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◆ Kjell Sepmark, Swedish writer and history literature professor, introduces his first book of poetry translated into English at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 7, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Admission is \$10. For reservations, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 222.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

◆ The movie, "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," can be seen at 1 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

◆ The Villagers ballroom dance group hosts an evening at the Country Club of Detroit, 220 Country Club, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cocktails are at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. and dancing from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. The cost is \$85 for members and non-members pay \$100. For reservations, call Nancy Velek at (313) 884-5693.
◆ The Grosse Pointe Catholic Chorale, string quartet and brass ensemble present "Rays of Hope," a benefit concert for Haitian earthquake victims, at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets are available in the church office.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

◆ The Grosse Pointe Catholic Chorale, string quartet and brass ensemble present "Rays of Hope," a benefit concert for Haitian earthquake victims, at 3 p.m. at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets are available in the church office.

MONDAY, APRIL 11

◆ Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, hosts a "Meet the Commish" from 9 to 10 a.m. at Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

◆ Barb Hayes of Detroit Garden Center discusses Green Solutions for Garden

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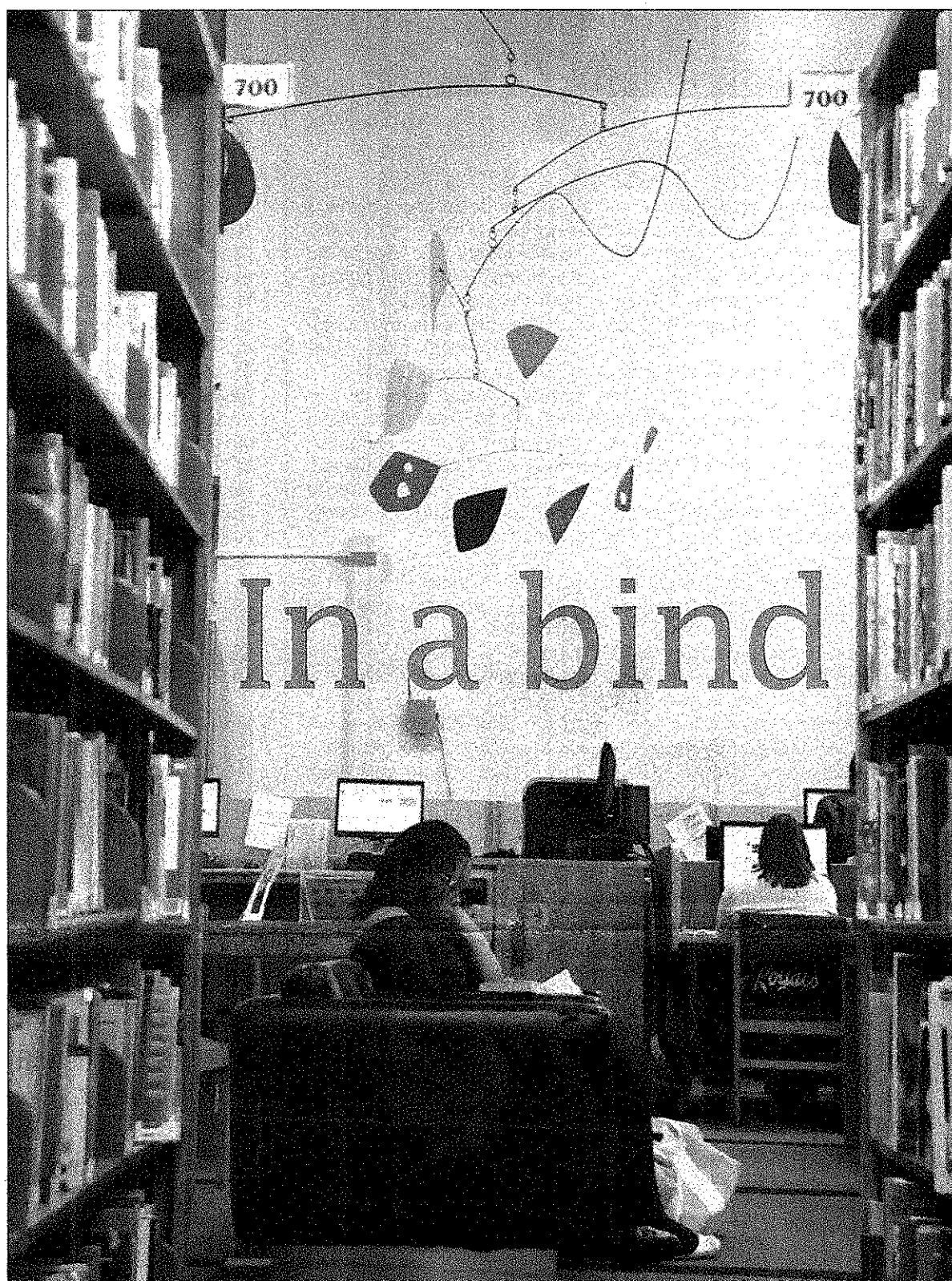
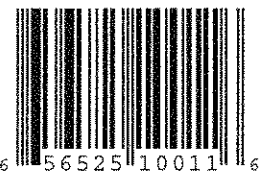


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High school student Jordan Redwine, 16, of Grosse Pointe Park, reads at the Central Branch library beneath a mobile by Alexander Calder.

Library checks out millage hike

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

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Of the many-colored blades on the million-dollar Calder mobile hanging in harmonious balance from the ceiling of the Grosse Pointe Public Library central branch, red is the shade most representative of the library's out-of-kilter financial outlook.

Red, as in debt.
At the library, these lengthening days of early spring show no sign of a brightening fiscal future.

The cost of debt incurred to replace two branches is insurmountable.

That is, if the library is to maintain services within a semblance of that which the community has come to expect, according to members of the library board.

Declining property tax values during the recession have had a

corresponding affect on property tax revenues, which this year account for nearly 92 percent of library income.

"We're at the point where we either have to ask for a millage increase, or we're going to have to make cuts that are going to significantly impact what the public sees," said Brian Garves, board secretary, chairman of the millage committee and resident of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Garves' committee sees no way around taxing property owners another .7 mills to pay off bonds sold in 2003 and 2004 to replace branches in Grosse Pointe Park and Woods.

"The only alternative is major

cuts to staff and services," Garves said. "That's what we're trying to avoid."

The millage committee recommended in a recent 13-page report to put the request on the November general election ballot. Tacking the question onto the general election lets the library avoid paying \$50,000 to \$60,000 for a special election, according to the committee's report.

Voters would be asked to approve the increase until the bonds are paid off in 2029, according to Garves.

"The debt is around \$1.2 million per year," said Vickey Bloom, li-

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Driver plows into Osius park

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

An out-of-control driver barreled a four-door Lincoln into Osius municipal park last weekend, flattening 20 feet of wrought iron fence, numerous bushes and shrubs.

"(He) stated he was lost and thought he was in a zoo," added Officer Jason Rengert.

Not a zoo, but the man spent a few hours caged in a holding cell, charged with drunken driving.

"(He) was not injured," Rengert said.

All Shores officers on duty responded to a 911 call at 4:07 a.m. Sunday, April 3, reporting the wreck near the foot of Vernier.

Sgt. James Wardowski and others found the man driving on park grounds, leaving tire tracks in grass.

"(He) could not figure out how to get out of the park when stopped near the main guard shack," Wardowski said.

The man, 33, of Grosse Pointe Farms, stood swaying next to his car, failing field sobriety tests and registering a .122 percent blood alcohol level, police said.

"(He) stated he was at a wine-tasting party," Rengert said.

Wardowski reconstructed the accident. The man apparently was driving eastbound on Vernier and missed the turn onto Lakeshore.

The man was freed on \$500 bond and is due for arraignment Thursday, April 7, in Shores

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Contract gets nod in Woods

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

One down, three to go.

That's the current count on labor contracts for employees in Grosse Pointe Woods, as the city council approved a pact with its technical, professional and office employees at its meeting Monday, April 4.

The three-year contract, retroactive to July 1, 2010, calls for a wage freeze, unpaid furlough days and increased contributions to health care and pension accounts.

"We expect to see a savings of \$96,000 for each year of the contract," said city treasurer Dee Ann Irby.

The contract affects approximately 60 city employees.

In addition to a wage freeze, employees will be required to take two unpaid furlough days the first year of the contract and five furlough days for the next two years of the agreement. Saturday overtime has been eliminated for part-time employees.

A two-tier wage schedule was also adopted, with new employees being hired in at 80 percent of the current wage scale.

Health care coverage has changed. Employees

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Routine stop hardly the norm

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Police rarely know what to expect on a traffic stop.

One last week reeled in a man wanted for robbing a bank in Birmingham, an underage female runaway from Detroit and a car stolen in Troy.

It took place on Mack. City of Grosse Pointe police spend a lot of time on Mack monitoring the border with Detroit.

At 1:05 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, Sgt. Michael Almeranti and the department police dog were in a patrol car parked curbside westbound near Rivard.



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Sgt. Michael Almeranti and K9, Raleigh.

Something didn't seem right about three people passing the cruiser in a silver-colored Pontiac G6.

"When they drove by, I kind of got a look from the interior of the vehicle," Almeranti said. "I couldn't really see inside. The windows were tinted."

He pulled away from the curb. The G6 driver picked up speed.

"I tried to close the gap," Almeranti said. "It cut into the left lane and whipped around the other direction. (It) sped approximately 60 mph and turned southbound on University, then eastbound into the alley."

The male driver stopped and bailed from the vehicle.

"He went northbound on Rivard across Mack," Almeranti said.

A female passenger got out and stood by. A male passenger started walking away until ordered to stop.

"It so happened that our other cars were at Mack and Rivard, about 100 yards away," Almeranti said.

Six officers arrived, including the department's two detectives.

"They swarmed the area," Almeranti said.

Officer Joseph Adams caught the driver walking on Marseilles north of Mack in Detroit.

"(He) stated he did nothing wrong: 'I was just walking down the street,'" Adams said.

The driver and female passenger, a juvenile, reportedly gave officers false names.

The male passenger, a 21-year-old Detroit resident, cooperated. He wasn't wanted on any warrants and was let go.

"A K9 check of the vehicle revealed marijuana shake throughout and a crack pipe on the front passenger floor where (the girl) was sitting," Almeranti said.

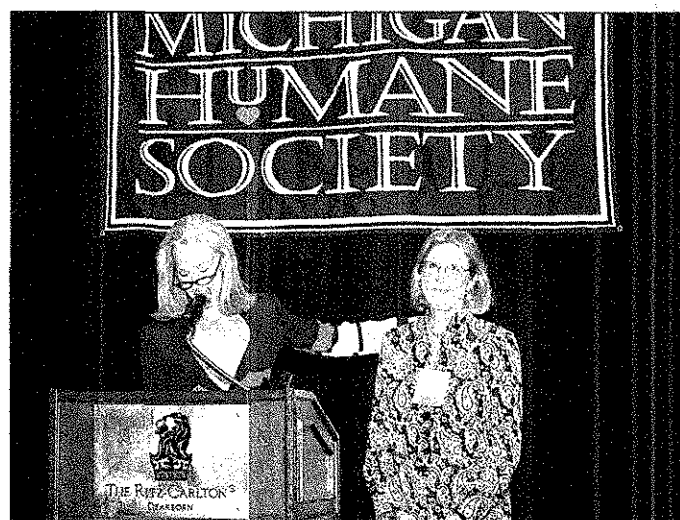
At headquarters, officers searched a fingerprint database to identify the 20-year-old driver and 16-year-old female. Both are from Detroit.

"(The girl) was uncooperative," Almeranti said. "Her mother was contacted. (The girl) is a chronic runaway. She was charged with obstruction, possession of drug paraphernalia and giving false information to police. She was taken to juvenile detention in Wayne County."

Police also charged the driver with multiple offenses. He turned up wanted in Birmingham for robbing a bank.

The car had been stolen.

"The car was stolen in Troy by a couple of kids who wanted to go down into Detroit to buy drugs," Almeranti said. "They went down with two males who could buy drugs for them. When they stopped to get fast food, the two guys took off with the car."



In the doghouse

Above, Denise Lutz, left, and Linda Axe of Grosse Pointe Farms are co-chairs of the Michigan Humane Society's 22nd annual Bow Wow Brunch, scheduled for this Saturday, April 10, at the Dearborn Inn. The Humane Society cares for more than 100,000 animals a year. The fund-raiser includes eight volunteers who will raise a minimum \$5,000 to get out of the doghouse. This year's list includes Detroit Red Wings forward Patrick Eaves, County Executive Robert Ficano, University of Michigan softball coach Carol Hutchins, Automobile Magazine president and editor-in-chief Jean Jennings, Compuware chairman and CEO Peter Karmanos, former General Motors vice chairman Bob Lutz, Henry Ford Health System's James Peabody, M.D., General Motors Foundation president Vivian Packard and WNIC morning host and Fox 2 weekend host Jay Towers.

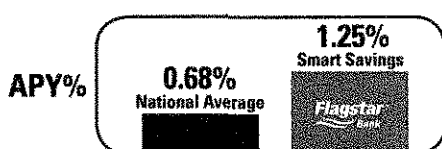
The Bow Wow Brunch begins at 11:30 a.m. with a champagne reception, silent auction and an opportunity to mingle with adoptable animals. A gourmet brunch and live auction follow. The event will also honor Thomas Mackey of Grosse Pointe Farms, who made a \$1 million donation this year for the construction of a new Detroit Center for Animal Care. Tickets begin at \$200 and are available by calling 1-866-HUMANE or online at michiganhumane.org. Donations may be made at the website.



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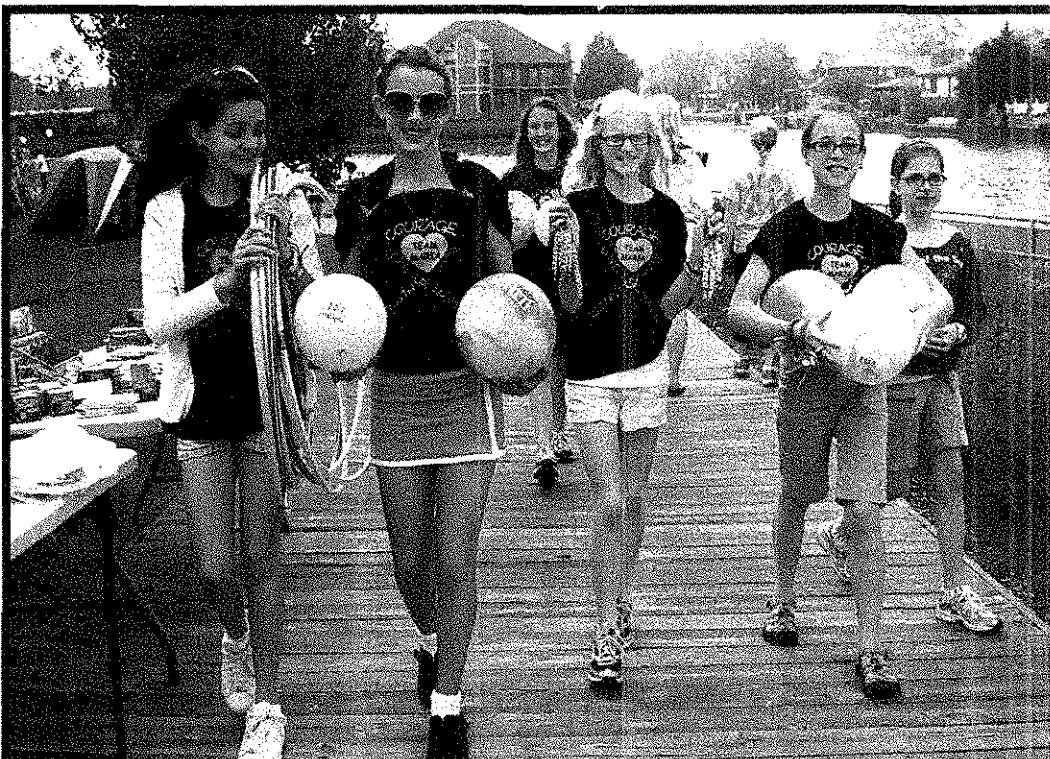
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Branches upset library applecart

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

In a perfect world, the two new branch libraries putting the Grosse Pointe system on debtors row wouldn't have been built when they were.

That doesn't mean money spent for their construction nearly 10 years ago wouldn't have gone for something else.

"We would have dealt with central branch, then the two other branches," said Brian Garves, Grosse Pointe Public Library trustee representing Grosse Pointe Shores. "But, because of pressing needs, we had to do things backward. We had to build the Park Branch and Woods Branch."

Construction relocated public library operations from Pierce and Parcels Middle schools into stand-alone buildings off campus. The change addressed growing needs of both the library and the public school system.

Work superseded a proposed \$20 million expansion of Central Branch on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms, a touchy idea because of the buildings' architectural significance.

The modernist structure, built in 1953, was designed by Marcel Breuer.

"Libraries are changing from mere book repositories to more of community centers, multi-media repositories with books and CDs and things like that," Garves said. "Those changing needs for community libraries changed our space requirements."

Expansion of the Breuer building was pondered at the same time Pointe school officials wanted more space at the

two middle schools.

"(Public library officials) were looking at expanding their services in both the Woods and Park," said Chris Fenton, the school system's assistant superintendent of business affairs. "That worked out great because we could use the space in both schools."

"As we saw those two schools getting crowded, it helped us make a decision to do the branches first," said Vickie Bloom, library director.

"It was a mutual desire to have them move out and get more space," Fenton said. "I never called them and said get out of there."

To pay for the new branches, bonds were issued in 2003 and 2004. That was before the economy recessed and the real estate bubble popped.

"At the time that debt was incurred, long-range forecasting was done to make sure we had enough money to pay back the debt," Garves said.

Recession

Things sailed along until late 2008.

"Then, we ran into a problem," Garves said. "We had big drops in property values."

Unforeseen and dramatic reductions in property values caused corresponding plunges in property tax revenue, which this year constitutes more than 90 percent of the library's annual income.

Yet, the district's property tax income has dropped each year since 2007-2008 for a combined \$577,523, according to a 13-page library board subcommittee report.

The report also recommends shoring-up library finances with

a .7 mill property tax increase. All proceeds would pay the bond debt.

While tax revenue dropped, so did interest income. Declines since 2007-2008 total \$335,557, despite a \$35,000 increase this year.

Overall library receipts since 2007-2008 are down a total \$854,585, according to the report.

"We made plans that even if (property values) dropped 10 percent, we would have been fine," said Garves, chair of the subcommittee. "But, we got hit by the law of unintended consequences: the Headlee Amendment and Proposal A. Both were passed without anyone asking what happens if property values go down."

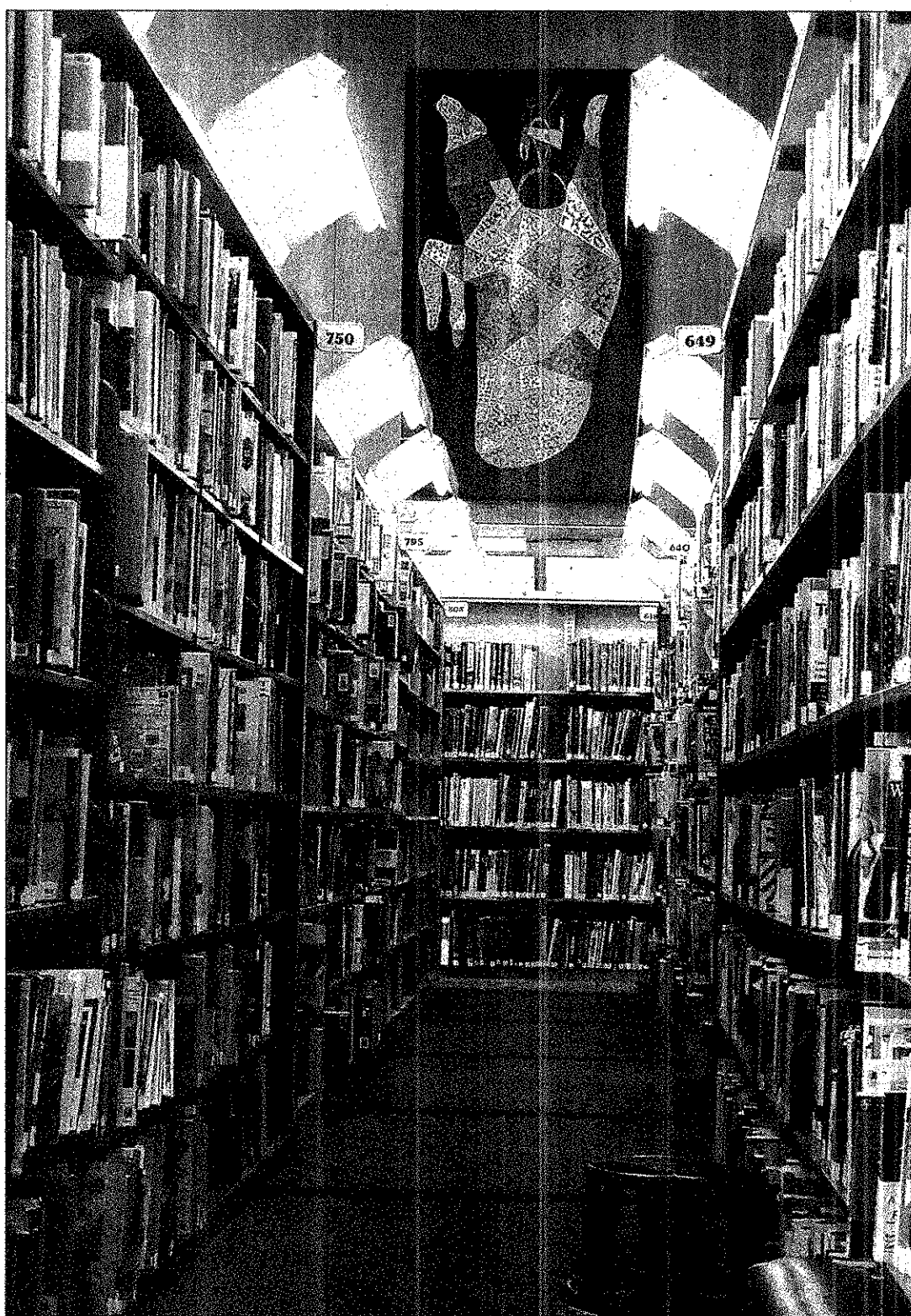
The Headlee Amendment to the state Constitution, passed in 1978 by Michigan voters, provides that millage rates drop automatically as property values increase more than the rate of inflation.

"There's no corresponding automatic increase," Garves said. "The Headlee Amendment has cost us about \$440,000 this year, because it can't pop back up automatically. Property values dropped almost 30 percent and will continue dropping for another year or two. It's going to take forever for those values to go back."

Proposal A, on the other hand, limits the growth of a property's taxable value to the lesser of 5 percent annually or the rate of inflation.

Pointe property values have gone down 30 to 50 percent during the recession.

Garves anticipates property values dropping this year another 7 percent.



Library union off limits for cuts

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Union salaries and benefits constitute an "uncuttable" 46 percent of the cash-strapped Grosse Pointe Public Library system's unsustainable budget.

The finding comes in a library board recommendation to make ends meet with a .7 mill property tax increase lasting nearly 20 years.

Receipts will pay bond debt, which amount to 25 percent of expenses and, likewise, are untouchable.

Library officials, facing a nearly \$270,000 deficit this year, have to cut the fat while being careful not to nick the system's biggest operating expense, unionized employees.

Targeted instead are non-union staff, part-time employees, student helpers and services to the public.

"We used to have temporary assistants help people at computers," said Vickie Bloom, library director. "Those are all

gone. We've cut way back on substitutes.

"As we lose people, we haven't filled some positions. We are down quite a bit."

"We're using attrition to drop as much as we can," said Ed Fredrickson, board member at-large from the City of Grosse Pointe.

Cuts the last two years include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ temporary librarian salaries by 20 and 50 percent, respectively,
- ◆ audio visual purchases by 26 and 28 percent,
- ◆ book purchases down 6 and 29 percent,
- ◆ periodical purchases by 6 and 44 percent,
- ◆ audio visual purchases down 26 and 28 percent and
- ◆ reduced office supply purchases by 47 and 52 percent.

Program eliminations consist of:

- ◆ Books on the Lake,
- ◆ adult and youth author lectures,

◆ Senior Symposium,

◆ book discussion groups and more.

The current expense breaking the library's bank is debt service on bonds issued nearly 10 years ago.

Bonds were issued for construction of two branch libraries in Grosse Pointe Park and Woods.

"We can't get around that debt service," said Brian Garves, chairman of the library board's millage committee and a resident of Grosse Pointe Shores. "We can't cut that cost."

He said the library payroll is "around" \$2.5 million of the library's estimated \$4.6 million 2011-2012 budget year. Layoffs are a "negotiated union issue."

Union wages and benefits will be part of negotiations as a current, three-year contract expires in June.

"We couldn't go back and change anything this past year or so," Bloom said.

"But, as we're going into negotiations for the next contract, that will be something they'll look at."

"That (proposed .7 mill tax increase) provides us with enough cushion, even if property values drop an additional 25 percent from right now, it will still be sufficient," Garves said.

Without the tax increase, debt service will create a 23 percent deficit, according to Ed Frederickson, library trustee at-large and City of Grosse Pointe resident.

"We need an endowment," he said.

Library officials haven't tested the public's taste for tax increases.

Damn the torpedoes

"Even if (a) survey came back negative, we still have to go through with this," said Garves, noting that nearly all of 30 library millage elections in Michigan have passed. "We

just don't have a choice."

"A library adds enormous value to your property," Frederickson said. "If you deteriorate the value of the library, you risk deteriorating the value of your property."

Library circulation increased 4.35 percent last year, according to Mary Beth Smith, trustee representing the City of Grosse Pointe.

The new, larger branches compare well with space formerly occupied in the middle schools, according to director Bloom.

"I've kept track of the two branches," she said. "The increase in circulation and people walking through the doors and checking out items has grown so much, there's not a part of me that could say we should have stayed in those tiny library buildings."

Council asked to support millage hike

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

When the Grosse Pointe Public Library financed expansion projects with bond sales in 2003 and 2004, repaying those bonds with a 1.5 millage levy seemed like a sound fiscal deci-

sion.

But like so many other public entities throughout the state, the sharp economic downturn and the drastic decline in property values wreaked havoc with that repayment plan.

And just as publishers send

out authors on book tours to sell their newest tomes, the library board is sending out its municipal representatives to their respective city councils to inform them of the millage request and to ask for their support.

"This story is not new and as

government officials you know what the details are," the Woods' representative to the library board, John Minnis, told the city council. "Revenues have plummeted and the library is facing a million dollar

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Anticipated budget deficit more than \$269,000 this year

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brary director.

"Because that debt service fluctuates, and because property values will fluctuate each year, we will adjust the millage (within the .7 mill cap) to make sure we only raise that much," Garves said. "This tax increase will disappear once the bonds are paid."

The proposed additional tax amounts to \$70 on property with a \$100,000 taxable value, or a market value of \$200,000.

Receipts are to pay solely for debt on the Ewald Branch next to Park city hall on Jefferson,

and the Woods Branch at Mack and Vernier.

"It's not seeking to raise funds that can be used for any operations of the library," Garves said.

The library system has three branches totaling 61,000 square feet. Holdings include 180,891 books, 51,691 audio and visual recordings, periodicals, newspaper archives and about 350 tools, according to Bloom.

Circulation last year was 793,504. Walk-in traffic totaled 645,116 (235,089 at Central Branch, 255,499 in the Park and 154,528 in the Woods). Reference librarians tallied 85,195 questions from patrons.

Telephone inquiries amounted to 250 per day. Services include free Internet access and optional self-checkout.

One of many outreach programs targets shy children. Grade-schoolers are invited to improve reading skills and confidence by reading stories to dogs, notoriously forgiving listeners who don't mind when hosts stumble through sentences or have to sound-out words.

The library budget this year is projected to be \$4,960,366, according to the millage committee report. Anticipated revenues are \$4,691,004, leaving a \$269,362 deficit.

Debt service on the bonds accounts for about 25 percent of expenses, Garves said.

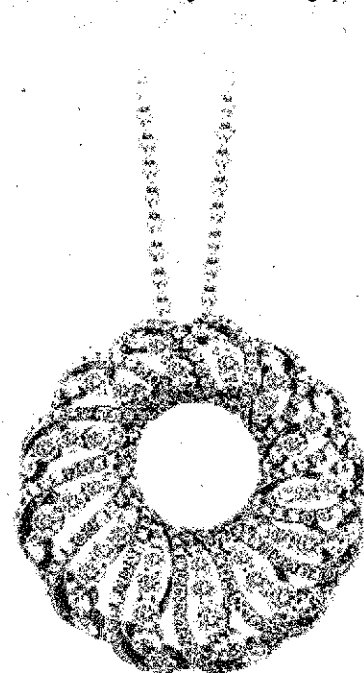
Bloom doesn't foresee selling the mobile by Alexander Calder to raise money for the debt.

"Every now and then, I get a call from someone in a New York gallery saying, 'If you ever want to sell that Calder ...'" Bloom said. "I don't think it ever would get to that."

The artwork was a gift from the late W. Hawkins Ferry, a Grosse Pointe resident and former student of library designer, Marcel Breuer.

"That's kind of a treasure," Bloom said of the mobile. "Not everybody has a Calder."

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Thomas Mackey looked to his head and his heart and donated \$1 million to the Michigan Humane Society to replace its aged Detroit facility.

Shelter-ing a million dollars

By Karen Fontanive
Staff writer

It's not often a charity receives a \$1 million donation.

That's exactly what happened recently at the Michigan Humane Society, thanks to Grosse Pointe Farms resident Thomas Mackey. The avowed animal lover recently donated \$1 million to the society to build a new Detroit facility.

"I've always kept quite close to the Michigan Humane Society. I was on the board of directors for many years and am now an honorary board member," Mackey said.

His donation is specifically earmarked for building a new Detroit facility.

"Their Detroit shelter is over a hundred years old," Mackey explained. "It's strictly duct tape and wire holding it together and they needed a new one (facility) very badly and this is just the Detroit shelter. They've got other shelters."

The society was eyeing a piece of property across the street from the current location, but "we just couldn't get them (the owner) to sell it at a price we could afford," Mackey said.

Another parcel a few blocks down the street became available. "We could buy it at an attractive price and that's why I gave them the money to buy the property and get the plans and the campaign started," he said.

The \$1 million is enough to purchase the property, hire the architect, do some site planning, pay city permit fees

and start the fundraising campaign to fund building the facility.

The new location will contain special amenities for an animal shelter. "The architect specializes in animal shelters. There's a lot of different stuff," Mackey said. "They have to have different heating and air conditioning and the things they need to clean out the cages and other stuff like that."

Mackey's love of animals and involvement with the society goes back to his youth. Mackey remembers a childhood photo of him and his mother feeding a carrot to a horse. The photo was taken at the society's annual horse Christmas party.

"My whole life we always had cats and dogs. We, just as a family, always loved animals. Growing up I don't think there was ever a time we didn't have a couple of cats and a dog," Mackey explained.

Over his lifetime, Mackey counts having owned 20 to 25 cats and dogs. "One of my favorite dogs appeared at our front door and wanted to come in."

His current companion is Scruffy, a wire-haired terrier.

The native Grosse Pointer graduated from Detroit University School, Brown University in Rhode Island and was an investment banker for 50 years. "That's a fancy name for stockbroker," He retired "eight or nine years ago."

He continues to trade in the stock market, but when asked to name other interests,

Mackey demurred: "I must do something because I'm busy all the time."

He mentions sailing in numerous Detroit to Mackinac races and membership in local clubs, but quickly moves the conversation back to his involvement with animals, whether it's attending fundraisers for the humane society or Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society or simply enjoying the camaraderie with fellow owners walking their dogs at the Country Club of Detroit.

"There's a whole group of people, 30 to 35 people, who walk their dogs at the club and the dogs all know each other. The dogs know the cars when people drive up," Mackey said. "It's like the people who know each other because their kids play hockey. It's the same thing here. We all know each other."

And it seems everyone who knows the single Mackey — "I was engaged a few times" — knows about his love of animals. It was a friend who suggested him to the humane society for the board so many years ago. He often receives calls from acquaintances to help with their adoptions and even to rescue cats from trees. "People that know me know that I'm close to the humane society."

"I tell you, all you have to do is go to an animal shelter and look at the dogs and cats," Mackey said. "They all look at you with their big round eyes that say 'pick me, pick me' and you fall in love with them pretty fast."



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Grosse Pointe Farms resident Thomas Mackey and his wire-haired terrier, Scruffy. Mackey recently donated \$1 million to the Michigan Humane Society to help build a new Detroit facility. The retired stockbroker, a former society board member and current member of its honorary board, took a business-minded approach to his heartfelt contribution. "I study their annual reports and form 990s (non profit tax returns). I don't have a lot of money and to give that kind of gift you want to make sure it's going to work," Mackey explained. "I'm not going to give a lot of money to something that's not efficient. They're a very efficient organization. Your money works pretty hard for you there."

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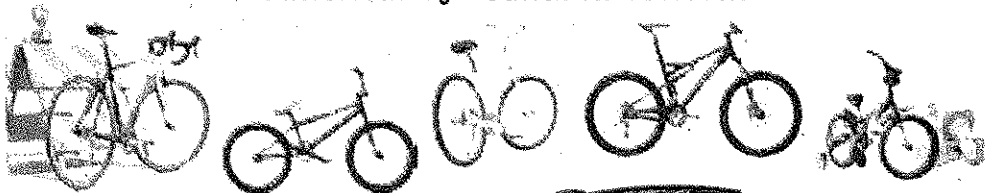
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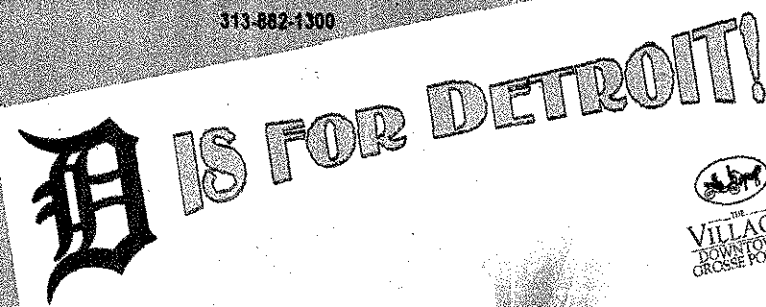


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City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrace presented a proclamation to Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe Emergency Center nurse Kayela Voss, and her husband, Jason, for saving the lives of motorists injured Feb. 14 in a burning wreck on I-94. The couple lives in Sterling Heights. Scrace is shown presenting the proclamation to Kayela Voss at the hospital March 30. "Kayela and John, who works in the medical field, are Good Samaritans who were in the right place at the right time," the proclamation reads. "Both put their expertise to work while helping to save seven lives. The Mayor, city council, and the citizens of the City of Grosse Pointe hereby acknowledge Kayela and Jason for their courage and willingness to help others and wish them both health, happiness and continued success."

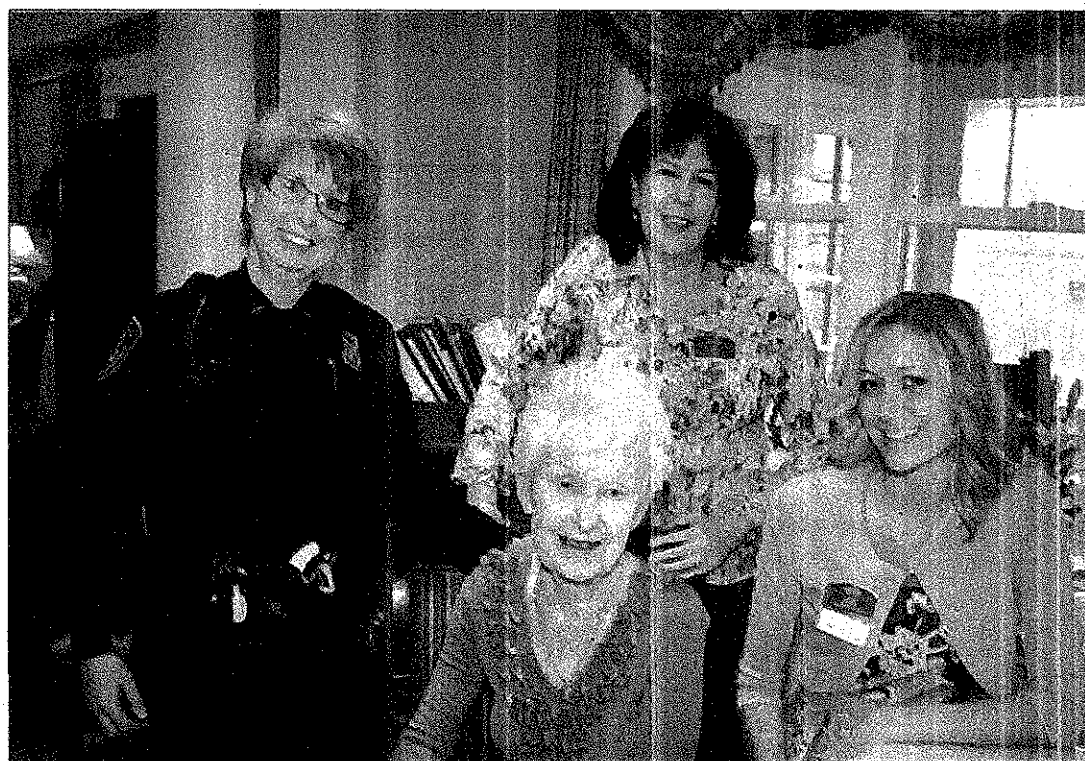
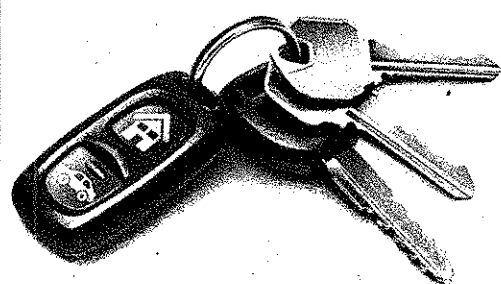


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Spring tour

The Grosse Pointe Woods Sunrise Senior Living Spring Tour of Homes and Gardens in mid-March included a dine and dash breakfast for local professionals. The event provided an opportunity for attendees to see the community. More than 16 professionals from local home care and hospice companies, Competitors, A Place for Mom and the police department attended. Included in the tour were, from left Tamera Eschendal, Harper Woods police lieutenant; Sunrise resident Irene Parsons; Brooke Preston, Sunrise director of community relations; and Susan Berg, Sunrise executive director.



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HIKE: Library request hits November ballot

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shortfall for each of the next 18 years."

Minnis explained that the library has already made cuts in staffing and purchasing programs. Administrative services have been cut by 50 percent and payroll by 13 percent. Periodical purchases have been cut by 44 percent, book purchases by 29 percent and software and database items by 70 percent. Visiting author programs have also been cut.

"Not only have we cut the

muscle, but we are now cutting into the bone," he said.

In his report to the council, Minnis indicated that the millage would be dedicated solely to paying the debt it incurred in building the Woods and Park branch libraries, both necessitated by the schools needing the space those branches were using in public school buildings.

The library board explored additional cost-cutting options as an alternative to a millage levy, including eliminating evening and weekend hours

and even closing branches, but those measures would not cover the shortfall, Minnis explained. The request for an increase in the library millage will be put to the voters in the November general election, and Woods council member Vicki Granger urged approval.

"Our libraries are the best bargain around," she said. "It will cost the average resident about \$75 a year, which more than covers checking out a couple of books and some videos. This deserves our support."

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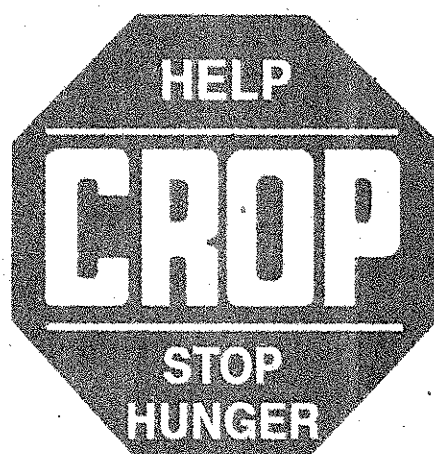
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Wrong car

A man wanted in Detroit for disorderly conduct was arrested at 1 a.m. Saturday, April 2, during a traffic investigation on southbound Cadieux below Maumee.

A patrolman pulled over the 20-year-old Detroit man for operating an Oldsmobile outfitted with an expired license plate registered to a Chevrolet.

"The driver stated he just bought the car and presented a title," said the arresting officer. "(He) further stated he had 'some tickets' on his license."

Weapons charge

Multiple officers took part last week in the roadside arrest of a motorist wanted in Wayne County on a weapons charge.

A patrolman spotted the driver, whom police did not identify, on Cadieux near Kercheval operating a vehicle without an illuminated license plate. A check of state records revealed its driver is wanted on a concealed weapons warrant.

Offices arrested the man, held him for pickup by county authorities and turned the car over to the driver's mother.

Stolen car

A red, four-door 2002 Dodge Intrepid belonging to a Detroit woman was stolen between 8 and 9:45 a.m. Wednesday, March 30, while parked behind a business on Mack near University Place.

An officer remembered seeing the car nearly an hour before it was reported stolen being driven northbound on Notre Dame by an unknown male teenager.

"When (he saw me), he took off at a high rate of speed, turning westbound on Waterloo," said the officer.

At 9:19 a.m., the car was reportedly seen in Eastpointe.

No picking

At about 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 28, officers arrested a man looking through trash near driveways in the 800 block of University Place.

"It's against city ordinance to pick through trash," said an officer.

The man, a 47-year-old Lincoln Park resident, reportedly had a bag containing bottles and a license plate. The plate, due to expire in August, was traced to a Roseville resident.

Officers held the man for pickup by Melvindale authorities on a \$5,000 warrant for fraud.

—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

Larceny from auto

An in-dash navigation system and stereo were stolen out of a Farms man's Chevrolet Suburban parked unlocked from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 2, in the lot of Belle Tire, on Mack at Kerby.

The loss totaled \$500.

An employee remembered seeing an unknown man with a "large bottom lip" standing

near the Suburban at about 1:30 p.m.

Listed as stolen

A 56-year-old Farmington Hills man was arrested at 2:01 a.m. Saturday, April 2, on Detroit's eastside for possession of a stolen automobile.

A Farms patrolman monitoring the area of Mack and Moross pulled over the man for operating a turquoise 2010 Ford Escape listed as stolen Sept. 21 in Southfield.

The man claimed he was renting the car.

Possible scam

A female senior citizen learned last week from the Internal Revenue Service that a Southfield medical provider last year billed her Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance carrier for \$17,721.44 worth of services not rendered.

"(The woman) was a patient at the suspect's medical practice several years ago," said a public safety officer.

The incident is being investigated as identity theft.

Eye for autos

A patrolman with an eye for automotive details spotted a car on April Fool's Day made of parts that didn't add up.

Evidence the officer obtained during a late-night roadside investigation indicates the car had been stolen and re-tagged with false identification stickers.

Officer Ed Wierszewski was monitoring Mack near Moross at 3:15 a.m. Friday, April 1, when three people drove by in a 1983 Chevrolet Monte Carlo.

The car's driver-side door and trunk locks were damaged in a "fashion common with stolen vehicles," Wierszewski said.

The car was occupied by a 21-year-old male driver and two 20-year-old females, all from Detroit.

"(I) observed the vehicle to have a Monte Carlo SS front clip facial that was not produced in 1983," said the officer.

A vehicle identification sticker inside the driver's side door appeared fake.

"The edges of the decal are not smooth, like from (the) factory," Wierszewski said. "The tire identification decal is not pressed secure to the door jamb, as it should be from the factory."

The car's glove box door was a different color than the dash.

"The driver stated he bought the vehicle 'this way' and did have a title application," Wierszewski said. "(I) did observe that he purchased the vehicle in October 2010."

Officers impounded the car and let the occupants go pending determination if the car was stolen and if they're to blame.

—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

Lady is a tramp

A 29-year-old female drunken driving suspect from Warren got nasty when taken to police headquarters at about 1:30 a.m. Sunday, April 3.

"(She) suddenly became

noncompliant during finger printing," said an officer. "(She) decided to urinate on the floor of the cell instead of the toilet."

The woman, pulled over on southbound Lakeshore for speeding 46 mph in a 2007 Chevrolet Impala, registered a .18 percent blood alcohol level.

Second alarm

At 9:40 a.m. Friday, April 1, three officers manning the department's two fire engines plus a scout car answered Grosse Pointe Woods' second alarm to fight a house fire in the 1100 block of Anita.

"(We) assisted by ventilating the roof," said one of the Shores officers.

They cleared the scene shortly after 10:30 a.m.

Tough guy

An officer visited the house of a 63-year-old Shores man a few minutes after 7 p.m. Thursday, March 31, to hear his side of a road rage complaint by a female motorist.

The 49-year-old female complainant from St. Clair Shores accused the man, operating a 2010 Chevy Tahoe, of trying to intimidate her on southbound Lakeshore near Vernier. When she pulled onto Fontana and parked curbside, the man followed her, got out of his SUV and tried to open her car door, she told police.

"(He) stated he may have been following the (woman's) vehicle too closely," said the officer, "but was not prepared for (her) to suddenly stop, almost causing him to strike the rear of her vehicle."

Ducks in a row

An unknown caller reported via 911 at 8:35 p.m. Wednesday, March 30, that a motorist on Lakeshore near Willison had stopped to help several ducks cross the road.

"The caller was concerned for the safety of others," said an officer.

Two patrolmen went to the scene.

"Upon arrival, all had made it across the street safely," said an officer.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Phone theft

A Grosse Pointe North student reported a 4G iPhone was taken from his gym locker between 1 and 2 p.m. Thursday, March 31.

School staff told police two other students were in the locker room at the time of the theft and will follow up. They added another student reported a cell phone and iPod missing, but he didn't report it to police.

Indecent exposure


A 61-year-old Harper Woods man was arrested and charged with indecent exposure following an incident at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 29.

According to police, two girls, ages 10 and 11, were playing outside of a house on Prestwick when a man stopped at the house next door and began urinating while making casual conversation with the girls. The girls told an adult what happened and police were notified. Based on the description given by the girls, police located and apprehended the man a few blocks away.

—Kathy Ryan

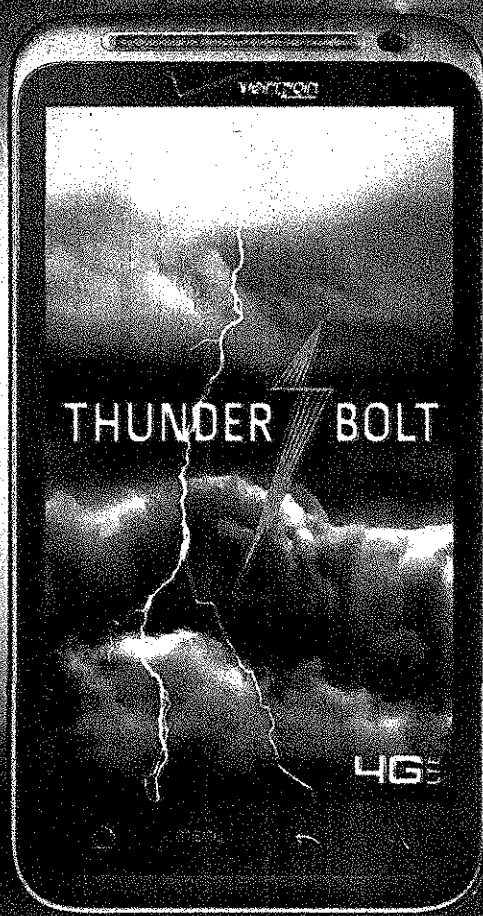
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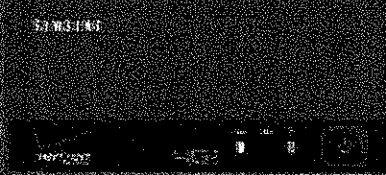
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GUEST OPINION By Michael LaFaive

Film incentive drama could upset reforms

A “jobs” program, known as the Michigan Film Incentive, is scheduled to be reformed under Gov. Rick Snyder’s first budget proposal. The program — which reimburses 42 percent of a film production’s costs and 25 percent of infrastructure investment — is scheduled to be converted to a smaller grant-based program with a maximum expenditure of \$25 million.

This has proponents of this industrial/corporate welfare program up in arms and their opposition may very well imperil Snyder’s attempts to reform the rest of the tax code.

The best solution is to eliminate the program in its entirety. It is expensive and doesn’t work, despite claims to the contrary, and has been associated with felony fraud charges against individuals allegedly seeking to scam the system.

Hard on the heels of a \$1.4 billion tax hike imposed on Michigan taxpayers, the Granholm administration and Michigan Legislature created the film subsidy program in 2008. It was sold as a way to create jobs and “diversify” the state’s economy. Film productions would receive cash back for up to 42 percent of a production’s costs and “infrastructure” (studio) investments could receive an assignable credit for up to 25 percent.

The program was initially a public relations boon to politicians who supported it. In a Michigan economy reeling from years of bad economic news, legislators wanted to be seen as favoring jobs, even if the net result was no or negative economic impact. And the film incentive delivered the PR with countless media stories about celebrities — such as Rob Schneider, for instance — being seen in some Detroit coffee shop or Ann Arbor hotel.

But the program’s fundamental flaw is it robs taxpayer Peter to pay filmmaker Paul. Through December 2010, more than \$361 million has been pledged from Michigan taxpayers to filmmakers. Taking resources from the many and giving it to a few is unlikely to create net new jobs. That is why studies including the net costs of these programs are unlikely to show economic gains.

This suggests one possible reason why the state bureaucracy administering this program has not only worked to stymie the Mackinac Center for Public Policy and others’ research into the program — it has underreported its true cost. It also paid for an analysis by Michigan State University economists that claimed the film incentive program was a “big hit,” despite only measuring the economic impact of spending, while ignoring 100 percent of the program’s costs.

Proponents of the film subsidies are also working hard to pressure lawmakers and the governor to keep the program alive by holding rallies, building a support website and distributing prepared “talking points” to use in letters to the editor or in discussions with state legislators.

Talking points are pithy lines typically prepared in advance of media interviews or debates to persuade listeners. The West Michigan Film and Video Alliance distributed talking points last September to its followers with such arguments as, “Numbers are important, but there is so much benefit from this program that it is difficult to quantify.”

It is worth noting here proponents are happy to use hard data when they think it will support their case. Moving the debate from objective to subjective standards advances their cause and distracts from embarrassing revelations about film subsidy incompetence and even corruption. In Kent County, two men have been charged with fraud for attempting to obtain a \$10 million assignable (sellable) tax credit for a movie studio “investment” that apparently did not occur. This is precisely what can happen when the state rings the subsidy dinner bell and yells “come and get it.”

Unfortunately, all of this pressure on lawmakers to keep one subsidy program could unravel all of the other sound policy decisions of the Snyder administration. The governor is on the cusp of making a revolutionary and generally positive change to Michigan’s tax landscape by eliminating the vast majority of tax favoritism in our code — including the failed Michigan Economic Growth Authority tax credit program.

Once one special interest group gets its way, it effectively opens the door for a cascading “me too” effect where every other group on taxpayer life support demands their favors escape reform, too.

Michigan taxpayers should not let this happen. While the Snyder tax reform package may not be perfect, getting rid of industry favoritism is an idea whose time has come.

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Meals on Wheels

To the Editor:

Thanks for the plug for the Meals on Wheels volunteer program, “Special deliveries mark annual program,” that appeared on the front page of the March 31 Grosse Pointe News.

Some day, however, instead of a just one day a year politicians’ photo, I’d like to see a photo on the front page, or anywhere else in the Grosse Pointe News, of at least some of the dozens of real-life Meals on Wheels volunteers. These volunteers show up day after day, on weekends and holi-

days, to slog through snow banks, rainstorms, slush, mud and assorted other elements to do the real work of servicing the Grosse Pointes’ and Harper Woods’ area shut-ins.

I’ve delivered Meals on Wheels every Monday for the better part of the last eight or nine years. Let me tell you something about the real volunteers. There are about two dozen regulars who work out of the Services for Older Citizens headquarters at the Neighborhood Club. Some are seniors. Many are husbands and wives who bring their children and grandchildren to teach them the value of volunteering their time and resources to help serve the troubled, lonely and less fortunate.

Some are high school kids doing “public service” as a re-

quirement for graduation.

No volunteer gets paid. There are no car allowances, mileage or expense reimbursements. It makes no difference where you live or how far you have to travel to do your “route.” Most volunteers would be wealthy if they had a nickel for every minute they had to wait on a freezing cold porch or in a driving rain while some wheel-chair bound person struggled to get to the door to receive their one hot meal of the day.

Next year when those public officials pose for that obligatory photo, why not suggest each invite a real volunteer to join them. They might actually learn something from the experience.

PETE WALDMEIR
Grosse Pointe Woods

GUEST OPINION By Seth Hanlon

Offshore tax deferral

Here’s a look at the feature of the tax code that allows U.S. corporations to defer paying taxes on their offshore profits.

The United States has a worldwide tax system. That means U.S. citizens and companies generally must pay federal income taxes on all their income, wherever in the world they earn it. The feature of the tax system known as “deferral” allows U.S. multinational companies to delay paying U.S. taxes on overseas profits as long as they keep those profits offshore.

U.S. corporations take advantage of this tax deferral by forming subsidiaries in the countries where they do business. Foreign subsidiaries are not considered U.S. corporations even if wholly owned by a U.S. parent, so their overseas profits aren’t subject to U.S. taxes.

The key feature of deferral is the U.S. parent need not pay taxes on a subsidiary’s offshore profits unless and until the profits are returned to the United States — for example, when the subsidiary pays dividends to the parent. At that point, the U.S. parent gets a tax credit for foreign taxes paid but it still has to pay the difference between the U.S. tax and the foreign tax.

Deferral provides tax incentives for overseas investments. It encourages U.S. companies to make job-creating investments off shore even if similar investments in the United States — absent tax considerations — would be more profitable.

“U.S. tax law provides a large tax advantage for building and moving factories to low-tax countries,” said economist Martin Sullivan.

The Treasury Department estimates the federal government will forfeit \$42 billion in revenue in fiscal year 2012, and \$213 billion over the next five years, because of this deferral.

Deferral is valuable to U.S. corporations with global operations because they can delay paying taxes on their overseas earnings for many years, even indefinitely.

Tax expenditures are special rules or exceptions in the tax code that benefit certain taxpayers and cost the government revenue. The ability to defer taxes — to pay them in a later year or not at all — is one of the most common types of tax expenditures.

Deferral is valuable to U.S. corporations with global operations because they can delay paying taxes on their overseas earnings for many years, even indefinitely. The rule is particularly lucrative for corporations with income in low-tax countries.

This tax rule is one of the main reasons American corporations pay low taxes by historical and international standards, despite our having a marginal corporate tax rate of 35 percent. There are vast disparities across industries, with some industries paying exceedingly low average tax rates while others pay rates closer to, but still less than, the 35 percent marginal tax rate.

Some of the largest and most profitable U.S. corporations pay exceedingly low tax rates through their use of subsidiaries in so-called tax haven countries. Eighty-three of the U.S.’ 100 biggest public companies have subsidiaries in countries listed as tax havens or financial privacy jurisdictions, according to the Government Accountability Office. One study found the U.S. loses about \$60 billion in revenue each year because of tax-motivated “income shifting.”

U.S. multinationals maintain deferral of taxes on foreign earnings keeps them competitive in world markets with rivals whose home countries do not tax foreign profits. Most developed countries

have so-called territorial systems that exempt their multinationals’ foreign profits even when brought home — which is what many U.S. multinationals would prefer.

U.S. corporations often argue foreign investment is good for domestic job creation because American workers are needed to produce the goods and services sold in foreign markets. In recent years, however, U.S. multinationals have reduced domestic employment while increasing foreign employment.

Companies also argue the current system deters them from bringing back and investing their foreign profits in the U.S. because doing so subjects those profits to U.S. taxes. Of course, that complaint is also a good argument for eliminating deferral. If income were taxed overseas as it was earned, then so-called “repatriation” wouldn’t have any tax consequences.

Deferral also encourages companies to use accounting techniques to record profits offshore, even if they keep actual investment and jobs in the U.S. This explains why U.S. corporations report their largest profits in low-tax countries such as the Netherlands, Luxembourg and Bermuda, though clearly that is not where most real economic activity occurs.

In his State of the Union address in January, President Barack Obama called for overall corporate tax reform, and both houses of Congress have begun hearings.

As policymakers consider the issues involved, they should keep in mind U.S. companies’ global competitiveness is important, but not the only concern. Taxing for-

eign and domestic investments differently distorts companies’ incentives and impacts economic growth and job creation in the United States.

Moreover, declining corporate tax revenue has worsened deficits, which also threaten economic growth if not brought under control over the long term.

In the debate over whether to exempt overseas profits, it’s critical to recognize U.S. multinationals often receive an even better deal from our current system than they would under a well-functioning territorial system. That’s because our current system allows companies to combine tax deferral with a wide selection of other loopholes. Corporate tax reform is an opportunity to close some of these loopholes.

For example, one of the most illogical aspects of our current system is companies can take immediate deductions against U.S. taxes for expenses that support tax-deferred overseas profits. In other words, they can take the write-off now but pay taxes on the resulting income later, if at all.

Obama has proposed fixing this mismatch. Under his proposal, if the income is deferred, then related deductions must be deferred as well. But Congress has not acted on this proposal or most of his other ideas to close international loopholes.

Bottom line: Deferral of overseas profits is a substantial tax expenditure, representing a \$42 billion subsidy for overseas investment. Deferral deserves greater scrutiny, and the many other loopholes corporations use to take advantage of deferral should be considered in any discussion of corporate tax reform.

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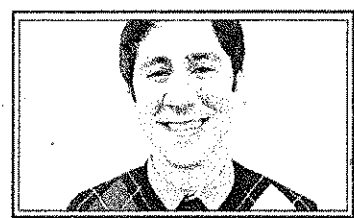
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I SAY By A.J. Hakim

Transitioning into a new job



Walking into any new situation carries with it certain stigma — what to expect? Will you like your co-workers? Will they like you? Are you truly qualified for the job? What new and exciting ideas can you bring to your position?

I was hired at the Grosse Pointe News as the schools reporter having no experience working as a schools writer, and really little idea of what to expect of the position. Having worked the past five or six years as a freelance sports writer for The Detroit News, my job there was simple — drive out to a high school sports event, take notes, interview at least two people and write the story before the 10:15 p.m. deadline.

Pagination and all the other intricate details associated with putting together a newspaper were left to the copy edi-

tors.

Needless to say, I was nervous to start a job in which I'd have complete control over an entire section, including page layout, writing and taking pictures. I, a still new-to-the-scene 20-something with little experience outside of writing about sports, controlled everything in the schools pages. A daunting task that, until now, had been merely a dream since I first started writing at the Wayne State University student newspaper, The South End, some seven years ago.

I walked in my first day flushed with nervous excite-

ment. All the questions accustomed to starting somewhere new swirled around in my head. As were the butterflies fluttering in my stomach. It was deadline day during the paper's biggest publishing week of the year — the special issue, a 100-page edition that's mailed to every household in the community. I expected panic, stress, a scene similar to a stampede, with reporters and editors running back and forth in hysterics trying to meet deadline.

To my surprise, it couldn't have been more different. It wasn't the stampede at all;

rather, a calm and laid-back environment. And everyone took time out from his or her busy day to meet me. In an hour's time, all the fears and questions dissipated, as I knew then the welcoming, friendly, family-type atmosphere I was now a part.

And it has been that way for four weeks. Since that first day, from the moment I walked in, everyone has been accepting, accommodating and open to answering whatever questions I may have — and there have been quite a few.

Never are they too busy. And

it's made the transition into a new job an exciting and easy one.

Even the Grosse Pointe community has welcomed me with open arms as its new local reporter.

I've lived in the St. Clair Shores/Grosse Pointe area my entire life, within the community for 15 years, but never involved to this magnitude. As I get better acquainted with people and the schools, and see how nice and committed residents are to the schools and to the community, it makes me proud to say I'm a part of this community.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

What fortune would you like to see in a fortune cookie?

If you have a question you would like asked, drop us a note at 96 Kercheval on The Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or email to editor@grossepointenews.com



'You have a diamond in your house.'

VANESSA CIARAMITARO
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'You can run and play all day.'

ANNA CZECH
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'You get a free bag of M&M's.'

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'You get to eat all the things you like in the house.'

CHRIS DIAMOND
Grosse Pointe Woods

OPINION

Ethical players pay for cash handshakes

I was entertained by an HBO show last week where a former football player talked of cash handshakes at various universities seeking his services.

Defensive end Stanley McClover said Michigan State University and Louisiana State University boosters gave hundreds in cash handshakes. He said The Ohio State University went beyond that, offering sexual favors to the young recruit during a visit to the Columbus campus. McClover ended up at Auburn University because he felt a certain obligation to them after a book bag full of cash turned up on his doorstep.

It's no surprise top players, boosters and coaches get mixed up with cash handshakes, offering up young cogs for sex and book bags of Benjamins. Football means more money to universities than any other sport. A good program means millions and millions in revenue. The play-

ers are given a scholarship for their efforts, but most see it as a stepping-stone to the next level. Few players today care to have the education part of it.

Breaking the rules to succeed is commonplace. Remember USC's great football teams? What about the Fab Five and Michigan basketball? The biggest cheats moved on from those programs (and dozens of others) to make millions in professional sports.

Those who pay are the players who didn't take money and future athletes restricted from postseason play, or have scholarships lost as part of the punishment. For someone like Reggie Bush, one of the keys in the downfall of USC football, he ended up losing his Heisman Trophy. Big deal.

He is in the middle of a \$52 million contract. He also has tons of endorsement money flowing his way. For cheating, Reggie Bush didn't have to pay anything. Those who played fairly alongside him paid. The

players today are paying.

Of course, OSU is embroiled in scandal again. Just when memories of Maurice Clarett start to fade, the sweater-vested coach Jim Tressel and five of his players will miss at least the first five games of the next season. The players broke numerous NCAA rules, as did their coach. They won't lose their scholarships and Tressel obviously won't lose his job. Beyond the tattoos, sold bling and lying, the scariest part is what was allegedly offered to the recruit. Favors from an Ohio State girl? Stick to the cash handshakes.

Before Michigan fans gloat too much, don't forget how the maize and blue coveted the services of the now-suspended Terrelle Pryor with the same vigor as the Buckeyes.

In college football especially, you win or you lose your job. Winning is more money.

The system has been broken for a long time and only gets worse. Schools tout wins. Don't ever think it's about edu-

cating these young men to prepare them for future careers without football.

The NCAA made perfectly clear what's important when they handed down the punishment in the OSU case at the end of 2010. They announced the suspensions, beginning next year, allowing the athletes to participate in their bowl game.

It's about cash. And so there will continue to be handshakes at most campuses. Few will even have bags of money. And one will throw in some sex.

Wasted cash?

I chuckled when people complained there wasn't any substance to Charlie Sheen's Fox Theatre show last weekend. Many walked out. I giggled when I heard some spent as much as \$300 for a ticket to see him. I cackled when I glanced at an excerpt of his Sunday Chicago show on YouTube, not because it was great comedy, but because making fun of Detroit seemed

to bring the biggest cheers. Wow, there's a stretch.

I'm bummed Sheen chose Detroit to start his 20-show tour. For the life of me I couldn't imagine why people would pay to see him talk. No one knew if it'd be stand-up comedy, more rants against the employer that once paid him close to \$2 million per episode for a TV show or just another train wreck. I wish we would've been one of the cities having troubles selling tickets.

He's someone who has been accused of assaulting his wife on Christmas Day 2009. He lost custody of his children a few weeks ago. He lives with two "goddesses," readily admits to drug use and tearing up a New York hotel room while hopped up on coke, in the company of a hooker, with his ex-wife and kids in the same hotel.

Damage, according to the

New York Post, hit \$7,000.

They also report top hotels in New York City have rebuked Sheen's attempts at reservations when his tour visits Radio City Music Hall April 8. You think?

You mean it's not good PR to have a guest who may trash the place in a drug-fueled tirade with a naked prostitute hiding in the bathroom?

I watched less than five minutes of the bootleg Sheen clip from the Chicago show. If I had a dollar for every time he said the word "troll" or tossed the f-bomb (four times in one sentence is tough to do), I'd be rich.

Seeing Charlie Sheen at the Fox was never something I considered spending money to see. A casino seems like a better option for "winning."

Joe Warner is the general manager and editor of the Grosse Pointe News.

GUEST OPINION By John Podesta, Carl Pope and Glen Karpinski

A path to oil security

America is suffering from another oil price shock less than three years after prices hit a record \$147 per barrel in July 2008.

Over the past month, oil prices rose by more than \$20 per barrel, or more than 25 percent. This price hike reflects political instability in many oil-producing Persian Gulf nations. And Wall Street speculators have preyed upon oil users' fears about supply interruptions to bid up the price to more than \$100 per barrel.

As the price of oil climbs, so too does the price for gasoline. Every \$10-per-barrel increase in oil prices boosts gasoline prices by 25 cents per gallon. Many Americans do not have the option to significantly reduce their driving or easily buy more fuel-efficient new cars, so they spend more on gasoline and less on other goods and services. This slows our nation's still shaky economic recovery and disrupts

job growth.

Meanwhile, our economy ships off nearly a \$1 billion per day to other nations to purchase foreign oil. And higher prices, due to instability and speculation, inflate the profits of big oil companies while Americans' wages remain stagnant.

It's time to get control of volatile oil prices hurting our economy, security and the everyday budgets of American families. These measures are crucial for long-term economic growth, more jobs and less dependence on foreign oil. They work together to reduce imports and save money.

We propose a bold "Cleaner Cars, Less Foreign Oil" plan with four crucial elements.

◆ Cut foreign oil use by 5 percent annually to slash these imports in half by 2022. Importing foreign oil sends \$1 billion per day to other countries instead of investing these dollars at home. Foreign oil purchases are nearly half of our trade deficit.

◆ Invest in 21st century

clean, efficient vehicles and transportation.

We need to build 21st century cars that get 60 miles per gallon by 2025, trucks with a 15 percent improvement in fuel economy and invest in electric cars. And we need to modernize our transportation infrastructure by providing more options.

The domestic manufacture of these cars and trucks of the future alongside a 21st century transportation network will dramatically cut oil use, save vehicle owners thousands of dollars, create jobs and restore America's manufacturing might.

◆ End tax loopholes for big oil. End billions of dollars of tax giveaways to big oil companies. Use these funds to support transportation choices and deficit reduction. Recover 1 cent of every dollar of big oil profits to invest in advanced vehicle technologies, such as cars with double the fuel economy, electric cars and natural gas-powered buses.

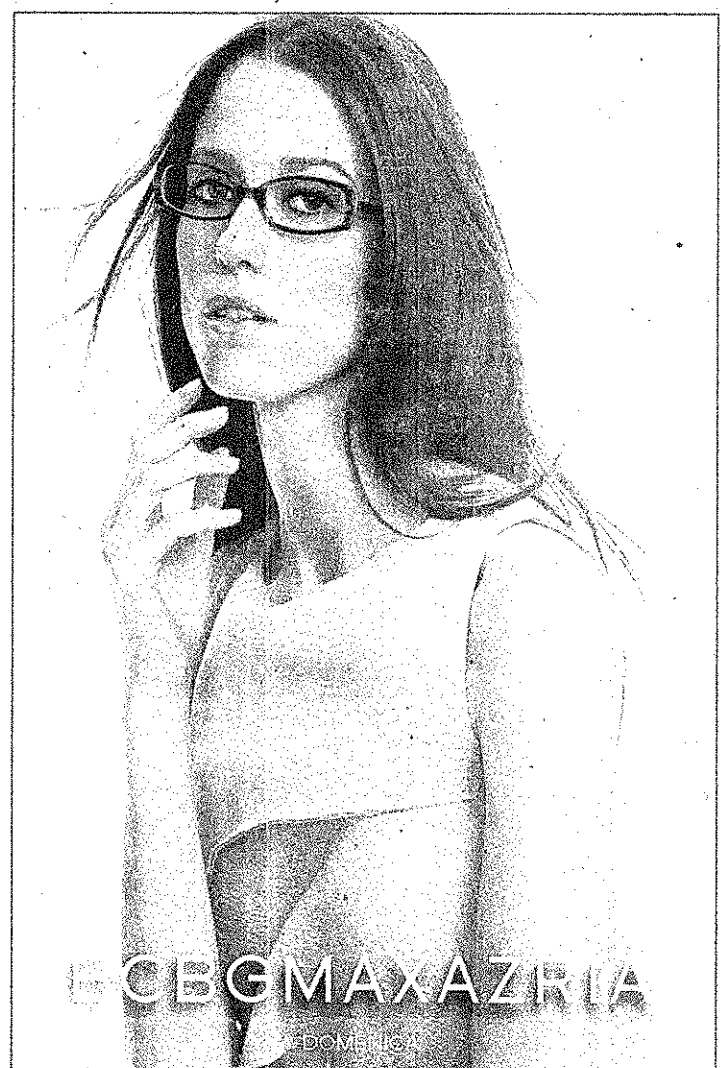
◆ Stop speculators from driving up oil prices. Prohibit Wall Street speculators from driving up oil prices by hiring more "cops on the beat" at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to police oil trades.

There is evidence speculators are driving up oil prices to make a quick buck, just as they were during the record oil and gasoline prices in 2008.

President Barack Obama and Congress must act to make fundamental changes in our energy policies. These systemic changes we recommend will enable us to finally shed the chains of oil dependence after 40 years of imports, high prices, stagnant growth and pollution. But we must act now.

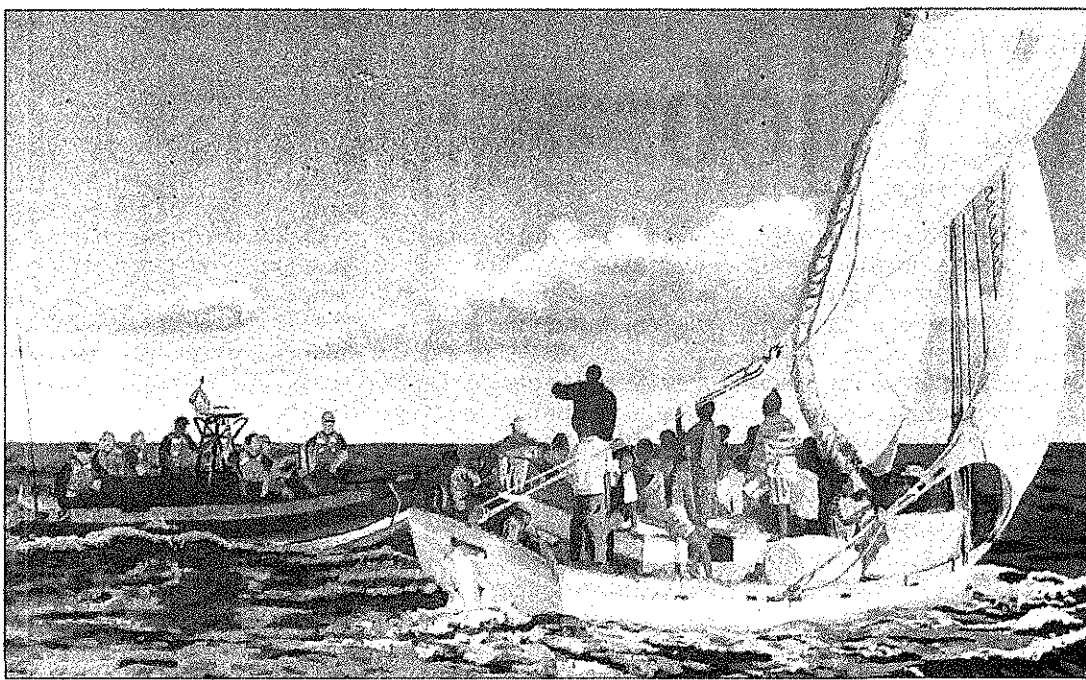
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Hugh O'Connor's acrylic painting of the United States Coast Guard intercepting a sailboat loaded with fleeing Haitian immigrants will be on permanent display at a Coast Guard base.

Work headed for collection

By Justin Hicks
Special Writer

Forty-eight-year-old Hugh O'Connor found a way to combine his respect for the United States military and his love for art.

"We have a very deep respect for all the men and women in uniform," he said. "They're giving their all for the country so they deserve all the recognition and honor we can give."

The 1981 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate and St. Clair Shores resident created an acrylic painting, titled "30 Miles from Punta Gorda," which was accepted into the permanent U.S. Coast Guard Art Collection Feb. 11.

His piece depicts the Coast Guard intercepting a sailboat overloaded with Haitian immigrants escaping Cuba. Members of the Coast Guard are handing out life jackets to the sailboat's crew and taking them back to Haiti.

"Every year they send out topics they'd like to have covered and last year included the Haiti earthquake and the Gulf oil spill," O'Connor said.

"I saw this photo that went along with the Haitian relief and I liked it."

O'Connor credited the style of the piece to that of 19th century painter Winslow Homer, known for his paintings of Civil War battle scenes and American landscape.

As an official Coast Guard artist, O'Connor entered his painting into the contest, judged by the Salmagundi Club's Excellence Committee. After receiving a congratulatory letter, he sent the painting to Washington, D.C., where it was framed.

The acceptance ceremony and reception honoring the winning artists is in New York in July.

Following the reception, O'Connor's piece will be sent to a Coast Guard base for display.

"This was the first year I entered in the Coast Guard contest, and I won, so I guess I'll do it again," he said.

Another piece of his art will soon be on display at the National Museum of the Marine Corps.

"I found a photo of a river as-

sault craft that was used to patrol the Euphrates River and I really like it," O'Connor said. "I did the painting for myself and ended up getting an e-mail from a master sergeant and he said he really liked it."

Deeper conversation revealed the boat was the same on one the master sergeant had been on when he and his crew were ambushed. He wanted to submit it to the museum.

"I sent it to him of no charge and he sent me a bunch of cool marine patches and video tapes," O'Connor said. "His boat was going to go into the display and he wanted this painting to go with it."

"I wish I could paint full time, but I'm not that well known, I guess ... yet," he said.

O'Connor works as a graphic artist for the St. Clair Shores company Strategic Marketing, creating and selling paintings, models and painted furniture on the side.

Other pieces of his art have been sold to show houses in the Grosse Pointes, the Detroit Red Wings and private homeowners.

Elm stands up to Dutch disease

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A pair of tree experts are giving green thumbs up to an American elm that defies the species' nemesis.

Princeton elm, which shares American elm's graceful habit but not its Achilles heel to invasive Dutch elm disease, is being planted by Grosse Pointe Park City Forester Brian Colter.

Specimens augment surviving *ulmus americana* and replace city-owned ash trees killed by emerald ash borer.

Princeton elms are so tried and true-blue, they're used on Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House to fill voids where American elms succumbed to Dutch elm disease.

Among puny, Princeton whips Colter started planting three years throughout his city, one at a pocket park on Jefferson across from city hall now stands 30 feet.

"I got criticized when I planted them because they were so small, but look how that's grown," said Colter. "I have the last laugh."

At maturity, Princetons branch out to a vase-shape 65 feet tall with 45-foot crowns.

Government testing reportedly documents the tree's resistance to Dutch elm.

"Princeton elm is a true *ulmus americana* and touted with a 99.9 percent success rate," Colter said. "During testing, fungus was injected into it, and it still didn't get diseased. I've started offering them at our annual tree sale."

A nurseryman in Princeton, N.J., favored the tree's ornamental landscape value in the 1920s, before the introduction to North America of Dutch elm disease.

"It's a deep-rooted tree that survives a lot of ice and storm damage," said Jared Bookhardt, American elm specialist at Sharp Top Trees in White, Ga. "It also has a nice, buttery yellow fall color. Little did we know when Dutch elm came to the U.S. in 1933, that the tree would be resistant to Dutch elm."

Colter buys Princetons from Sharp Top.

"We got on board with the idea in 2005 that this was a great tree that needed to be brought back in production," Bookhardt said.

He said the nursery propagates Princetons from cuttings, not buds or grafts.



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

The Princeton elm Brian Colter kneels under across Jefferson from Grosse Pointe Park city hall used to be the size of specimens he's planting this month.

"That's important," Bookhardt said. "If its propagated from a bud or graft, they're typically using unknown root stock that has not been tested, and may not be Dutch elm disease resistant. The tree has to be propagated from cuttings. That way, you guarantee the tree is an exact clone of the original tree. That needs to be continued, or the tree will not be Dutch elm resistant."

Despite fast growth, they're not weak, Bookhardt said.

"American elm wood is very durable," he said. "You can take a twig and bend it back on itself. It typically just bows. That's why its so storm tolerant."

Princetons tolerate climates from zones 2b to 9.

"Zone 2b goes all the way to Edmonton, Canada — extreme cold temperatures," Bookhardt said. "Zone 9 is down near Tampa, Florida."

Colter grew up in Dearborn. He studied at Michigan State University and the University of Michigan, did field research in Alaska and has been working for the Park since 1994.

"When I came here, this community still had mature *Americana* elms," Colter said.

"We didn't have any elms left in Dearborn."

About 20 percent of the Park's street trees at the time were ash. Colter wanted to diversify, yet keep the elms coming.

"At the time, elms were mostly hybrids or exotics in the elm family," he said.

He experimented by planting *Zelkova*.

"It's in the elm family, but not native to North America," Colter said. "It's Asian."

Zelkova's tight branching structure didn't mimic native elm.

"As branches grow wider, eventually there will be enclosed wood in the crotch and branches will sheer off," Colter said.

He tried *Homestead* elm, a hybrid.

"Again, it didn't have the same habit as *Americana* elm," Colter said.

He turned to *Pioneer* elm, another hybrid rejected for its lollipop shape.

"Then, we planted some Valley Forge and New Harmony and Liberty elms," Colter said. "The jury is still out on Valley Forge. Liberty elm, a true *Americana* elm, got Dutch elm disease."

Free DSO tickets

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra offers free admission to its 8 p.m. Saturday, April 9, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 10, concerts at Orchestra

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SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 21, 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 Daniel S. Palmer.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilman Daniel Palmer from tonight's meeting because of a family medical emergency.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held March 7, 2011, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting held March 9, 2011.
- 3) To open the Public Hearing on the 2011 Community Development Block Grant program.
- 4) To close the Public Hearing on the 2011 Community Development Block Grant program.
- 5) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 93207 through 93334 in the amount of \$349,463.72 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 \$21,423.60 for residential and commercial sidewalk salting and snow removal in various areas of the City.
- 2) To adopt the 2011 Community Development Block Grant Program as follows:

Administration	\$ 9,700
SOC Minor Home Repairs	\$16,000
SOC Chore Program	\$ 9,220
Street Improvements, Concrete, Landscape & Electrical - Census Tract 5516003 (Kelly Rd.)	\$52,860
Pointe Area Assisted Transit Svc. (Handicapped Transportation)	\$ 9,220
TOTAL	\$ 97,000
- 3) To introduce and place for first reading an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 13 by Adding a New Section 13-19 to Prohibit the Distribution of Commercial Handbills Within the City of Harper Woods," and further, to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.
- 4) Approve payment to Galui Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$12,733.15 for Progress Payment No. 20 on the 2003 - 2009 Concrete Pavement Repair Program, #180-076/081/088/092/101/105/116.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor
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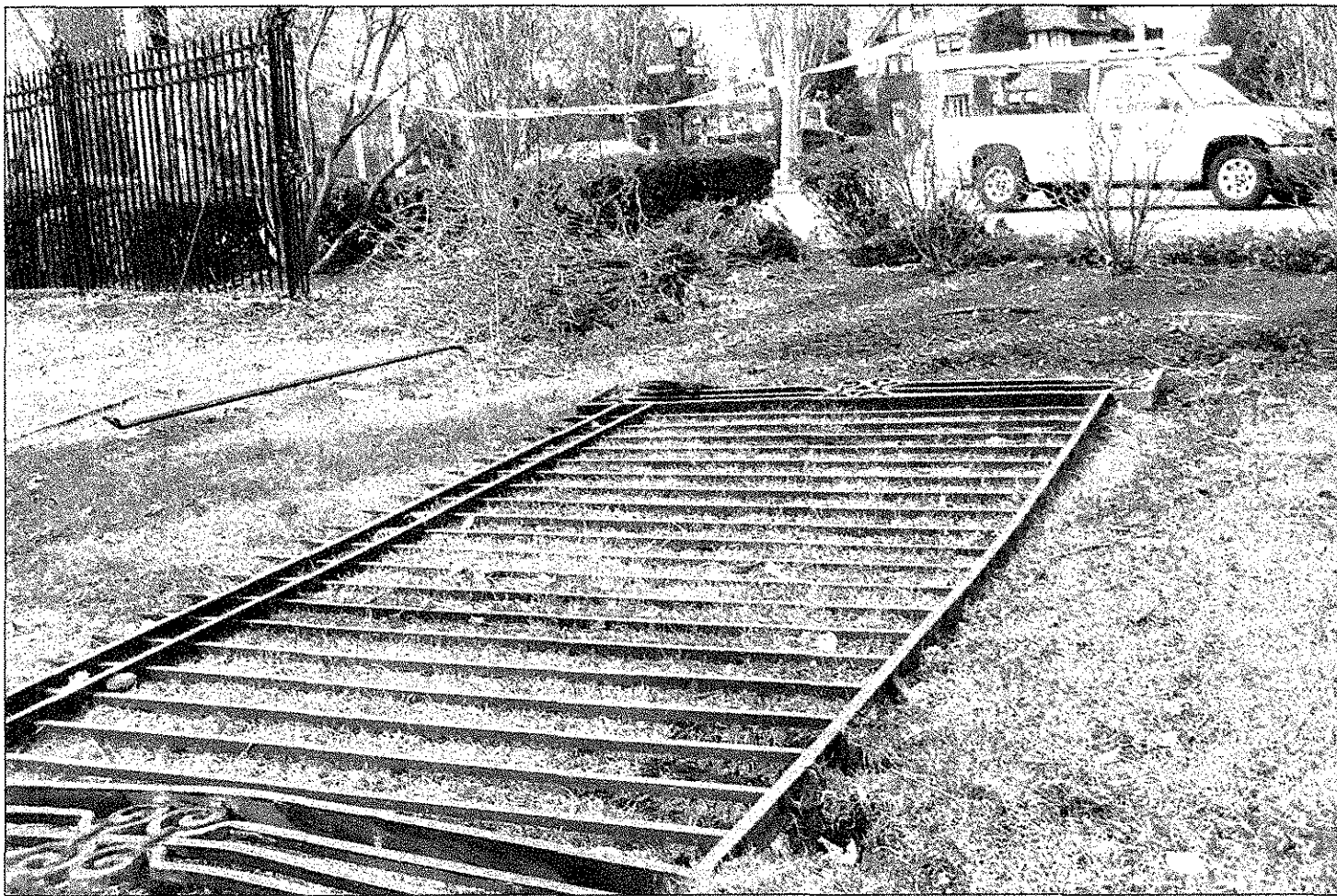


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And he didn't have a park pass.

PARK: City could seek restitution

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Municipal Court, according to Stephen Poloni, director of public safety.

"There is extensive damage to the wrought iron fence," Poloni said. "I don't have a (repair) estimate yet, a company

hasn't yet been out to give us an estimate."

Even without the city's new cost-recovery ordinance, the man likely will be held responsible for repairs to municipal property.

"We will be talking to his insurance company to reimburse us for damages," Poloni said.

CONTRACT: Concessions come in pact

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will be offered health insurance through Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO-3, with an employee contribution of \$250 for single employees and a \$500 contribution for family coverage. Employees wishing to opt out of insurance coverage will see their opt-out benefit reduced from \$3,500 to \$3,000 per year.

The contract also calls for changes in retiree benefits, including increases in retiree health care contributions and the elimination of retiree life insurance.

"We're pleased with the agreement that we have reached," said Councilman Art Bryant who chairs the city's ad

hoc labor negotiations committee. "We're not confident that things will improve very soon and our employees have heard the same message from Lansing that we have."

City administrator Skip Fincham echoed Bryant's remarks.

"I think the union did a great job," he said. "We're facing tough times, and they came to the table with realistic expectations. We have great employees."

The city is currently in negotiations with three other unions that cover public safety officers, emergency medical technicians and public safety command officers. City officials would not comment on the progress of those negotiations.

REPORTS: Crime stories of the Pointes

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Grosse Pointe Woods police at (313) 343-2400.

Grosse Pointe Park

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After a passenger punched him in the back of the head, a cab driver delivered the man directly to the Park police station where he was arrested. Charges are pending against the 61-year-old Park man following the 11:16 a.m. Tuesday, March 29, assault.

Bike theft

A 50-year-old Detroit resident with a long criminal history for theft, was observed at 9:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, with a bicycle he said he found in the trash. The bike was reported missing from a yard in the 1000 block of Beaconsfield. The subject was arrested and the case referred to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

— Kathy Ryan

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

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WEEK AHEAD:

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

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Problems at 7 p.m. at University Liggett School, 1045 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The free program is sponsored by GardenGreen of LocalMotionGreen.

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

◆ The Grosse Pointe Concert Band's spring concert begins at 8 p.m. in the Parcels Middle School auditorium, 20600 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Donations are accepted.

◆ Raleigh, the police dog, and his handler, Sgt. Mike Almeranti, visit the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch, 20680 Mack, from 4 to 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

◆ Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Business Before Hours, sponsored by Wayne County Community College District, hosts a social media presentation by Pat Hopper of Hopper Communications, from 8 to 9 a.m. at the WCCCD University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods.

◆ "Human Trafficking, the Hidden Highway," is the topic of a free 7 p.m. lecture at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Presenters are Miss Michigan Katie LaRouche, victim witness specialist Amy Allen and director of outreach at Detroit's Alternative for Girls, Deena Policicchio. The public can attend the free lecture, sponsored by the Soroptimist of Grosse Pointe.

◆ Darla P. Jaros discusses ways to save time and money in the kitchen from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch, 20680 Mack.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

◆ A teen poetry slam is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council will be considering the following proposed ordinance for adoption at its meeting scheduled for Monday, April 18, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The proposed ordinance is available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The above Council meeting is open to the public. All interested persons are invited to attend.

An Ordinance to Amend Sec. 2-294(b)(2) to state that membership in the retirement system shall not include a person who is employed by the City in a position normally requiring less than 1350 hours of work per annum. The current ordinance states 1200 hours of work.

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City Clerk

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An Ordinance to Repeal the following Sections of Chapter 32, Signs:

- (1) That portion of Section 32-2 Definitions as follows:
Neon and neon type mean any arrangement of exposed and visible illuminated neon or neon type tubes, fiber optics, light emitting diodes or similar technology.
- (2) Sec. 32-10(b)(11) any neon or neon type signed as defined in Sec. 32-2 subject to Sec. 32-35.
- (3) Sec. 32-35 Grandfathering clause; neon, repealed in its entirety.

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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, April 26, 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.

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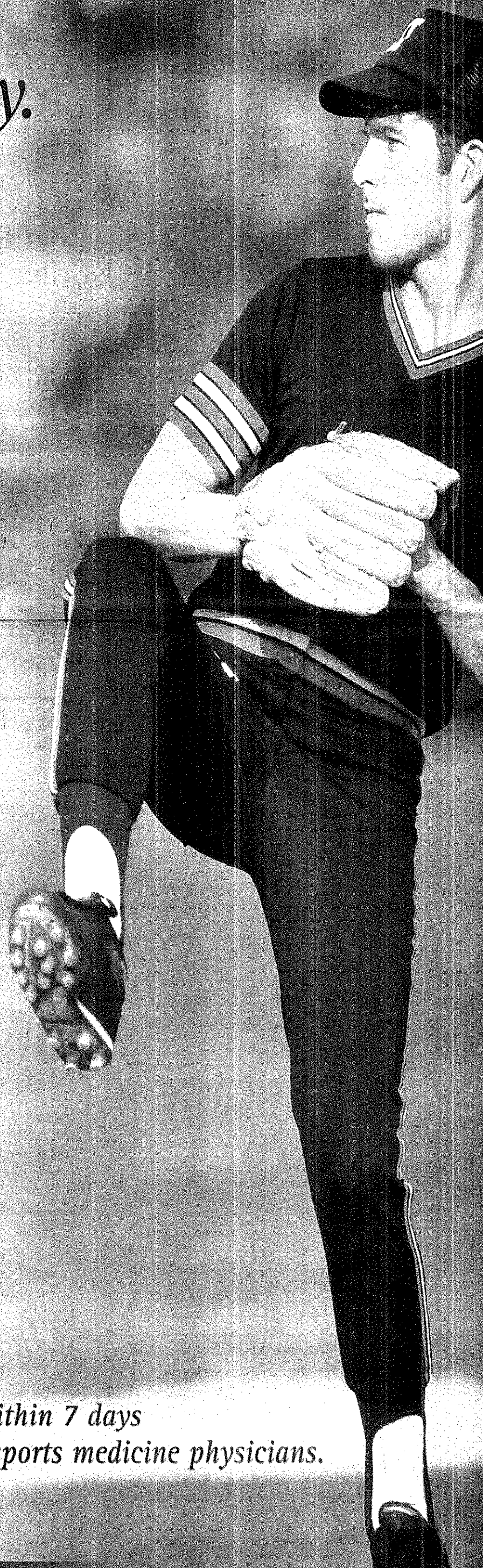
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Poupard teacher 'going to the chapel'

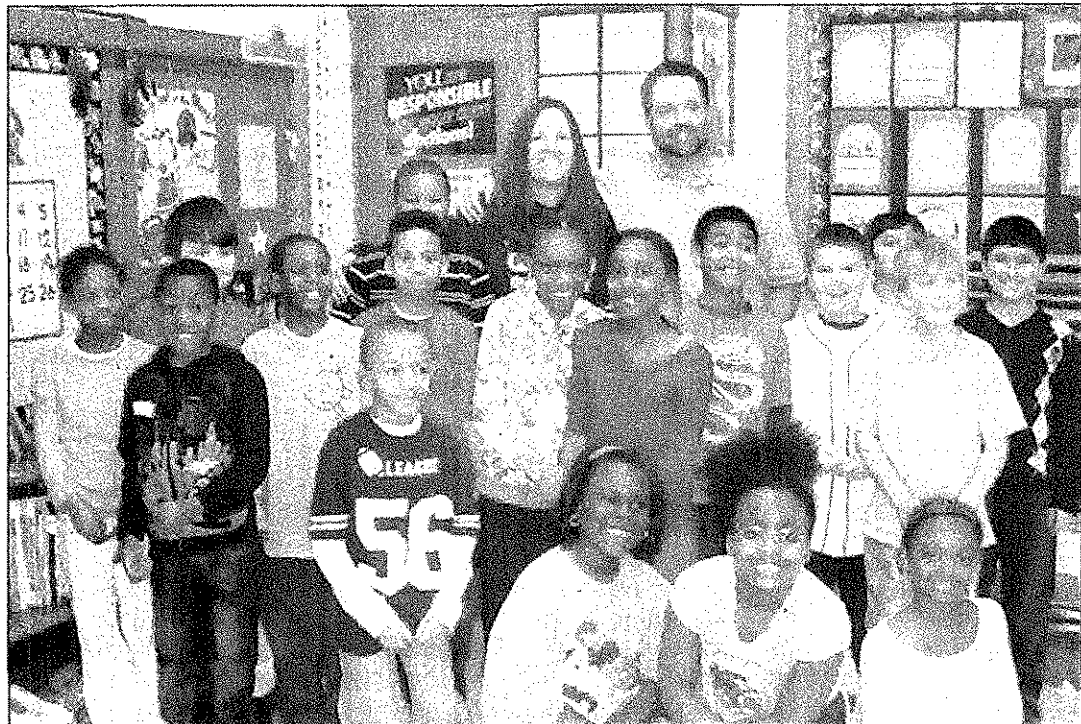


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Christy Heugh and her fiancé, Jesse Brady-Davenport, shared in their engagement with Heugh's third-grade class.

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

It was one of those romantic moments befitting of a Nicholas Sparks novel.

Christy Heugh, a third-grade teacher at Poupard Elementary School, was teaching an economics lesson when her boyfriend, Jesse Brady-Davenport, showed up unexpectedly at her door. In one hand he held 50 tulips — Heugh's favorite flower — and in the other, a ring box. He walked in, dropped to one knee, and popped the question.

"He thought this was the most appropriate place to propose to me," Heugh said of her now fiancé, an eighth-grade earth science teacher at Ferndale Middle School. "I was a little white, and in a state of surprise and shock. Probably the most shocked I've ever been."

Adding to the moment were the reactions from Heugh's students and the faculty. A few students asked what just happened, some if she already had her last name changed, and others if there was going to be cake. And, as if she wasn't surprised enough, members of the staff announced the engagement over the PA system and played the Dixie Cup's, "Going to the Chapel."

"You could hear everyone cheer loudly," Heugh said. "Afterward, I had past years' students and parents stopping in to congratulate us. It was very, very sweet and special."

"I really love it here. The people here just made it that much more special."

The couple, who recently celebrated their 11-month anniversary on St. Patrick's Day, had gone ring shopping a few weeks prior. So Heugh knew what was coming, just not

where or when.

"I was talking about it with the students a week prior," Brady-Davenport said of his plan to propose. "They gave me some ideas that led me to this one. She knew it was coming, but I was just wracking my brain to figure out how."

A week before he proposed, Brady-Davenport contacted the school secretary, Cindy LaRue, and filled her in on the secret. He consulted her the day of to make sure Heugh was in class and that it was all right to come.

"It was much more public than I thought it would be," Brady-Davenport said. "I envisioned one or two people with me. But it was nice. I was glad we were able to incorporate her kids and the staff and everyone."

Heugh and Brady-Davenport haven't set a date yet, but hope to have the wedding in May or June 2012.

Board considers reconstruction of school day

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Buried beneath a series of teacher cuts and increasing class size in the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education's potential budget reduction draft lies the possibility to restructure the high school day.

At a projected savings of \$1,088,000, it's the most cost-

effective way to trim the budget, a necessity considering Gov. Rick Snyder's proposed cuts of \$470 per pupil. If passed, it would reduce district revenue by \$6.3 to \$6.7 million. Yet, for the past five or six years, restructuring has acted as nothing more than the elephant in the room.

"The only reason it's last is that it's not possible for next year," said Al Diver, Grosse

Pointe South principal and co-head, along with North principal Tim Bearden, of the research committee hired to analyze the school day. "Or else it would be up right at the top."

The research committee, consisting of about 30 people, spent two years studying other high school systems to find a more efficient, less costly school day schedule. Criteria of the research included: cost

efficiency, impact on student achievement and impact on school culture. None of the systems researched impacted student achievement.

In their current structure, Grose Pointe North and South high schools work within a seven-period day, a system hardly used in present-day structures. This plan allows teachers to teach five of seven classes at 71 percent efficiency.

while offering fewer varieties of classes to students. The limited class selection forces students into tutorial periods, which act as a study hall, or second prep session for teachers, and doesn't count toward student grades.

In its analysis of the current schedule, the committee also deemed it negatively impacts a school's culture and fails to provide an efficient, cost-effective

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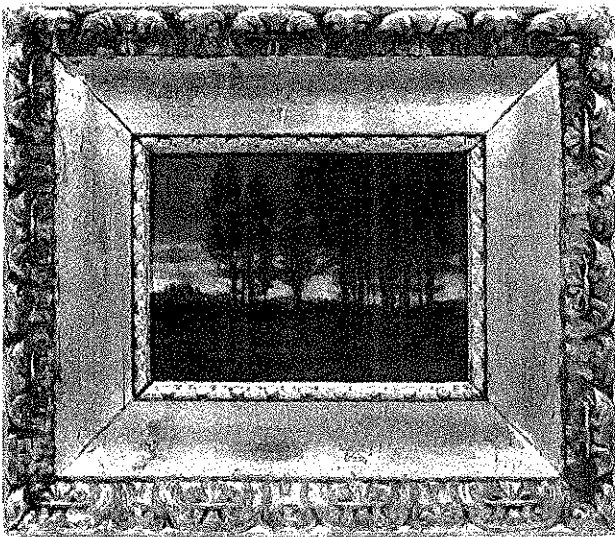
"The bell's constantly ringing, there's a lot of passing times, more opportunities for difficulty in hallways, more opportunities for tardies, and a lot of issues," Bearden said of the seven-period day. "So, block schedules, trimesters were attractive from that standpoint. Fewer passing periods during

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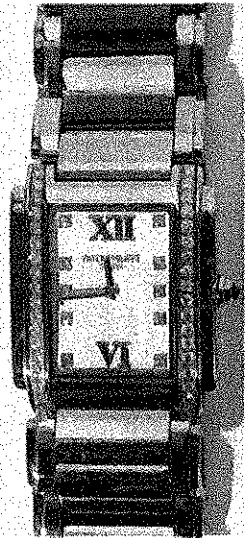
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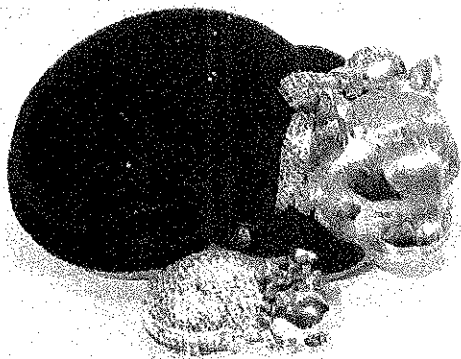
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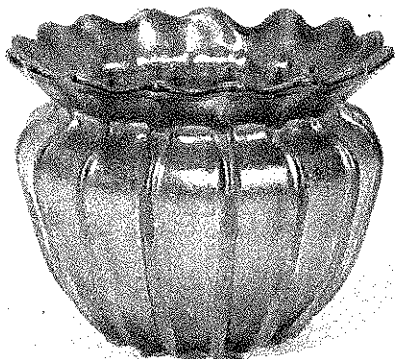
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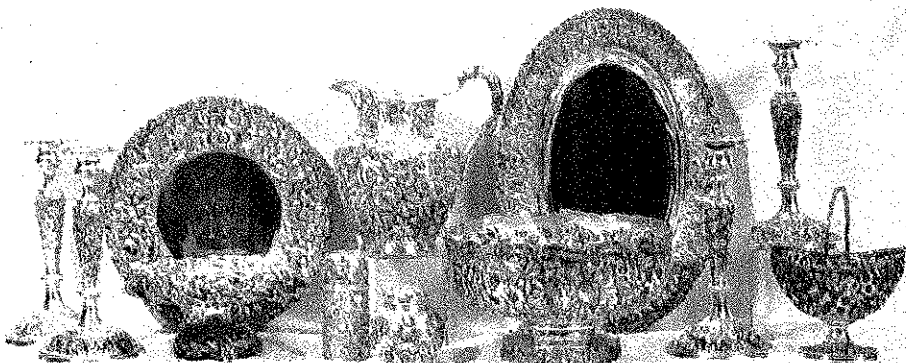
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South Mothers' Club presents spring show "The Devils Wear ..."

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

As part of its annual spring benefit fundraiser, the Grosse Pointe South Mothers' Club brings the pages of "Runway" magazine to life through a fashion show and luncheon parodying Lauren Weisberger's novel, "The Devil Wears Prada."

"The Devils Wear..." as it's called, is sponsored by Beaumont Grosse Pointe, Spirit of Women and Dr. David and Sherry Cotton and takes place from 12 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, at Grosse Pointe South. The Mothers' Club expects more than 500 to attend.

The show features South parents and Grosse Pointe Theatre members Pam Montgomery

and Mike Trudel, as well as alum Carrie Fisk emceeing the event as the three main characters from the novel — Miranda Priestly, Nigel and Andy Sachs. Each is provided a script and perform vignettes during pauses in the fashion portion of the show.

"It's one of our major fundraisers," benefit co-chair Polly Tech said.

"We just thought it would be fun, with us being the Blue Devils, for us to incorporate something like that. They'll have dialogue and speaking parts, and it'll focus more on the story surrounding it. I thought it was a great idea."

The Mothers' Club involves more than 250 students in the show, with about 100 modeling

clothes from 11 local stores, including Jos. A. Bank, Dawood, Girly Girl, Yoga Shelter, Village Palm, Carhartt, Cafana's Tuxedo, Hannah Bear/La Jolie Rose, Hydrangea, Voila Designs and Boutique Bellissima. South's fashions and fabrics class also presents an outfit for the runway.

South's choir, band and orchestra provide entertainment, and students from the honors society help bus tables.

Models have their hair and make-up done courtesy of Salon Daniele and Estee Lauder, respectively.

Those in attendance also have the chance to shop at vendor stations run by Albatross Recycled Sail Co., The Quilt Lady, Cavanaugh's, Small

Favors, Wink, Hydrangea, Flowers by Gabrielle and Cindy Fogliatti Jewelry, and participate in a raffle featuring items donated by 43 local businesses.

Dana Kaiser is the event's photographer and provides a real-life fashion show experience by enacting "photo shoots" with the models on stage.

"Everyone has been absolutely phenomenal with everything," production manager Barb Palazzolo said. "This community has been overwhelmingly responsive."

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For more information, call Vicki Clevenger at, (313) 824-8246.



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Four Grosse Pointe South band and orchestra students were recently nominated for the Michigan Youth Art Festival. Due to strong performances on the proficiency examinations, they earned All-State orchestra selections and were asked to attend the festival as part of the All-State orchestra May 12 through 14. From left, Mateja Kalajian, Kellen Degnan, Brian Hall and Charles Paul.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID CLEVELAND

Pictured are a few of the Grosse Pointe North band and orchestra members who recently received first division medals at the MSBOA state solo and ensemble festival at Farmington Harrison. From left, Harry Sellars, Kim Jovanovski, Paige Kozak, Gina Lopiccio, Erin McCarthy, Robert Bylski, Allison Francis, Hannah White, Kailey Sickmiller and Adriana Casano.

Trimester: Committee deems most feasible

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the day, kind of a more calming structure in terms of set-up."

Of the five systems researched — six-period day, block, trimester, current and a true seven-period day — block and trimester schedules were the two most sought after alternatives. Both were more efficient in terms of additional offerings to students and in teaching assignments, but the block schedule required two additional teachers and increased the budget by \$733,200.

So while it proved better and offered more, it failed to meet the third criteria — cost effectiveness.

The trimester, similar to the system used by universities and community colleges, worked at 80 percent efficiency, where teachers taught four

of five periods per trimester. According to the data from 2006, it also offered an additional 52.5 sections per high school and reduced the need for teachers by about four per high school, thus, cutting the budget by \$624,000.

But, board members raised concerns over the fact it would extend class periods to 75 minutes, and that a student could conceivably take the first half of a class in the second or third trimester and not take the second half until the next year.

"There were a couple of concerns that were voiced to us," Bearden said of the criticisms against the switch to trimesters.

"A typical class would be two out of the three trimesters throughout the year. Because of the way the schedule's built, it's possible that a student could have the first section of the course in the first trimester,

but not get the second portion of the course until the third trimester, so they could have a gap in between."

"Research on the schedules, from schools that were in it, showed that that gap wasn't significant, there wasn't any loss from student performance."

Despite the criticisms and an apparent resistance to change, Snyder's proposed cuts, should they pass, will ultimately force the board to find alternatives other than layoffs and increasing class size to trim the budget.

Restructuring the high school day provides the board with such an alternative. It's just a matter of whether it wants to change a system that's been in place for nearly 20 years.

"There's better things we can do than what we're doing," Diver said.



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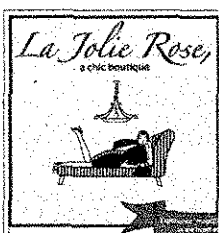
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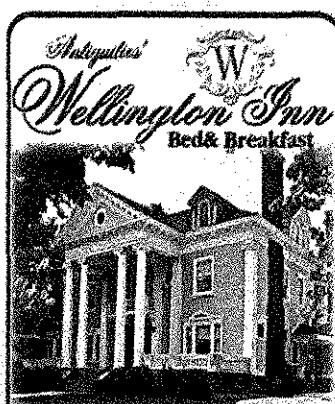
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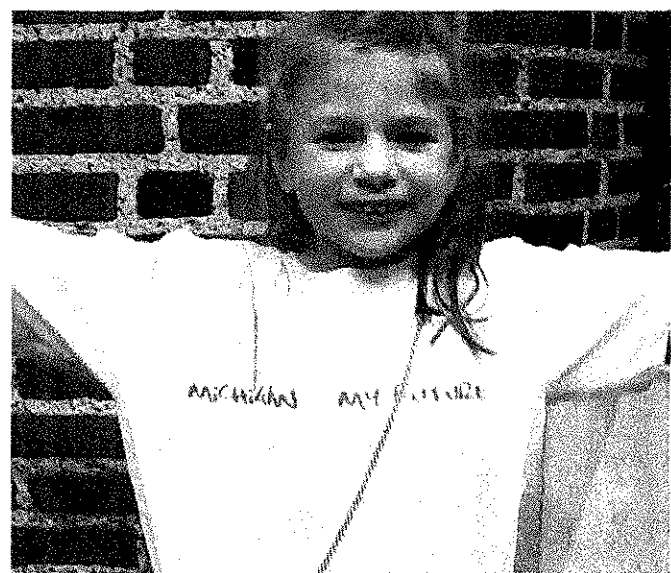
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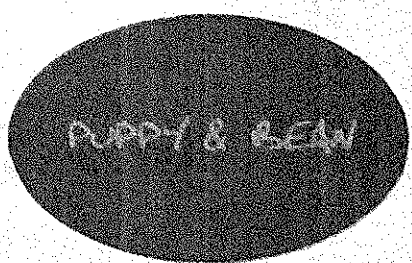
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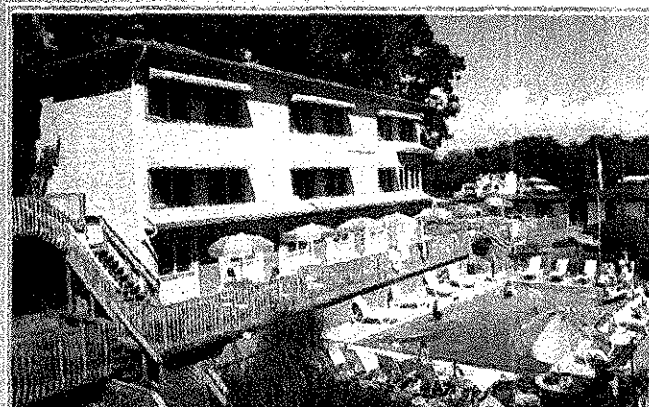
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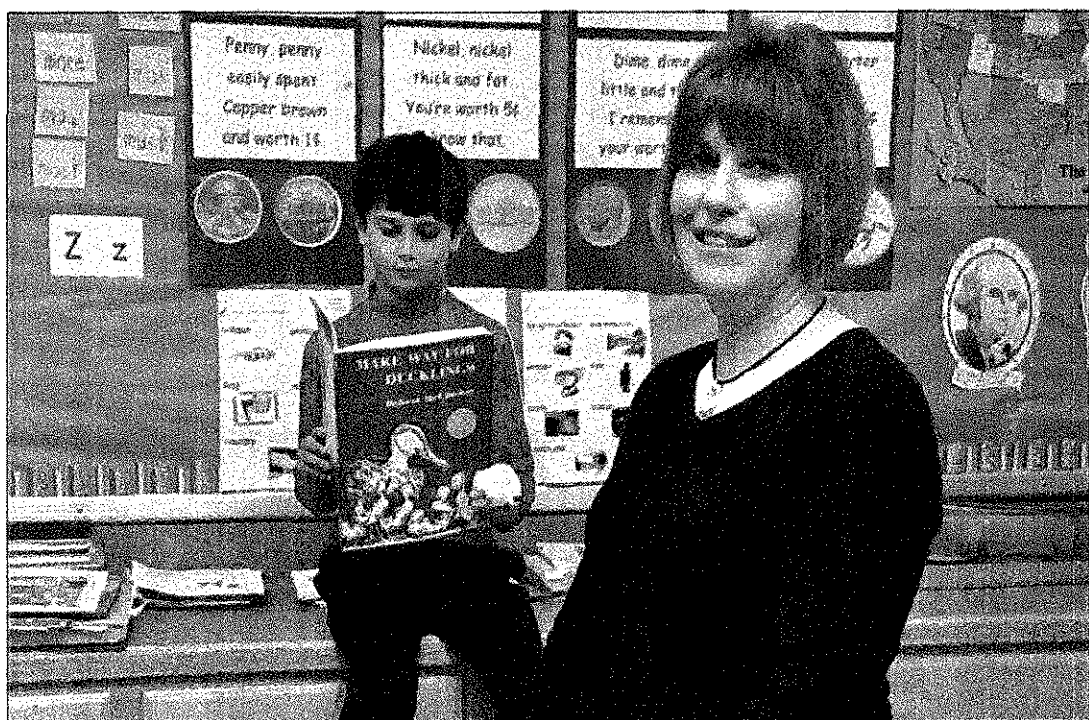


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First-grade teacher, Christine Porada, with Wyatt Smith, the student who nominated her.

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 Monteith elementary school first-grade teacher Christine Porada.

She was nominated by Monteith fourth-grader Wyatt Smith: "I could never forget my first teacher at Monteith, Mrs. Porada. Even though I'm in fourth grade, I still haven't forgotten how great my first-grade teacher was. I arrived at Monteith Elementary after going to Barnes school for the all-day kindergarten. I was nervous and didn't know what to expect."

"Mrs. Porada was the first teacher I met and she made me feel so comfortable and safe. The class had lots of nice kids and was so fun. Mrs. Porada is so nice and kind to everyone. Everyone who is lucky enough to have her loves her. I know this because my sisters, Meghan and Annie, had her as a teacher at Monteith, too."

Years at the Grosse Pointe Woods school: I have taught kindergarten, first, and second

grades over the past 17 years in Grosse Pointe. Currently I teach first grade at Monteith.

Why did you become a teacher: When I was younger it was fun to set up a classroom in my basement to play school. I loved being the teacher's helper in my elementary years. As I grew older, my passion for reading and writing turned into a passion that I wanted to share with others. What better way to share this passion than to teach young children how to grow as readers and writers.

What do you enjoy about teaching: I love watching children discover new things. It is a rewarding feeling when you watch a first-grader come in at the beginning of the school year as a basic reader and mathematician. Then, exiting first grade after a year of growth as a proficient learner. The periods of growth over a school year are amazing. It is rewarding for both the children and the teacher. Knowing you gave a child some of the initial steps that will help carry them through life is one of the greatest accomplishments you

can feel as a teacher.

How do you feel about being nominated: I am honored to be nominated by Wyatt. I can't think of a bigger honor than knowing a former student of mine remembered the great year we had together. It is wonderful to know I made a positive impact on his life, especially since I also taught his sisters, Annie and Megan. I feel like I taught a family, not just students.

Favorite book to share with students: My favorite story to share with the children is a difficult one to answer. There are such great pieces of literature that we share on a daily basis in our classroom.

If I had to pick one story, it would have to be, "Make Way For Ducklings," by Robert McCloskey. I love the way I can draw the students into such a classic story. It is great to watch their eyes light up to a basically illustrated story filled with such love. The children ask to hear it over and over again.

—A.J. Hakim

District's MEAP scores consistent

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

A review of the recently released Michigan Educational Assessment Program test scores indicate Grosse Pointe public schools meet or exceed state standards in all subjects. Scores remained consistent with last year.

The test is based on state education standards and is the only common measure given statewide to students. It assesses knowledge and proficiency of students in grades three through eighth in math, reading, writing (grades four and seven only), science (grades five and eight only) and social studies (grade six only).

Grading for each subject is broken down into four performance levels: advanced, proficient, partially proficient and not proficient.

According to the Michigan Department of Education website, its standard of proficiency "measures a student at a basic level of knowledge in a given curriculum area."

The state board of educa-

tion recently announced its plans to raise the bar for future testing by elevating the standard cut scores associated with its proficiency standards.

"We want to provide an authentic view of where students are academically," Superintendent of Public Instruction Mike Flanagan said in a press release from the department of education. "We wanted to give schools the opportunity to fully implement the more rigorous content expectations, then properly adjust the achievement standards, 'cut scores' to reflect whether students are on-track to career and college readiness."

As it is currently, in terms of meeting or exceeding state standards in proficiency, the Grosse Pointe district numbers varied only slightly from last year.

It continued to maintain averages in the 90th percentile through all grades in math and reading, though percentages decreased minimally in reading in most grades.

Science and social studies also were within the 90th per-

centile range, with sixth-grade social studies at 89.9 and fifth-grade science 88.6.

The writing portion of the test was new and comparison to recent years unfeasible, though the district's 70 percent in both fourth and seventh grades far exceeded the state average of 47 percent of fourth-graders and 48 of seventh.

The district performed above the state average in all subjects, though, in relation to other metropolitan-area public school districts with similar budgets, it ranks toward the bottom.

Comparing Grosse Pointe public schools (\$115 million budget) with Birmingham public schools (\$113 million), Bloomfield Hills schools (\$80 million), Rochester community schools (\$150 million), the Troy school district (\$136 million) and West Bloomfield school district (\$90 million), Grosse Pointe falls among the bottom two or three in most grades in math, reading and science, particularly in the upper grades (fifth through eighth).

Public forum on elementary scheduling

A public forum to discuss the progress and recommendations of the Elementary Scheduling Committee is at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 14, in the Maire elementary school gymnasium.

As part of the district's commitment to ongoing improvement of its practices, a committee of elementary teachers, administrators and parents met for the past five months to review scheduling practices in the elementary program. Topics under review include: the scheduling of art, vocal music, physical education, library skills and Spanish.

In addition, the committee reviewed the instrumental

music schedule in fifth grade, other scheduling practices that affect reading support, speech, Title I services, recess and the block schedule used in the elementary schools.

Attendees can learn about the data collected and committee recommendations. A question and answer session follows.

Residents sought for strategic planning committee

The Grosse Pointe Public School System seeks the help of community members for a strategic planning focus group.

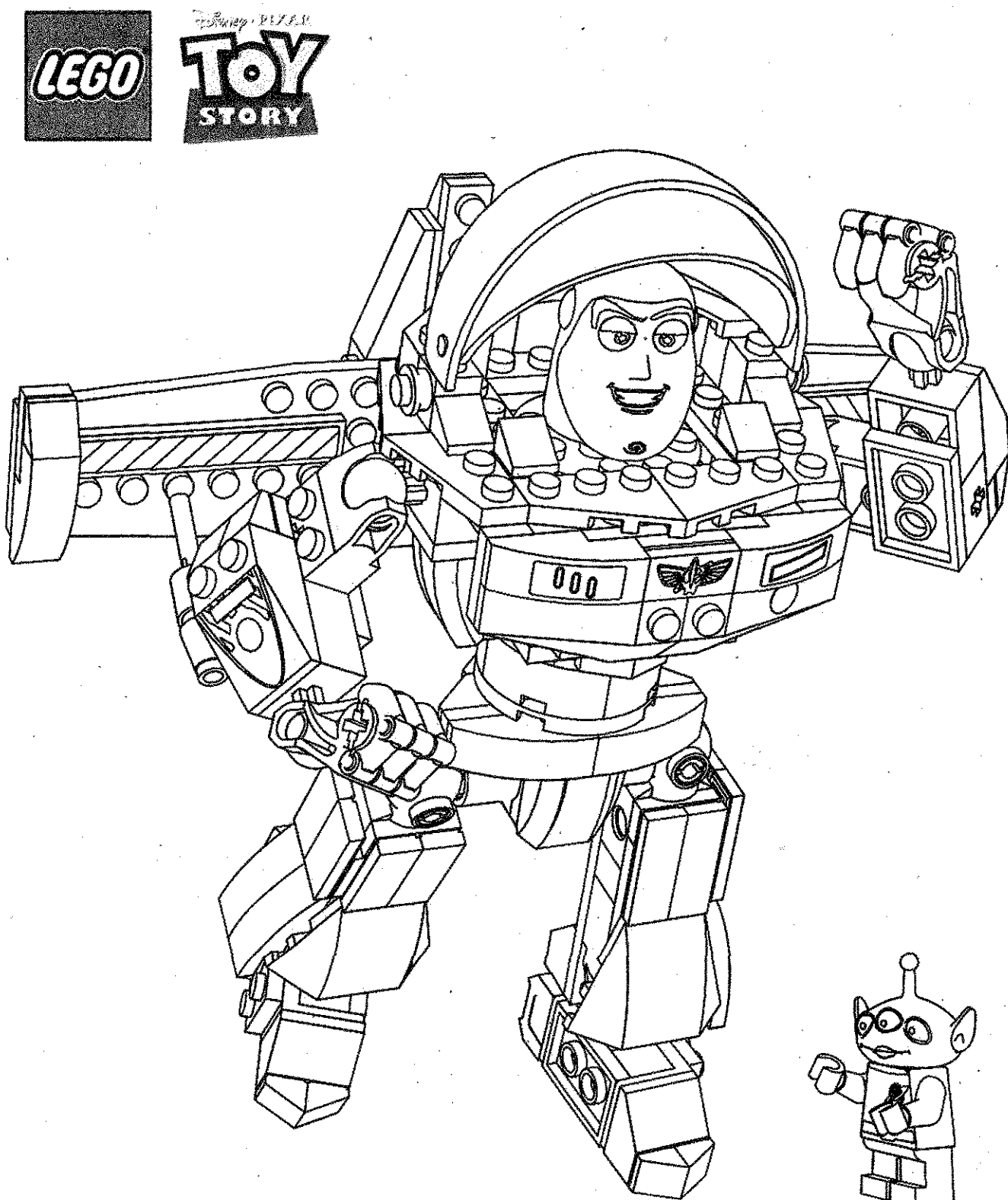
The purpose is to provide input regarding the board of

education's planning process, to determine resident perceptions of school strengths, identify goals, offer ideas for enhancing the quality of education in the public schools, and offer input into the search to replace Superintendent Suzanne Klein.

The board requires eight to 10 residents, who currently do not have children in the system, to participate in a 75-minute discussion facilitated by an independent research firm.

The group meets 1:15 to 2:45 p.m., Friday, April 8, in the administration building.

For more information, call Rebecca Fannon at (313) 432-3007 or via e-mail, rebecca.fannon@gpschools.org.



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OBITUARIES

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

Mary Lee Kelly

Mary Lee Kelly, 79, died Thursday, March 31, 2011 at Waccamaw Community Hospital in South Carolina.

Born in Canada, she was the daughter of Leo and Madeline Borowski, who predeceased her. Her husband, Bernard Kelly, also predeceased her.

Mrs. Kelly and her husband were Guardian Ad Litem for the State of South Carolina.

Mrs. Kelly loved time spent with her family.

She was a registered nurse and had worked in both Michigan and South Carolina. She was a former member of the Marine Corps Auxiliary and served her community and family which both were important to her. She loved to garden and was a member of the Card Stamping Club and a parishioner of St. Michael Catholic Church in Murrells Inlet, S.C.

Mrs. Kelly is survived by her children, Brian J. (Anne-Marie) Kelly of Michigan, Theresa Marie (Larry) Avery of

Michigan, Maureen Brigid (Michael) Andera of Arizona and Timothy G. Kelly of Arizona; grandchildren, Brigid (Jeremy), Clare (John), Lauren and Emily; great-grandchildren, Emmett and Avery June and a loving sister, Charlotte Torres of Murrells Inlet. She also was a loving sister-in-law to Nancy Quinn of Michigan and Terry and Gerri Kelly of Arizona and an aunt and great aunt to many.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, April 5, at St. Michael Catholic Church.

Inurnment will be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

Express condolences or share a memory at goldfinchfunerahome.com.

Carolyn "Patsy" Royer

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Carolyn "Patsy" Royer, 89, died peacefully Friday, March 25, 2011, at home among family members.

Born Feb. 9, 1922, to Frederick Joseph Wander and Edna Stewart Wander in Maplewood, N.J., she was nicknamed "Patsy" by her cousin at an early age.

Most of her childhood was spent at Camp Wyoda in Vermont where she ranked as a potential Olympic swimmer. After attending South Orange High School, she graduated from Colby Junior College and Skidmore College. As she matured, she played polo on several prestigious men's teams.

During World War II, Mrs. Royer served as a design engineer for Western Electric. She married her childhood sweetheart in the fall of 1948. After her husband's medical studies, they moved to Grosse Pointe in 1953.

Mrs. Royer was active in her children's activities: Cub Scouts, Little League and Brownies.

She spent summers sailing, fishing and golfing at "the Cottage" on Lake Erie in Canada, where she was president of the Lake Erie Country



Carolyn "Patsy" Royer

Club for a number of years. Winters, she enjoyed her time in Florida on Marco Island, fishing, entertaining other snowbirds and golfing as her husband's favorite golf partner. When she was not creating woodwork for family and friends, she found time to garden, read, travel and play bridge.

Mrs. Royer is survived by her husband, Dr. Richard R. Royer; children, Robert Stewart Royer, Richard Kinsey Royer and Carolyn "Candi" Royer and her two grandsons, Stewart Pike Royer and Shippen Condit Royer. They will be celebrating her life in a private ceremony.

Donations may be made to the Detroit Institute of Arts at dia.org, Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology at eyesonline.org or Grosse Pointe Farms Police Officers Association, Attn: Director Jensen, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Beulah Odessa Wells

Beulah Odessa Wells, 95, of the City of Grosse Pointe, passed away peacefully Friday, April 1, 2011, surrounded by her family.

She was born Dec. 29, 1915, in Londonderry Station, Nova Scotia, Canada, to Ward and Odessa (nee Smith) Giddens.

Mrs. Wells lived and worked during World War II in Montreal, Quebec, where she met Ted Wells. After marrying, they initially settled in London, Ontario, and eventually moved to Grosse Pointe in June 1963.

Mrs. Wells was an accomplished draftsman and worked in her trade for many years. Her biggest accomplishment was her love of her family and caring for her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed years of membership and friendship in the Daughters of the British Empire, Princess Beatrice Chapter; Questers; Grosse Pointe Congregational Church and several Bible study groups. Her interests included gardening and antique collecting. Her family said she was a wonderful lady and friend with a very big heart.

Mrs. Wells was proud to be a Bluenoser; she loved her homeland of Nova Scotia, and returned there most summers to enjoy her family and cottage on the Glooscap Trail along the Fundy Shore.

Mrs. Wells is survived by her children, Margaret (Bill Nanich) Wells, Ellen (John)



Beulah Odessa Wells

Byrnes and Edward (Chantalle) Wells; grandchildren, Christopher (Cindy) Glowney, Jason (Saba) Glowney, Nathan (Jenny) Byrnes, Alana Byrnes, Mark Wells, Jeff (Amy) Wells, Jordan Wells and Isaac Wells and great-grandchildren, Kelcey Glowney, Bradon Glowney, Connor Byrnes, Mackenzie Byrnes and Meygan Glowney.

She was predeceased by her husband, Edward William "Ted" Wells and her parents.

During the last several years of her life, Mrs. Wells was fortunate to have outstanding caretakers who were also great friends. Janet Tucker and Denise Hawley worked hard to make Mrs. Wells' time on Earth comfortable and allow her to stay in her home.

A memorial service will be held at noon Saturday, April 16, at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Road, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

Margaret Ann Borden

Margaret Ann Borden, 81, died Wednesday, March 16, 2011.

A longtime Grosse Pointe resident, Mrs. Borden was an active member of her community. She was a charter member in the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, volunteered at the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan and belonged to many local clubs and committees, such as the Grosse Pointe Shores Beautification Committee, the Windmill Pointe Garden Club and "the Quiddlers."

Mrs. Borden's love of her family, friends, traveling, gardening, and of life in general, was amazing and contagious and she will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Borden is survived by her sons, Craig (Patrice), Curtis (Victoria) and Paul (Karen); daughter, Anne (Cary); brother, John (Rosa) Nine; grandchildren, Christopher (Heather), Scott, Stephanie, Ryan, Chloe, Alexander, Nicholas and Cassandra and great-grandchildren, Joseph, Jack and Evan.



Margaret Ann Borden



Susan Conner Brown

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Douglas Borden.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 28, at her home.

The family invites all of Mrs. Borden's friends to come and celebrate her life with them and requests that instead of flowers, a donation be made in her name to the Van Elslander Cancer Center, SJPHS Foundation, 19251 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Susan Conner Brown

Susan Conner Brown died peacefully Monday, March 28, 2011, in Canton.

She was born Aug. 18, 1939, in Pennsylvania to Margaret and Thorn Conner, who predeceased her. She is survived by her daughters, Jennifer (Joseph) Lemieux of Northville, Kelly (Kevin) Drummond of St. Clair and Wendy (Joseph) Paszkiewicz of Hoffman Estates, Ill. She was the beloved wife of late Thomas and the cherished Grammie to her seven grandchildren: Sarah, Andrew, Scott, Megan, Kyle, Jessica and Katelyn. Additionally, she was the much loved sister of John (Sally) Conner of Kalamazoo and Ann Seden of Southgate.

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Above: Carol Lee Reno of Grosse Pointe Farms, right, and Jan Thibodeau Mchale of Bloomfield Hills at the Duomo in Florence, Italy.



Right: Sue and Andrew Dine of Grosse Pointe Woods celebrating their 23rd wedding anniversary in St. Maarten.



Below: Cheryl Cusmano, left, and her son, Nick, right, share the Grosse Pointe News with the mayor of Taquile, Peru.

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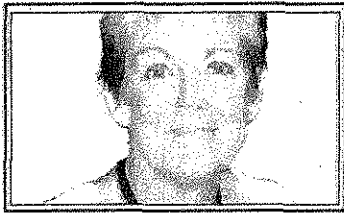
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Ford creates digital child crash dummy



Responding to the need to make cars safer for young passengers, Ford Motor Co. is working on a digital crash dummy representing a 6-year-old child.

The sophisticated digital child could be computer tested with results to approximate what really happens to children in car crashes.

Ford said car crashes are the leading cause of death for children ages 1 through the teen years.

"A child's head is larger compared with the body than an adult's head," said Steve Rouhana, senior technical leader for safety in Ford Passive Safety Research and Advanced Engineering.

"The neck of a child is not as strong and bones are softer," he said, noting such features make it imperative safety equipment in vehicles be designed to include persons of all sizes and ages.

Simulated computer-based crash testing has progressed to the point researchers can tell at the tissue level what happens to the body in a crash, Rouhana said.

When asked the three most important parts to protect in a crash, Rouhana said experts told him, "The head, the head and the head."

Ford research specialists, including Jesse Ruan, invested 10 years in developing a digital adult. That project was completed in 2004.

Work on the projects includes a partnership between Tianjin University of Science

and Technology and Tianjin Children's Hospital. The hospital is providing child geometry and body information from magnetic resonance imaging and Computed Axial Tomography scans of volunteers.

The scan cross-sections help compose the child, making it as true to life as possible, Ruan said.

"Building the model of a person is just like building a model of a car," Rouhana said. "You start with your surface geometry for each component and any subcomponent it contains — in this case the geometry of the human body and its internal organs."

Rouhana was quick to add virtual testing does not replace using crash test dummies which record the effects of crash forces on the body.

Virtual tests are used to determine how to further improve restraint system effectiveness through better understanding of injury mechanisms, he said.

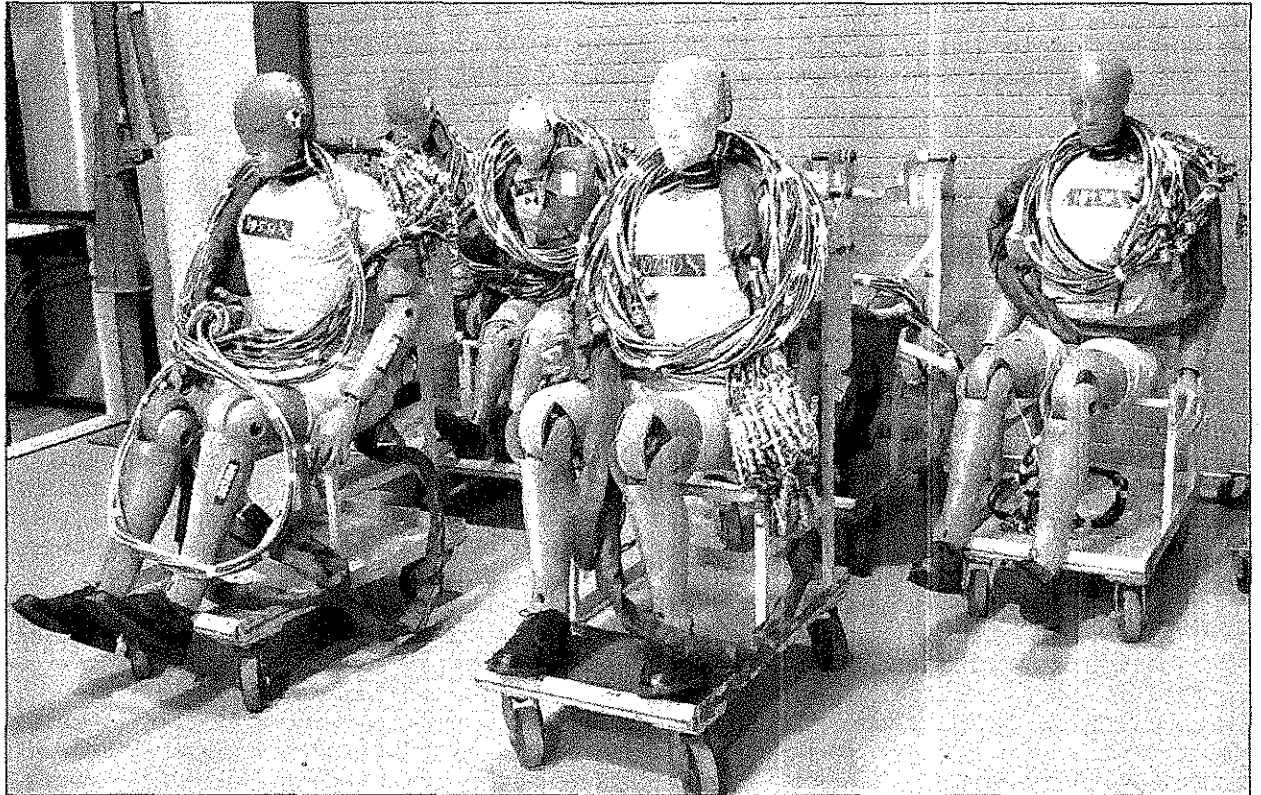
While announcing the digital dummy program, Ford displayed a child-size crash test dummy of thoracic material that better shows through its sensors what happens to the upper body of a 6-year-old in certain crash situations.

Another child-size test dummy demonstrated optional new three-point safety belts with inflatable shoulder belts.

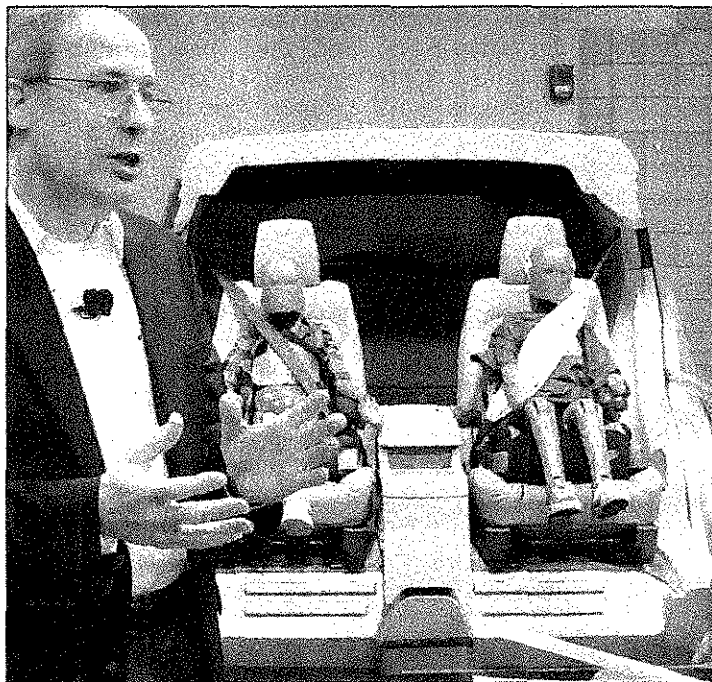
Available for second-row seating on the 2011 Explorer, the belt features a long inflatable portion designed to help protect the neck.

"The new belt spreads the force of a crash over a greater amount of the chest," Rouhana said.

Ford's digital 6-year-old is still a couple of years away, presenters said. When it is "birthed," it will be one of the world's first digital child bodies



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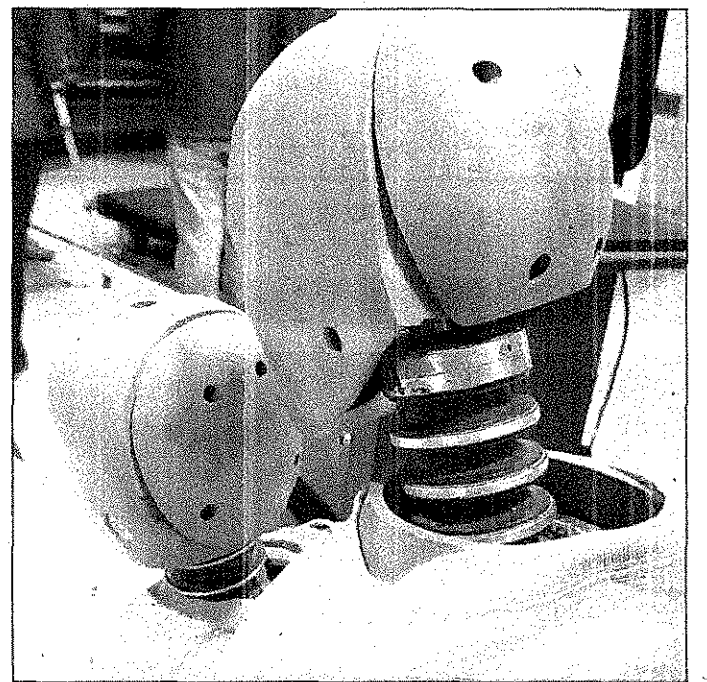


Steve Rouhana stands before child-size test dummies, one made of newer thorax materials, the other demonstrating the inflatable safety belt available for second-row passengers in the new Ford Explorer.

for virtual testing, Ford said. Jenny King is an automotive

writer who lives in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Anthropomorphic test devices — crash test dummies — patiently wait to go through their paces at the Ford safety test facility in Dearborn. These test dummies, below, show the articulation of the necks of an adult and child.



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By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Jackie Bobcean puts it all in the bag.
The Eastpointe woman has been filling donated, gently-used purses since 2006 for her nonprofit HandBags of Hope. In five years, she has, on a request basis, given 32,000 purses, handbags and totes to 26 domestic violence shelters, community and church programs and female teen empowerment programs from Petoskey to Ohio.
HandBags of Hope also have been presented to victims of purse snatchings.
“One year I gave some to police officers to give to those who were victims of purse snatchings,” she said.
The officers turned their noses up at carrying purses in the patrol cars’ trunks. When they saw the grateful looks on victim’s faces after selecting a new purse, the officers understood the relevance of carrying handbags, Bobcean related.

“What’s more personal than a purse,” she asked.
A childhood victim of verbal abuse and seeing her mother stay in an abusive relationship, Bobcean said, is a situation she understands and so supports those victims with the gift of a purse.

Knowing women leave those situations sometimes with little, including a purse, Bobcean is filling a need for a woman—a new handbag.
“Women have very few personal possessions,” Bobcean said of the women who are recipients.
She delivers close to 3,000 purses a year, giving 25 to 30 per shelter. Some 200 go to a Petoskey site to be distributed to shelters in Traverse City, Sault Ste. Marie and Escanaba. Bobcean handed out 1,200 more during Christmas 2010 than Christmas 2009.

The Grosse Pointe News is collecting gently used purses and wallets and new filler items through April 12 to be delivered to HandBags of Hope.

“It has taken on a life of its own,” she said.
Shelters contact her, Bobcean said, asking if she can send purses their way.
“This is personal. It’s woman to woman all through a filled handbag,” she said.
HandBags of Hope began as an annual family holiday volunteer project.
“Every Christmas we adopted a family or volunteered at a soup kitchen,” she said. “We were giving back.”
Christmas 2006, she, her two daughters, sister-in-law and girlfriends gathered extra personal items, pulled unused purses from their closets and began filling them. Their intention was to give it all away; thus the beginnings of HandBags of Hope.
“This is my passion. I work 12 hours a day,” she said in the Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe lobby where she was picking up a load of donated items.

More than 20 purses were given to HandBags of Hope by hospital staff. From the hospital’s gift shop came scarves, six sets of pajamas, 12 new purses, short robes and several cosmetic bags.
“We are so excited,” said Ginny Joliet, co-manager, Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe Gift Shop. “We are so lucky, so blessed to live in nice houses. And we admire those who get out of bad situations.”
A large cart was filled with end-of-season gift shop stock that would otherwise be packed away or donated.
Donating to HandBags of Hope, Joliet said, “is doing something worthwhile rather than selling it under cost. This let’s women have hope with new merchandise that is still in style.”



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Jackie Bobcean’s van was filled with donated purses and totes for HandBags of Hope.

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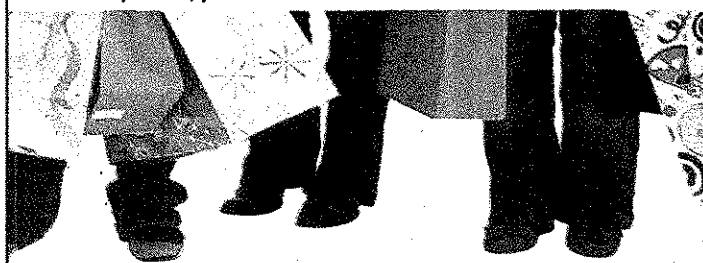
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Yesterday's Headlines

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

1961

50 years ago this week

♦ **GOLF LINKS WATER DEAL HELPS CLUB AND FARMS:** Raw water tapped from a Highland Park main under Moross Road for sprinkling purposes will result in savings to the Country Club of Detroit and help alleviate peak summer water pumping in the Farms.

♦ **FURS STOLEN HERE FOUND IN CHICAGO:** Three men were arrested in Chicago by FBI agents and held for investigation of a March 18 fur robbery in the Woods.

A Woods patrolman found a parked car in the Woods Theatre parking lot matching the description provided by a witness to the robbery. Fingerprints in the car and the vehicle's license plate led to the arrest of the suspects.

♦ **THIEVES STEAL HYDRANT CAPS:** Thieves stole approximately 20 fire hydrant caps from hydrants near the vicinity of the Park Fire Department. The caps are worth \$4.50 each.

1986

25 years ago this week

♦ **GROSSE POINTE NEWS MOVES TO NEW QUARTERS:** Born in a fashionable watering hole, steeped in tradition, the Grosse Pointe News is bowing to the inevitability of modern technology. The paper moved to its fourth home on the Hill, a home that will offer more space and the capability to wire in a total computerized office.

♦ **COUPLE CONNED OUT OF \$80:** An older Grosse Pointe couple was tricked into allowing three fast-talking men into their home last month. The men took \$80 from the residence, but did not harm the couple.

♦ **FOUR TEAMS HEAD TO STATE COMPETITION:** Four Grosse Pointe teams will travel to Central Michigan University as finalists in the Olympics of

the Mind state competition.

2001

10 years ago this week

♦ **2000 CENSUS: FEWER RESIDENTS, MORE HOMES:** Numbers don't lie, but sometimes the truth needs coaxing.

Census figures released last week showed population drops in the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

Overall, the numbers dropped 3.5 percent during the 1990s, for a total of 9.4 percent since 1980.

♦ **FARMS BANK ROBBERY, BOMB SCARE:** Two armed men entered National City Bank at the corner of Fisher and Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms just after opening, stealing an undisclosed amount in cash and fleeing after leaving what they said was a bomb at the scene of the crime.

♦ **BEVERLY CLOSES AT LAKESHORE:** Drivers who use Lakeshore might have noticed something unusual about the Beverly-Lakeshore intersection, namely that it's been closed to automobile traffic. The reason? That's the way the residents want it.

Beverly Road is a private street and the decision to close the street was made by the residents. The cost of closing the street at Lakeshore was borne by the residents of Beverly.

2006

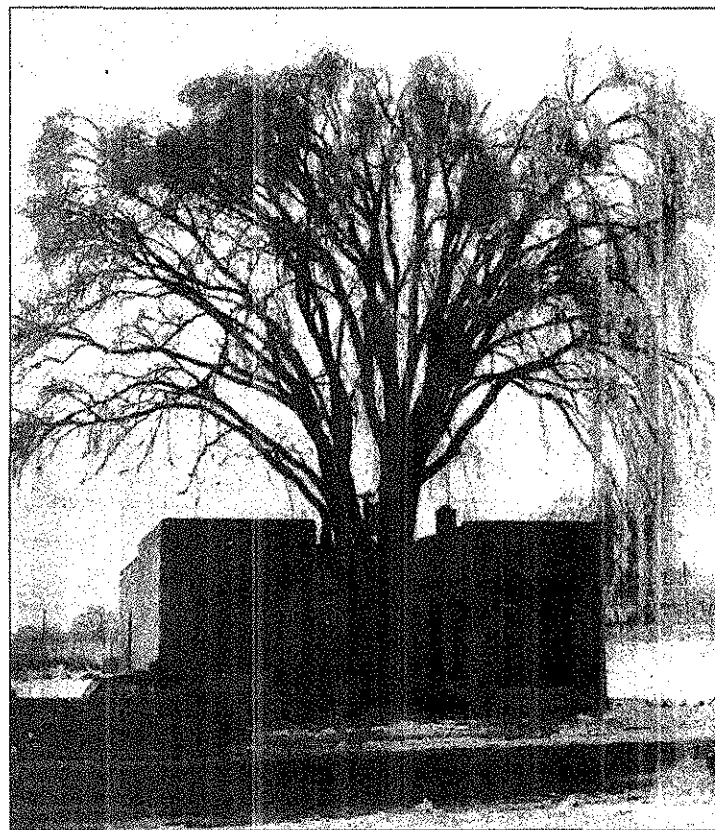
Five years ago this week

♦ **ARMED CARJACK ATTEMPT ON LAKESHORE:** Police throughout the Grosse Pointes responded to a report of shots fired during an attempted carjacking on Lakeshore in the Farms.

A chase into Grosse Pointe Park ended with the arrest of three 16-year-old Detroit males.

♦ **DRUG-INDUCED OVERDOSE:** A Hazel Park woman was found unconscious by a 24-year-old Eastpointe woman who was in a home located on Lancaster in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The Eastpointe woman told police she went out to buy a pack of cigarettes and returned



FROM THE APRIL 3, 1986, ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1986: The move

This week marked the move of the Grosse Pointe News to its newest location on Kercheval. This picture of the familiar landmark on the Hill, the paper's former home, was taken in January 1948. Kercheval on the Hill has since built up considerably.

to find the Hazel Park woman unconscious with a needle sticking out of her arm.

♦ **SEED GIFT REMOVED:** The revenue enhancement committee modified its request to the Grosse Pointe Board of Education eliminating an appeal for seed money. Instead of asking for a

\$100,000 gift to begin a campaign to raise millions of dollars in support of educational programs, the committee will get under way with the \$10,000 donated by board member Lisa Vreede and her husband, Mark.

— Compiled by Karen Fontanive



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Great Lakes Log
Charlie Elmer and John Burke
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Ginny Joliet, right, hands HandBags of Hope founder Jackie Bobcean with donated purses from Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe staff and gift shop.

HANDBAGS: What's more personal?

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The donation is just in time. During the month of April, Bobcean is preparing for No Mom Left Behind and is asking for donations to be taken to her boutique, 56 Cherry Street, Mount Clemens.

For \$10, boutique visitors can choose a handbag, select items to fill the bag and include a note to be read by the recipient who receives the purse as a Mother's Day gift.

A purse contains a hair brush, a memo pad or calendar, wallet, lip balm, tissues, hand lotion, pen, travel size shampoo and hand lotion and manicure set.

Some purses contain handmade bracelets furnished by six Macomb County Brownie troops. The recipients receive a bangle and the Brownies earn a badge.

Shoppers can also find a new purse for themselves knowing proceeds from the sale are put back into the organization. Teen bags sell for \$7 and women's start at \$10. During the month of April, customers can register to win a 19-inch TV, donated by Best Buy.

Fill a purse with hope from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at Bobcean's resale shop in Mount Clemens.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Questers

The Grosse Pointe Questers meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, April 8, for a presentation at Alan Marschke's Oriental Rug Gallery, 92 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Betsy McCormick is hostess and Lynne Baker Hunter is coordinator. Co-hostesses are Mary Steiner and Jane Hoey.

Grosse Pointe Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe meets at 12:10 p.m. Monday, April 11, in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Lunch costs \$13.

Susan Hartz discusses historical Grosse Pointe gardens.

Mike Carmody discusses the district's 6400 vocational training team that is traveling to Australia and East Timor for five weeks and the six Australians who come here for five weeks. They will work at ProLiteracy Detroit.

Pointes for Peace

Author and Wayne State University professor Francis Shor speaks to Pointes for Peace members and guests at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 11, in the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church annex, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.

He discusses his latest book, "Dying Empire: U.S. Imperialism and Global

Resistance." Shor is a recipient of a Fulbright distinguished Scholars Award to New Zealand and a visiting faculty fellowship at the University of Melbourne. A veteran peace activist, Shor is a board member of the Michigan Coalition for Human Rights.

The event is free and open to the public.

Pointes for Peace meets at 7 p.m. each Sunday at Panera Bread, 17150 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

For more information, call Carol Bendure at (313) 882-7732 or e-mail pointesforpeace@yahoo.com or visit pointesforpeace.org.

Italian Heritage Society

The Italian Heritage Society hosts former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Ruth Neville and her husband, Daniel Koppelman, performing an evening of music by American composers, at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 11.

The keyboard duo appear at Wayne State University Schaver Musical Recital Hall, Cass Avenue and West Warren, Detroit.

The couple form duo runedako playing multiple keyboard instruments from traditional literature for two pianos and piano for four-hands to interactive works for electronics and computer.

Koppelman was born in New York and raised in California.



Ruth Neville and Daniel Koppelman

His interests are digital signal processing of acoustic piano and improvisation with various real-time controllers. He is a professor and director of music technology at Furman University in Greenville, S.C.

Neville is on the Furman University faculty.

For more information and tickets, call (313) 886-6894 or (313) 882-7216.

Sunrise Rotary

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, at The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe



Floral arranging

Richard Thomas, right, of Soulscape, Inc. and member of the Flower Guild at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, demonstrated creating floral arrangements and centerpieces using a variety of floral and natural items during the March 29 Sue Abbott lecture sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Garden Center. Pam Marek, daughter of Sue Abbott, is on the left.

Farms.

Harper Woods Rotary

The Harper Woods Rotary Club meets at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, in the lower concourse of Eastland Mall, next to the security office.

The club plans to have a Middle Eastern dinner at the Harper Woods Library. For more information, contact president Ellen Sue Tallant at etallant@mac.com or secretary Yvonne Barnard at (313) 886-1748.

Herb society

The Herb Society of America, Grosse Pointe Unit meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, at the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms. The public is invited.

The topic is herbs and spices used in weddings.

La Leche League

The La Leche League, a mother-to-mother breast feeding information and support group, meets at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 14, in a Grosse Pointe Park house. For information and location, call Maria at (313) 885-3709 or Jessie at (313) 417-1944.

Alliance Francaise

Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe offers French beginner through advanced classes at the Assumption Cultural Center in St. Clair Shores. Classes are taught by experienced French teachers and cost \$80 for a 10-week session.

Beginners classes are 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Mondays; intermediate classes are 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursdays; and advanced classes are 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays.

For more information and registration, call Christiane Stein at (586) 777-7602.

The movie, "Les Parapluies de Cherbourg," can be seen at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, at the Grosse Pointe Public

Wednesday, April 13, at all branches.

Thursday, April 14, patrons can check out one DVD free.

Raffle prize drawings are awarded Saturday, April 16. Top prize is a gift certificate to Da Edoardo Restaurant, 19767 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

High tea

High tea is served at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. The cost is \$30 and reservations can be made by calling (313) 884-4222.

Event stylist Lisa Gleeson shares ideas for unique invitations, flower arrangements and tabletops.

Palette Club

The Lakeside Palette Club of St. Clair Shores hosts art restoration and repair expert Dolores Kurily who provides an acrylic painting demonstration at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at the St. Clair Shores Civic Arena, 20000 Stephens.

CARE

CARE is asking Grosse Pointe News readers to help coin the title for its 2012 parenting conference.

The family-focused non-profit hosts a name contest on its Facebook page; cast a vote at Community, Assessment, Referral & Education by May 1. The CARE staff will vote on all submissions and the top three are returned to Facebook for a final vote. The winner receives two tickets (value of \$70) to the 2012 Parenting Conference and acknowledgment at the conference.

The right title, according to Anne Nearhood, special projects coordinator, will help boost the conference's popularity even further.

"Each year the parenting conference sells out," Nearhood said. "Next year, as we celebrate our 17th anniversary."

"We hope to offer our loyal parents another amazing lineup of speakers and break-out sessions by honing in on the needs of the families in our community."

For more information on CARE visit careofmacomb.com.

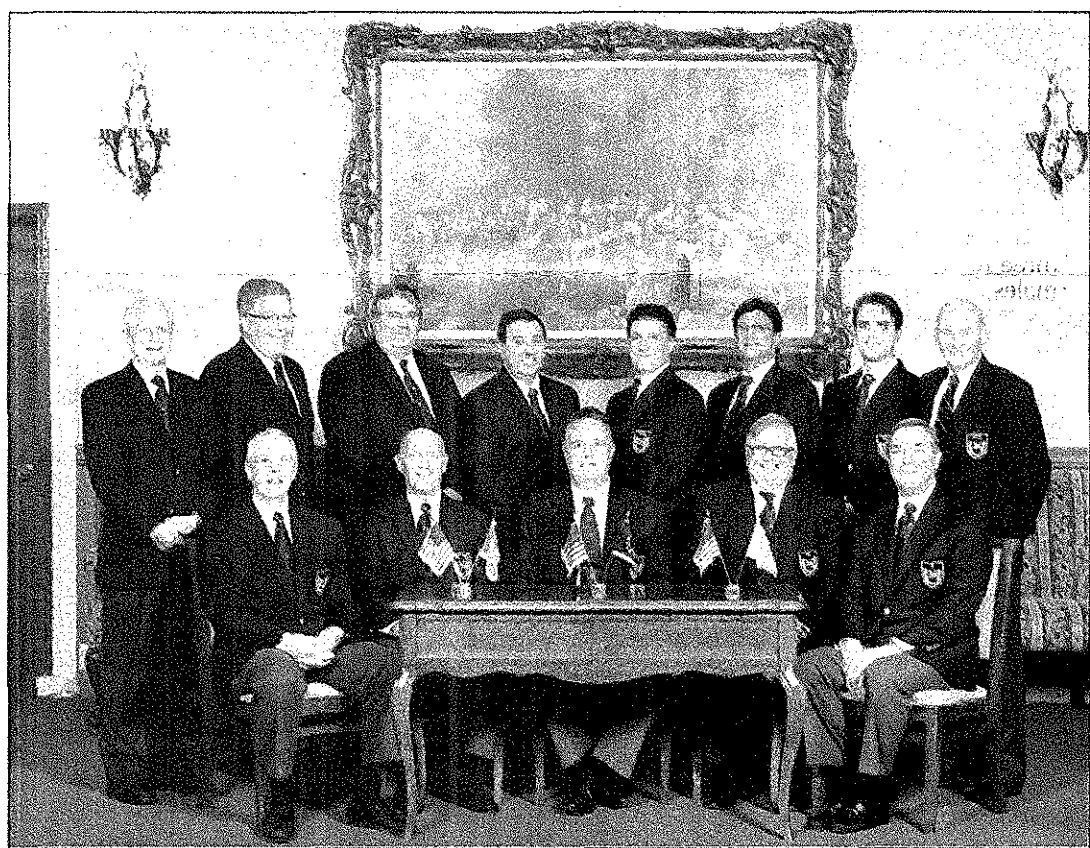


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Front row, from left, secretary Kevin B. Granger, vice commodore Ronald A. Schaupeter, Commodore Robert L. Rader Jr., rear commodore William C. Vogel Jr. and treasurer James N. Martin; back row from left, general manager Thomas G. Trainor, Thomas L. Lauzon, Blaise A. Klenow, Michael A. Meda, Robert D. Galeota, Jr., Gary G. Bill, M.D., Joseph P. Schaden and Timothy J. Robson.

Yacht club adds new director to its board

The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Board of Directors appointed Grosse Pointe Woods resident Robert L. Rader Jr. as commodore for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

Rader, a member of the GPYC since 1998, is the club's 78th commodore. Prior to his appointment, he served on the club's board of directors and on many committees.

He is an area finance manager for Hewlett Packard Financial Services.

Yacht club officers are vice commodore Ronald A. Schaupeter, rear commodore

William C. Vogel Jr., treasurer James N. Martin and secretary Kevin B. Granger.

Gary G. Bill, M.D., Robert D. Galeota Jr., Blaise A. Klenow, Thomas L. Lauzon, Michael A. Meda, Timothy J. Robson and Joseph P. Schaden serve on the board of directors.

The club, founded in 1914, has been named the "Number One Yacht Club in America" by John Sibbald Associates, Inc., for five consecutive three-year terms.

The honorary award is the result of a survey completed

by 3,000 club presidents and managers across the country.

For more information about the club, visit gpyc.org.

What's ahead at the War Memorial

Make Easter candy, break-fast with the Easter bunny and learn songs sung by Great Lakes sailors during programs at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. To register and for more information about the offerings, call (313) 881-7511.

Who Am I? Creative Journaling — 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 7. Learn how to apply a tool for self expression with instructor Alyce Hartman.

Creative journaling helps people uncover their purpose in life and harness the information inherent in dreams to fulfill emotional desires of the heart. The cost is \$24, plus \$6 material fee.

Mantra Meditation — 7 to 9 p.m. April 7 and 14. Led by instructor Jasmin Cromwell, students receive a mantra and learn simple and effective techniques to reduce stress and cleanse the mind. The program

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CHURCH EVENTS

Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast begins at 6:45 a.m. Friday, April 8, 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 speaker, Bible scholar Gerhard Heinen.

For more information, call Bruce Vick at (313) 881-9661.

First English

The spring edition of the Open Door series at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, presents The Detroit Lutheran Singers at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 10.

Adult tickets at the door cost \$10 and seniors and students pay \$7.

A limited number of advanced tickets cost \$5.

Call the office at (313) 883-5040 for more information.

A reception to meet the cho-

rus follows the concert.

"Good News" is the concert's theme during which The Singers present anthems of Lent and Easter such as "Christus Factus Est," "Crucifixus, I Am The Resurrection," "Hosanna Jubilate Deo," "The Omnipotence" by Schubert, "The Cherubic Hymn" by Gretcheninoff and three spirituals.

The major work on the program is a motet by Brahms, "Wherefore Hath The Light Been Granted?"

St. Paul's

Rays of Hope, the Haiti mission trip, benefits from the 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 15, Italian meatless spaghetti dinner, in the St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School cafeteria, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Adults tickets cost \$8, children pay \$5 and families pay \$30.

Take Control

The East-Side Take Control: Ecumenical Career Network Group's digging deeper into unemployment issues meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Monday, April 11, at Bolos Academy, 17425 Mack, Detroit.

For more information, call Ben Van Arragon at (313) 824-3511.

Christ Church

♦ The Rev. Barry Randolph of Church of the Messiah in Detroit, is the 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, speaker at

Purple Perspectives Our Spiritual Journeys: Listening to God at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. The evening begins with a 6 p.m. potluck supper.

♦ The Passion Narrative According to Luke is the topic of the 10:10 to 11 a.m. Sunday, April 10 service.

♦ A Celtic worship service begins at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 10.

The public is invited to each service.

St. James

Members of St. James on the Hill Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms, packs Easter care packages for soldiers from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 10.

Items such as personal hygiene items, magazines, cards, board games, crossword puzzles, hard candy and trail mix can be donated and dropped off at the church between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday, April 7, and Friday, April 8.

♦ A Lenten soup supper begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 13. The Lenten program starts at 6:30 p.m. and is followed at 7 p.m. by evening prayer.

The Alley

The Alley Teen Center, in the basement of Grace United Church of Christ, 1175 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park, has new hours: 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Teens can play Wii and PS2

games, foosball, air hockey, table tennis, pool, board games, work on computers, watch movies and eat snacks.

Exclusive high school student days are April 15 and 29. The youth group meets April 6 and 20 for a Bible lesson, prayer and pizza.

The Alley is closed April 18 through 25.

Mariners' Church

Mariner's Church organist Kevin J. Bylsma plays and so-

pranos Emily E. Benner and Jane S. Rodgers sing at 12:35 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at the church, 170 E. Jefferson, Detroit.

Admission is free.

St. Paul's

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 22915 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores, hosts a free preschool art class at 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 12.

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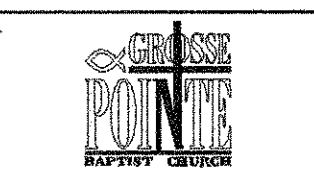
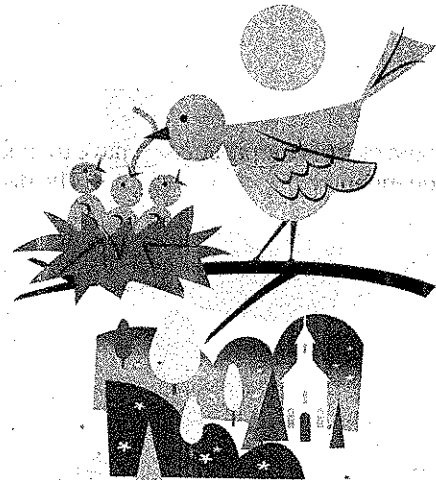
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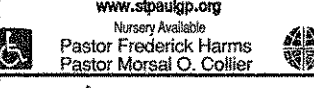
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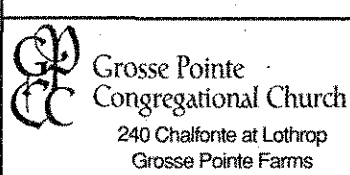
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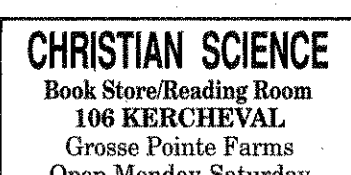
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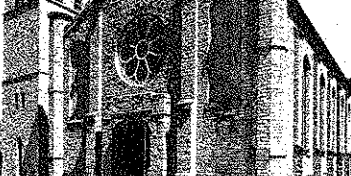


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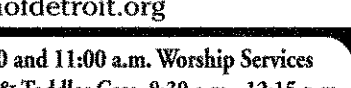
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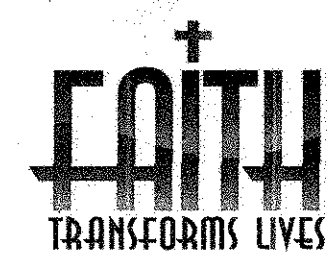
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ASK THE EXPERTS By Marla Ruhana

Understanding and acknowledging grief



Q. There is immense sadness surrounding me now that my father has died and my husband has been diagnosed with a chronic illness. Although we're both grieving my father's death, my husband's grief seems worse. I am so confused, can you help?

A. I'm so sorry about the death of your father and your husband's diagnosis. Grief can show itself in many different forms, loss of a loved one, loss of a limb, divorce, job loss, loss of a house, loss of a pet, loss of who we once were when we experience the onset of chronic illness.

Many are also grieving in particular decades of their lives as they introspect on what they thought their life would be at a certain age. Expectations and disappointment instill grief too.

Q. So you think my husband is not just grieving my father?

A. Correct. There are several stages of grief. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross wrote of the five stages of grief in her book, "On Death and Dying," outlining them as denial, anger, depression bargaining and acceptance. Seems shock is also part of grief as well as social isolation.

Every individual is different. Some stay in the anger stage for years, others move through these stages each day for years. Everyone experiences grief in their own way and for a variety of reasons. Your father's death might be triggering previous deaths of loved ones as well as the onset of grief of who your husband once was, assimilating to who he is now, as well as multiple other stressors he might be experiencing. His grief might be complicated due to losing his role as provider for your family and financial pressure.

Q. I think I am in the anger stage of grief. My husband is not there for me and I am disappointed and shocked as the friends I thought would be there for me, are nowhere in sight! You sure learn who your true friends are when you lose

a parent!

I am sorry but a text message is simply not enough! It amazed me how some people did nothing! The things people say, it seems, is all about them, "We can't believe your father is gone." Really? How do they think WE feel?

Now that the funeral is over, I cannot believe I am already back to work. I returned to work as that is what was expected of me. I feel numb and it seems so wrong. I feel I have been thrust back into my life, my normal routine, against my will, and I am unable to do what I need to do, not that I even know what that is - just how I feel.

It is like the entire world is still moving forward and has not allowed me the chance to grieve. The world moves, people continue on and I feel stuck with my heavy heart. The world expects me to jump back on and forget, yet it feels impossible, as if everyone has already forgotten I am grieving. No one is patiently waiting for me to process this grief and when I do, it would be refreshing if those dear to me were there to help me get back on

with life. Do you have any suggestions for me?

A. I am sorry your support system feels so limited. Sadly, you are correct, Cokie Roberts narrated a film, "Who we are, and how we grieve" several years ago, I never forgot that film. The panelist interviewed said we are unlike most other cultures in terms of grief. Other cultures have customs for coping with death.

I am convinced it is brilliant to wear black for two years (as the first year, we are typically numb; the second year of grief is typically more difficult). When someone says, "wow, why is she so irritable?" maybe black clothing would remind them you are grieving the death of your loved one. Hopefully this ritual would allow others to show compassion, respect and be there for you.

Our culture is very uncomfortable with death, even the word itself. It is important to say death or died as it helps those grieving move through the stages of grief. We will never change how others cope, but you can be proactive and seek out a grief and loss support

group or simply surround yourself with those who provide you with the support you need. Psychotherapy with a therapist who specializes in grief and loss is also beneficial.

Q. My father's death was sudden and I did not get to say goodbye. I find myself isolating as others want to compare their losses to mine. It makes me angry, as they do not know how I feel. How do I cope with this?

A. I think it is fine to kindly tell them everyone grieves differently. It seems many who are trying to offer support want to spare you pain, and say, "You will get over it in time."

It is absolutely false to think we will ever completely get over the death of a loved one. There are so many forms of grief, complicated, anticipatory, disenfranchised, depending on your relationship to the deceased. Experiencing sudden death, suicide, a death with no closure, unfinished business, death of a child and illness of a young person or multiple deaths of loved ones in a short duration of time can further complicate grief.

We must utilize all of those in our lives whose support does in fact comfort us. Grief and loss support groups can be helpful. Psychotherapy, and at times a psychiatric evaluation and medication in conjunction with therapy, can be beneficial. Be mindful, even with the best help and support, we might function in society again and share laugh with a friend. But we may never stop missing those we have lost and loved.

Ruhana is a clinical social worker in private practice in St. Clair Shores. She also teaches cognitive behavioral therapy in the Graduate School of Social Work at Wayne State University. For more information, visit marlaruhana.com or call (586) 801-4701.

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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

Tax break being offered for caregivers

The recession has made it even more of a financial burden for the estimated one-fourth of United States families caring for elderly loved ones.

This year, however there's new tax breaks available for many of these folks. Here they are:

You can claim your parents as a dependent if:

- ◆ Your parent's income, excluding Social Security, is less than the amount of the personal exemption. For 2010, the personal exemption was \$3,650, for 2011 it's \$3,700. Plus, you must provide more than 50 percent of the parent's financial support.

- ◆ If a parent lives with you, you can include a percentage of your mortgage and utilities.

- ◆ You can claim more than one parent as a dependent if both meet the income and support tests.

You can deduct your parent's medical expenses if:

- ◆ You contribute to a par-

ent's health care expenses and pay the health care provider yourself (versus giving your parent the money to pay). You may qualify to deduct costs, even if you can't claim the parent as a dependent.

- ◆ To claim this deduction, you must provide at least 50 percent of the parent's financial support, but you don't have to meet the income test.

- ◆ The deduction is limited to the medical expenses that exceed 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income. Qualified expenses include the cost of a nursing home, in-home health care, dental care and prescription drugs.

You can include your own unreimbursed medical expenses when calculating total costs.

Veterans can earn up to \$1,800 a month in VA pension money to pay for in-home care.

Call the Area Agency on Aging to learn about government assistance programs that provide low income seniors, eligible for Medicaid, money to

pay for in-home care.

We hear a lot about the gradual disappearance of middle class Americans. Here are a few facts:

For the two years from January 2009 to December 2010, worker productivity — measured by output per hour — rose at an annual rate of four percent. Corporate profits increased at a 30 percent annual rate in the same period. The average wages grew two percent annually.

Higher wage jobs — paying \$17.30 to \$31 an hour — accounted for almost half the jobs lost during the recession, according to the National Employment Law Project. Of the jobs created during the first seven months of 2010, 76 percent paid \$8.92 to \$15 an hour.

We're told our brains need workouts to remain useful. Here are a few activities that should jolt your brain a bit:

Find the three consecutive letters of the alphabet that can be added as a unit to the letters AME to form a six-letter word.

Do the same with the letters ATE and ACK. (See answers at end of column.)

Name three animals beginning with each letter of your full name, using different animals each time.

Repeat the exercise with objects, geographical locations, plants and so forth. For a bigger challenge, try to find four or five items for each letter.

Memorize the 50 states. Once you've mastered the list, memorize their capitals and locations on a map. Now recite the 50 states in alphabetical order.

While waiting in doctors' offices, give yourself about one minute to look around and try to find five black objects that will fit into your pocket or your purse, and five blue objects that are too big to fit. This activity is especially good for increasing your ability to be aware of your surroundings.

I thank a reader for telling me General Electric will continue to manufacture the old-fashioned incandescent three-way bulbs, including my favorite 50-200-250, although you may need to go to a shop

specializing in lighting.

ANSWERS: (DEF + AME = DEFAME, STU + ATE = A STUTE, HIJ + ACK = HIJACK)

Reach Cain at ruthcain@comcast.net

OFFERINGS More classes

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includes a discussion of the history and practice of meditation. The cost is \$53 for two weeks.

Middle School Spring Dance — 7:30 to 10 p.m. Friday, April 8. Open to all students in grades sixth through eighth, who reside in or attend school in Grosse Pointe. The advanced cost is \$12; \$14 the week of the dance. Students must have a War Memorial ID card which costs \$10. No tickets are sold at the door.

Easter Candy Making — 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 9. Chef Pam teaches students how to make candy bunnies, chicks and ducklings. Each group gets a basket to take home filled with candies made in class. The cost is \$48 for a parent and child and \$10 for each additional person.

Songs of the Great Lakes Sailors — 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 13. Discover a collection of songs and stories about voyages, Michigan, canals and disasters told by sailors who have traveled the Great Lakes in the schooner days, presented by Joe Grimm. The program costs \$24.

Ragtime Festival — 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14. Take a trip to Frankenmuth's Zehnder's for the Ragtime Festival. A luncheon buffet,

concert and bus transportation is included in the \$69 cost.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny — 10:30 a.m. Sunday, April 17. Breakfast and photos with the Easter Bunny are included in the \$16 ticket cost. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Polish Desserts — 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. Monday, April 18. Emily Kort teaches all skill lev-

els how to make mazurek or Polish crescent nut cookies and chrusicki or angel wings. Bring a pan with a cover and a paper lunch bag. The cost is \$53.

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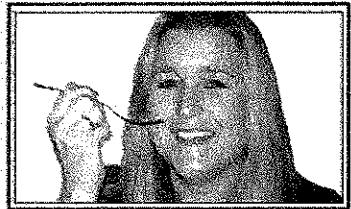
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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Onion pie for holiday ham side dish



Some of the best recipes come from the generations before us. My gal pal, Gail, shared with me a recipe given to her by her mother, Priscilla Klerekoper,

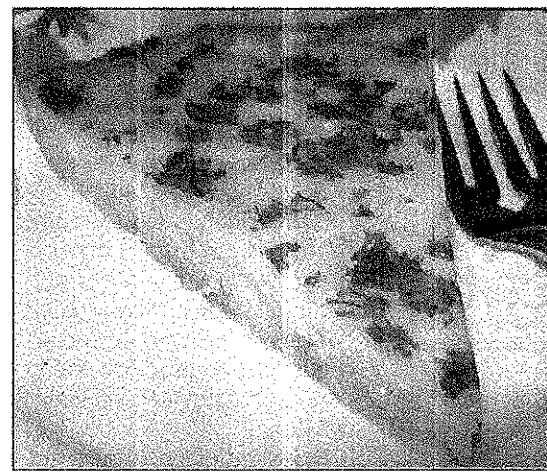
for Swiss cheese and onion pie. I prepared the pie in a tart pan. This rich and flavorful tart (or pie) will sit nicely next to your Easter ham. (Yes, it's time to start thinking about the Easter meal.)

Priscilla's Swiss Cheese and Onion Pie

1 cup panko (Japanese bread crumbs) or cracker crumbs
1/2 stick butter, melted
2 tablespoons olive oil plus

2 tablespoons butter
3 cups very thinly sliced onions
1 cup whole milk, scalded then slightly cooled
2 cups shredded Swiss cheese
1 tablespoon flour
1 teaspoon salt
dash of cayenne pepper
3 eggs, beaten
chopped fresh parsley or chives for garnish
Combine bread crumbs with 1/2 stick of melted butter. Press

into bottom of a greased pie dish (or tart pan). Set aside.
Heat olive oil with 2 tablespoons of butter in a medium skillet over medium heat. Add sliced onion and cook until onions are soft and translucent, but not brown, about 10 minutes.
Carefully scatter cooked onions over pie crust.
Scald milk in a small pan then set aside. Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
In a medium bowl, toss



Priscilla's Swiss cheese and onion pie makes a good Easter ham side.

ley (or chives). Bake for 40 minutes, until brown around edges and bubbly.
Let pie rest for a few minutes, then cut into wedges and serve.
Priscilla's tasty Swiss and onion pie can be made a day or two in advance. Reheat cov-

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Swiss cheese with flour, salt and cayenne. Stir in beaten eggs and scalded milk. Pour mixture (evenly) over onions. Top with chopped fresh pars-

ered with foil at 300 degrees until heated throughout, about 35 minutes or so.
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LIGGETT

Jamett signs with University of Michigan



By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

If you read the definition of hard work, you see the description of University Liggett senior Dominic Jamett.

The All-State catcher has used this drive to improve his game to earn a spot on the University of Michigan's men's baseball team next year.

"Ever since I was a kid I wanted to go to U-M," Jamett, 17, said. "Now it has come true, but the hard work is just beginning for me."

Jamett received letters and phone calls from several Division 1 colleges, hoping to land the baseball recruit. Oakland University and the University of Notre Dame were on Jamett's radar, but in the end it is Ann Arbor that won out.

"I went to a U-M camp several years ago and I loved the facilities and coach (Rich) Maloney was great," Jamett said. "I can't wait to be a part of Michigan baseball."

Maloney has turned the Wolverines into a national power. During his tenure, the Wolverines have won three Big Ten titles, two Big Ten Tournament titles and the 2007 NCAA Regional crown. He is 302-173 in eight years at U-M and 558-317-1 in 15 seasons.

Jamett's also met assistant coaches Matt Husted and Matt

White and likes what they bring to the table.

"I'm heading into the perfect place to play college baseball and get one of the best educations possible," Jamett said.

The Wolverines' 2011 roster includes players from California, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Massachusetts, Texas and Florida.

Catchers on the roster are Cole Martin from Bay City, Chad Uhler from Libertyville, Ill., Zach Johnson from Grandville, John DiLaura from Clinton Township, and Coley Crank from Pinole, Cal.

Jamett is a preferred walk-on, but can earn a full scholarship during his time on the squad.

"I have to work hard, play hard and show I'm a college athlete," Jamett said. "It's an opportunity of a lifetime and I plan to make the most of it. Now the real hard work starts."

Jamett has turned hard work into a daily routine. His father, Renato, works with his son every chance he gets. Whether it is throwing him batting practice or pitching to him to work on his catching mechanics, Renato and Dominic are a team.

"I can't thank my dad enough, and my mom and grandparents," Jamett said.

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Liggett senior Dominic Jamett is an All-State catcher and has a shot to earn a spot on this year's Dream Team list.

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GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



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Making history

Grosse Pointe South sophomores Hannah, above, and Haley Meier competed in the National Indoor Track & Field Championships in New York City last month. Both qualified in the one-mile run and were invited to race against the top 27 milers in the nation. Hannah won the national championship title with a time of 4:48 and Haley was 17th with a time of 4:59. Both Hannah and Haley qualified for the national meet by finishing first and second in the mile run at the Michigan State Indoor Championship meet. Hannah set a new state record at that meet and also holds the state record in the 800 (half mile run). Both are also two-time All-State cross-country runners. Hannah's national title is the first such accomplishment for a track athlete in South history.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH



PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

All-State gymnast

Grosse Pointe North sophomore Emma Abessinio, above, placed ninth on the uneven Bars at the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 2 state gymnastics finals March 12, earning All-State. The Grosse Pointe United team had other accolades to celebrate, as well. Madi Kaiser and Aubryn Samaroo achieved Academic All-State honors which is awarded to state tournament competitors with an accumulative grade point average of 3.5 and above. The Grosse Pointe United team was awarded with the Sportsmanship award, an award they were honored to receive as the team had to receive votes from judges and coaches statewide to be selected. In addition, head coach Courtney Law was voted coach of the year, another award selected by votes from coaches and judges across the state.

ROWING

Elite rowers finish strong

The Detroit Boat Club crew completed its indoor winter season winning 16 medals at the Grosse Ile Island Sprints. The team also competed in the Cincinnati Indoor Championships and hosted its own competition, "Motown Madness," during the season. The Island Sprints, hosted by the Grosse Ile Rowing Club, pits rowers against each other on ergometers (indoor rowing machines) that simulate a 2,000-meter course. DBCC rowers brought home 16 medals from the competition. The women dominated their competition, winning all the gold medals. The varsity women swept the medals with Janey Brennan, Casey Wisner and Laine Maher taking the gold, silver and bronze, respectively. In the women's lightweight division, Emily Hughes beat her competition to grab the gold, while Megan Shook beat the host clubs' top rower to earn gold in the Novice Division. Teammates, Devin McKinley and Asha Sanford took third and fourth respectively. Rounding out the women's competition were the coxswains who also swept all the medals. Colleen Rose took the gold followed by Liz Trudel and Anita Shah. The men were led by gold medal winners Nick Wilson, Zachery Wiese and Jonathon Schlect. Wiese grabbed the Novice gold, while teammate Christian Nemeh took the silver. Wilson won the Varsity Lightweight and Schlect and fellow teammate Dan Hass finished one-two in Coxswain race. The varsity men pair of Peter Cornillie and Connor Campbell took the silver and bronze. The indoor season kicked off when the DBCC hosted "Motown Madness" Feb. 5 at its boathouse on Belle Isle. Teams from four Ann Arbor clubs, Grosse Ile, Orchard Lake St. Mary's, Ecorse and Northville competed. The women swept the medals in the varsity and coxswain races. The varsity was led by Alix Chrumka, who grabbed the gold followed by Brennan and Wisner. The sweep of the women's coxswain race was led by Rose with Trudel and Shah taking silver and bronze. The women also fared well in the lightweight races with Hughes and Maggie Sullivan earning the gold and bronze respectively in the under 125-pound and Chloe Walker and Devin McKinley taking silver and bronze. The women's novice gold was won by Shook. Men's gold were won by Zach Jatkowski in the under 145-pound and Wilson in the under 155-pound. Cornillie took home the silver in the Men's Varsity open weight race while Dave Trudel came in fourth in the under 165-pound class. Between their home regatta and Grosse Ile, the crew traveled to Cincinnati for the well-attended Cincinnati Indoor Rowing Championships. These races are a feeder race to the National Crash-B Sprints held in Boston. They attract rowers from across the Midwest. The women once again led the way bringing three medals back to Detroit. In the coxswain race, Rose took top honors with gold. Varsity rowers Hughes and Brennan took silver in the lightweight and open classes. Varsity rower Cornillie placed highest among the men finishing just out of medal contention in fourth. In the varsity lightweights, Wilson and Jatkowski finished ninth and 10th out of a field of 53 competitors. The team spends spring break in Ohio. First competing at The Hoover Invitational in the Columbus suburb of Westerville followed by a week of intense training on Harsha Lake outside of Cincinnati, the team gears up for the Midwest National Championships in Cincinnati and the National Championships in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North students are eligible to receive their varsity letters for rowing in the spring. High school athletes interested in joining can visit the Detroit Boat Club Crew website at detroitboatclubcrew.com/regattas.htm or e-mail at info@DetroitBoatClubCrew.com.

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Local rowers compete in an indoor meet during the winter months.

LIGGETT

Wenger shines

Alexis Wenger, who swims for the Grosse Pointe Gators and the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club and attends University Liggett, won first place in the 50-yard freestyle, 50-yard butterfly, 50-yard breaststroke, 100-yard individual medley and 100-yard breaststroke at the Michigan Swimming Short Course Yard State Championship Meet for athletes age 12 and under. She also took second place in the 100-yard freestyle and was high point scorer for the girls in the 10 and under division.

Girls lacrosse

RIVALS

Blue Devils edge rival Norsemen

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North played another nail-biter Monday night.

The girls' lacrosse game at North was played under cold, windy, rainy conditions, but that didn't stop either team from completing a game that went down to the final seconds.

"The girls have to realize they don't get a point for shooting at the goalie, the ball has to go in the net for a goal," North head coach Bill Seaman said. "We had our chances, including that one shot in the final seconds, but we didn't convert."

South junior goalie Bailey Rist came up with a huge toe save on a shot with just seconds left in the second half.

In fact, the Norsemen had several good scoring chances in the final few minutes, but couldn't convert.

The Blue Devils jumped out to a 4-2 lead midway through the first half, thanks to an end-to-end rush by senior Shelby Stone, who beat North senior goalie Katie Case.

The Norsemen battled back to score the final three goals to grab a 5-4 halftime advantage.

South head coach Lauren Germaine kept the encouragement going and it paid off as the Blue Devils scored five of the next seven goals to take a 9-7 lead with under 10 minutes remaining in the game.

The home team tallied to close within a goal and definitely carried the play during the final five minutes, but Rist was up to the challenge and made the big saves to preserve the victory.

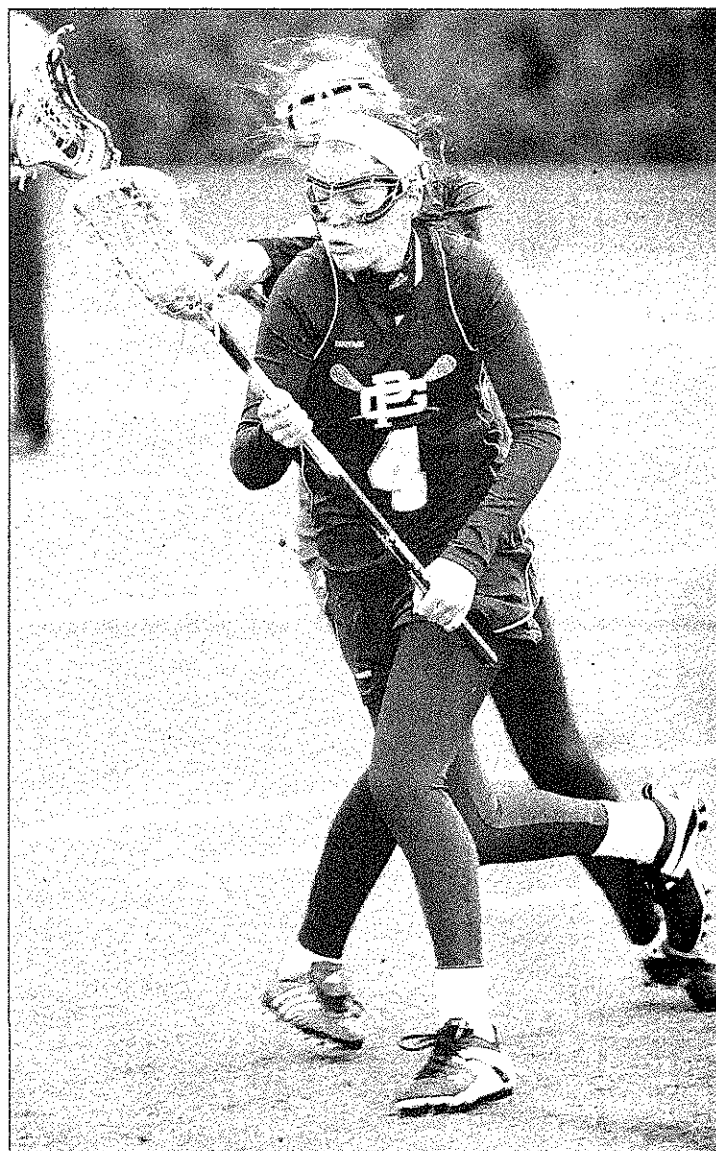
Stone led the way with four goals and had one assist for the Blue Devils, while junior Libby Griffith had a goal and assist.

Other goal scorers were junior Jenna Morris, senior Elizabeth Clem, senior Kelseie Silzell, junior Chelsea Merrill and sophomore Lilly Sterr.

Rist faced 24 shots, stopping 16, while Case stopped 11-of-20 shots for the Norsemen.

Paving the way for the Norsemen was senior Mackenzie Seaman, who scored four goals, while seniors Emily Turnbull, Jen Czerniawski and Taylor Moody, and sophomore Julia Guest, had a goal apiece.

In other action last week, North beat Farmington 12-3 and Livonia Ladywood 16-9, while South opened its season with a 15-10 loss to Lansing



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South senior Kelseie Silzell scored a goal in each of the Blue Devils' first two games.

Waverly.

The Blue Devils, which lost nine seniors from last year's state semifinal team, fell behind early and had to play catch-up.

Merrill scored the Blue Devils' first goal and Stone tallied the next two as they trailed 10-3 at the half.

They played a better second half as Stone scored two more

goals, while Morris also had two tallies.

Clem, Griffith and Merrill also scored in the second half as Sterr, Jen Ryan and Stone all recorded assists.

Goaltending duties were shared by Ellie Harness and Rist.

Grosse Pointe South evened its record at 1-1 and North is 2-1.

Boys lacrosse

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen off to quick start

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Having returned several key players from last year, the Grosse Pointe North boys' lacrosse team is off to a strong start.

Seniors Zack LaValley (attack), Sean Seaman (midfield) and Danny D'Hondt (midfield), all key components from last year, have the offense firing on all cylinders, while senior Dustin Baker, in making the transition from defense to goalie, has led the defense.

The combination of a potent offense and stellar defense has the Norsemen on a three-game winning streak to begin the season.

In its season-opener against Utica Stevenson, Seaman (six goals, an assist) and LaValley (two goals, two assists) combined for eight goals and three assists in a 16-4 rout.

Chris Janson also had two goals, Joel Makowski 13 groundballs and two take-aways, and Baker seven saves in his first start in goal.

"We started off very strong with very few mistakes," North coach Dan Preston said. "We really took care of the ball, ran hard in transition and capitalized when the opportunity presented itself. Good start to the season."

The Norsemen built off that good start with another offensive explosion against Flint Powers, running out to an 11-6 victory.

LaValley and Seaman again contributed offensively with four goals and two assists and three goals and three assists, respectively.

Sophomore Jay Warren added two goals and an assist, while Baker made 12 saves. Defensemen Makowski, JD Andrews, Scott Johnston and Andy McLauchlan limited the Flint Powers attack in the sec-

ond half.

"Another good game," Preston said. "We came out firing but slowed down in the second half with some unforced errors. We have taken too many penalties thus far and it has really put our defense into some tough situations. If we learn to play more composed and take care of the ball, we will start to see big gains toward our team goal."

The team responded to Preston in its third game, playing a more disciplined game in regard to penalty minutes, racking up only 90 seconds worth. But against Madison Heights Bishop Foley, the team struggled to maintain focus, and had to overcome a sluggish first half to secure a 9-5 win.

LaValley led all scorers with four goals and an assist, D'Hondt netted two goals and picked up four ground balls, and Jeff Ryan, Warren (assist) and Will Rochte (assist) each added a goal. Ryan, a senior attacker, decided to return to lacrosse after a two-year stint in which he focused strictly on hockey.

Junior midfielder Phil Lecznar won 11 face-offs and Seaman four helpers. Freshman goalie Rhys Williams earned his first time in goal and made five key saves in the second half.

"This game was a tough win for us," Preston said. "It resulted in a 'W' which is what we were looking for, but we played very unfocused and lazy in the first half. The intensity was there in the second half, but we struggled to execute how we have in practice and played in the two previous games."

"We look forward to working hard in practice to help us put a full 48 minutes of strong lacrosse into the three games before spring break."

North is 3-0.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils look for continuity

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

A lack of communication on defense spelled the end for the Grosse Pointe South boys' lacrosse team during its 10-4 loss last week against a smart and well-disciplined Warren DeLaSalle.

"Really, more than anything, it was communication defensively," South coach Don Wolford said. "They're a smart team and we're still getting used to things. They're a very disciplined club and they do a lot of confusing, off-the-ball things, and it was a very tough test at the beginning of the season for us."

"A lot of them were mental, 'where do we go?' and 'who's supposed to be doing what?' and the defense is still working on their communication skills. Defensively, we couldn't hang on with them."

The lapse in defensive cohesion and communication showed in stretches, and it was during those stretches that DeLaSalle capitalized and built on its lead. The Pilots scored eight goals during minute-long spans in each of the first, second and third quarters.

The deficit proved too much for South to overcome, despite the efforts of its offense. Senior attacker Nicholas Diehl scored first for South midway through the second quarter. His goal provided minimal relief, though, as South trailed 6-1 at the time. Senior attacker Michael Bertakis, sophomore midfielder James Champane and junior midfielder Austin Jones each scored for South.

"We played fairly sloppy at times, especially at the beginning of the game," Wolford said. "However, we did come back and, even though we made those mistakes, our guys didn't quit. They continued to hustle and play hard, and the score didn't reflect it, but I think, offensively, we were able to compete with these guys."

"I'd rather have this, especially at the beginning of the season. Because these guys kind of see, eventually, if we want to win the states, we'll have to go through Country Day, DeLaSalle, Orchard Lake St. Mary's."

South also played Romeo and Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse earlier in the week. Against Romeo, in the first game of the season, South had a three-goal lead in the final three minutes, but succumbed to the pressure and eventually lost 6-5 in overtime.

"We had a penalty, two defensive breakdowns, and offensively we weren't in sync at all," Wolford said. "It was a very sloppy game. It was the first game of the year and we weren't polished enough."

The Blue Devils fared better against L'Anse Creuse, jumping out to an early lead and holding on through to the end, earning its first victory of the season, a 9-3 rout.

Grosse Pointe South is 1-2.

South's junior varsity team won its season-opener, 5-3, over Flint Powers.

Chene Frontiera had two goals with Mike Murray, Joe Dueweke and Niguel Barksdale netting one goal apiece.



North sophomore Julia Guest, left, gets into scoring position with South junior Chelsea Merrill defending.

Tennis

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Youthful Blue Devils gain split

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It's going to take a little time to mold all the pieces together.

Grosse Pointe South girls' tennis head coach Mark Sobieralski lost six players from last year's team that finished third in the Division 1 state finals.

In addition, two of his top returning players, senior captain Julie Wittwer and junior Emma Hyde, have to move from singles to doubles due to injuries.

"We're extremely young, but very athletic," Sobieralski said. "We have to work hard and im-

prove, which I know the girls will do. I have some taller players this year and a great bunch of athletes who move well on the court."

"We will be a better team come regional time."

The Blue Devils, coming off another Macomb Area Conference Red Division dual meet and tournament title, as well as a regional crown, also return senior captain Alana Dickson, senior captain Alexa Cornwall, junior Carrie Lynch and junior Emmy Boccaccio.

Newcomers to the team are freshmen Brooke Willard, Sydney Keller, Samantha Perry and Kate Krueger, as

well as junior Katherine Halso, Anna Stewart and Paige Hackenberger.

"We have a tough schedule, so all of our girls will get a chance to face stiff competition," Sobieralski said. "I look forward to coaching this great group of girls. They want to work hard to improve, which will go a long way this spring."

South will be in a fight to repeat as Red Division champions. Port Huron Northern and St. Clair are vastly improved, and Utica Eisenhower has a good lineup. City rival Grosse Pointe North is also in the division.

"We're going to have to be at

the top of our game to win our division," Sobieralski said. "It should be very competitive this spring."

In season-opening action last weekend, the Blue Devils beat Livonia Stevenson 6-2 and lost 5-3 to Farmington Hills Mercy.

"We juggled the lineup a bit, but overall we had some nice results we can build on," Sobieralski said.

Willard won both of her matches at No. 1 singles, as did the No. 1 doubles team of Hyde and Dickson. Boccaccio and Perry also won their two matches in their doubles flight. South is 1-1 overall.

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Soccer

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils win 2

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

One of the biggest struggles for the Grosse Pointe South girls' soccer team last year was scoring.

That doesn't seem to be an issue anymore.

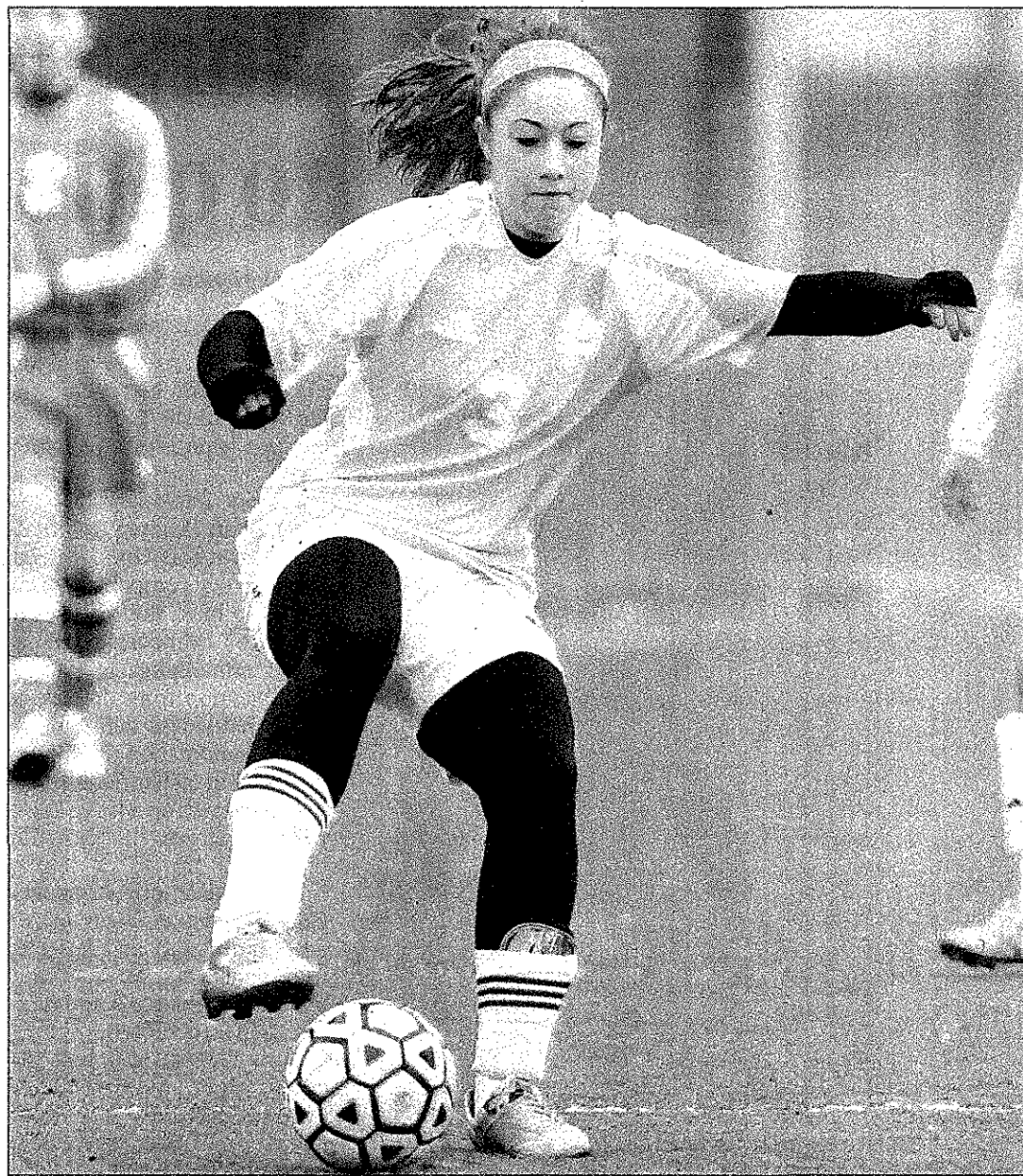
In its first two games this season, South has dominated offensively, combining for eight goals.

During its game last Wednesday at home against Warren Cousino, South scored once in the first half and twice in the second en route to a 3-1 victory.

"I'm feeling we're going to have a good year," head coach Gene Harkins said. "If you remember, last year we were having problems scoring goals. As you can see, that's not going to be our problem this year."

The newfound spark in the offense is attributed to senior forward Sarah Ventimiglia, who boasts a dangerous combination of speed and power but was hindered by an ACL injury each of the past three seasons. She scored twice against Cousino, including a booming shot into the top corner of the goal from 25 yards out.

Senior forward Emily Flom also scored for South, which allowed only one shot on goal, a



Grosse Pointe South's Emily Flom scored a goal in the Blue Devils' win over Warren Cousino.

direct kick that sailed over sophomore goalkeeper Anastasia Diamond's head.

"I thought we played really well, I thought we had control of the game," Harkins said. "Throughout the whole game, they got one shot on goal and they scored, but for the beginning of the season, we're play-

ing well. What we're doing is we're playing well as a team. Everybody's out there working hard, so it's real competitive. I'm really happy with the team."

South opened its season last Tuesday against Madison Heights Lamphere, and scored three second-half goals, all off

set pieces, to record a 5-2 victory.

Freshman forward Gretchen Dettlinger had two goals and Ventimiglia, Chelsea Macgriff and Margaret Galea each scored one. Macgriff also had an assist, as did Claire Deboer (two) and Flom.

South is 2-0.

PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

JAMETT:
Determined
to excel

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"They support me through everything and watch me play all the time. They are who I look up to."

Another reason why Jamett chose U-M is its proximity to the family's home in Grosse Pointe Woods. This way, his parents and grandparents can watch him play without having to travel several hours away.

Being a member of the Wolverines means Jamett might also get a chance to play for a prestigious national championship, which most programs in the state can't boast.

Jamett is used to pressure. He has played in front of professional baseball and college scouts the past few summers. He just goes about his business of throwing out base runners attempting to steal or get big hits.

He put in a lot of time during the off-season, preparing for his final season of high school baseball playing for Liggett head coach Dan Cimini.

The four-year varsity player and second-year team captain earned Division IV All-State First Team honors last spring. Joining him at catcher were 2010 graduates Kyle Figgins of Climax Scots and Mike Lilly of Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart.

"I have to lead by example," Jamett said. "I don't have to be a yell. I just have to go out there and play hard every day in practice and in games."

Jamett joins a talented group of Knights who have fielded solid teams during his first three years. However, all of the wins failed to yield a trip to Battle Creek for the Final Four.

"I really want to go to a Final Four and win a state champi-

onship," Jamett said. "We have the talent to do it, but we have to get it done on the field."

Last spring, Jamett hit .481 (37-for-77) with seven home runs, 10 doubles, 40 RBIs and 25 walks.

His sophomore season, he hit .469 (46-for-98) with three homers, 11 doubles, 33 RBIs and 20 walks, and as a freshman on a Knights squad that was undefeated in the regular season, Jamett hit .500 (40-for-80) with six home runs, 15 doubles, 46 RBIs and 20 walks.

His on-base percentage is above .500 for his career and the walk total could rise this season as some pitchers might elect to try to pitch around Jamett.

His All-State status last season was also based on one huge number — he threw out an amazing 39-of-40 runners attempting to steal.

"His work ethic is impeccable," Cimini said. "He learned here at Liggett how to be a leader. He always gives his best effort, win or lose, and that is what is so great about Dominic. The younger guys on the team will learn a lot from him this season."

"Dominic has a bright future because of his excellent work ethic."

He played right field his freshman year as senior Mike Thomas caught every inning of every game.

Cimini told Jamett he would be the starting catcher the following year, so he put in the time to learn the position. He hasn't skipped a beat as he enters his third year behind the plate.

Jamett also played soccer for three years and basketball for four years. His final game of his high school career came Monday, March 7, a loss in a district first-round game.

With basketball and soccer in the rearview mirror, Jamett is focused on baseball and helping the Knights try to win a state championship.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen start with mixed results

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe North girls' soccer team opened its season decimated by injury.

On a roster of 17, five players missed the first two games due to re-aggravating injuries suffered during the fall and winter sports seasons. The injuries have left coach Chris Alston with one available bench player and a current line-up consisting of young and inexperienced players at the varsity level.

"We're still learning," Alston said. "I've got a lot of young kids, a lot of young girls, a lot of new varsity faces. Already one girl was pulled up from (junior varsity) because of a torn ACL. So, we're learning on the fly."

And with that "learning on the fly" mentality, Alston must take the good — a 3-3 tie against Utica to open its season — with the bad — a 2-0 loss at Fraser last Wednesday.

In last week's loss to Fraser, the offense struggled to put together any kind of promising attack. It played most of the game in its defensive zone which, together with the fact the team was limited to one reserve, resulted in a struggle to combat fatigue.

As a result, Fraser scored late in the first half and established momentum heading into the second half, where it scored its second goal minutes in and never let up the remainder of the game.

"They got one with about three minutes to go in the first half," Alston said of the goal.

"We were starting to get a little tired, and I was hoping to just push, get through the end of the first half, regroup, and go out there again. But, they got one and that was kind of a really big one, right before half-time."

"And the second one came early in the second half. Probably the two worst times to get one. That was pretty much it."

"I don't think we did what we came here to do — hold off the ball, play two-touch. We've got a lot of girls down, so in order to come out with a result here, we were going to have to hold on to it and we didn't. We played a little kick-and-run."

"Fraser played well today, did what they had to do, put a couple in the back of the net, played some good defense. They're a really well-organized team, well-coached and it showed on the field."

North opened its season March 24 at home against Utica, whose star player showed little remorse for the several first-time varsity players on North. Despite her two goals and an assist, North played to a 3-3 tie.

"The first game was good,"

Alston said. "(Utica) had a special player. Our goal was to shut her down; she had two goals and an assist. We were supposed to look out for one thing and it didn't happen. A lot of it was it was our first varsity game, but we hung in there, did what we had to do. We put some goals in the back of the net. We did a lot of good things, but we had a couple blunders with this young lady Utica had."

Through two games, Alston saw signs of hope from its younger players, and knows once the veterans return from injury, things will get better.

"It will get better, I know it will," he said. "We've got talent on the team. We've just got to get healthy. They're gonna start seeing how it's supposed to look. A lot of girls on the bench, they were like, 'why are they doing that? Why don't they just do this?' so they're seeing what I see."

"So, as those girls get healthy and they step out on the field, it should get better."

Grosse Pointe North had its game against Okemos, scheduled for March 26, canceled due to inclement weather.

Grosse Pointe North is 0-1-1.

SPEED SKATING

Shores native
excels on ice

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

It started back in 2002, in his family room, while watching short track speed skater Apollo Ohno during the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

At that moment, everything clicked for Grosse Pointe Shores native Andrew Astalos.

"The next week I went to practice speed skating," Astalos said. "I had been playing hockey, but the year after stopped playing and focused on speed skating."

His switch from hockey to speed skating has taken him to California, Utah, Wisconsin, Canada and recently across the Atlantic Ocean into Finland and the Netherlands.

Astalos, 16, returned a few weeks ago from a stint with the United States speed skating team at the World Jr. Championships and Finals in Seinajoki, Finland and Groningen, Netherlands. Only the top five skaters, between the ages of 16 and 18, in the U.S. qualified for the meet; Astalos being one of them.

"I was the youngest there," Astalos said of his experience. "There's Olympians from 2010 to skaters like me. It was a fun experience to meet everyone and compete against the world. Exciting stuff."

"I fared okay. I wasn't too pleased. In the 1500m race at World Jr. Finals, I ranked 18th. I think ranking in the top 25 was an accomplishment in itself. Our highest was 7th, which wasn't the best for the US. We're a fairly young team."

Astalos started skating competitively as an eight-year-old. After watching Ohno at the Olympics, he joined the Wolverine Sports Club in Hazel Park, one of

seven speed skating clubs in the state. And before long, he outgrew the competition and was in need of a different training environment.

"That really got me going fast and excelling fast," Astalos said about the club. "They've been helpful all the way through until now, helping me along the way. They've been great and I can't say enough about them."

"I was very competitive when I was training at home. You reach a certain point where you need better training, so I started going to California when I was 13. That's what got me to this point I'm at right now."

In California, Astalos met and trained with Wilma Boomstra, his current coach of whom he considers a second mother. He continues to train with her six hours a day, seven months at a time.

The season typically extends from the start of training in early June to the last competition in late March. Because of the strict regimen and the time commitment to training, Astalos, a graduate of Our Lady Star of the Sea, wasn't able to attend a local high school, presumably, Grosse Pointe North, and is instead home-schooled while on the circuit.

He spends time with his Grosse Pointe-area friends during the off-season before flying back to California, where he'll continue his push to become a member of the U.S. Olympic team.

"That's my goal for now," Astalos said. "Making the World Jr. team was a stepping-stone to the Olympics team."

"Making the World senior team is the next step from World Jr. It's a very big deal. There's no sport like it. So little people but the competition is so strict and so narrow. It's very hard to be top of the world."

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Hockey

YOUTH LEVEL

Among the best

Grosse Pointe Woods' Devyn LaValley, left, and Leigh Farquhar of Grosse Pointe Farms, helped lead the Mount Clemens Wolves' travel team to a state title in East Grand Rapids March 6. The Wolves won the title game 4-0. They finished unbeaten in their quest and LaValley and Farquhar have been teammates for several years. LaValley, Farquhar and their center on their line, Alli Bianchini, combined for several goals as the Wolves outscored their foes 23-2 in the four games. Farquhar earned the tournament Most Valuable Player honor, helping the Wolves post a 41-5-2 record. Of the five losses, three were to 16U teams. The girls advanced to the national tournament in California.



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YOUTH LEVEL

Local girls lift team

The 12U St. Clair Shores Saints girls' hockey team wrapped up a successful season by winning the 2011 LC-AHL Adams Division Playoff championship Sunday, March 13, at the Farmington Ice Arena.

To get to the championship game, the Saints had to beat the regular season champions, the Ann Arbor Cougars, in the semifinals.

The Saints got out to a 2-0 lead on goals by Cartier Smith and Grosse Pointe Farms' Carson Dennis, but the Cougars got a late second period goal to narrow the lead.

The Cougars then scored late in the third to send the game to overtime.

The score remained tied throughout a three minute overtime period with both teams skating four players followed by another OT with a three-on-three format.

A best-of-three shootout would determine who went to the championship game.

The Cougars shot first and scored, but Grosse Pointe



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The St. Clair Shores Saints are composed of, back row from left, assistant coach Mike Kramer of the City of Grosse Pointe, Head Coach Matt Dennis of Grosse Pointe Farms, assistant coach Jamie Smith, Grosse Pointe Shores' Emily Van Der Hoeven and assistant coach Jeff Kelly; middle row from left, Ava Russano, Carson Dennis, Lauren Kramer, Cartier Smith, Alyssa Czech and Lucille Barnowski; and front row from left, Haley Malewicz, Olivia Yates of Grosse Pointe Park, Kylee Banaszewski and Lauren Kelly.

Park's Ava Russano evened the score with her hard shot.

The Saintes Haley Malewicz stopped the Cougars second attempt and Dennis then put a move on the Cougars' goalie and scored to give the Saints a 2-1 lead.

Haley then blanked the third Cougar attempt to win the semifinal game for the Saints, who advanced to the championship game against the Livonia Knights the following day.

Livonia knocked the Saints out of the state playoffs just one week before, so they would get a chance at revenge.

The Saintes opened the

scoring in the first period on a great pass from their leading scorer, Lauren Kramer of the City of Grosse Pointe, to Grosse Pointe Woods' Alyssa Czech who buried it in the back of the net. This is Czech's first season playing hockey, but she looked like a veteran on this play.

The Saints pushed the lead to 2-0 when Grosse Pointe Shores' Emily Van Der Hoeven intercepted a breakout pass and blazed a shot from near the blue line through two defenders and Livonia's goalie.

Livonia then got a lucky bounce to score, ending the

first period with a 2-1 deficit.

Five minutes into the third period, Czech hit a rebound over to the Saints' winger, Olivia Yates of Grosse Pointe Park, who was able to find the back of the net in a mad scramble in front to give the Saints the lead for good.

The Knights were able to get one score right back to draw within a goal, but the Saints' defense of Dennis, Van Der Hoeven, Russano and Kylee Banaszewski were able to fend off any other threats.

The Saints avenged their previous week's loss and took home the championship Trophy.

YOUTH LEVEL

Host of Pointers aid Maple Leafs

The St. Clair Shores Mite House Maple Leafs upset the favored regular season champion St. Clair Shores Blackhawks in double overtime to win the playoff championship.

The Blackhawks started out the scoring just one minute into the game when Grosse Pointe Park's Caitlin Breen made a sharp breakout pass to William Weiss of Grosse Pointe Woods, who scored on a breakaway.

Weiss then put the Blackhawks up 2-0 when he capitalized on a Maple Leaf turnover to score again with two minutes remaining in the period.

The Maple Leafs showed their determination to keep the score close when Bradley Kramer of the City of Grosse Pointe scored a goal with just 34 seconds left in the first period. Grosse Pointe Farms' Caden Ancona and Dylan Holman of Grosse Pointe Woods were credited with assists.

After a scoreless second period, the Maple Leafs were still down 2-1 in late in the third period and feeling the pressure, but continued to press the Blackhawks trying to tie the score.

With just 45 seconds left in the championship game, Grosse Pointe Farms' Lloyd Dennis received a pass from Kramer and blazed a shot from the top of the circle past the



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The St. Clair Shores Maple Leafs celebrating the title are, back row from left, assistant coach Matt Dennis of Grosse Pointe Farms, assistant coach Tom Gebeck of Grosse Pointe Farms, head coach Mike Kramer of the City of Grosse Pointe and assistant coach David Holman of Grosse Pointe Woods; middle row from left, Lloyd Dennis, Trevor McGregor, Coy Catrett of the City of Grosse Pointe, Cole Theut, Owen Bulka of Grosse Pointe Park and Brett Mifflin; and front row from left, Joseph Pacifici of Grosse Pointe Park, Conner Troost of Grosse Pointe Woods, Tommy Gebeck of Grosse Pointe Farms, Matthew Vanderworp, Dylan Holman of Grosse Pointe Woods, Bradley Kramer, Skylar Croft and Caden Ancona of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Blackhawks goaltender to send the game to overtime.

Throughout the first 10-minute sudden death overtime period, the Blackhawk's goaltender, Grosse Pointe Woods' Brian Clogg, stopped many close shots by the Maple Leafs.

Meanwhile, the Maple Leafs' goalie, Tommy Gebeck of

Grosse Pointe Farms, had several big saves as he turned back many Blackhawk breakaways.

As the game went into a second overtime, the Maple Leafs had more energy due to rolling three lines and being able to utilize every player on the roster.

Three minutes into the sec-

ond OT, the Maple Leafs' Ancona and Cole Theut of the City of Grosse Pointe were able to get the puck out of a scrum in front of the Blackhawks' net to their open teammate, Kramer, who made no mistake putting it in the back of the net for the championship-winning goal.

COLLEGE NEWS

Miele inks deal with Coyotes

Miami University senior center Andy Miele signed an entry-level contract with the Phoenix Coyotes of the National Hockey League last month, Coyotes General Manager Don Maloney announced.

Miele, a Hobey Baker Hat Trick finalist, reported to Phoenix and skated with the Coyotes at practice at Jobing.com Arena.

"We are very pleased to sign Andy," said Maloney. "He is a highly skilled player who had a great season at Miami University. He was the most sought after NCAA free agent in the nation and is a finalist for the Hobey Baker Award. We look forward to watching him develop and being a part of our organization for years to come."

Miele of Grosse Pointe Woods was named CCHA Player of the Year, First-Team All-CCHA and CCHA Tournament MVP after leading the RedHawks to their first Mason Cup in school history.

He led the NCAA with 71 points, 47 assists and a 1.82 points per game average this year while his 24 goals tie for 10th in the country. His 71 points are 11 more than anyone in the nation this year and the most since Colorado College's Peter Sejna totaled 82 points in 2002-03.

Miele ranks second on Miami's single-season assists list and has the most helpers since 1978-79 while tying for second in single-season points at Miami, also the most since 1978-79.

"It's a great organization with a great coaching staff," Miele said of his new team. "I met with people in the organization and felt like it was the best fit for me. I'm really excited to get there and get on the ice."

Miele, an assistant captain for the 'Hawks, captured the CCHA scoring title in a landslide, recording 56 points in

league play, the most by any player since 1991-92. His 40 assists in CCHA play were also first and more than anyone else had points (the first time in CCHA history that's happened), as well as the most since 1996-97. His 16 goals in the CCHA tied for second in the league.

Miele was twice named CCHA Player of the Month, earning it back-to-back in January and February, while also garnering Hockey Commissioners' Association National Player of the Month for February after a 4-8-12 scoring line in just six games. Miele was named CCHA Offensive Player of the Week three times during the season, the only player in the conference to do so, and won Inside College Hockey National Player of the Week Oct. 25 after a nine-point weekend against Northern Michigan. He finished the year with 22 multi-point games and a point in 33 of 39 games, including a school-record-tying 17-game point streak from Jan. 8 to March 19.

For his career, Miele finished sixth on Miami's points list with 159, seventh in career assists with 99 and is second in school history with 12 game-winning goals, including four this season.

The winner of the Hobey Baker Award will be announced at 7 p.m. Friday, April 8, at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, Minn. as part of the NCAA's Frozen Four weekend. The announcement will be carried live on ESPN and Miele will be in attendance.

"I'm heading in (to Phoenix) tonight [Saturday] and will be with the team Monday, which is so hard to believe. It's still a dream for me," Miele said of signing. "I'm very excited, I'm sure it's a great group of guys. I'll get up there and do what I can do to help them out."

Details of the deal were not released.

JUNIOR LEVEL



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The next level

Grosse Pointe Woods resident and U-D Jesuit graduate Mac Olson, above, played for Chicago Steel in the United States Hockey League in 2009-10 and played most of the season with a broken hand. The injury curtailed most college scouts from coming to watch him play, which prompted a decision to switch leagues. He played for the Wichita Falls (Texas) Wildcats in the North American Hockey League. He was the Wildcats' leading scorer prior to breaking his ankle in January and made the first-half All-Star Tournament called the Top Prospects Tournament in Boston. The venue change has done Olson a world of good as several Division 1 programs are interested. He will play one more in the NAHL before playing at the college level.

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