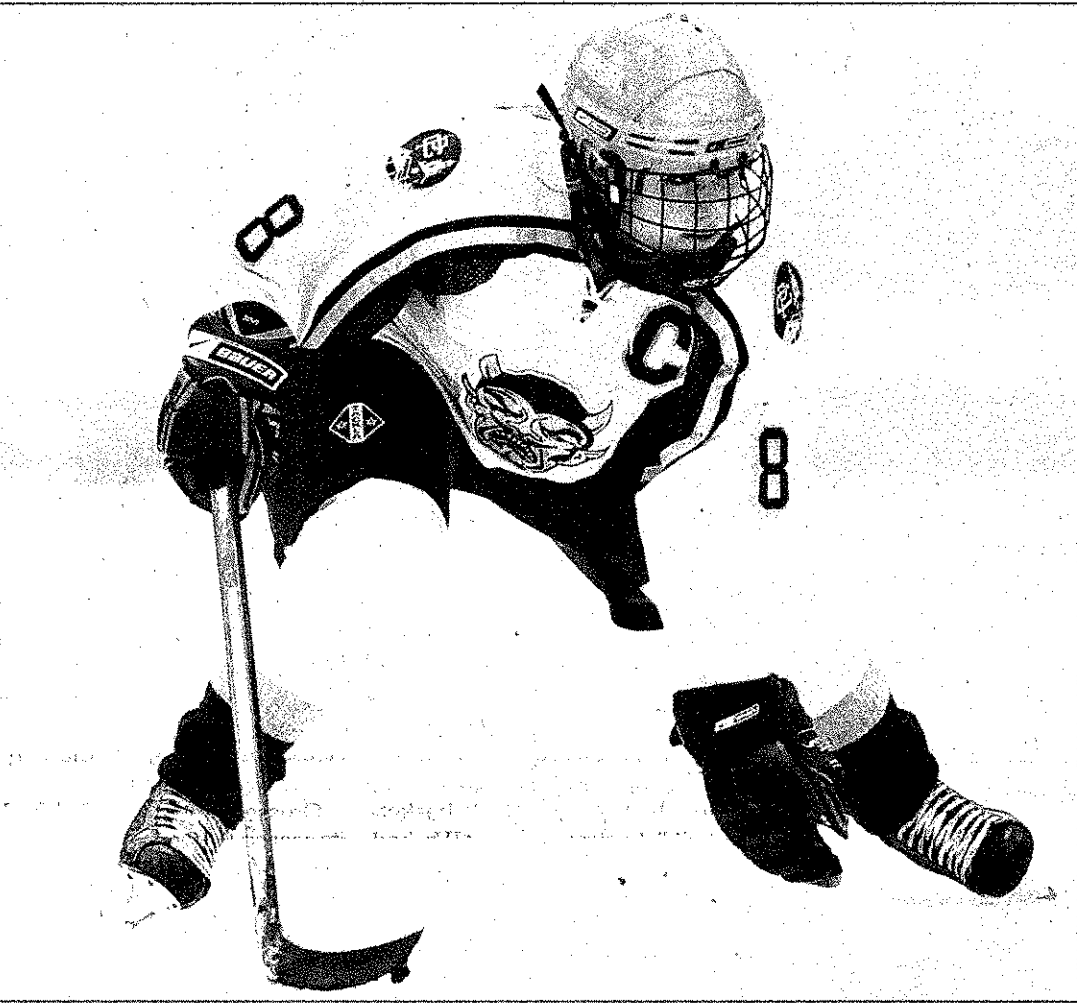
Blue Devils lead.  
Boyle had her hat trick with a goal at the 12:45 mark of the third period and Marshall scored an empty-net, short-handed goal with 42.2 seconds left in the game.  
In between Blue Devil goals, the Pioneers got their final tally when senior Hannah Bogard scored with freshman Paulina Arsenault assisting.  
Diamond, 3-0 in her playoff career, stopped 21-of-23 shots, while Ann Arbor junior Sydney Supica stopped 20-of-25 shots.  
Grosse Pointe South finished the season 19-3-1, while Ann Arbor was 16-7.  
The names of South's players going on the championship trophy are seniors Dylan McColl, Andrea Marshall, Christine Daudlin, Elizabeth Clem, Dana Davenport, Chantal Chuba,

victory over Northville in the first semifinal.  
"The biggest thing we talked about before the game was putting pressure on them early since they came into the game with all the momentum after upsetting Cranbrook," Provenzano said. "I thought we did a good job of coming out with a lot of energy and we had Northville on their heels."  
Boyle scored two first-period goals in a two-minute span, giving the Blue Devils a 2-0 lead. Marshall and Shield assisted the first goal and Shield had the lone assist on the second.  
Burns scored at the 6:24 mark of the second period with Cara Monforton and Clem drawing assists and Boyle put an exclamation mark on the semifinal win, scoring her third goal to get a hat trick.  
Boyle's goal came short-handed at the 10:05 mark. McColl had the assist.  
After that, the Blue Devils' defense completely shut down the Mustangs' offense, limiting them to only eight shots in the game, including one in the final period.



Grosse Pointe South coaches and players celebrate after winning the girls hockey state championship with a 6-2 win over Ann Arbor last weekend.

PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE



Grosse Pointe South senior Andrea Marshall ended her high school career on an ultimate high note, winning a state title.

Hayley Altshuler and Lorna Burns; juniors Marissa Monforton, Melissa Klinger, Cara Monforton and Claire Boyle; sophomores Sam Taylor, Meghan Polack, Allison Daudlin, Darian Dempsey, Gabby Hartman and Anastasia Diamond; and freshmen Anne Crowley and Tenley Shield.  
South advanced to the finals with a dominating 4-0

Diamond played well in net, making a couple of key saves in the second period to preserve the shutout.  
"Anastasia played very well and those big saves in the second period prevented Northville from making it a closer game," Provenzano said. "We had to get better defensively and the girls have done that after Ann Arbor put five goals on us."

The all Grosse Pointe state championship game never materialized after Grosse Pointe North lost 2-1 to Ann Arbor in the second semifinal.  
"We outshot them by more than a 2-to-1 margin (25 to 11) and carried the play in their zone nearly the entire game, but somehow lost," North head coach Scott Dockett said. "It's disappointing because we had every op-

portunity to win this game, but we couldn't bury the loose pucks in front of their net.  
"I think we were the better team, but didn't win."  
The Norsemen have made the semifinals each year under Dockett, but once again came up short.  
Last year they were outplayed by eventual state champ Cranbrook Kingswood, but not this time.  
The girls were ready to play and provided enough shots on net to win. Unfortunately, the rebounds Supica gave up on most of the 25 shots were never buried in the back of the net.  
"We won games this year when we buried those rebounds," Dockett said. "They just got to every loose puck and took advantage of their opportunities."  
The Pioneers scored at the 5:13 mark of the second period and added what turned out to be the winning goal at the 9:54 mark of the third stanza when the puck was poked under junior goaltender Emma Huellmantel's pads.  
Senior Taylor Moody scored a power play goal at the 5:24 mark to make it a tight game down the stretch, but the Norsemen could never get the equalizer.  
When the final horn sounded, Ann Arbor's player celebrated like it won the Stanley Cup and North's players headed to center ice for the congratulatory handshake.  
Grosse Pointe North ended its season 19-4-1 overall.  
Dockett loses three key seniors, Moody, Kailey Sickmiller and Megan

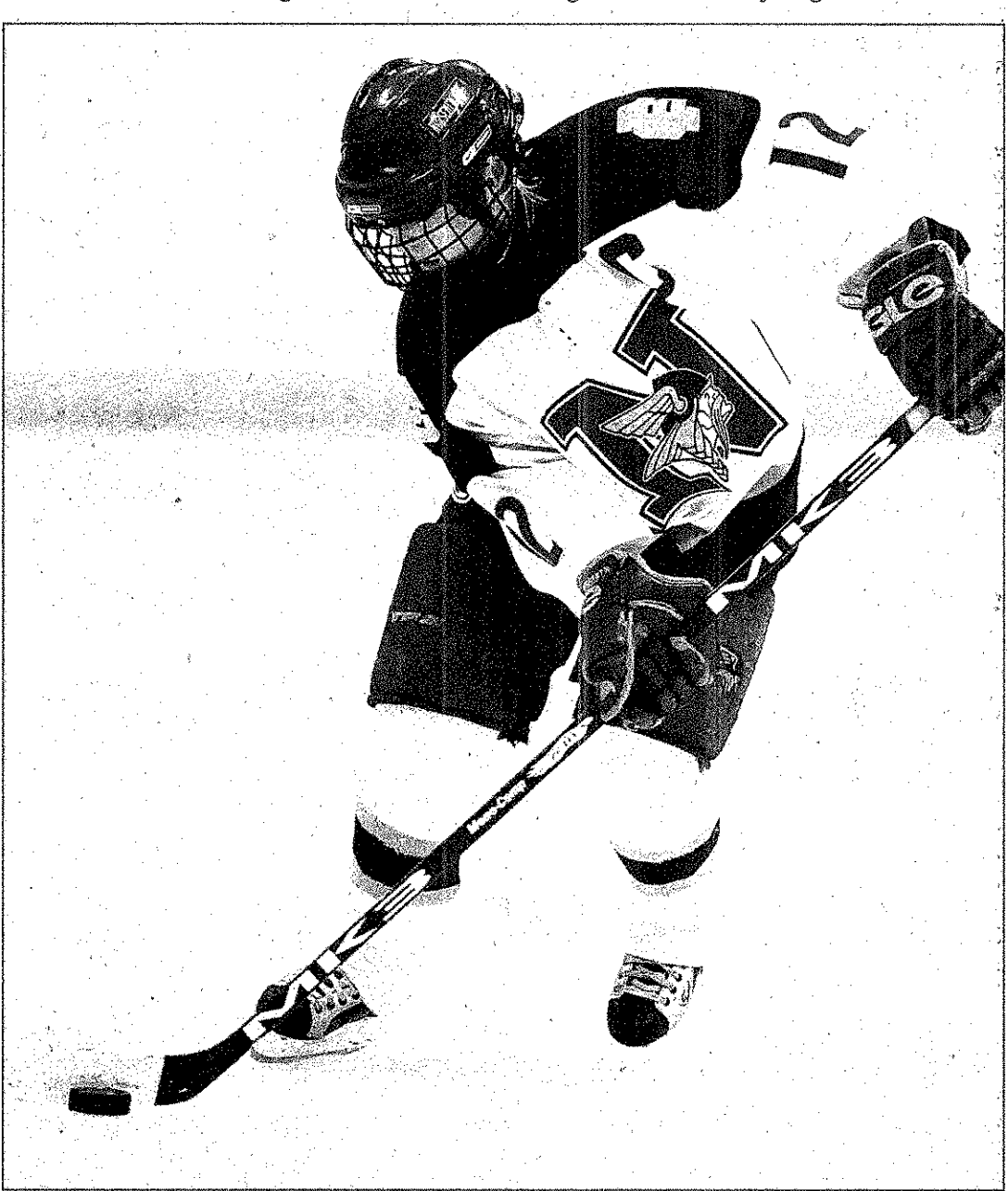


Grosse Pointe South senior Elizabeth Clem scored the eventual game-winning goal in the second period against Ann Arbor.

Bergeron. However, the rest talented freshmen next season, making them a title contender yet again.



Grosse Pointe South sophomore Anastasia Diamond makes one of her 21 saves in the title-clinching victory.



Grosse Pointe North senior Taylor Moody scored the Norsemen's lone goal in a 2-1 semifinal loss to Ann Arbor.



## Girls basketball

LIGGETT

# Liggett earns historic title

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

University Liggett's girls' basketball team was pressed from the get-go during its Class C regional championship game against Allen Park Cabrini at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

The Knights, seeking a first-ever regional crown, were in this spot a year ago, falling to Detroit Allen Academy in a heart-breaking double-overtime decision.

After five minutes, Cabrini was stunning Liggett, up 14-6.

Head coach Wayne Gigante called a timeout and called everyone down, including himself.

"It was on me," Gigante said. "I was too uptight, too wound-up," he said. "We just collected our breath during the timeout and didn't say a word for 30 seconds. I then told the girls to play their game."

The 14-6 deficit turned into a 16-15 advantage when the first quarter horn sounded. About 60 minutes later, the Knights clinched their regional championship with a one-sided 54-29 victory.

"Cabrini gave us a battle," Gigante said. "They had some players and tried to be aggressive, but our talent came through with some big efforts. This was a nice team effort. Everyone did something."

During a big 35-6 run that started with three minutes left in the first quarter and ended

in with six minutes left in the third period, the Knights forced a dozen turnovers and created baskets driving through Cabrini's diamond-and-two defense.

"I told the girls they needed to get on another run to open the second half because Cabrini's girls didn't have that positive look coming onto the floor," Gigante said.

The Knights turned the 32-20 halftime lead to 41-20 with a quick 9-0 burst which basically ended the game. After that, Cabrini waved the white flag.

Junior Madison Ristovski and freshman Bre Andrews led the way with 24 and 23 points, respectively, while freshman Angelina Evangelista, sophomore Haleigh Ristovski (nine rebounds and two blocked shots) and sophomore Ariana Castillo had two points apiece.

Junior Andriana Evangelista rounded out the scoring with a free throw.

The Knights' defensive pressure got the Cabrini after the underdogs initial burst of energy flamed out.

The only thing to settle in the fourth quarter was how big the victory would be.

In the regional semifinal, Liggett blasted Madison Heights Bishop Foley 74-38. For the girls who played volleyball, it was a little payback after the Ventures eliminated the Knights in a district title match.

"The girls came out focused and ready to take it right at Bishop Foley," Gigante said. "It



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Junior Madison Ristovski torched Bishop Foley for 31 points and added 24 points in the win over Cabrini.

was fun to see the girls play so well."

The Knights put the pedal to the medal, leading 22-10 after the first quarter and 50-22 at the half. Game over.

Madison Ristovski had 31 points and Haleigh Ristovski

had 24 points in her best game in a couple of weeks.

Gigante said the Knights had great defensive efforts from the Evanglista sisters, Castillo and Andrews, too.

Liggett improved to 23-1 overall.

## Boys basketball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

# North falls to Finney in semis

By A.J. Hakim  
Schools writer

All year long the Grosse Pointe North boys' basketball team has struggled from the free-throw line, an issue that plagued it last Wednesday at Grosse Pointe South in the closing seconds of its, 51-48, Class A district semifinal overtime loss to Detroit Finney.

With 12 seconds left in overtime and the Norsemen trailing by two points, junior forward Dondre Young failed to convert the front end of a one-and-one, forcing the team to foul.

Finney responded, making 1-of-2 free throws before hauling in the offensive rebound and running out the clock.

"We lost seven games by four points or less," North head coach Matt Lockhart said. "Our free throws have hurt us all year. We shoot 50 percent from the line, and you're not going to win many games like that."

"They made a shot, we came down, got fouled, and all year it's been free throws that have cost us games. And we missed again. Then, seven seconds left and we don't get a rebound."

Young's free throw was one of several missed opportunities for North, another of which was in the final seconds of the fourth quarter.

Junior guard Jamal Williams had given the Norsemen a two-point lead on a lay-up with 43 seconds left.

Finney missed a lay-up on its next possession but, in the ensuing clash for the rebound, Vontez Stinson had five more tips at the ball, which eventually went in and forced overtime.

"They made a couple shots, tough shots, but that's basketball," Lockhart said. "We had

the lead, five tips and that ties the game. We get the ball and it's game over. It's a little tough."

The Norsemen jumped out to an early 6-0 lead, establishing a presence in the low post through a combination of isolations and cuts toward the basket.

It also held Finney scoreless for the first five minutes of the game, and ended the first quarter with an 8-2 lead.

That's when Finney started double-teaming the entry pass into the low post and forced North into a jump-shooting team. As a result, North's lead slowly slipped from its grasp. It led 21-16 at halftime, and fell behind for the first time with 2:37 left in the third quarter.

Finney led 33-28 after the third.

"We just needed to make some shots, obviously," Lockhart said. "We missed a couple, but that's basketball. In the first quarter, we tried to establish inside, and we were doing well. We didn't go away from it, but they changed the way they defended a little bit, and we just needed to make shots."

Young led North with 14 points, senior guard George Greer scored 10, seven of which were during the fourth quarter, junior guard Adam Andrzejczak had eight and senior forward Chris Collins seven.

"As a whole, they played hard," Lockhart said. "We're a little young. They're good kids, real good kids. I would've liked my seniors to play a little longer. I'm gonna miss them."

Collins and Greer, along with Allesandro Dutta, are the only seniors on the team.

Grosse Pointe North finished its season 6-16 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

# Season a win, despite defeat

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North girls' basketball team's run of Class A regional championships ended at four.

The host Norsemen lost 48-36 to Catholic League Central Division foe Warren Regina in a regional semifinal.

Legendary Regina head coach Diane Laffey watched her Saddlelites struggle during several agonizing division losses this winter, but when the pressure was on, they turned up the heat against one of the state's hottest teams, Grosse Pointe North.

"They (Regina) played a very good game and definitely were the better team," head coach Gary Bennett said. "They played better at both ends of the court, got to more loose balls and played with a lot more 'savvy' than we did."

"Although we would have liked to have played better, we have no regrets. I respect how hard my team played all year and I am very proud of them."

The Norsemen's trademark tough defense was rattled as

the Saddlelites scored 15 first-quarter points and 10 in the second period to lead 25-26 at the half.

The home team fell behind by double-digits late in the third quarter, 33-22, and just couldn't get any shots to fall in the final quarter of the season.

Regina was able to break the press thanks to guards Anna Marchese and Chelsea DeLamielleure and she delivered backbreaking passes to Stephanie Berge, Rebecca Sabol and Katy Jakubek.

The Norsemen came into the game riding a season-high four-game winning streak, including a victory over city rival Grosse Pointe South in the first game of the district playoffs.

They just couldn't sustain any offensive momentum. Sophomore Taryn Kiah led the Norsemen with 11 points, five rebounds and two steals, while senior quarterback Micaela Liddane was held to six points with two steals and two recoveries.

Senior Kia Tyus had seven points, while sophomore Anajai Gutierrez (four rebounds) had five points, fol-

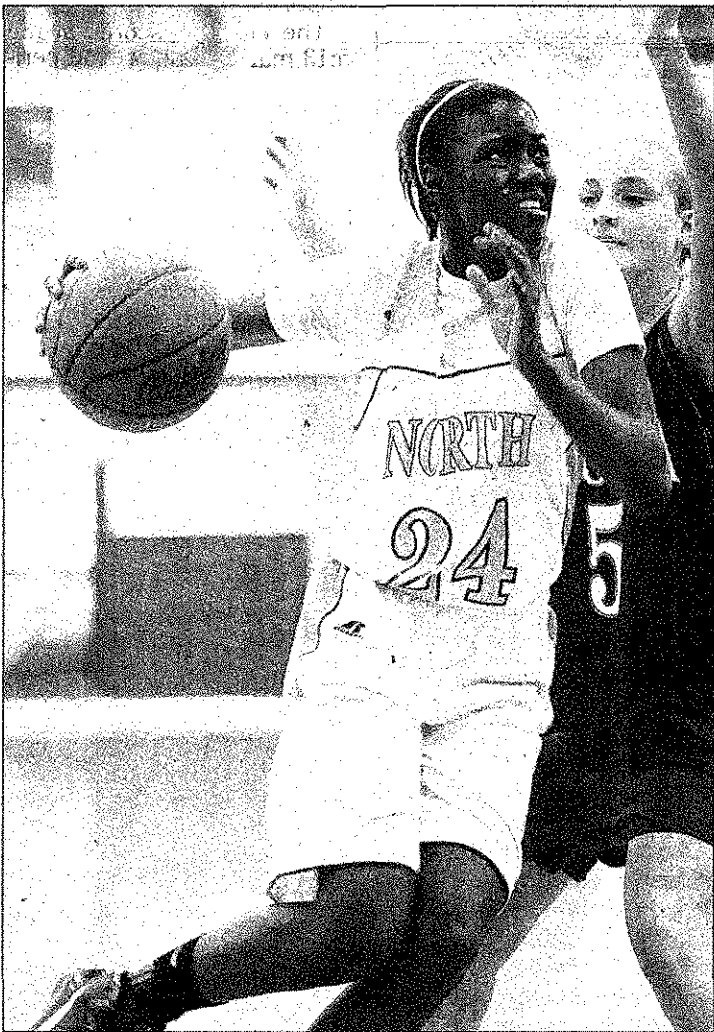


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North sophomore Taryn Kiah drives to the basketball during the Norsemen's Class A regional semifinal game against Warren Regina.

lowed by freshman Maria Liddane (three assists) with four, senior Nikki Strickland (three rebounds) with two and

sophomore Emily Armbruster with one.

Grosse Pointe North finished its season 13-11 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# South loses to East Detroit

By A.J. Hakim  
Schools writer

Despite its resilient effort to recover from an early deficit, the Grosse Pointe South boys' basketball team ended its season on its home court last Wednesday, falling 57-48 to East Detroit in a Class A district semifinal match-up.

The Blue Devils fell behind early due, in part, to a failure to protect the ball against East Detroit's quick and aggressive defense. They committed 11 first-half turnovers, which led to 18 points and a double-digit deficit, of which, they cut to within 25-21 by halftime.

"What was bad was, we talked about protecting the ball coming out," South first-year head coach Dave Grauzer said. "You see East Detroit, they're so quick. You can't put the ball on the court and make it a guard game."

"That was very significant in the first half. We take care of the ball, we run our half court and get them into their half-court set, we can stay in the game."

The Blue Devils maintained a slim margin during the third quarter, keeping within three or four points until the final minute when its stall tactic backfired.

In its attempt to hold for the last shot of the quarter, South's entry pass into the high post bounced off a defender's foot. East Detroit recovered the loose ball and scored at the buzzer to re-capture momentum and a 35-29 lead after three.

A few quick baskets early in the fourth pushed East Detroit's lead back to double-digits, a lead it maintained for a majority of the quarter.

Then the Blue Devils made their final push. Backed by seniors Victor Mattinson and Corbet Conroy, who each scored 10 points, the Blue Devils cut the deficit to four points, 50-46 in the final minute, but a combination of missed baskets and turnovers forced them into fouling situations.

"It was an emotional night for us," Grauzer said. "East Detroit beat us twice in the regular season, so we knew what they had. They played awfully hard and came out very physical, we got down early, weathered the storm, came back. I thought we were back in the game, then just a few breaks at the end of the game didn't go our way."

Tim Kramer finished with nine points, Alexander Bedan eight and Joe Srebernak seven for South, whose six seniors ended their high school basketball careers.

Mattinson, Conroy, Bedan, Nick Diehl, Brandon Barkley and Cooper Hartman all are seniors.

"I'm hoping it was good for the seniors," Grauzer said. "You want to have good memories when you play a sport and leave high school, and you want to go away with great friends and teammates, and I think we accomplished that."

Grosse Pointe South ends its season 10-12 overall.

GOLF

# Lochmoor hosts Challenge Cup

Last year's competitors in the Challenge Cup enjoyed a successful fourth season of a friendly rivalry in which had the closest result yet.

This is the fifth year and South brings a perfect 4-0 mark into the annual challenge, set for Monday, May 9, at Lochmoor Club.

The golf event benefits the athletic departments at Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South. It pits golfing parents from each school against each other.

The ultimate goal is to raise

funds — some \$70,000 has been distributed to each school, thanks to this event — the "real" trophy is bragging rights to see which booster club can field the best top six teams.

"This is a joint effort between the two schools, local businesses and most importantly, our booster clubs," said Grosse Pointe North Club Vice President Bill Doetsch. "Both clubs donate 100 percent of cup profits to their respective school's athletic programs. It is like its own stimulus package."

Monies come from team participation, auction items and community support.

"Sponsorship levels from the community are close to that of last year, which in this economy is very heartwarming," said Suzanne Conroy, Grosse Pointe South's president. "As boosters, we recognize the importance of athletics in our student's lives, and that the business community continues its support of this even validated our efforts."

The live auction includes a weekend at a Boyne Highlands

vacation condo, free pizza for a year from Hungry Howie's, Tiger "Den" tickets, reserved front row seats for each school's commencement exercises, reserved premium seats at the annual North/South football game, plus more to come.

There is also a silent auction with items from many Grosse Pointe merchants.

If you are interested in making a donation to the auction, attending the dinner or playing in the event which includes the dinner/auction, contact John Conroy at (313) 884-0986.

## Correction

Kelsie Schwartz attends Warren Regina High School, not Grosse Pointe South as was mentioned in a cutline from last week's sports section.



## State finals

## FIGURE SKATING



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## Successful season

The Grosse Pointe figure skating 'A' team finished second in the state this season behind Dearborn Unified. Dearborn Divine Child was third. In the Feb. 24 competition at Melvindale, Grosse Pointe was second, taking first in spins, second in moves and third in jumps. At the same event, the 'B' team was fourth (third in jumps, sixth in moves and seventh in spins) and the 'C' team was seventh overall (fifth in jumps, seventh in moves and seventh in spins). In the final state standings, the 'B' team was fourth and 'C' squad eighth. The 'A' team competitors were Grosse Pointe North junior Kimberly Morawski (co-captain), Grosse Pointe South senior Lara Willmarth (co-captain), Grosse Pointe South senior Tessa Hedges, Grosse Pointe North sophomore Miranda Caruso, Grosse Pointe North sophomore Paige Pringle and Grosse Pointe North junior Shayna Whitfield. Other team members are Grosse Pointe North freshman Jessica Gabel, Grosse Pointe North sophomore Katie Butler, Grosse Pointe North junior Steffi Shenouda, Grosse Pointe North sophomore Amanda Shenouda, Grosse Pointe North sophomore Kamala Kanneganti and Grosse Pointe North sophomore Nicole Lubienski. This is the third consecutive year the 'A' team qualified for states, moving up each season, and second year in a row the squad was runner-up. Pictured above are, standing from left, Paige Pringle, Shayna Whitfield, Miranda Caruso, Nicole Lubienski, Katie Butler, Jessica Gabel and head coach Shelly Rosinski; and kneeling from left, Kimberly Morawski, Tessa Hedges, Lara Willmarth and Kamala Kanneganti.

## GYMNASTICS

## Gymnasts get experience

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe United's gymnastics team placed 12th in last weekend's state championship meet at Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills High School.

Grand Ledge won the championship with 149.675 points. The other teams in the top three were Canton, second with 146.500 points, and Athens-Avondale, third with 146.475.

Farmington was fourth with 146.125 points, followed by Sturgis with 140.125, Kenowa Hills with 139.625, Brighton with 139.375, Freeland with 136.725, Haslett-Williamston-Bath with 136.700, Salem with 135.325, Grosse Pointe with 134.450 and Rockford with 128.725.

Competing for the team under head coach Courtney Law were Emma Abessinio, Madi Kaiser, Aubryn Samaroo, Sarah Fentin, Fran Kay, Heather Koresky, Brittany Rizzo and Ashley Krynski.

On vault, Krynski and Fentin tied for the team lead with an 8.600, while Kaiser had an 8.550 and Rizzo had an 8.500.

Abessinio had a team-leading 8.450 on the uneven bars, while Kaiser had an 8.200, Koresky had an 8.075 and Fentin had a 7.950.

On the balance beam, Kaiser



PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Taking part in the Division 2 Individual State Championship meet were, from left, Aubryn Samaroo, Madi Kaiser, head coach Courtney Law, assistant coach Christine Spada and Heather Koresky; and kneeling from left, Sarah Fentin and Emma Abessinio.

led the team with an 8.750, followed by Abessinio and Fentin with a 7.750 and Koresky with a 7.300 and on the floor exercise, each of the four scorers had solid routines with Abessinio with a 9.100, while Kaiser and Samaroo posted an 8.975 and Fentin had an 8.925 for the team.

The gymnasts' best event was the floor exercise as the four scored a combined 35.975.

They had a 34.250 on vault, followed by a 32.675 on the uneven bars and a 31.550 on the balance beam.

The following day, Abessinio, Kaiser, Koresky, Fentin and Samaroo competed in the indi-

vidual state finals. Abessinio qualified in all four events, followed by Kaiser in two and Koresky, Fentin and Samaroo in one event apiece.

The girls had the best finish in the uneven parallel bars. Abessinio was ninth with a score of 8.850, while Koresky was 14th and Kaiser 17th with scores of 8.750 and 8.675, respectively.

Grand Ledge's Christine Wilson won the event with a 9.800.

On the balance beam, Kaiser was 15th with an 8.800, while Fentin and Abessinio had an 8.300 and 8.275, respectively. Grand Ledge's Presley Allison won with a 9.330.

Samaroo was 17th and Abessinio 20th on the floor exercise with scores of 9.175 and 9.050, while Wilson was the champ with a 9.600.

Abessinio also competed on vault, finishing 38th with an 8.550. Canton's Avanna Lewis won with a 9.450.

In the all-around competition, Wilson won the state title with a 38.050, while Abessinio was 19th at 34.725.

## BOYS SWIMMING



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Grosse Pointe South's state finalists were, back row from left, Craig Campbell, Cam Johnson and Roby Boggs; and front row from left, Nick Yoo, Patrick Jackson, Brandon Dunaway, Ryan Graham, Johnny Allen, Ben Cornillie, Luke Hessburg, John Dennehy, Joe Zampardo and Sam Effinger.

## Norsemen, Blue Devils enjoy success at finals

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South finished sixth with 171 and Grosse Pointe North was 10th with 79 points in last weekend's Division 2 swimming and diving championship meet at Eastern Michigan University.

Birmingham Seaholm edged rival Birmingham Groves 295-287 to win the state championship.

Rounding out the remaining top 10 are Dexter, third at 265; Holland, fourth at 203; Midland Dow, fifth at 176; Battle Creek Lakeview, seventh at 120; St. Johns, eighth at 103; and Hudsonville, ninth at 82.

South head coach Eric Gunderson and North head coach Mike O'Connor had several swimmers earn all-state honors. For the Norsemen, it was their best state finish in more than two decades.

Blue Devil senior Craig Campbell placed third in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 21.31 and senior Roby Boggs was third in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of

59.54 to lead the local competitors.

Boggs and teammate Luke Hessburg took home fourth-place medals in the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard breaststroke with times of 1:58.36 and 59.55.

North junior James McNelis was a fourth-place medal winner in diving, earning 397.95 points and South's Campbell posted a fourth-place finish in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 47.08.

Norsemen juniors Justin Rakowicz and Christian Mellos were also all-state swimmers. Rakowicz was seventh in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:45.19 and sixth in the 500-yard freestyle at 4:43.52. Mellos was seventh in the 200-yard IM and 100-yard breaststroke with times of 2:01.02 and 59.57, respectively.

Mellos' time in the breaststroke is a new school record.

Other all-state performances were turned in by South's 200-yard freestyle relay team of Campbell, Boggs, senior Sam Effinger and senior Cam Johnson, which was seventh with a time of 1:27.93, and the 400-yard freestyle relay squad

of Johnson, freshman Nick Yoo, freshman Patrick Jackson and Campbell, which was fifth with a time of 3:14.79.

The Blue Devils' 200-yard medley relay team of Jackson, Hessburg, Yoo and Johnson earned 18 points for its ninth-place time of 1:39.41, and the Norsemen's 400-yard freestyle relay squad of Rakowicz, senior Scott Adelson, junior Peter Shea and Mellos was 13th to earn eight points with a time of 3:19.74.

North's 200-yard medley relay team of Leone, Mellos, Hanna and Rakowicz was disqualified in the final, but in the preliminaries broke a 15-year-old school record with a time of 1:39.71.

Individuals who earned points for their respective teams included Johnson, ninth in the 50-freestyle with a time of 22.03; Jackson, ninth in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 52.70; South junior Joe Zampardo, 16th in the 100-butterfly with a time of 55.11; Shea, 10th in the 500-freestyle with a time of 4:51.89; and South senior Johnny Allen, 12th in the 100-breaststroke with a time of 1:01.57.



Grosse Pointe North's state finalists were, back row from left, Peter Shea, Zack Hanna, Justin Rakowicz, Mitchell Gross and Christian Mellos; and front row from left, Alex Fly, Scott Adelson, Matt Leone and James McNelis.

## BASEBALL

## South hosts baseball clinic

Grosse Pointe South hosts a spring baseball clinic from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 26, in the main gymnasium.

It is for children in second through eighth grades and players will be grouped according to age. Coaches may attend for free.

Campers learn skills in hitting, pitching, infield, outfield and catching and the cost is \$50. Instruction is provided by South coaches and players.

Make checks payable to the GPS Dugout Club and send to

Dan Griesbaum, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe, MI 48236. One hundred percent of the proceeds benefiting the Grosse Pointe South baseball program.

Brochures are available at gpsouthbaseball.com, as well as the Neighborhood Club and the Grosse Pointe Farms/City and Grosse Pointe Park Little League websites.

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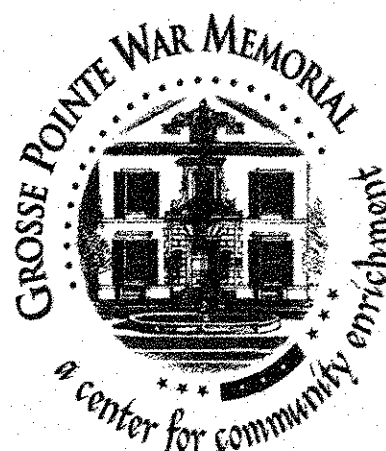
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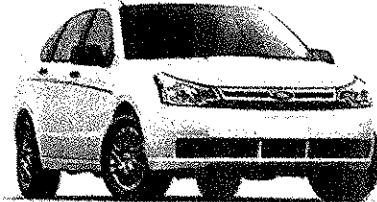
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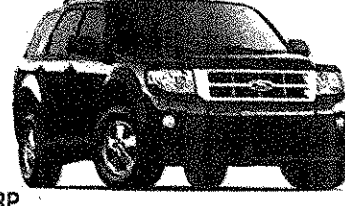
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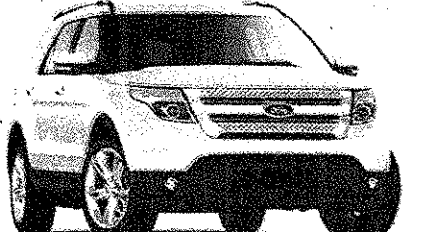
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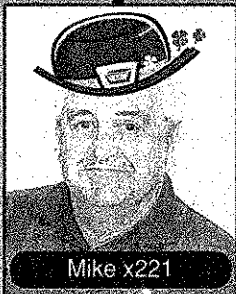
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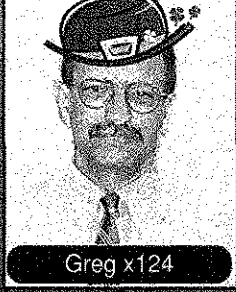
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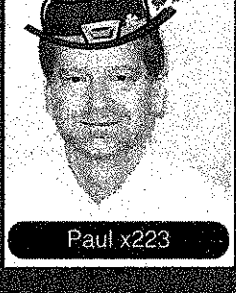
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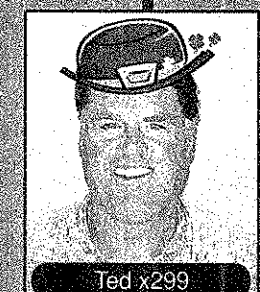
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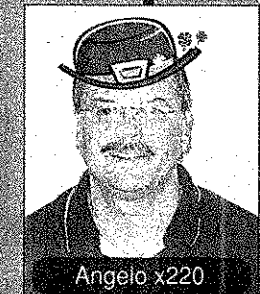
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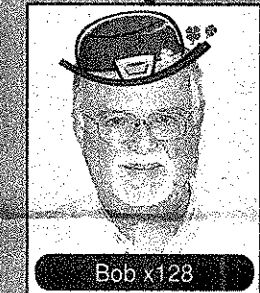
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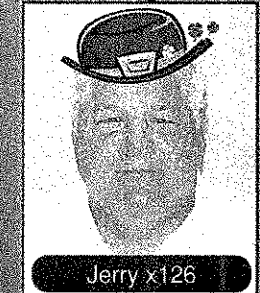
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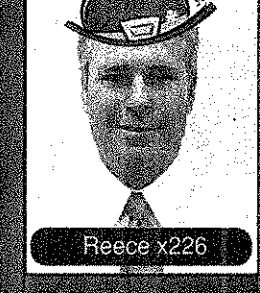
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