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- ◆ The Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Ice Cream Social begins at 2 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza.
- ◆ The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, hosts a bird walk at 8 a.m. The cost is \$7.
- ◆ The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts a book sale from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack.
- ◆ The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods sponsors the lecture, "Parenting the Middle School Years," from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe Academy fieldhouse, 171 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The event is free.
- ◆ The Tau Beta Spring Market Preview Party is from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Club, 6 Berkshire Place, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets cost \$25.

FRIDAY, MAY 13

- ◆ The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library host a book sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack.
- ◆ The Tau Beta Spring Market is from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Club, 6 Berkshire Place, Grosse Pointe Farms.

SATURDAY, MAY 14

- ◆ The Grosse Pointe Woods family bike tour is from 9 a.m. to noon at Ghesquiere Park.
- ◆ The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts a book sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack.
- ◆ The Cook Schoolhouse is open for tours from 1 to 2 p.m. Admission is free.
- ◆ The Tau Beta Spring Market is from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Club, 6 Berkshire Place, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ West Park Farmers Market is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Kercheval at Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ A perennial plant exchange takes place from 10 a.m. to noon at the Tompkins Center, Barrington and Windmill.

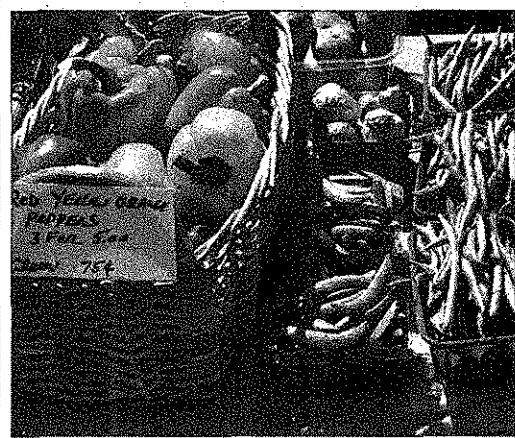
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Spring!

Grosse Pointe Park's West Park Farmers Market, on Kercheval at Lakepointe, opened Saturday with a bounty of flowers and vegetables available. The market is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday through September. Above, Vicki Panzenhagen, of the City of Grosse Pointe, purchases Mediterranean food made by Grosse Pointe Park resident Dolly Nichols. Below, Nicholas Kopko, of Grosse Pointe Woods, receives a rubber stamp tattoo from Hollis Krupa, of Grosse Pointe Park. Krupa, a member of Team Caribou, is raising money for this weekend's Relay for Life in Grosse Pointe Woods.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Budget balanced with cuts

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — As bad as it is, it keeps getting worse.

Despite signs the recession is easing, hope for a fiscal turnaround next year in the City of Grosse Pointe is doused by another year of projected property value decreases.

"I was hoping next year would be the last year of decline," said Peter Dame, city manager.

He expects the city's overall property values to drop next year another 4.7 percent.

"It's more than likely that next year won't be the end of property tax declines," Dame said.

Residential property values in the city have gone down 47.5 percent since 2007.

"Underlying fiscal conditions will create an even more significant budgetary challenge next fiscal year," Dame said. "Additional residential property value declines are expected in fiscal year 2012-2013, as well."

Dame's forecast set the stage for cost reductions in a budget recommended for the coming fiscal year, beginning July 1.

"Expenditures for all departments have been reduced on average 5.5 percent below last year's levels," he said.

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Resident says meetings aren't open

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Robert Payne believes that an open meeting should be just that, an open meeting.

He brought his concerns regarding the way the board of review conducts its meetings with residents challenging their property taxes to the Grosse Pointe Park city council Monday, May 10.

He asked the council to review the board's policies before the next set of hearings in July.

Payne told the council he felt the board of review was "smug, aloof and uninterested" when he came before the tax authority in March to appeal his property tax assessment.

Payne said by holding the meeting in a small conference room where only a few people could attend, it's in violation of the Open Meetings Act and doesn't allow residents to have an understanding of how the tax appeal process works.

"I have no idea what other residents were saying, or what members of the board were telling residents," he said. "It would help to know how the meetings were being conducted so residents would know what information was important to bring with them. At the least, the Board of Review should provide residents with a set of guidelines on how to prove their case. We weren't even given that. Is the board of review there to help residents or there to

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St. Clair Shores & Grosse Pointe

Joint Farms-Shores dispatch near

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Public safety dispatch services in Grosse Pointe Farms and Shores could be combined by July.

Shores officials approved terms last week to shift dispatch duties to Farms public safety headquarters.

Farms council members are scheduled to consider the contract at their 7 p.m. Monday, May 16, meeting.

The three-year agreement calls for the Shores to pay the

Farms \$125,000 the first year and \$92,500 each year thereafter to handle police, fire, ambulance, 911 and non-emergency telephone calls.

Telephone calls to Shores public safety will be answered by dispatchers in the Farms.

Walk-in reports at Shores headquarters will be handled on-site if personnel is available. With Farms approval next week, consolidation will get under way.

"Full implementation would be in July," said Shane Reeside, Farms city manager.

Consolidation is being pursued to save costs during times of reduced property tax values and property tax revenues.

Shores officials expect consolidation will save their city \$550,000 over four years.

Partnerships between and among various Pointes are considered stop-gaps along the way to consolidating all five dispatch centers into one operation.

The Shores' two full-time dispatchers have been interviewed for jobs in the Farms.

Get rid of hazardous waste

Residents can legally dispose of potentially dangerous hazardous materials during Household Hazardous Waste Day, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday May 14, at Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore at the foot of Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The event is open to residents of the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Park, Farms, Shores and Harper Woods.

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

Acceptable materials:

- ◆ glue
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- ◆ herbicides
- ◆ insecticides
- ◆ weed killer
- ◆ rat poison

- ◆ brake and transmission fluid
- ◆ antifreeze and coolants
- ◆ battery acid
- ◆ fuel oil and gasoline
- ◆ petroleum solvents
- ◆ propane gas tanks
- ◆ oven and drain cleaner
- ◆ bleaches and disinfectants

- ◆ expired medicine
- ◆ fluorescent lamps
- ◆ furniture and metal polishes

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

Unacceptable

materials

- ◆ unknown or unlabeled material
- ◆ commercially generated waste

- ◆ smoke alarms
- ◆ radioactive material
- ◆ explosives
- ◆ shock-sensitive material, such as chemical lab materials or picric acid

- ◆ motor oil — this material may be dropped off at the Farms public works department, 311 Chalfonte, weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

- ◆ latex paint — dispose by placing kitty litter in the open container, thoroughly dry, and dispose of the dried paint, kitty litter and container in your normal household rubbish.

- ◆ household batteries — dispose by storing in a clear plastic bag and placing it in a normal recycling container for weekly collection.

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



Flower time

There certainly were enough April showers to bring out a profusion of May flowers. Many turned up at annual flower sale sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification

Commission and the Grosse Pointe North Parents Club. Above, beautification commission member Phil Hage

loads flats of flowers into the car of Kathleen Viviani, of Grosse Pointe Woods. Left, Ella and Ava Smith select

a flat of red geraniums because, they said, "red flowers are happy flowers." Below, Owen Reiter, of Grosse Pointe Woods, selected a decorative pot filled with flowers for his mother.



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Ben and Emerson Gant, of Grosse Pointe Woods, test the stepping stones available at the flower sale held on the front lawn of the Grosse Pointe Woods municipal complex.



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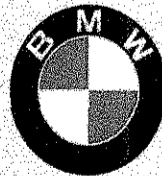
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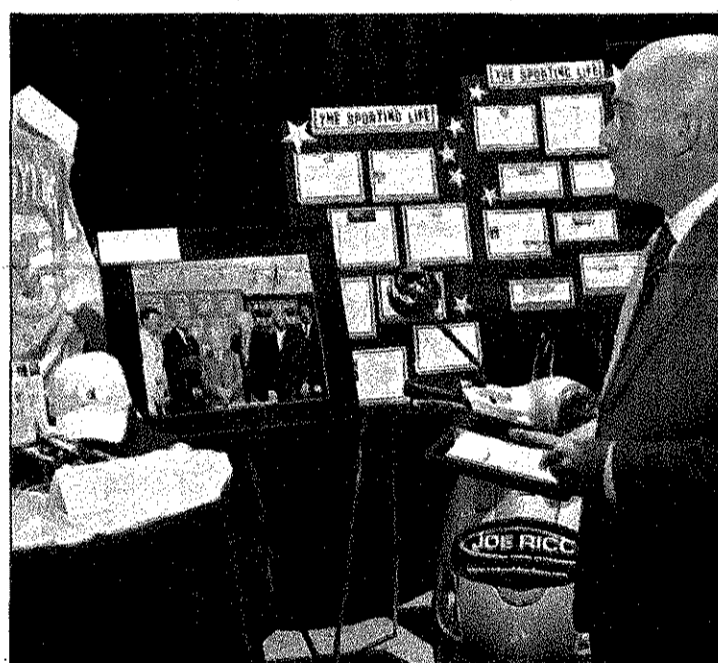
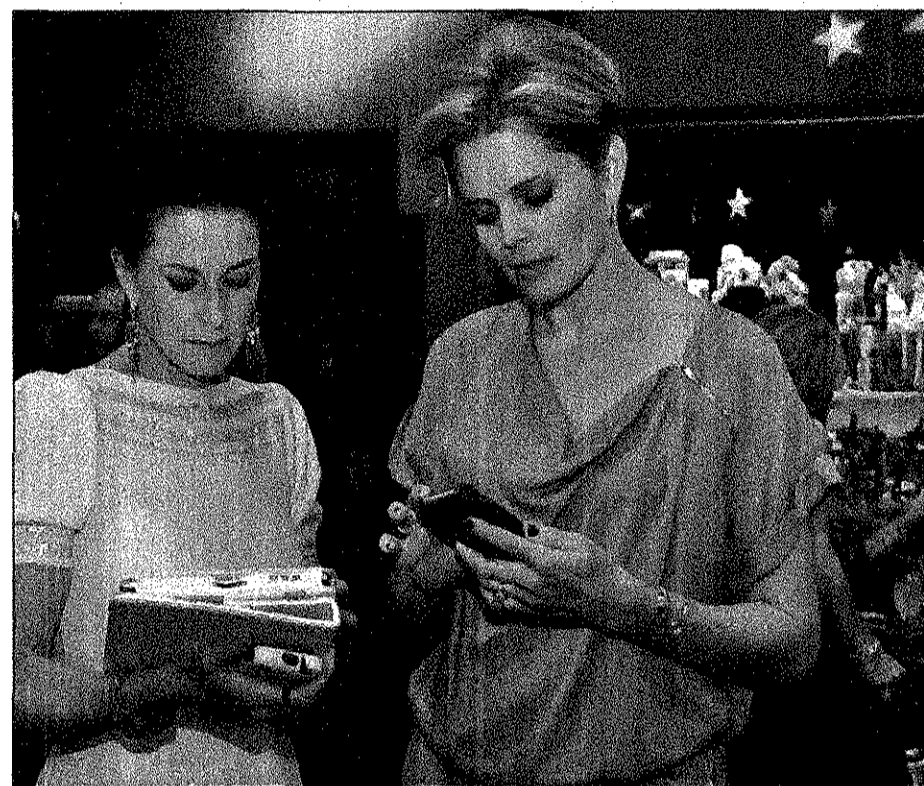
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Action at the auction

From the chairs to the flowers and food, everything was Hollywood style for the annual Grosse Pointe Academy Action Auction last week. At right, Dane and Ellen Krease, of the City of Grosse Pointe, look over a painting they consider buying. Below, Jenny Fruehauf, of Grosse Pointe Farms, and Tiffany Klaasen, of Grosse Pointe Farms, used their iPhone and iPad to bid on, "the good stuff." Hollywood Boulevard and Vine and Rodeo drive signs lined the Walk of Fame inscribed with the names of academy families.



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Above left, auction co-chairwomen and their husbands, Tom and Emily Scupholm and Anita and Jack Valente. Above, George Jerome Jr., of Grosse Pointe Park, uses his iPad to bid on a sports item. At left, sports-related items were among live auction items, including throwing the ceremonial pitch at a Tigers game.



Public hearing next for Woods budget

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

If recent discussions over the 2011-12 budget for Grosse Pointe Woods are any indication, the city council may include an increase for "midnight oil" in next year's budget.

The council, acting as a committee of the whole, completed its line-by-line review of the proposed \$27 million budget about 11:30 p.m. Monday and voted to approve it 6-1, with Lisa Pinkos Howle casting the lone no vote. The budget goes before the city council Monday, May 16, for a public hearing prior to a final vote.

Howle has objected to basing the budget on a .5 mill increase in property taxes, passed by the council in March, which would generate approximately \$300,000.

The increases average \$7 annually in one residential area. Another area would average \$25.79 per year.

Howle was vocal during the budget discussions about several items she felt should be

cut, including staff conference attendance, professional association memberships, legal fees and the annual volunteer appreciation reception. Even school crossing guards, included in the public safety budget, were targeted by Howle, as she questioned why the schools aren't sharing the cost of the guards.

But conferences and travel were her main focus.

"I think until further notice these conferences should be cut," she said. "An employee can take time off to attend, but must foot the bill out of their salary. It is not realistic anymore for the city to pay for them. We need to get rid of conferences across the board."

Howle's comments came after Councilman Joe Sucher proposed restricting employees to one out of town trip per year, stating that it should be set as city policy. The amount allocated for conferences varied by department, but averaged about \$2,000 per year.

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Daytime burglary

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Silverware and other valuables worth \$17,500 were stolen between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday, May 5, from a house in the first block of Handy.

The burglary happened while the residents were gone for the day. Upon returning, they noticed the rear French doors unlocked.

"(A) tool, possibly a screwdriver, was used to pry the door," said Officer Traci Johnson.

The victims didn't realize until 6 p.m. that jewelry was missing.

Two hours later, a family member discovered silverware gone from a dining room cabinet.

"We have no suspects," said Detective Rick Good.

Stolen items consist of:
♦ white gold ring with solitaire diamond valued at \$1,000,

♦ white gold bracelet valued at \$500,

♦ an \$8,000, 50th anniversary ring consisting of a 1-carat diamond surrounded by five smaller diamonds,

♦ a \$2,000, mens Ernst Benz watch with green ring around the face and black leather band,

♦ a stainless steel band, valued at \$500, that fits the stolen watch,

♦ a complete set of Gorham Chantilly silverware, valued at \$5,000. All pieces are engraved with a "B."

"(The) engraving is upside down when (the) pieces are placed on the table, but are legible when holding the silverware," said an investigating officer.

Other stolen items in the same pattern are 14 Five O'clock teaspoons, five butter spreaders and five soup spoons and

♦ a \$250 ladies Guess watch with a silver and gold band.

Tank will help city save

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

What better way to save up to 15 cents per gallon of gasoline than buying it in bulk for storage in a double-walled, fire-guard, above-ground tank selected with guidance by state environmental officials?

City of Grosse Pointe officials expect the 1,000-gallon tank they approved for purchase this week will pay for itself through unleaded gasoline savings.

The tank, including a fuel management system and installation, costs \$26,443.

The break-even point is proportional to gasoline prices.

"The higher gas prices go, the quicker we will pay this off — probably about five years, at this point" said Peter Dame, city manager. "We can spend a little money one time to save money over the course of time."

The tank is 12 feet long and 54 inches in diameter. It was bought from the low bidder and is being installed in the public service yard behind public safety headquarters.

"In an effort to reduce unleaded gasoline costs, (we) invited three tank manufacturers to supply pricing for one above-ground tank," said Gary Huvaere, public service supervisor.

Dame said, "We budgeted for this project last year, but the bids came in significantly high — over \$100,000 — which was above what we expected."

In response, Dame scaled back the project to a single, smaller tank for unleaded gas.

The city already has a diesel fuel tank.

The unleaded tank lets the city fuel up at wholesale rates.

"We expect to save us 10 to 15 cents per gallon," Dame said.

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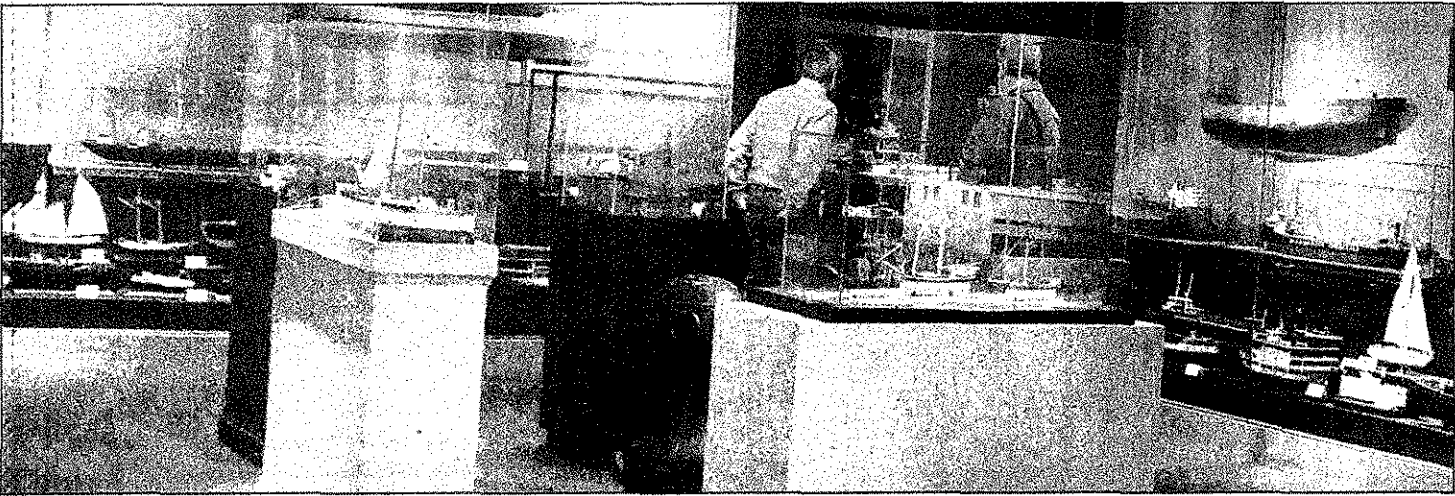
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The show spills from the Great Lakes Gallery into the museum as a whole. See more coverage May 19.

Boats abound at Dossin

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The fleet's in at Dossin Great Lakes Museum.

An enhanced exhibition of model boats docks at the museum on Belle Isle for at least a year. Admission is free.

Nearly the whole timeline of Great Lakes marine history is represented in the show, "To Scale: Great Lakes Model Ship Builders."

"Most of the Dossin models are built to the same scale," said Joel Stone, curator.

A model of the roughly 60-foot, two-masted Griffin, the armed brig that sank during LaSalle's lost, 1679 exploration of the upper lakes, could fit crosswise on the main deck of a 1950's-era iron ore carrier modeled nearby.

"Models make great teaching tools," Stone said. "If you put a model of the Griffin next to a model of the Edmund Fitzgerald, you can show a child how small the Griffin really was."

Griffin and many other vessels represented in the show navigated the Detroit River spot on Belle Isle where the

precursor to Dossin, the City Maritime Museum, was founded in 1949.

"When the (City) museum originally opened, it sponsored the Great Lakes Model Shipbuilders Guild," Stone said.

Members met in a wooden schooner, J.T. Wing, grounded on Dossin's future museum site.

"By the time Dossin opened (in 1961), they had a beautiful collection of about 30 vessels," Stone said. "At one point, one of our back rooms was a wood shop with routers, planers, sanders and saws. That was the main focus—models."

Dossin's holdings have spread into artifacts and art. Yet, the modeling legacy remains.

"We are lucky to have an incredible collection of models," said Stone, a native of Grosse Pointe Woods and self-described "boat nerd." "The biggest problem is, we don't have the space."

Going all out

Usually, only 25 to 30 models are displayed at once. Sometimes that dips to 15

when space in the 16,000-square-foot facility is needed for other attractions.

"My goal with this exhibit was to get out as many models as possible," Stone said. "We have 84 on exhibit throughout the museum."

"A lot of what we have is tremendously detailed," said Brenden Roney, of St. Clair Shores, a docent since 2005.

Each model represents a varied approach to accomplishing the same mission: moving cargo and people across water the quickest, cheapest and safest way possible.

Roney's favorite solution is David Dows, a five-masted schooner.

Dows, at 265 feet, was the longest ship of its type in the world when launched in 1881 at Toledo, Ohio. Marine artist Jim Clary, based in Port Huron, uses the schooner as his gallery logo.

"A five-masted schooner's not something you see too much, and there's good reason for that," Roney said. "It required whole lot of wind to fill all those sails. So, it spent most of its career as kind of a barge. It's a beautiful boat, but it's also too big for its own good."

Whether creating a scale miniature or fashioning some-

thing with the casual dimensions of folk art, when it comes to finding parts for model boats, it's any port in a storm.

"Even found objects go into these, like a piece of bridal veil as a chain-link fence along handrails," Roney said.

Empty spools of thread make nice smokestacks. Shoelace rivets pass as port-holes.

"A tugboat has nails for railing stanchions," Roney said. "It's not representative of a particular boat. It's kind of cartoony. But it works. It's nice to look at."

Off to the races

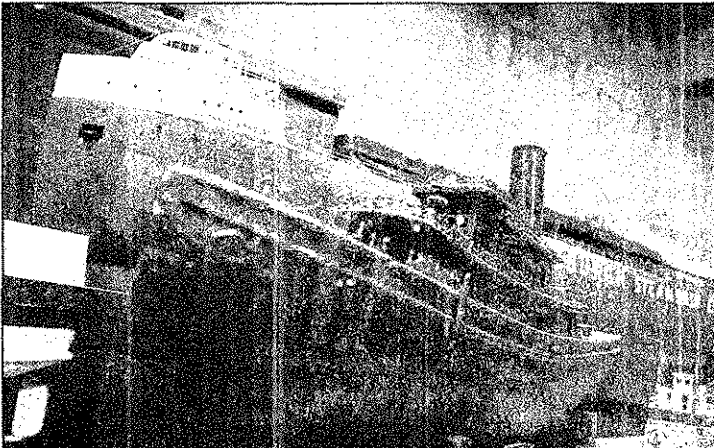
As long as there have been boats, people have been making models of them.

The practice goes back to at least the Ancient Egyptians. Their burial chambers often included model boats as vessels to the afterlife.

"Detroit was big for model builders, both boats and airplanes," Stone said. "The Detroit News used to sponsor competitions for kids."

So did Detroit public schools.

A 3-foot model sloop on exhibit was built for regattas in a shallow pond up the street from Dossin.



Folk art aspects of a model tug boat contrast with those of a scaled model freighter.

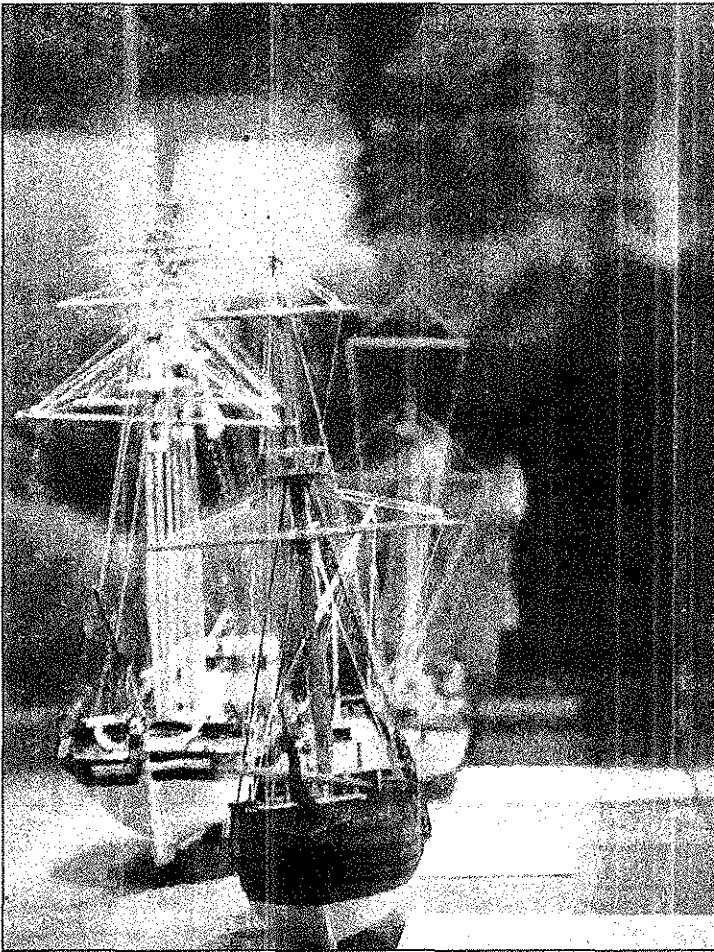
Childhood competitors included Len Treppa.

"I went to Cleveland Junior High School (in Hamtramck)," said Treppa, 69, of Warren. "My shop teacher got me into

model boat building. I raced on the pond at Belle Isle. I still have a bunch of ribbons."

"My dad sails his boats down

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Brenden Roney, docent, wipes fingerprints from a display case containing scale models of, front to back, Griffin, Nancy and Welcome.



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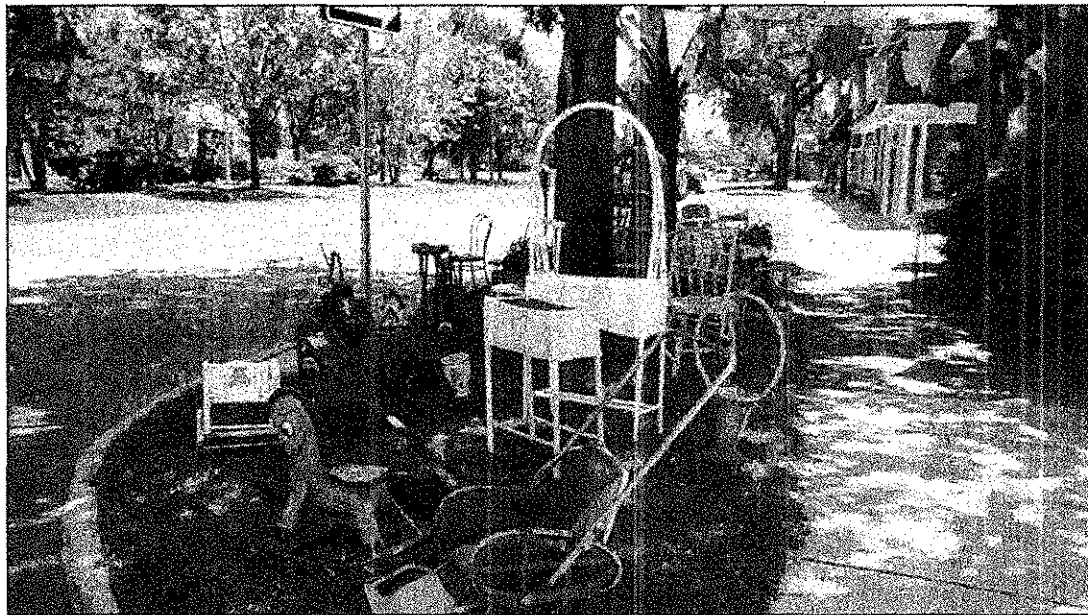
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Spring sales

The Grosse Pointe Business & Professional Association of Mack Avenue holds its annual Spring Sidewalk Sales start at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 18 through Saturday, May 21. Rain dates are Wednesday, May 25 through Saturday, May 28.

Learn how courts work

Michigan Supreme Court Justice and former Grosse Pointe resident, Brian K. Zahra, addresses the Eastside Republican Club Forum at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 17.

"He will explain how the Michigan justice system operates, and the importance of the rule of law," said club chairman Jenny Nolan.

The forum is at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The free forum is open to the public at no charge.

Following Zahra's remarks, he'll answer questions from the audience.

Zahra graduated in 1984 from Wayne State University. In 1987, he graduated with honors from the University of Detroit Law School, where he was a member of the Law

Review. He served two years as law clerk to Judge Lawrence P. Zatkoff of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District before joining Dickinson, Wright, Moon, Van Dusen & Freeman in 1989.

Gov. John Engler appointed Zahra to the Wayne County Circuit Court in 1994.

Two years later, Zahra was elected to a six-year term. He continued serving until December 1998, when he was appointed to the Michigan Court of Appeals. Zahra was elected to six-year terms in 2000 and again in 2006.

In January 2011, Gov. Rick Snyder appointed Zahra to the Michigan Supreme Court to replace outgoing Justice Maura Corrigan.

The Eastside Republican Club Forum is normally held on the third Tuesday of the



Michigan Supreme Court Justice Brian K. Zahra

month from September through June. Admission is free and the public is welcome.

For more information about the Eastside Republican Club and its meetings, visit eastside-republican-club.org.

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Lock holds up

There are no suspects in the failed break-in of T-Mobile in the Village early Friday, May 6.

The attempt triggered a burglar alarm at 3:40 a.m.

Officer Thomas Martindale investigated.

"(I) observed the building to be secure," Martindale reported. "(I) did notice a large piece of concrete and several smaller pieces of concrete near the front glass door. There was a small scratch on the front door where the rock was thrown. It also appears as if the front lock was struck with a rock several times."

It's relative

The theft last week of two television sets and related equipment from an apartment in the 900 block of Neff may involve a relative of the victim, the victim told police.

A woman living at the residence arrived home at 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, to discover the rear door open.

Missing items consisted of a \$200 13-inch Insignia brand

flat-screen television, a larger Sony television worth \$400 and a \$200 direct cable box.

"(I) noted damage to the door jamb where the door was pried open," said Sgt. Michael Almeranti. "The security chain was also broken."

A neighbor remembered hearing a crash at 9 p.m. and seeing a vehicle being driven out of the burgled house's driveway, hitting a car parked on the street.

Another witness told police of a silver, gold or beige Dodge Stratus parked behind the burgled residence at about 6 p.m.

The suspect is a 28-year-old Detroit man, police said.

"(He) had broken into (the victim's) home previously," Almeranti said.

—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

Pocket picked

At 9 a.m. Friday, May 6, a 42-year-old Farms woman reported her wallet stolen.

She thinks a pick-pocket took it at a church rummage sale in the 200 block of Moross.

The wallet is brown. It contained \$200 and four credit cards, the woman told police.

"Shortly after arriving, (she) noticed her wallet missing from the right front coat pocket of her jacket," said Officer Geoff McQueen. "She was certain she'd had her wallet. (She) stated she had paid for an item at a different location just a few minutes before she arrived at the rummage sale. She remembered putting her change back into her wallet, then placing (it) in her right front pocket."

Car B&E

A black, 2008 Jeep Commander was broken into while parked from 8:10 to 8:40 a.m. Thursday, May 5, at Bigby Coffee, 18480 Mack.

The vehicle belongs to a Grosse Pointe Woods woman.

Damage included a smashed front passenger side window and damaged dashboard.

Hit, bite and scratch

A 15-year-old female of unlisted address is accused of punching, biting and scratching a 17-year-old City of Grosse Pointe male at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 4, at Grosse Pointe South High School.

The pair were in line for lunch when the girl allegedly started hitting the boy. When he grabbed her arms, she reportedly bit him in the neck, drawing blood. He let go of her arms, police said. She then scratched his neck, drawing more blood, officers said.

There are two witnesses, ac-

cording to police.

Bike taken

A bike thief entered a closed garage in the 400 block of Labelle during the night of Monday, May 2, and stole a mens, 26-inch, black Giant Boulder mountain bike worth \$250.

The bike lacks a kickstand and has a red Moosejaw sticker on it, the victim told police.

Stolen car found

Detroit police the afternoon of Monday, May 2, recovered a stolen 2010 Ford Fusion belonging to a Farms woman.

The theft occurred last August in the 18700 block of Mack. Police found the car in the 20500 block of Sherwood.

The car was damaged front and rear, and had no battery.

—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

Damaged vehicle

Police were unable to pinpoint what broke the rear window of a vehicle parked early Saturday, May 7, on Renaud.

The damage occurred between midnight and 6 a.m., according to the resident.

"The window was broken from the center outward," said an officer. "Nothing was found to indicate it may have been done intentionally."

Syringes & tracks

Police arrested a 22-year-old Detroit man at 12:45 p.m. Thursday, May 5, for possession of narcotics paraphernalia.

Evidence obtained during a traffic stop on Stratton near Lakeshore included two syringes.

"(He) did admit using heroin from time to time and denied use or possession today," said an officer. "During booking, (I) noticed several track marks on (his) arms."

A 19-year-old male passenger from Grosse Pointe Woods was cited for not wearing a seat belt and released.

In fox clothing

Officers responded to a coyote complaint at 11:14 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, on Woodland Shores Drive.

A female resident reported a coyote growling at her back door.

"Officers were dispatched and found the growling was from a fox," said a patrolman. "(We) were able to scare the fox away."

Drunken driving

At 2:49 a.m. Saturday, April 30, a 26-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man was arrested on southbound Lakeshore near Oxford for being drunk while driving a black 2008 GMC station wagon.

The man had a .16 percent blood alcohol level, officers said.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Brawl

Police were called at 4 p.m. Monday, May 2, to a house in the 1000 block of Wayburn to break up a fight among girls, ages 16 to 18. According to the report, the girls were consuming alcohol when a fight broke out over a boyfriend. There were minor injuries reported. All were residents of the Park and City of Grosse Pointe. The city attorney is reviewing the case.

Brawl II

A report of a woman falling through a glass storm door at 3 a.m. Saturday, May 7, brought police to a house in the 1000 block of Beaconsfield. Officers found two women fighting, but neither wanted to file a complaint. Police said both had been drinking. One was picked up by a family member and left for the night.

Begging

A 39-year-old Detroit resident was arrested at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 5, for disturbing patrons at a restaurant in the 15000 block of Mack by asking for money. The subject had been warned on previous occasions.

Vehicle theft

A 2008 Cadillac Escalade was taken overnight Sunday, May 8, from a driveway in the 1100 block of Whittier.

—Kathy Ryan

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Game over

When police arrived at 4 a.m. Saturday, May 7, to call a timeout to a basketball game being played in the backyard of a house on Lennon, the players questioned the officers as to who blew the whistle on them,

which police declined to reveal.

Shortly after officers left, neighbors called to report eggs being thrown at their house. When police came back, they attempted to speak with the basketball players, but they wouldn't answer their door. Police left, but were called back once again by the neighbors when their house was egged again. Police apprehended some of the players, all in their early 20s, and continue to investigate. Charges are pending.

No parking

A parent volunteer at Monteith Elementary School filed a police report Monday, May 2, following an incident in the school parking lot.

According to the police report, the parent volunteer asked another parent who had parked in the lot in violation of school policy to leave, but he declined. When the volunteer stepped behind his truck to take down the license plate, the driver put the truck in reverse and began to back up.

The parent volunteer, who said she never felt that she was in danger, but felt the driver was being "rude and obnoxious," spoke with the principal, who urged her to file a police report. The detective bureau will follow up.

No explanation

At 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, a bottle of suspected urine was thrown at a resident on Allard as he unloaded items from his car. The resident provided police with a description of the car and the person throwing the bottle, then called police again, saying he had found the suspected car, a black Yukon, parked on Manchester. When police responded, the driver, a 17-year-old, first denied any involvement, then admitted to being involved in the incident, but said a passenger had thrown the bottle, describing it as "just kid stuff." He gave police the passenger's name and police are investigating.

Lock your cars

A resident on Glen Arbor called police to report that a briefcase was taken from his unlocked car parked in his driveway overnight Monday, May 2. The police were on the case for a brief time, when the missing briefcase was found at California and Marter. All contents were intact.

DWI

An 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident, already on probation for a drug arrest in Harper Woods, was found in his car slumped over the steering wheel at 1:10 a.m. Sunday, May 8, at Mack and VanAntwerp. A Breathalyzer test revealed a blood alcohol level of .21. He was arrested and his car impounded.

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

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Grassroots support sought to get bike path project rolling

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

The proposed bicycle route tying the Grosse Pointes together needs a kick-start from grassroots support, said Suzy Berschback during a May 4 meeting discussing the route's implementation.

Berschback is part of a healthy living initiative, Live Well in Grosse Pointe, a Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce committee.

"We are so close," she said. "The cities want to agree on a map; they need to finalize the routes."

Establishing bike paths connecting all Pointes, the business districts, schools and parks has been under way for more than a year. And committee members say they have met with city managers and safety officials with little enthusiasm.

"The reception has been lukewarm from the city man-

agers and police chiefs. It's not their top priority," said Carlos Borrego, chamber member. "They have other concerns."

"We need to get the mayors, city managers and councils on board," said Steve Roach, a committee member. "We need grassroots support to pressure the city councils."

"The bike routes are good for their master plan," added Roman Hammes, assistant to Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit. "The public wants the routes and they need to remind the cities."

If the committee wants community support and bicyclists to put pressure on the five Grosse Pointe councils, the map needs to be shown to the bicyclists and publicized, several attendees said.

Hearing the public's request to see the map in exchange for their support, chamber president Ed Lazar said, "We will take that understanding from the grassroots to the city offi-

cials. It is time to take action. They (councils) need to say 'yes.' It is safe and this is what the community wants. It's paid for. This is the best thing for the community."

According to Berschback, a traffic study must be undertaken by four of the five cities before bike routes can be set up. Grosse Pointe Woods has completed its study.

In May 2010, a map was shown during the initial meeting, but had yet to be presented to the five city administrations.

Last fall, Killeen secured \$70,000 of a projected \$100,000 budget from the county's parks and recreation budget.

The money must be used within two years, and is likely to be spent on sign and paint for lane signature.

Residents may have an opportunity to purchase benches and bike racks, Berschback said, making up the remainder of the proposed budget.

According to Norm Cox of The Greenways Collaborative from Ann Arbor, signs and lane designation make it safer for the cyclist to ride with traffic than on sidewalks.

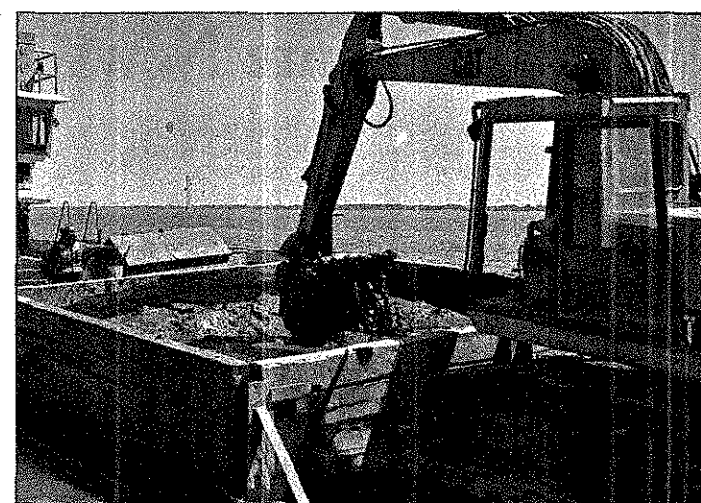
Cox, the evening's speaker, is a specialist in planning and implementing non-motorized paths, routes and traffic patterns.

The network of streets, he said, should be aimed so all ages and all levels of physical ability can be accommodated.

"The neighborhood connector linking stops should make most anyone feel safe sending a younger child out," he said.

The next challenge, Cox said, is to get a consensus from the five communities.

"Things do take a while. You need surveys, public workshops, public hearings," he said.



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Dump it here

There's water, water everywhere, except in the marina. With all the rain the area has experienced this spring, it is hard to believe the lake level is down but that is the situation in the marina at Grosse Pointe Park's Windmill Pointe Park. According to Nick Fell, the Park's marina supervisor, the Army Corps of Engineers estimates the lake level is down as much as 12 to 18 inches from 2010. For the first time in six or seven years, the Park is forced to dredge the marina. "The Park's marina is in a unique location, right where the river opens into the lake," he said. "Because of the currents, sediment tends to settle in our marina and any change in the water levels can be a problem." The dredging, being done by Faust Corporation, is expected to be completed by mid-May.

HEARING: Residents can ask questions before vote

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City clerk Lisa Hathaway defended her conference and professional association membership budget, telling the council that it is a way for her to stay current on election laws and new legislation, a sentiment echoed by city treasurer Dee Ann Irby.

"Professional association memberships allow us to access important information online, as well as providing discounts to attend sessions," Irby said. "The dues are offset by these discounts."

The city's legal fees were also scrutinized, with Sucher suggesting the city employ an attorney rather than pay an hourly rate as it does now.

Councilman Todd

McConaghy disagreed. An attorney himself, McConaghy said that he carefully reviews bills for legal services and finds them "on the low end."

"There are lots of problems with a flat rate," he said. "I read the bills and I think we're getting a deal."

Howle also questioned the budget of the building department, particularly the need for two part-time employees who do electrical and mechanical inspections.

"We have an inspector who works in the evening, making it more convenient for our residents," city administrator Skip Fincham explained. "The part-time employees are paid per inspection, and the cost is offset by fees."

One area the full council agreed on was increasing the

amount in the budget for gasoline for city vehicles in light of the increase in gas prices, about the only item seeing an increase this year.

Following the meeting, Councilman Kevin Ketels praised city administrators for working hard to maintain city services while facing budget cuts.

"This has been an ongoing project," he said, "and our city administrators have been proactive in maintaining city services in a fiscally responsible way. We have cut the budget the last two years, and they have worked hard to keep Grosse Pointe Woods a special place to live."

The public hearing on the budget will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 16, in the council chambers.

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GUEST OPINION By Rep. Tim Bledsoe

Opposing education budget

On Thursday, May 5, the House of Representatives passed the Education Budget with six Republicans joining all 47 Democrats in opposition, 57-53. The previous week the Senate passed a similar budget with Lt. Gov. Brian Calley casting the tie-breaking vote, 20-19. Seven Republicans joined all 12 Democrats in voting against the budget in the Senate. An important difference in the two budgets is the Senate version uses the traditional dollar-per-pupil formula rather than the House's percentage formula and imposes smaller cuts on all schools.

In my community, public education is viewed as something more than a commodity to be bought and sold in the education marketplace. Rather, it is the bedrock of our community; the glue that holds us together and makes us uniquely successful.

Editors Note: State Rep. Tim Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe, had written a pre-vote speech, but wasn't able to present it. A draft of what Bledsoe was prepared to read on the House floor follows:

Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose this education budget. Apart from the tragic cuts to education at every level, this budget unfairly singles out higher-funded districts such as the Grosse Pointe Public School System and Harper Woods Public Schools for disproportionate cuts.

One of the fundamental assurances provided when we passed Proposal A in 1994 was no damage would be inflicted on better funded districts in our state. In this budget, for the very first time since Proposal A was passed, we see percentage-based cuts rather than dollar-per-pupil cuts — violating that promise and taking more from better funded districts.

Mr. Speaker, we do have some financially and academically troubled public schools in our state, but we also have some outstanding public schools. This budget — with its percentage-based cuts — is a direct assault on the great schools in our communities.

Along with Gov. Rick Snyder's ill-conceived proposal to virtually erase school district boundaries by requiring open enrollment of all districts, this leveling down of district financial support is a dagger aimed at the heart of my community — our public schools.

Let me explain something many people in Lansing do not seem to understand: In my community, public education is viewed as something more than a commodity to be bought and sold in the education marketplace. Rather, it is the bedrock of our community; the glue that holds us together and makes us uniquely successful.

My colleagues in this chamber, particularly those on the other side of the aisle who have so embraced this principal of education-as-commodity, will be surprised to learn in November of 2009, Grosse Pointe public schools renewed not one but two millages — our hold-harmless millage and our sinking fund millage — by margins of three to one! I would challenge you to find another district in the state where voters so overwhelmingly support their public schools.

Mr. Speaker, I hope you can imagine our frustration when this overwhelming local support is met with cold indifference by Lansing, aiming to make all districts merely "average," rather than rewarding excellence in our successful communities.

Friends, let's work together to enhance our under-performing public schools — not work to diminish and potentially destroy our outstanding schools. I urge you to vote 'No' on HB 4235.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Rep. Tim Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe.

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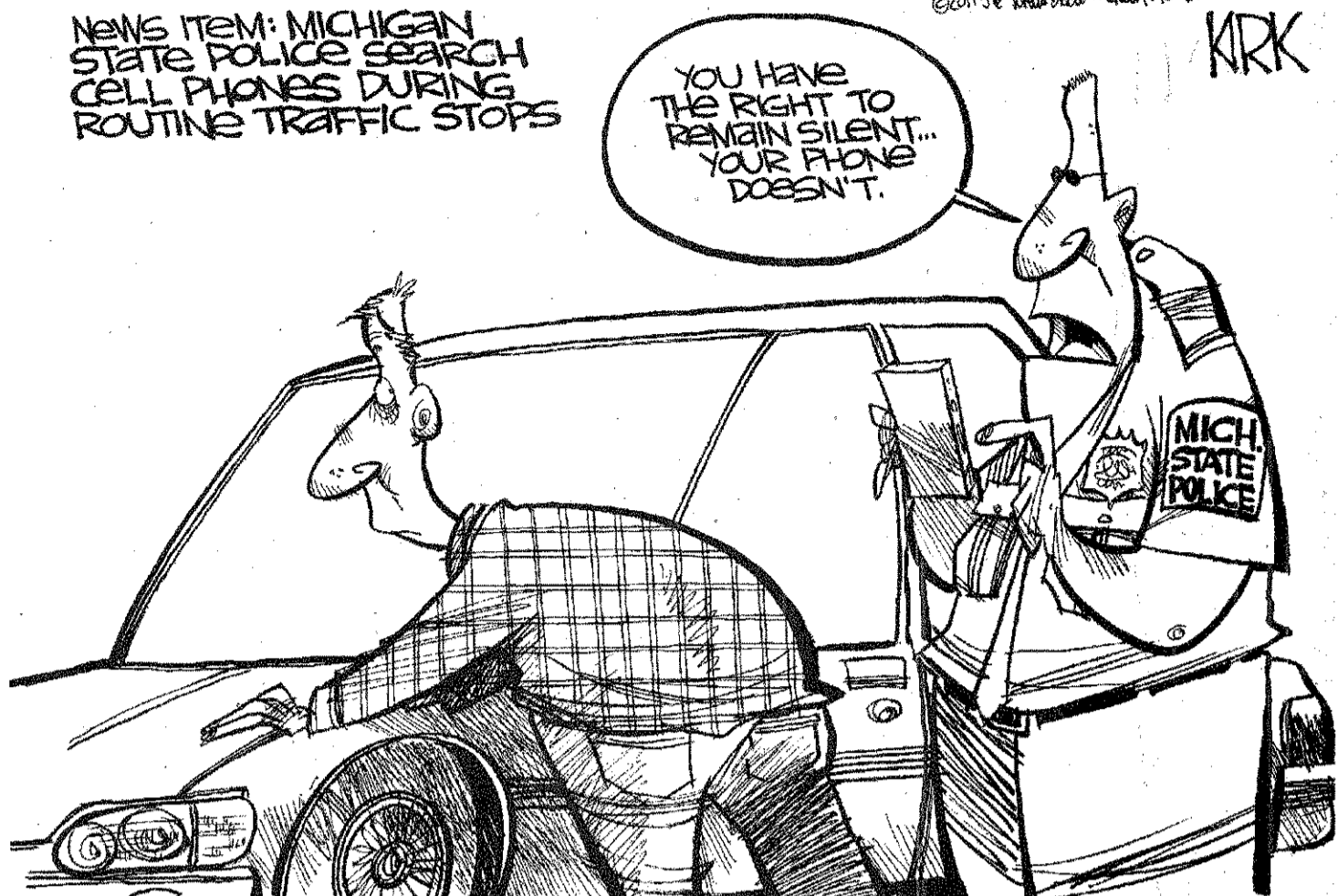
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Secret meetings

To the Editor:

The April 28 Grosse Pointe News reported on the success one of our Grosse Pointe boards of review had in keeping it's meetings private.

Similar problems prevail in all five Grosse Pointes. Instead of conducting open meetings, all five boards of review establish a waiting room where the taxpayers are corralled and kept away from the board. Then the taxpayers are individually called before the board to make their petition for a reduction of assessed valuation.

After making their petition, the taxpayers are dismissed from the room with a hearty "Thank you for coming in, you'll get a letter in four to six weeks with our decision." Then the board deliberates in secret.

Since I am not appealing my taxes, I can safely ignore the

board's displeasure at my striding into the hearing room and pulling up a chair. I can challenge and refuse the request that I leave. I can listen to the board's deliberations and decision — unless the whispering and note passing prevents me from hearing. Then I can phone the taxpayer and tell them the board's decision.

Does it make sense to the readers of the 'Grosse Pointe' News our city councils focus on cutting budgets to compensate for falling tax revenues, while at the same time their appointed boards of review are having secret meetings right there in city hall, granting reductions that contribute to the falling revenues?

Our city councils could easily adopt a resolution that would instruct their board of review to follow the same open meeting procedures honored during the city council meetings.

The resolution would say:

1) Conduct the meetings in a room with adequate seating and sound system for the public to hear the proceedings.

2) Permit the public to come and go from the meeting room free of challenges from the board.

3) Permit the taxpayers to sit in the hearing room and observe the board in action before and after they present their case.

4) Deliberate and decide the petitions in public just like a city council or zoning board meeting.

5) Use name signs so the taxpayers can tell the board of review members from the assessor — who is not supposed to be making the decision.

6) Publish the scheduled dates of all meetings in the newspaper.

Meanwhile, Pointers who are denied by the March board of review have the opportunity to appeal to the State Tax Commission and should certainly state in their appeal the denial was made in a closed meeting. Mention the Open Meetings Act of 1976.

It will be interesting to read the newspaper and see what happens as this story unfolds.

CHARLES LEAHY
Grosse Pointe Shores

Stay in school

To the Editor:
Seven thousand students

drop out of school each year; it's just too sad to think about. They really have no idea what they are missing.

Going to school helps people out a lot. Students can get scholarships to some of the best colleges. Those colleges can prepare people for the excellent jobs they want to apply for. Hopefully they'll get the job they want in less than a heartbeat.

Bosses are really going to want a college educated person, and they'll think he or she is the right person for the job.

If you can get to college, you can graduate, get a degree, have a nice house, have a nice car and have a very successful life.

The only thing you need to do is go to school. It's not that hard, trust me. Take it from someone who knows. If I can do this, I know you can do this, too. Go to all of your classes and do your very best.

In every classroom, there is always the top in the class. I want to ask this, don't you want to be "up there" like them?

Don't you want to be a really successful person?

I don't know about you, but I know I want to. I also want to go to college and get a degree so I can have a successful life. So, please, take my advice.

TAMIRA MOORE
St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School Student

GUEST OPINION By Michael Van Beek

Schools use creative accounting to exaggerate fiscal challenges

The public school establishment is united in opposing Gov. Rick Snyder's proposed \$300 per-pupil school aid cut — and many districts are using their taxpayer-funded websites to urge residents to join the opposition.

Unfortunately, many of their exhortations employ misleading claims and creative accounting to exaggerate past and future budget challenges.

For example, it has become commonplace for school districts to claim funding reductions they've allegedly already incurred, even as their budgets increase. Saline schools told AnnArbor.com they cut expenses by \$6.8 million over three years, yet records show the district's total general fund budget actually grew by \$600,000. East Grand Rapids sent a letter to legislators claiming to have cut \$3.5 million since 2006; in fact its budget grew from \$23.8 million to \$28.1 million. The Godfrey-Lee schools superintendent claimed to have just cut \$1.4 million, yet the district's website shows it spent \$2.3 million more in 2011 than in 2010.

Other districts have made even wilder claims. Bay City

schools told The Bay City Times it had reduced spending by \$24.6 million since 2000, but records show the district actually spent \$5 million more in 2011 than in 2000.

Utica Community Schools said they cut \$65 million since 2002, but audit reports say they will spend \$53.5 million more in 2011 than in 2002.

Lake Orion claimed the district reduced its budget by \$16 million over 11 years, but total spending actually grew by \$31 million. The Mackinac Center has chronicled a number of similarly misleading claims in the last few months.

An even more common ploy is inflating Snyder's proposed budget cuts. Rather than a \$300 per-pupil cut, schools claim the amount is actually \$470. To get the higher figure, they tack on a \$170 reduction from last year, which had been temporarily backfilled by one-time federal funding. This situation may represent a genuine challenge for schools, but it's one they've known about and should have planned for long before Snyder was elected.

Some districts also use expected cost increases to inflate the proposed cuts. Schools are assessed a percentage of payroll to pay for a state-run pen-

sion program, and this is expected to rise next year. By adding that increase to the state budget proposal, schools misleadingly claim Snyder is cutting their funding by more than \$700 per pupil.

In addition, in the past the state School Aid Fund was used only for K-12 spending. Since it is expected to have a surplus this year, the Snyder budget would tap the fund to cover some college and university spending — money the K-12 establishment claims should be only for them.

Local schools may deserve empathy for increased pension costs, but this does not justify labeling them as "funding cuts." On the pensions, the Legislature could immediately reduce schools' burden by simply requiring greater employee contributions, or reducing or eliminating health care benefits for retirees — who all get Medicare at age 65 anyway.

Some districts are claiming even larger "cuts" and blaming Snyder's budget for all sorts of unrelated issues. Rochester Community Schools and Walled Lake Consolidated School District, for example, include funding they will lose due to decreased enrollment as part of the money the state will

"cut" from their budgets. Rochester even tossed in revenue it will no longer receive from a church that formerly rented space in a high school.

In 1994, voters statewide chose a system that allocates funding on the basis of how many students enroll in a particular school district. Few would replace that with one that gives more money to schools with fewer students, so this particular mischaracterization is particularly egregious.

Michigan taxpayers contribute more to K-12 schools than any other government function — around \$12 billion — and they have a right to expect honesty from school officials. These creative accounting gimmicks are cheating taxpayers out of necessary information, and among other things highlight the need to strengthen government transparency and accountability.

While the state has taken small steps in this direction, more can and should be done to enable taxpayers to quickly and easily uncover the truth about school and other government spending.

Michael Van Beek is director of education policy for the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

I SAY By Karen Fontanive

Memorabilia almost just memories



I am not a pack rat. I do not have to have an intervention on the television show, "Hoarders." But I do like to save some things, one of which is jewelry. I don't have a lot of jewelry and certainly nothing like the Hope diamond. But I have a lot of jewelry with memories. I have the earrings with which my ears were pierced 40 years ago and every so I often I wear them. I have Snoopy earrings and owl earrings and feather earrings, all

from that wonderfully fashionable decade of the 1970s.

I have the first "good" ring my parents ever bought me, sterling silver with "sapphires" forming a flower. That ring was followed by a star sapphire in white gold at age 14 and an opal with diamonds and sapphires for my 16th birthday.

My daughter frequently goes through my jewelry box to see if something may be appropriate — and fashionable enough — for her to wear. A couple of weeks ago before she left for school, she asked if I noticed anything about her outfit. The jewelry she was wearing was all mine: two rings and some very '70s dangly earrings.

There was an early dismissal

from school for a tennis match to which I was driving. At 3:20 p.m., well on the road to Romeo, my daughter gasped, realizing while changing into her uniform in the school locker room, she'd left the jewelry on a bench.

My heart sank. One of the rings she was wearing was my grandmother's engagement ring. It is a typical 1920s design with a small diamond. Not monetarily valuable, but extremely sentimentally valuable. I wore that ring throughout high school into my early 20s until I saw some wear on the intricate design and decided to give it a rest to preserve it.

My daughter was having a mild panic attack, manageable only because teammates were

in the car. She later admitted she would have cried had they not been there.

We quickly called the athletic office, declared an emergency and asked as calmly as we could if someone could check the locker room, hoping the jewelry would still be there.

As it turned out, someone already had turned it in to the athletic office.

When I wrote the first draft of this article, I focused on how we were certain the jewelry was gone and how glad we were the "right" person found the jewelry. I let my daughter read the article — "Mom, you're not being dramatic enough. I was freakin' out" — to make sure I captured how we felt at the time.

I asked my husband to read it. My husband's critiques are usually minor — smart man. But this time, he was quite vocal — smart man. "I don't like the assumption that most people would not have turned in the jewelry. Wouldn't you have?" Good point.

But there goes my whole story. This was supposed to be about how most people wouldn't do the "right" thing and how lucky we were that the "right" person found the jewelry. My daughter and I were both certain it was gone. I've told several people the story and everyone said, "you were lucky." Why did we all immediately think the worst?

I'm sure there are many psychological studies with answers. I don't feel like

Googling them, let alone reading them all. I supposed I could analyze the television show, "What Would You Do?" to figure out if we do right more often than wrong. But I don't feel like doing that either.

Instead, I've taken my husband's comments to heart. It's made this a lot harder to write and probably a bit more convoluted, but my intent wasn't to perpetuate the idea most people wouldn't do the "right" thing, it was to publicly thank someone for doing something nice for my daughter and me.

Thank you Grosse Pointe North High School senior Nicole Strickland for saving me anguish and sadness over a lost ring. And thanks, David, for reminding me to always look at the glass half full.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

If you could be a princess which one would you be?

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



'Forget being a princess, I want to be the queen.'

PATTY STRAKA
St. Clair Shores



'Princess Aurora because I like the dresses she wears.'

EVA JONES
Grosse Pointe Woods



'Princess Katherine because I'd like to marry someone who is a prince in my eyes.'

SYDNEY BRUMME
Grosse Pointe Woods



'Cinderella because I like her coach and she gets to be friends with birds, a horse, mice and a dog.'

GABBY BRUMME
Grosse Pointe Woods



'Princess Diana because she did many great things and my mom and her have the same birthday.'

JENNA HUMMEL
City of Grosse Pointe

GUEST OPINION By Daniel J. Weill, Valeri Vasquez and Ben Kaldunski

The year of living dangerously

April 2011 has been a cruel month for Americans due to extreme weather. The Weather Channel cited: It's been an awful, record-setting, tornadic April. We've had 11 major severe weather events, some lasting multiple days. These extreme events included "supercell thunderstorms" in Iowa, severe drought and record wildfires in Texas and heavy rains across the United States. The recent southeastern storms and tornadoes took at least 297 lives across eight states. And heavy rains in the Mississippi River valley could cause the most severe, damaging floods there in nearly a century.

Though record setting in some places, this weather may be the new normal.

Last year, unprecedented extreme weather led to a record number of disaster declarations by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The United States and the world were swept by flooding, severe winter storms, heat waves, droughts, hurricanes and tor-

nadoes.

The extreme weather of 2010 exacted a huge human and economic toll as well. More than 380 people died and 1,700 were injured due to weather events in the U.S. throughout the year. And the magnitude of these events forced FEMA to declare 81 disasters last year. For nearly 60 years, the annual average has been 33. In 2010, total damages exceeded a whopping \$6.7 billion. As of April 2011, FEMA had dedicated more than \$2 billion in financial assistance to those harmed by extreme weather in 2010.

A February 2011 special report from Reuters noted it's been rough going for the \$500 billion U.S. property insurance business, explaining "storms are happening in places they never happened before, at intensities they have never reached before and at times of year when they didn't used to happen."

It is precisely this uncertainty "associated with climate change that substantiates the risks to the economy and soci-

ety," said George Backus, engineer of the discrete mathematics and complex systems department at Sandia National Laboratories.

This is bad news for a nation just emerging from the grips of the Great Recession. Per Backus, a 2010 report from Sandia estimates "the climate uncertainty as it pertains to rainfall alone, the U.S. economy is at risk of losing between \$600 billion and \$2 trillion, and between 4 million and 13 million U.S. jobs over the next 40 years."

Evan Mills, a scientist in the environmental energy technologies division at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, confirms in the U.S. "insured weather-related losses in recent years have been trending upward much faster than population, inflation or insurance penetration, and far outpace losses for non-weather-related events."

It is difficult, of course, to link or "attribute" individual extreme weather events in a single year to global warming. Climate factors — including

human influences — shape weather patterns.

Kevin Trenberth, head of the climate analysis section at the National Center for Atmospheric Research said, "Given global warming is unequivocal, the null hypothesis should be all weather events are affected by global warming rather than the inane statements along the lines of 'of course we cannot attribute any particular weather event to global warming.'"

In other words, Trenberth said, "it's not the right question to ask if this storm or that storm is due to global warming, or is it natural variability. Nowadays, there's always an element of both."

Scientists agree the string of disastrous weather extremes this past year are the types of severe weather that will become more frequent or ferocious as the planet continues to warm. For instance, in the "first major paper of its kind" tracking global climatic trends from 1951 to 1999, Scottish and Canadian researchers used sophisticated computer models to

confirm a human contribution to more intense precipitation extremes with high confidence.

This analysis is supported by a 2010 Duke University-led study that found, "Global warming is driving increased frequency of extreme wet or dry summer weather in southeast, so droughts and deluges are likely to get worse."

A study published in the 2011 Journal of Climate presents "evidence of a significant human influence on the increasing severity of extremely warm nights and decreasing severity of extremely cold days and nights."

Likewise, a report by the National Center for Atmospheric Research, Climate Central, The Weather Channel and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration states "if temperatures were not warming, the number of record daily highs and lows being set each year would be approximately even. Instead ... record high temperatures far outpace record lows across the U.S."

Because we have not brought

carbon pollution under control, the weather events of 2010 will continue to revisit us — with a vengeance. We must act quickly and unequivocally to address climate change before the threat becomes insurmountable. This includes recognizing global warming is already affecting us domestically and internationally.

Conservatives remain eager to dismiss these weather extremes by claiming they are solely due to natural variability. What's more, the House of Representatives voted to defund federal science programs that gather and analyze the data essential to understand changes in global weather patterns and other climate impacts. But all this denial cannot make this threat disappear. We must act before cruel Aprils occur every month.

Daniel J. Weiss is a senior fellow and director of climate strategy; Valeri Vasquez is a special assistant for energy policy; and Ben Kaldunski is a former intern with the energy team at the Center for American Progress.

GUEST OPINION By Russ Harding

Government action could lower gas prices

Federal government policies are partially responsible for the pain Americans are feeling at the gas pump. The president, congress and Federal Reserve could help bring down gas prices by taking the following actions:

◆ Change direction on protectionist policies that make it difficult or impossible to develop oil reserves in North America. We should develop extensive oil reserves in Alaska, including the Alaska National Wildlife Reserve.

We should actively work with Canada to utilize oil sands. America has stood by, due to objections from environmental groups, while China is moving aggressively to lock-up oil sand production in Canada.

There is no other country in the world that does not develop

its own oil and gas reserves. Current energy policy in this country is contributing to higher gasoline prices and compromising national security by forcing an increasing reliance on imported oil from countries unfriendly to the United States.

◆ The Federal Reserve

should stop printing money. "Quantitative easing" policies are driving down the value of the U.S. dollar, which drives up the price of oil. Critics of developing additional oil reserves in North America claim drilling for more oil will not bring down prices in the short run because

it takes too long to bring production online. They said the same thing 10 years ago. If we had developed the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge at that time, that oil would now be flowing to market.

The increase in world oil prices has been partially driven

up by speculation oil supplies will be tight due to increased demand from developing nations and unrest in the Middle East. A change in policy direction that we are committed to increasing the production of oil would send a signal to markets that would serve to dampen

speculation and bring down prices.

When politicians tell you they can do nothing about high gas prices, don't believe them.

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

GUEST OPINION By Ruy Teixeira

Public strongly against cutting Medicare

The conservative assault on government marches on. Their latest trick is passage of the House Republican budget bill. This bill takes direct aim at Medicare by proposing to cut funding and turn it into a fixed

amount voucher seniors would use to purchase private health insurance. To say this approach is unpopular is to considerably understate the case.

First, take cutting Medicare. In a recently released Washington Post/ABC poll, 78 percent opposed cutting

spending on Medicare "to reduce the national debt," including 65 percent who were strongly opposed. This compares to 21 percent who favored cutting the program.

As for turning Medicare into a fixed amount voucher, 65 percent in the same poll prefer

the system remain status quo. That number rises to 84 percent when a follow-up query is posed stipulating the voucher's value would rise more slowly than private health insurance costs — as the Congressional Budget Office projects.

This can be fairly character-

ized as massive opposition. Conservatives, who appear to lack any policy common sense, might want to exert some political common sense and retreat from their assault on Medicare.

Ruy Teixeira is a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress.

DOSSIN: Models bring Great Lakes shipping history to scale

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there now and then," said Roney, a landborne maritime enthusiast.

"I get horribly seasick," he explained. "I've never finished a model boat in my life. I've tried many times."

Roney's interest in Great Lakes maritime lore falls within his overall interest in history. He completed a bachelor's curriculum in the field and wet his feet in a master's program.

"Some model builders are concerned with authenticity and having a miniature version of a boat," Roney said. "They want to have the ultimate representation of it. In a lot of cases, models will outlive the actual vessel."

Dossin's model of sister passenger ship Greater Detroit and Greater Toledo, on permanent display in the main gallery, represent Roney's point. The detailed model features cut-away views inside the hull of engine rooms containing quadru-

ple inclined compound engines, some of the 625 staterooms and the three-deck tall grand salon.

"I don't even want to think what it would cost to reproduce that," Stone said of the model. "For someone to make me a new one would probably cost more than \$50,000."

"These kinds of models often were built by the designer or shipyard, almost as a resume, so they could show off their portfolio without having a giant boat in storage," Roney said.

Hobbyist for hire

A scale model of the Boblo boat Ste. Clair, also is displayed in the main gallery.

It's one of many models of Boblo boats Sam Buchanan has made from scratch since his teenage years.

"I probably was 17 when I built the first one," said Buchanan, 43, of Detroit. "It was of the Columbia."

He built it for fun.

"The captain of the boat, Capt. Linwood Beattie, offered

me money for it," Buchanan said. "I said, 'It's yours.'"

Buchanan said he doesn't display model boats at home. He sells his works to private collectors, shipping firms and suppliers. He's under commission to build one of each bulk carrier and tug boat owned by a Canadian transportation firm.

"A Boblo boat is a very difficult model," Buchanan said. "There's thousands of parts. You have to know what you're doing. You have to lay out every deck. Each deck, as she goes up, gets smaller."

Buchanan's main job is piloting the J.W. Westcott II mail boat.

The 46-foot boat, docked on the Detroit River near the Ambassador Bridge, is a floating post office. Buchanan helps transfer more than 100,000 pieces of mail each year to and from freighters passing up and down the river.

Ste. Claire and Columbia went out of service in 1991. They're laid up in Ecorse. Ste.

Claire, at 197 feet, is in early renovation. The 216-foot Columbia awaits the same.

Besides being different lengths, the boats are of slightly different design. Ste. Clair has bridge wings, a detail Buchanan insisted on getting right.

"I've gone to the boats and physically measured the Ste. Claire's pilot house," he said.

Buchanan's a self-taught model-maker. He credits a nun at Holy Redeemer High School in Detroit for drumming into him the goal of perfection.

"She taught me four years of drafting and architecture," Buchanan said. "There was no slacking. She was absolutely wonderful. I couldn't have asked for anyone better to teach me how to demand the best out of me."

The Dossin Great Lakes Museum is located at 100 Strand Drive, Belle Isle in Detroit. Admission is free due to support from Masco Corp. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Unload - load up on building stuff May 14

Building Materials Exchange Day is 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 14.

The exchange is in the parking lot of St. Paul Catholic School, 170 Grosse Pointe Boulevard, Grosse Pointe Farms.

"It's great opportunity to bring in stuff you've been collecting in your basement or garage," said Terry Brennan, Farms public service director.

The exchange, originally organized by Farms residents, is now organized by the various Grosse Pointe communities in cooperation with Habitat for Humanity.

Exchange day lets residents dispose of, trade and recycle building materials in good condition that tend to accumulate in garages, attics and basements.

"There's lot of treasures at recycling day," Brennan said. "If you need some oddball shingles or sections of fence — something that's too good to throw away, but you don't know what to do with — there are some good materials there."

Habitat representatives are on site to accept donations and issue receipts for income tax purposes. Habitat's Restore relies on donations of new and used building materials, plus home items.

Habitat will pick up large, hard-to-move items. Items must be in good repair and saleable condition. Most reusable building materials are accepted.

Acceptable items include:

- ◆ appliances in working condition
- ◆ bath fixtures and bathroom vanities
- ◆ bath tubs
- ◆ blinds — horizontal only
- ◆ cabinets
- ◆ carpet, minimum size 8-by-10 feet
- ◆ ceiling fans
- ◆ doors
- ◆ drywall, minimum size 4-by-8 feet
- ◆ electrical supplies
- ◆ flooring materials — ceramic, tile, vinyl (unopened boxes only)
- ◆ gently used home or office furniture
- ◆ hardware for doors, cabinets and more
- ◆ insulation
- ◆ lighting products — chandeliers, lamps and more
- ◆ lumber, plywood and trim in minimum eight-foot lengths
- ◆ miscellaneous tools
- ◆ paint (no oil based — take to Household Hazardous Waste Day, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday May 14, at Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore at the foot of Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms)
- ◆ painting supplies, including brushes and roller covers.
- ◆ pipe, including PVC, metal, copper plumbing supplies
- ◆ roofing material and shingles — only in bundles
- ◆ sinks
- ◆ toilets
- ◆ shutters
- ◆ windows

Pier fence fixed after chase and crash

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A fence is among things sprouting this spring at Pier Park.

New sections of wrought iron fence were installed recently to fix damage caused last winter by two out-of-control drivers from Detroit.

They sped down Moross into Grosse Pointe Farms, missed the turn onto Lakeshore and rammed through bushes, small trees and fencing on Lakeshore to the left of the park exit.

One of the cars knocked over a light pole in the parking lot. "We restored the damage,"

said Rodney Girolami, park gardener. "We took some existing plants and shrubbery and tucked it in there so it looks uniform."

He redesigned the damaged garden to include more plants and flowers, yet opened the area to more flowers.

"It gives it more sightability," Girolami said.

Seven upright yews line the new fence.

Short, squat yews provide a mid-layer of foliage.

Low-growing plants include sedum. The hardy ornamental features light green leaves and purple flowers that bloom in fall.

"They are called cemetery plants," Girolami said. "You can't kill them. You put them in cemetery because they're very low maintenance."

"Repairs cost just under \$30,000," said Dick Huhn, park director.

Restoration is being paid for by the Farms insurance carrier.

"Our insurance company then goes after the individuals who did the damage," said Shane Reeside, city manager.

In unrelated but concurrent work at the park, a catch basin is being installed in a low-lying section of the parking lot.

"We always had a puddle there," Huhn said. "The parking

lots going to be crack sealed, seal-coated and relined."

Wells for rent

Open wells are available at the Grosse Pointe Farms municipal marina at Pier Park.

Although occupancy is "a little better than at this time last year," some wells remain unrented for mid-and larger-sized craft, according to Dick Huhn, park director.

"We still have open 20-, 30- and 37-foot wells now," Huhn said.

"If someone wants to get in, we probably could squeeze them in right away."



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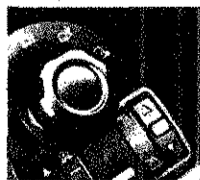
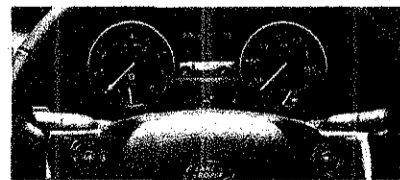
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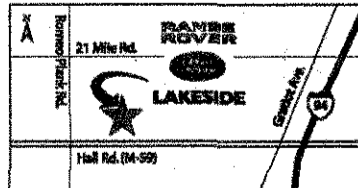
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BUDGET: City grapples with balancing budget while all departments face cuts

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More savings may come. "This (budget) does not include the consolidation or sharing of police dispatch services," Kleinow said. No department is spared, including public safety, where personnel costs are 90 percent

of operating expenditures. A recently retired officer won't be replaced.

"We will retain the current manpower per shift, even though we aren't replacing that position," said Kimberly Kleinow, finance director.

A draft of the budget was discussed at a May 16 public hear-

ing conducted by the city council.

The council is scheduled to act on the budget at next week's session, starting at 7 p.m. Monday, May 16.

The overall general fund budget of \$5,328,454 is \$347,167 less than in the current fiscal year, and \$1,394,461

less than fiscal year 2009-2010.

Revenue declines are being met this year without a tax increase or dips into general fund reserves. The 11.839 mill general fund levy remains unchanged.

As with declining property values, so goes tax obligations of property owners.

"Most peoples' tax bills should go down because of the decrease in property values," Kleinow said.

Residential property totals about 90 percent of the city's tax base. Property taxes make up 75 percent of city income.

Because of declining values, both residential and commercial, the city's budgeted property tax revenue of \$3,997,361 is \$183,210 less than last year.

In addition to dwindling property tax revenue, state shared revenues are down more than 42 percent since 2001, when receipts totaled about \$270,000 per year, according to Dame.

State contributions for road repairs are expected to go down \$281,800, causing the city to contribute nearly \$253,000, Dame added.

Municipal interest income isn't compensating.

"Our investment income is becoming almost obsolete," Kleinow said.

Inflation, health care and medical prescription costs add to the single biggest expenditure in a municipal budget — personal costs, Dame said.

The condition is worsened by "unfunded mandates related to implementation of federal health care legislation," he said.

Cuts & fee increases become commonplace

City of Grosse Pointe officials intend to meet their statutory obligation for a balanced budget for fiscal year 2012-2013, starting July 1, by reducing expenditures across the board and raising fees.

Changes are included in a budget proposal, on which the city council is scheduled to act at its next meeting, 7 p.m. Monday, May 16.

Down

Cuts include:
♦ reduced administrative and supervisory costs,

♦ no increases in contracted services, when possible,
♦ deferred capital purchases,

♦ no salary increases,
♦ reducing part-time and seasonal employees in the public works and parks departments, with cuts equaling 3.5 full-time employees,

♦ contracting the job of court administrator,

♦ increased employee health care contributions starting in January 2012,

♦ reduced employee health care and retirement benefits

for new hires,

♦ eliminating poorly-attended recreation programs, such as Michigan Marina Day and the haunted bathhouse during Halloween and

♦ no purchases of new public works or public safety vehicles, although a police car is being funded by money raised through drug forfeitures.

Up

Revenue increases include:
♦ charging \$50 for bulk metal pickup, a \$15 increase,

♦ commercial rubbish pickup costing \$5 per cubic yard, a 10 percent increase,

♦ establishing a \$50 fee for extra-trip rubbish and yard waste collections and

♦ a quarterly increase in water and sewer fees of \$2.50 for the average user.

No change

There are no changes in the works for parking fees or boat slip rentals, according to Kimberly Kleinow, finance director.

—Brad Lindberg

OPEN: Officials express concern over charges

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help Wayne County?"

Payne said the treatment he received was far different than a councilmember, who Payne declined to identify, received from the board in the appointment slot right before Payne's.

"They were laughing and were very cordial to the councilperson, while they were cold, aloof and uninterested when I presented my case."

That statement prompted an apology from Councilwoman Laurie Arora.

Grosse Pointe Shores resi-

dent Charles Leahy, who has attended board of review meetings in several Grosse Pointes as an advocate for the schools and library, also questioned whether the board was meeting the requirements set by the Open Meetings Act.

"The state's attorney general has ruled that tax tribunals should be open meetings," he told the council. "I was challenged over my right to be there, and I was told by a member of the tribunal that they were not bound by the Open Meetings Act."

Park city attorney Dennis

Levasseur challenged Leahy, indicating that the two had spoken about the incident, and that Leahy had not been banned.

However, Mayor Palmer Heenan expressed concern over the charges made by Payne and Leahy.

"I'm sympathetic to anyone complaining about open meetings," he said. "Our meetings are open and we try to answer as many questions as we can, just as we're doing now."

However, Heenan went on to say that the city is struggling to get the money, "to give you

city services, and if you shouldn't impede our work in getting fair and just taxes."

It was that comment that drew more ire from Payne.

"Overtaxing our property is a hidden tax increase," he said. "About 80 percent of our houses are overvalued. Taxing them at an overvalued rate is a hidden tax and it's a sneaky way to do it."

Payne said he will seek another meeting during the July hearings.

WEEK AHEAD:

SUNDAY, MAY 15

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Pointe, Grosse Pointe Park.

SUNDAY, MAY 15

♦ The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus, directed by Joe Palazzolo, presents its 59th annual spring concert, "A Spoonful of Musical Sugar," at 3 p.m. in the Parcels Middle School auditorium, 20060 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Adult tickets cost \$10, seniors pay \$5 and children pay \$3. Advanced tickets are available at Moehring Woods Flowers, 20923 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

♦ ChariTea Bear's Tea Party is from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Farms Pier Park Community Center, 320 Lakeshore. The cost is \$25. To register, call (313) 343-3832.

MONDAY, MAY 16

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

♦ Grosse Pointe Farms council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 90 Kerby Road.

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

TUESDAY, MAY 17

♦ Female incontinence is the topic discussed by Henry Ford Hospital obstetrician and gynecologist David A. Richardson from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information or to register, call (800) 436-7936.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

♦ Grosse Pointe Business Association of Mack Avenue holds a sidewalk sale beginning at 10 a.m.

♦ Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Learn at Lunch is from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Northern Trust Bank, 120 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. The topic is "Marketing on a Shoestring Budget." For reservations, call (313) 881-4722.

THURSDAY, MAY 19

♦ Grosse Pointe Business Association of Mack Avenue holds a sidewalk sale beginning at 10 a.m.

♦ The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods presents "Are Your Kids at Risk? Trends and Signs of Addictive Behavior" at 7 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. Admission is free.



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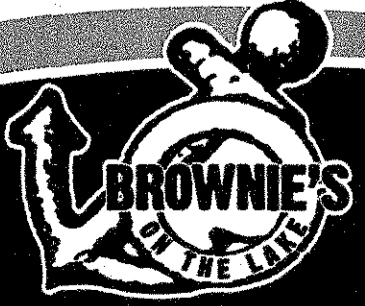
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Designers for a day

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

General Motors transformed its design dome in Warren into four interactive auto design workshops for its second annual GM Design Career Day.

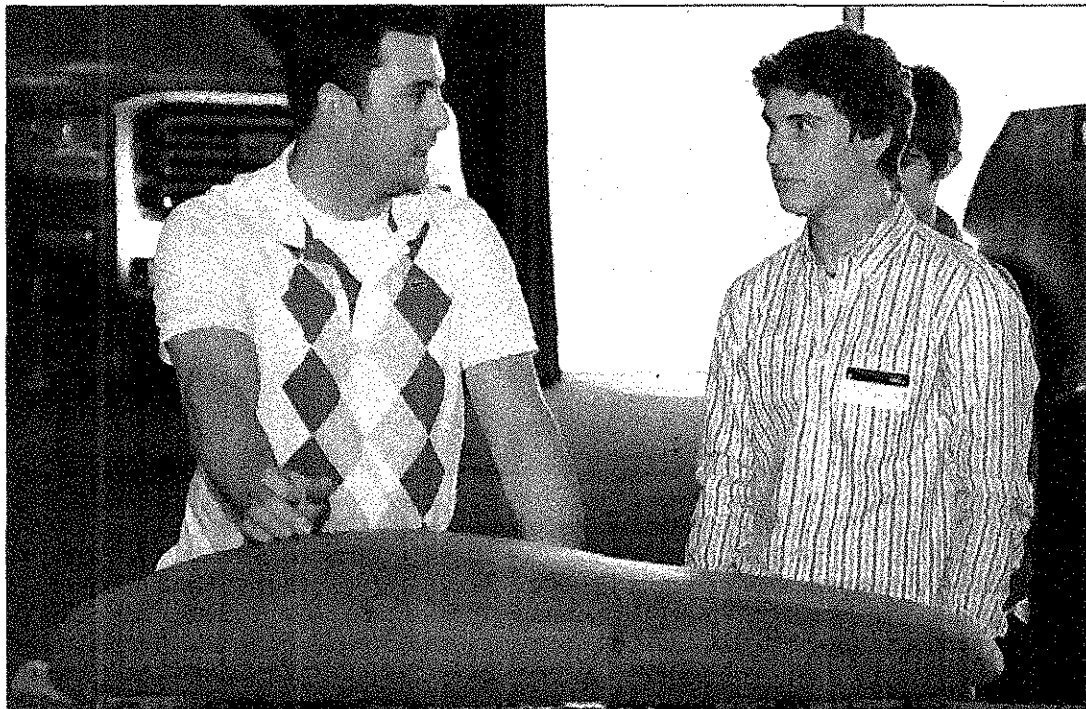
In association with the Scholastic Arts program, the event honors the region's Gold Key winners.

The three-hour program provided the more than 150 students and teachers in attendance the opportunity to explore careers in transportation design. Of those attending were Grosse Pointe North junior Erick Michaelson and Grosse Pointe South seniors Natasa Kopcak, Jordan Teets and Devin Magee, along with teachers Susan Forrest (North) and Kit Aro (South).

The workshops focused on interior and exterior designing.

Speed shape development taught students how to make a two-dimensional speed shape sketch of Chevrolet and Cadillac brands into a three-dimensional form utilizing clay and digital models. In color and pattern development, participants learned the vocabulary of color and trim design and reviewed trending research methodology.

Industrial design concentrated on developing graphics, environments and merchandise utilizing the brand personas,



South's Jordan Teets learns about speed shape development from GM sculptor, Jeffrey Henson.

descriptors and form language of Chevrolet and Cadillac.

Vehicle personality animation and rendering examined software used to color vehicle parts, change shades and values, set camera angles and animate a virtual tour of vehicles in the Chevrolet brand.

"Our goal is to have a stronger voice, to let (students) understand what was available to them as careers," GM Director of Advanced Design North America Clay Dean said

of the automaker's ongoing commitment to raising awareness internationally among high school and college students.

"Also, to make them aware of the opportunity and identify with the talent. We can telegraph to them that we need more diversity, and if we can start at high school age and utilize their talents better, we can help them find a cause for their career, to invest and mentor for future generations."

GM had close to 60 volunteers — all designers — guiding participants through the workshops, presided over by top designers with expertise in specific areas.

This year's career day offered a different perspective compared to the last, which focused more on presentation and acquainting people with transportation design. South's Aro likened last year's event to a mini auto show for students. She said there were about

eight models — concept cars and Cadillacs — with the actual designers from countries such as Australia, United Kingdom and France speaking on their creations.

Participants also watched a video on becoming a member of the design team.

"It was a very nice event to reach out to high school kids looking to get into car design," Aro said. "It's a really generous and flexible, wonderful event that gives kids a peek into what it's like to work as a profes-

sional designer.

"I hope they continue to do it."

As a companion piece to the career day, South hosts Dick Ruzzin, a GM car designer, for a 30-minute presentation, "The Glass Industry, A Design Enabler," which focuses on design history, capability and education associated with industrial, automotive and traditional art glass design.

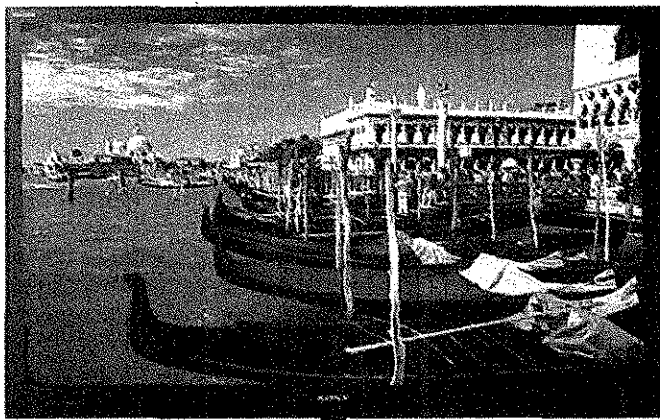
The presentation is at 11 a.m., Thursday, May 26, at South.



Grosse Pointe South art teacher Kit Aro shares a laugh with senior Natasa Kopcak, who participated in the industrial design workshop. Students were allowed to choose from one of four workshops.

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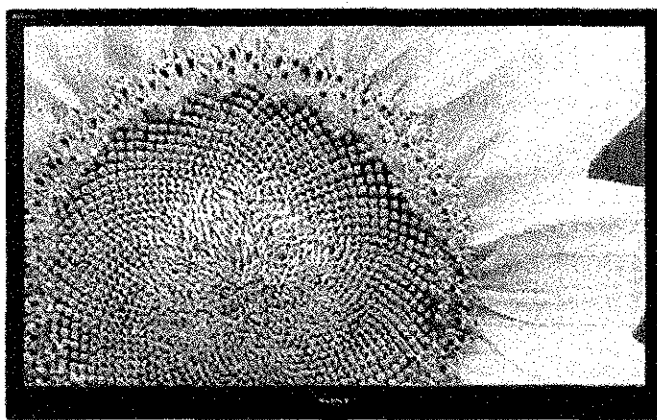
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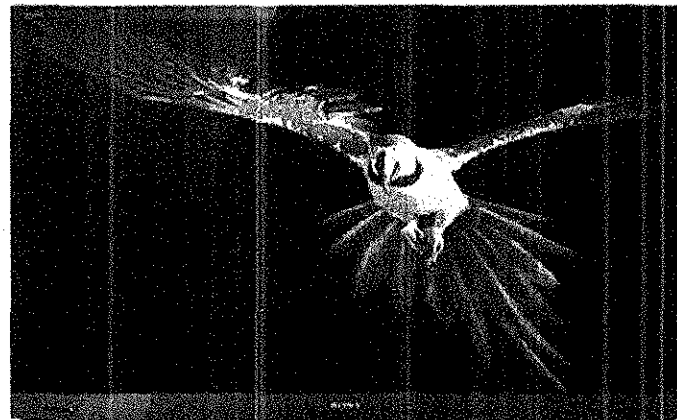
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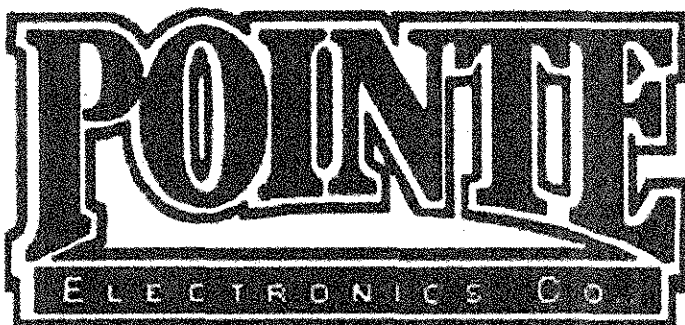
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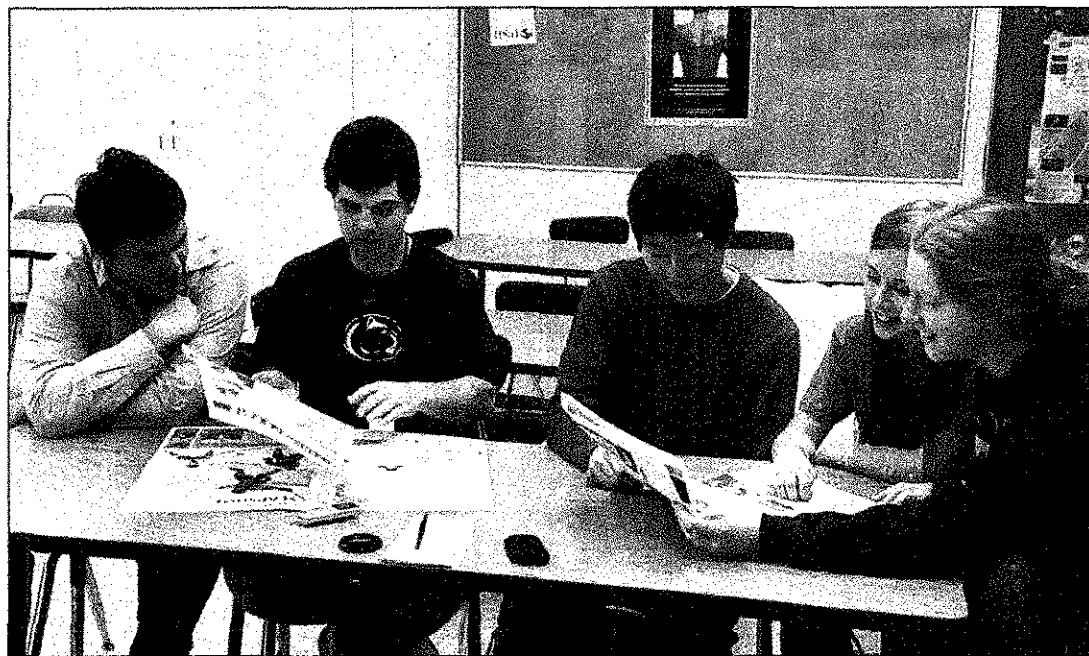


PHOTO BY A.J. HAKIM

Editors, from left, Max Tkacz, Mike Esse, Dan Dou, Paula Friedrich and Katie Riddle enjoy a look-through of their student paper, *The Tower*.

Tower earns top awards

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Continuing in its tradition of excellence, the staff at Grosse Pointe South's student newspaper, *The Tower*, placed among the top nationally and set a school record for individual awards at the state level.

The *Tower* and Grosse Pointe North's, *North Pointe*, were the only two Michigan student newspapers to earn a Silver Crown award from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

The *Tower* paper also won a Spartan Award, the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association's highest honor.

At the state level, the *Tower* staff received 42 awards at the association's spring convention, with 27 staffers taking six first-place honors, nine seconds, 11 thirds and 16 honorable mentions.

Editor-in-chief, Paula Friedrich was selected to the 2011 All-State Student Journalist staff, appointed by the press association. Only 15 students were chosen.

"These kids come to me with great skills, and it's very easy for me to continue a tradition

when I know that they get incredible teaching at the elementary school level," journalism teacher and paper adviser Jeff Nardone said. "Plus, my colleagues here at the English department at South, I think, do a wonderful job teaching these students."

The staff, comprised of 60 students who consider themselves one, big family, work together daily to publish the weekly paper. In doing so, they've developed relationships that extend beyond the work environment.

"We have a great culture at the *Tower*, and I think a lot of the friends I've made here, I wouldn't have met anywhere else," executive editor Dan Dou said.

The staff produced more eight- to 10-page editions this year than any in Nardone's 17 years as adviser. They also integrated *The Tower Pulse*, a first-year website companion to the paper.

"What's amazing about 'The *Tower Pulse*' is now we have a website," managing editor Katie Riddle said.

"And that's totally different stories going on there, and we're still putting out eight- to

10-pagers every week. And we've got a lot of stories on there, as well, which is fantastic."

In its first year running, the website won a Silver Award from the press association, receiving high praise from the judges. An accomplishment considering *Pulse* editor Max Tkacz, along with advisers Kelli Fimbinger and Nick Provenzano (both English teachers), had no historical context to reference.

"There's no precedence," Tkacz said. "With it being its first year, simple things like how do we want to folio lines, how do we want to do the by-lines, so that it fits the web, that's completely brand new and something we've had to decide upon. It was a challenge, but there was also a lot of freedom to it."

The staff camaraderie associated with producing award-winning content for separate mediums further exemplifies the family-oriented relationship.

"(The staff) have become these siblings with one, great common goal. And it showed last week with our wins," Nardone said.

Distinguished Volunteers



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At its most recent meeting, the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education recognized 11 individuals for their voluntary services to the community. From left, Christine Keller (Poupard Middle School), Roger McCaig (Central office), Sheri Kam (Pierce Middle School), Mary Dice (Pierce), Renee Carrier (Maire Elementary School), Peter Seymour (Barnes Early Childhood Center), Christie Scoggin (Monteith Elementary), Susan Griffin (Trombly Middle School), Lisa Vreede (Kerby Elementary School), Julie Verlinden (Defer Elementary School) and Jocelyn Dombrowski (Grosse Pointe South).

Teacher of the week



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Defer third-grade teacher Cheryl Lapensee with students, Anna Cornell, middle, and Connie Kosmas.

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

This week, it's Defer Elementary School third-grade teacher Cheryl Lapensee.

She was nominated by Anna Cornell and Connie Kosmas: "She is a great teacher because she does creative, wonderful activities like writing boot camp. We learned about writing using the '6+1' traits by learning songs and adding interesting information in the script. We presented it to the whole school to help everyone remember the traits; it was exciting to learn that way and to present it."

"Mrs. Lapensee helps us with math, reading, writing, science and social studies, too. Anyone who has Mrs. Lapensee is lucky because she is the nicest teacher in the whole world. She cares about all of us in every way, no matter who you are. We love her with our whole heart."

Years at Grosse Pointe Park school: I have been teaching at the Grosse Pointe Public School System for 17 years. This is my first at Defer.

Previous work: I taught four years in Ann Arbor and Canton before coming to Grosse Pointe.

Why did you become a teacher: Many incredible teachers have inspired me to teach. Along with all of the outstanding teachers I have had in my life, there was one, my first-grade teacher, who was quite 'cranky.'

I was convinced she hated children. I remember telling my

mom that when grew up, I would be a teacher who loved children. So, I became a teacher who really does love children.

What do you like most about teaching: I have always enjoyed learning new things and I love sharing that passion for learning with my students. When a child learns something new, or something 'clicks,' the light and excitement in his or her eyes is magical. Being creative and bringing the curriculum to life for my students keeps teaching exciting and interesting for my students as well as for me.

Each child is unique and brings such a different perspective to every lesson, and I enjoy hearing how they see the world. The curiosity and excitement of childhood is a precious gift that too soon can be lost and I love being a part of it every day.

I also love hearing from students that are in high school (or even college now) who I had in first, second or third grade. Their stories are incredible. I ran into a high school student at Borders a couple years ago that I had when he was in first grade.

He was still able to recite names of everyone from our class in alphabetical order. It was hilarious. The memories of plays, skits, songs, read-ins, stories and just how students felt about everyday events that happen in school live on in their minds.

My hope is that they carry feelings of success and happiness with them and that they remember kindness, patience,

understanding and perseverance will always help them reach their goals.

How do you feel about being nominated: I feel honored to be nominated and blessed to work with such thoughtful students.

Favorite subject to teach: I really enjoy all of the subjects I teach, with a special love for reading.

Reading opens up conversations that range from safe, fun and exciting to scary, interesting, new, entertaining or informative.

Children love to learn about places they may never see and people they will never know. Reading opens up the world in so many ways and enriches our lives in the classroom every day.

— A.J. Hakim

Nominations needed

Students, Do you have a favorite teacher who makes each school day special and exciting?

If so, show your gratitude by nominating him or her for teacher of the week.

It's open to students and teachers from all Grosse Pointe schools.

All that's required is your name and grade, your teacher's name, if he or she teaches a particular class, and your reasons for nominating the teacher.

To send nominations, contact A.J. Hakim via e-mail at ajhakim@grossepointenews.com or by phone, (313) 343-5592.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 4, 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.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held March 23, 2011.
- 2) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 93335 through 93417 in the amount of \$528,022.97 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 Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$7,139.53 for professional services during the month of February 2011 for the following projects: EB Harper Resurfacing, Vernier to Eight Mile, #180-106; EB Harper Resurfacing, Manchester to Vernier, #180-109; 2009 Emergency Concrete Repair, #180-116; Traffic Signal Upgrade, #180-124; 2010 Emergency Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-129; I-94 Bridge Overlay project, #180-134 and 2013 Federal Aid Call for Projects, #180-135.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Mickey D. Todd, City Clerk

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 18, 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 Councilperson(s) Cheryl A. Costantino and Hugh Marshall.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilperson(s) Cheryl A. Costantino, and Hugh Marshall from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held April 4, 2011 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held on February 17, 2011, the Board of Review meeting held on March 14, 2011, the Planning Commission meeting held on March 23, 2011, and the Election Commission meeting held on April 12, 2011.
- 3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 93428 through 93538 in the amount of \$187,680.68 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 Oakland County Information Technology in the amount of \$7,525.75 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department. (3) Approve payment to Statewide Security Transport in the amount of \$5,026.50 for prisoner lodging and maintenance for the month of March 2011.
- 2) To approve the Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement with Wide Open West Michigan, LLC WOW! of Madison Heights, and further, to authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement.
- 3) To authorize the City Clerk to establish one Receiving Board for the May 3, August 2 (if necessary) and the November 8 elections, and appoint at least two individuals to serve on said Board, consistent with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954, as amended, 168.679a, Section 679a(1).

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Mickey D. Todd, City Clerk

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An unforgettable call

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Given the autonomy to interview any adult for a communications class project, eighth-grade students at University Liggett Middle School selected a variety of people on diverse topics.

But none were of the prominence or prestige as that of Bennett Sakelar's interviewee — Jeff Bezos, founder and chief executive officer of Amazon.com, and Forbes Magazine's 30th richest man in the world.

"Students were supposed to find someone, an adult, someone at least 18 years old to interview, and they were supposed to apply the fundamental communications skills they've learned in the course throughout this year," teacher Tim Howard said. "But they did have a substantial amount of autonomy with this assignment regarding interaction and where they wanted to take their interview."

"We had interviews from all different kinds of topics and with all different kinds of people, but Bennett managed to score a pretty big one."

Sakelar asked his mother, Page Heenan, to contact Bezos. The two graduated from Princeton University and met through a mutual friend.

"He had a bit of a crush on her roommate," Sakelar said.

said.

"So, he was at their lunch table and stuff a lot, and she got to know him well during that."

Heenan knew people still connected with Bezos and was given his e-mail address.

Sakelar took over from there.

After exchanging information via e-mail, Bezos called him one night in April and conversed for about 10 minutes.

"He sounded like a nice guy; kind of calm," Sakelar said.

"I asked him about inventions he made as a child, I asked him if he wasn't doing Amazon today, what would he be doing, and what would he do when he retired. Why he left his nice and secure job (at D.E. Shaw & Co.) to start a book-selling company in his garage, and how did he predict the future of computers and stuff, like the Kindle."

In the brief time they spoke, there was one piece of advice that stuck out.

"(Bezos) said, 'the Internet is like the opposite of a gold mine, where if you find a gold nugget in a gold mine, there's one less gold nugget in the world,'" Sakelar said.

"If you find one in computers then you generate two more and it just keeps multiplying."

Sakelar developed an interest in Bezos through their

shared proclivity for inventing and tinkering with electronics.

Bezos grew up the son of an Exxon engineer and displayed an aptitude for mechanics at an early age.

As a child, he rigged an electric alarm to keep his younger siblings out of his bedroom.

Similarly, just last year, Sakelar constructed a laser trip-wire that set off car alarms and, in sixth grade, made a catapult out of rubber bands, pencils and paper clips for a class project.

"I thought he led a pretty interesting life and I wanted to learn more about it," said Sakelar, who's currently working on a small, 10-inch generator that produces energy.

For the assignment, students were required to conduct a five to 10-minute interview and create a podcast — or online recording — of the interview to upload onto the class blog. They also had to provide constructive criticism of at least three classmates.

"The neat thing about it is, I do it on the same page each year, so the past year's class is up," Howard said. "It's in its fourth year, so they can see, if they want, the students in the past years and check on them."

"These are the kinds of neat things we do with this class. Being that it's a required part of the eighth-grade curricu-



PHOTO BY A.J. HAKIM

University Liggett School teacher Tim Howard stands alongside eighth-grader Bennett Sakelar, who interviewed Amazon.com founder and Chief Executive Officer, Jeff Bezos, for his class project.

lum. I think it makes our middle school unique compared to other middle schools. Bennett and his peers are going to have such a huge advantage next year based on what they learned this year in class."

School briefs

Used book sale

To provide more depth of learning for students, the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Academic Enrichment Board of Delegates is hosting a used book sale.

The fundraiser is from 10 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 26, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The non-profit group which uses proceeds from its fundraisers to support learning activities in the Grosse Pointe Public School System, is accepting donations of children's used books, DVDs and CDs suitable for kindergartners to high school seniors.

Donations can be made at any of the three drop-off locations — War Memorial, any of the Grosse Pointe school libraries and select area coffee shops.

Games, volunteer readers, music and dancing, snacks and refreshment are provided for attendees.

For more information, contact the foundation via e-mail at gpfae@groups.facebook.com.

Public forum

A public forum to discuss the progress and recommendations of the Elementary Scheduling Committee is at 7 p.m. today in the Richard Elementary School gymnasium.

The 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.

Data collected from a variety of sources and committee recommendations are explained.

Attendees can ask questions and comment on the recommendations.

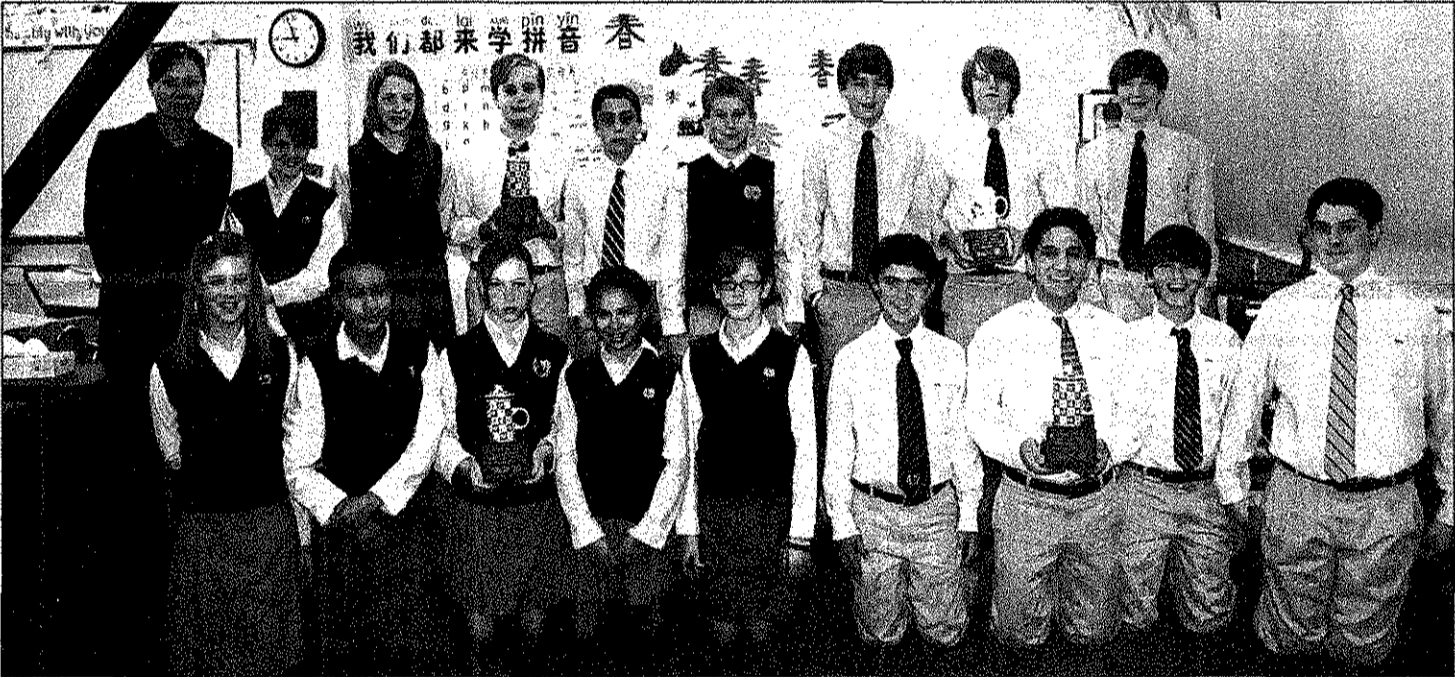


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The four Grosse Pointe Academy Chinese Quiz Bowl team members, along with teacher Yandan Wang. Back row, from left: Evelyn Woodman, Isabella Gierlinger, James Raudabaugh, Jack Sheeren, Jack Weaver, Charles Becker, Jared Brush and McCalla Mecke. Front row, from left: Hailey McDonald, Jyen-ai Jones, Carly Demkowicz, Gabriela Cavataio, RaeAnne Woodman, Joseph Cavataio, Matthew Homsy, Michael Schaller and R.J. McCarren.

Quiz Bowl teams successful

Grosse Pointe Academy's China Quiz Bowl team continued its success in the third annual Michigan China Quiz Bowl, sponsored by the Confucius Institute at Wayne State University.

Headed by Yandan Wang, in her first year teaching at the Academy, each of the school's four teams advanced to the championship round, with three receiving first-place trophies.

During last year's competi-

tion, the Academy's five teams advance to the final round; four won championships. In 2009, its two teams finished second place in the high school division.

This year's three championship teams consisted of sixth-graders (division 1): Gabriela Cavataio, Carly Demkowicz, Jyen-ai Jones, Megan McCarren, Hailey McDonald and RaeAnne Woodman; seventh-graders (division 2): Isabella Gierlinger,

James Raudabaugh, Jack Sheeren and Evelyn Woodman; and eighth-graders (division 3): Joseph Cavataio, Matthew Homsy, R.J. McCarren and Michael Schaller.

The fourth team, which lost in the championship round to the Academy's other eighth-graders, included: Charles Becker, Jared Brush, McCalla Mecke and Jack Weaver.

The competition features questions pertaining to

Mandarin language learning and Chinese culture and geography.

Split into six divisions — first-, second- and third-year middle and high school — it showcased a record-number 46 teams from nine schools across Southeast Michigan.

"I think the students did an excellent job at the quiz bowl," Wang said.

"They are so excited to take the quiz bowl ... I'm really proud of the students."

Soloist honored



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID CLEVELAND

Grosse Pointe North junior Alexandra Krawetz was selected to the Michigan Youth Arts Festival All-State Orchestra and performs this weekend at the orchestra's concert.

The orchestra is comprised of the highest scoring individuals from the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association's State Solo and Ensemble Festival. Krawetz scored among the highest on the cello soloist proficiency exam.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council 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 Monday, June 6, 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.

G.P.N.: 5/12/2011

Lisa Kay Hathaway, MMC
City Clerk

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS - PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE: Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, June 9, 2011, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for Property and Liability Insurance. Bid packet can be obtained by emailing request to dairby@gpwwi.us. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City. No phone calls.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed 2011-2012 City Budget

Proposed 2011-2012 City Budget The City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2011 in the City Hall at 90 Kerby Road, on the proposed 2011-2012 City Budget. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the Public Hearing. The proposed Budget is on file in the Office of the Clerk for public inspection during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The following is a summary of the proposed Budget:

GENERAL FUND ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS	
Municipal Court	\$239,100
General Government	\$977,000
Public Safety	\$4,549,002
Public Service	\$374,400
Public Works	\$1,533,400
Parks & Recreation	\$1,257,642
Other Functions	\$2,496,685
Contingency	\$75,000
Transfer - Other Funds	\$894,165
Total	\$12,522,690

MEANS OF FINANCING	
Taxes	\$9,122,696
Licenses & Permits	\$264,000
Federal and State Grants	\$9,800
State-Shared Revenue	\$654,500
Charges for Service	\$1,151,200
Fines/Forfeitures	\$307,500
Interest Income	\$150,000
Other Revenue	\$121,000
Fund Balance Appropriation	\$615,698
Total	\$12,396,394

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

MATTHEW TEPPER
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A Knight to remember



PHOTOS COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL AND PETER BIRKNER
Above, From left, Liggett parents Kimberly and Ricardo Borrego and Kevin and Lisa Baird.

Top right, Among the committee members who planned the event are, from left, Vicki Diaz, Connie Ahee, Susie Bowen, Lisa Baird, Susan Ahee, Trudy Hung, Kelly Hamilton, Jennifer Fozo and Aireen Maribao.

Bottom right, Head of school Joseph Healey chats with partygoers at the event.

Below, The event drew more than 300 guests and also included a live auction that included trips to New York City and Orlando, Fla. among other things.



University Liggett School's fundraising event, A Sunsational Knight, proved a success, drawing more than 300 guests, including parents, alumni and members of the community.

The night featured a Rolex watch raffle, courtesy of edmund t. AHEE jewelers, and a live auction that included trips to New York City and Orlando, Fla.

Along with the raffle and live auction, Liggett held its own raffle, with a first-place prize of \$4,500 and a landscaping package, valued at \$2,500 courtesy of Backer Landscaping, for second place.

Event chairs Susan Azar, Vicki Diaz, Susie Bowen and Connie Ahee coordinated the night, while auction chairs Jennifer Fozo and Cathy Walker decorated the venue and auction item displays. Trudy Hung and Aireen Maribao chaired the school's raffle.

With the help of the community and sponsors — La Jolie Rose, a chic boutique and Hannah Bear Boutique, the Dirty Dog Jazz Café, Kerri S. Gustafson, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wu, Medical Care Coordinators, Sue Ellen Jurcak and Lisa and Kevin Baird — the school exceeded its revenue goals. Proceeds support current-year programs and the faculty and students.



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OBITUARIES

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Michael Nicholas Counen

Former Grosse Pointe Shores resident Michael Nicholas Counen of Sarasota, Fla., died Tuesday, May 3, 2011.

He was born July 30, 1929, and was a graduate of Roosevelt High School in Yonkers, N.Y. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Purdue University where he was a member of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity. He served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force from 1951-1953 during the Korean War and then earned a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Michigan.

Mr. Counen was an executive with Owens-Corning Fiberglas in Toledo, Ohio, from 1955 to 1972. He was treasurer and chief financial officer of Bundy Corp. in Detroit, and later president of overseas operations. He held either president or director positions with other companies including Dixon Industries Corp. of Rhode Island; Deliverance Insurance Co., Ltd. of Bermuda; Titleflex Corp. of Massachusetts; Usui Bundy Tubing of Japan; Pusan Bundy Tubing Co. of Korea; NTN Rulon Co. of Japan; and Bundy of Australia.

Mr. Counen and his wife, Marilyn, moved to Sarasota in 1993 where he became a master gardener and volunteered at Selby Gardens. He also volunteered at Ringling Museum and tutored math students at Church of the Palms. He served as president and treasurer of the University of Michigan Club of Sarasota and also president of the Manasota chapter of SCORE, a nonprofit association dedicated to helping small businesses start up, grow and succeed.

Mr. Counen was an active member of his church, serving as president of St. James Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms and as trustee for the Munderloh Foundation, a nonprofit corporation which awards scholarship grants to seminary students, from 1979 to 1993. He also served in various leadership positions at Church of the Palms in Sarasota, Fla.

Mr. Counen loved God, his family and friends, his dogs and cats, his country, nature, books, music, and U of M foot-

ball. He was an avid gardener, an accomplished bridge player, and traveled the world on business and in retirement.

Mr. Counen is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years, Marilyn Joanne Urban; his daughter, Pamela and son-in-law, Frederic of Marietta, Ga.; son, Lawrence and daughter-in-law, Tory of Carmel, Ind.; daughter, Margaret and son-in-law, Stephen of Wicomico Church, Va.; grandchildren, Katie, Michael, John, Jennifer, Ethan, and Rebecca; and sisters, Irene Signor, Katherine Silverman and Rosemary Hartmann of New Jersey and Connecticut.

A memorial service was held May 9 at Church of the Palms in Sarasota, Fla.

Donations may be made to Church of the Palms, 3224 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL 34239 or to Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida, P.O. Box 1449, Goldenrod, FL 32733.

William L. Gay

William L. Gay, 79, died Sunday, May 1, 2011.

He was the beloved husband of Marva; loving father of Elaine and Kathryn (Patrick) Andries; grandfather of four and great-grandfather of one. He also is survived by his sister and two nieces.

Mr. Gay graduated from the University of Michigan, served two years in the U.S. Army and was a self-employed certified public accountant for 45 years. He was an avid sailor and a member of the Detroit Yacht Club since 1965.

Express condolences or share a memory at verheyden.org.

Thomas Robert McCleary Jr.

Longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident Thomas Robert McCleary Jr., 85, died Sunday, May 8, 2011, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

Born and raised in Bronxville, N.Y., the second of Thomas and Johanna McCleary's four children, Mr. McCleary's family was poor and he poured himself into sports and his studies. He played basketball, baseball and football in high school.

In 1944, immediately upon

graduation from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served two years with the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. The GI Bill made it possible for him to attend college, and he graduated from Brown University in 1950 with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Mr. McCleary married Ann Burridge in 1958. They lived in Cincinnati before moving to Grosse Pointe in 1959. He spent his career in sales and worked as vice president of Uniroyal Tire Co. for more than 25 years. After he retired, at age 62, he threw himself into community service and devoting time to his family.

A dedicated Republican, Mr. McCleary was one of the founders and a past-president of the East Side Republican Club, and was active up until his death. He was a Michigan Republican Party State Committee member and on the executive committee of the 13th District. He also served as district chair and was a former member of the electoral college.

Mr. McCleary believed in giving back, and gave generously to Services for Older Citizens, Berea College in Kentucky, which provides full college scholarships to needy students, as well as to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and many other charities.

He loved sports. In addition to his many high school sports, he played basketball at Brown University and tennis in his later years. He was a life-long Boston Red Sox fan.

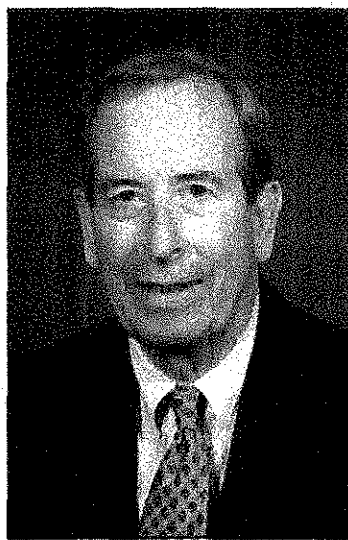
More than anything, Mr. McCleary loved spending time with his family, especially his granddaughters, Grace and Emma Benninghoff and Meredith and Alexandra McCleary. He particularly enjoyed annual family trips to the Adirondack Park in upstate New York.

Mr. McCleary was a larger-than-life personality. He was obstinate, opinionated, loving, generous, smart, incredibly capable, loyal and unforgettable. He will be deeply missed.

Mr. McCleary is survived by his wife, Ann; daughter, Kathleen McCleary; son, Tom McCleary and four granddaughters. He also is survived by his sister, Dorothy McCleary and brother, Bill McCleary.

He was predeceased by his parents and sister, Joan McCleary.

A funeral service will be held



Michael Nicholas Counen



Thomas Robert McCleary Jr.



Cormac Michael O'Byrne

at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 15, 2011, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Cormac Michael O'Byrne

Cormac Michael O'Byrne, 66, died peacefully in Littleton, Colo., Sunday, May 1, 2011, after suffering a brain aneurysm while vacationing in Colorado with his family.

Cormac was born in Dublin, Ireland, as the second of six children to parents Fergus and Eileen Byrne. He studied public accounting at the University College of Dublin, Ireland. He fell in love with Edie Maxwell and married her in Dublin in 1973. The following year, they joined Cormac's family in Grosse Pointe Park where they lived for the past 37 years.

Cormac and Edie raised two daughters, Rachel and Dara. Cormac was twice the proud father of the bride when the two girls married — Brian Rebain and Charles Nordstrom respectively, and he reveled in his three grandchildren — Graham, Corrina and Ciara.

Professionally, Cormac put his education and training to work as a mortgage banker for NBD and more recently Citibank, from which he retired in 2009. In retirement,

Cormac actively participated as a mentor in Tech Town in Detroit. He was also a Francophile and member of the local Alliance Francaise.

Cormac was an active member of the Grosse Pointe Sail Club and served as its commodore in 1986. He was a member of the DRYA and was an avid sailor, completing the Port Huron to Mackinac race three times. He was also a longtime fixture on the Tuesday night racing series aboard his boat, Aisling.

In addition to his family, Cormac was devoted to his faith and church. For the past decade, he was the president of the parish council at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park and spearheaded the parish revitalization program and the centennial campaign, as well as the annual OysterFest.

Cormac is survived by his wife, Edie; daughter, Rachel (Brian) and grandchildren,

Graham and Corrina; daughter, Dara (Charles) and grandchild, Ciara; brothers, Brian (Peggy) and Fergus (Irene) and sisters, Mairin O'Byrne, Patricia (Sam) Pulis, and Geraldine (Gary) Spezia, as well as many nieces, nephews and loving friends.

A funeral Mass was celebrated May 7 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park.

Donations may be made to St. Ambrose Parish, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230 or the Society of St. Vincent de Paul-Detroit, 3000 Gratiot, Detroit, MI 48207.

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Park resident head of hospital hospitality

Sven Gierlinger, who created a hospitality culture at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, applies his expertise to the Henry Ford Health System. Appointed vice president of customer hospitality and service culture, Gierlinger's focus is to create a consistent Henry Ford experience for patients, visitors and employees. He has more than 20 years experience in the hospitality and service industry. The Grosse Pointe Park resident assisted in the start-up of Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital two years ago through employee and customer engagement, retail and wellness operations.



Sven Gierlinger

Before coming to Henry Ford, Gierlinger was vice presi-

dent of museum operations at the Detroit Institute of Arts. His accomplishments included co-ordinating a recent \$158 million renovation of the DIA and implementing a comprehensive customer service initiative that changed the workforce culture. Prior to that, while working in the hospitality industry, he opened six hotels in nine years in four countries, including Ritz-Carlton properties in the United States, Germany, Japan and Indonesia. Gierlinger holds a bachelor's degree in hotel business administration from the Bavaria Hotel Management School in Altoetting, Germany.

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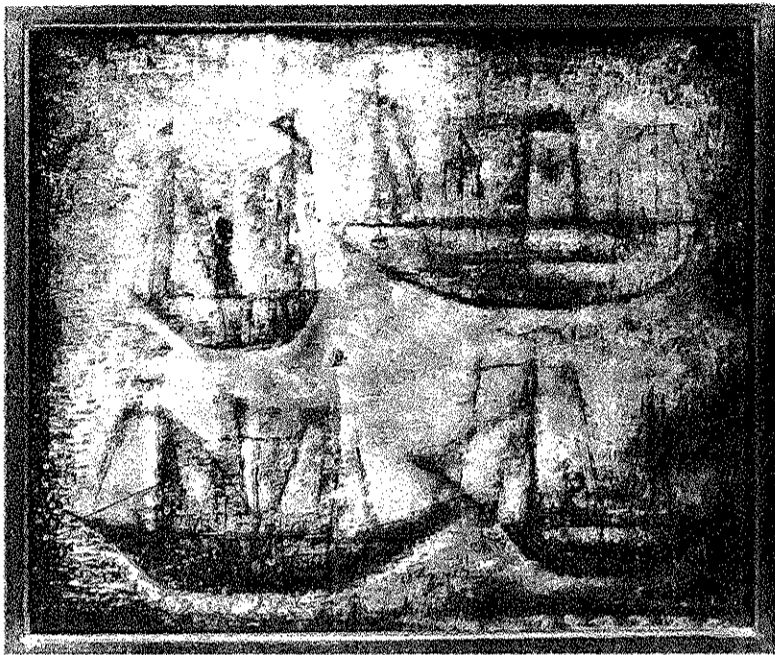
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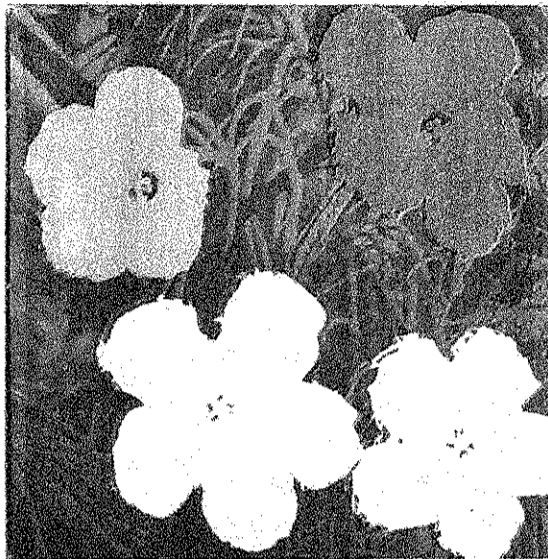
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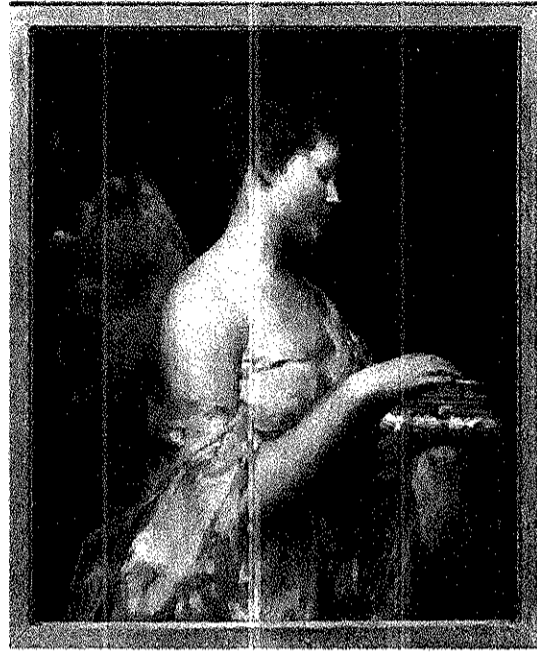
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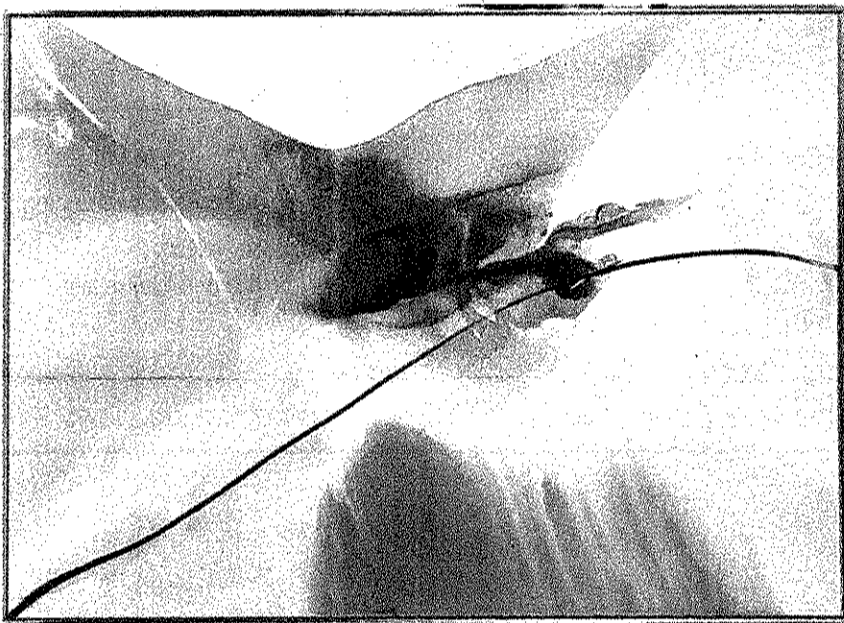
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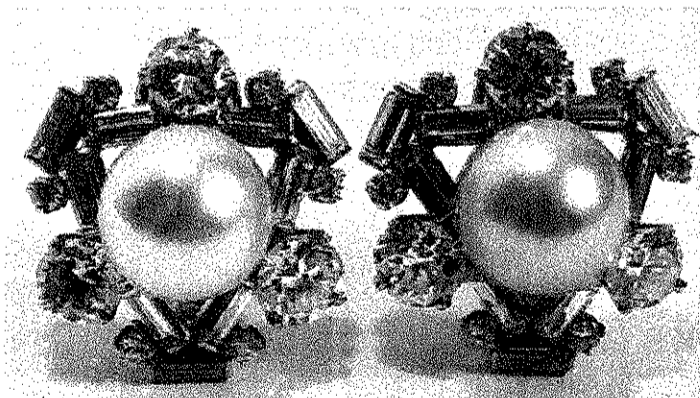
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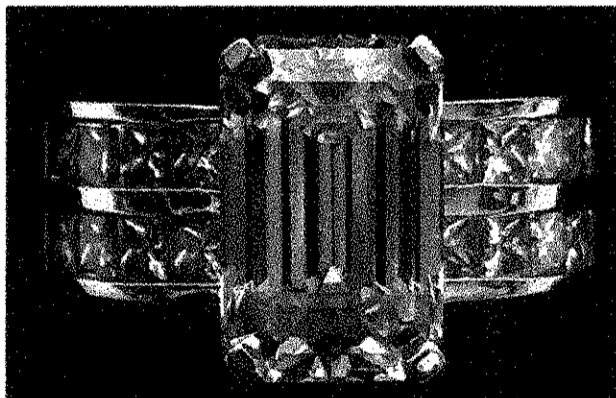
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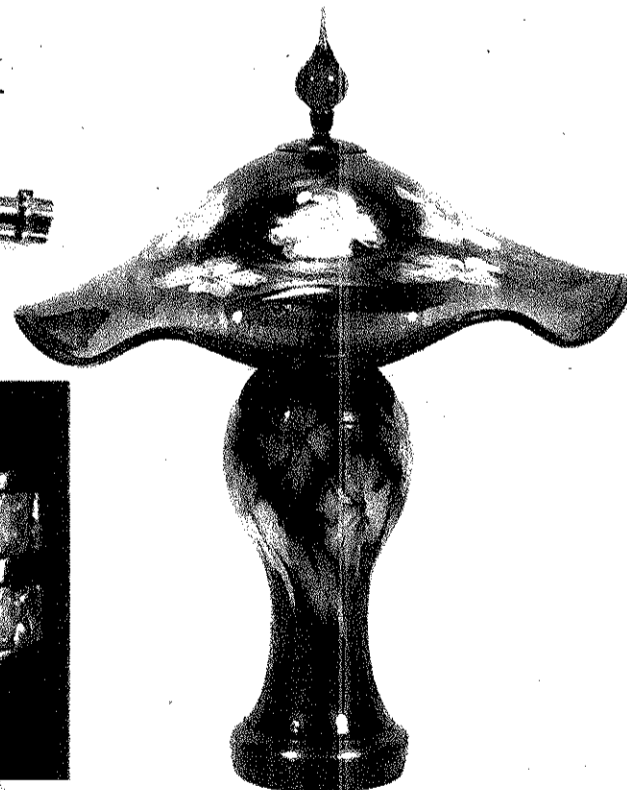
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Newest Acura TL takes a bow



The 2012 Acura TL is elegant, fast, roomy and has some great safety features.

The mid-size TL bowed at the Chicago Auto Show and we tested the 2012 Acura TL Advance in late April.

The "Advance" tacked onto the TL name refers to a package that includes ventilated front seats, 18-inch wheels with all-season tires and — our favorite — a blind spot information system.

Many new cars offer a warning alerting the driver when there is another vehicle approaching on either side and entering the big blind area the outside mirrors do not capture.

We liked the quiet efficiency of the TL's warning alert system: A small, bright-yellow lighted graphic at the base of the windshield's A pillar, directly inside from the outside mirrors. The warning doesn't beep; it only lights up when a vehicle is detected in the blind spot. Many new cars with various warning systems have the driver totally confused by elec-



PHOTOS BY JENNY KING

The 2012 Acura TL is a large, well-equipped mid-size luxury sedan packed with technology for safer driving and more comfortable rides. The TL provides instructions on the instrument panel for drivers unaccustomed to using a smart key and push button start.

tronic beeping.

The 2012 Acura TL impresses one as a powerful, confident vehicle able to take on any assignment. The test car was front-drive powered by a 3.5-liter V-6 coupled with a six-speed automatic transmission.

Acura offers the new TL in two versions. The front-drive sedan is powered by a 280 horsepower 3.5-liter V-6. The

Super Handling All-Wheel Drive has a 305 horsepower 3.7-liter six under the hood. The performance-adjusted 6MT — manual transmission — model will continue to be offered in the 2012 TL SH-AWD lineup, Acura says.

The front-drive and all-wheel-drive TLs feature a six-speed automatic transmission, dubbed Sequential SportShift

the steering-wheel-mounted paddles, for example from fifth to third on a freeway exit ramp. Acura says the Drive-by-Wire throttle system creates a "blip" of the throttle to help match gear speeds during downshifting.

If you are not into "paddling," let the automatic take care of itself and apply brakes as you see fit.

Acura says the new automatic transmission features a multi-clutch torque converter that reduces heat build-up during operation and allows for lock-up activation in a much wider range of driving conditions. This, Acura says, has helped boost fuel economy in

driving is 20 mpg.

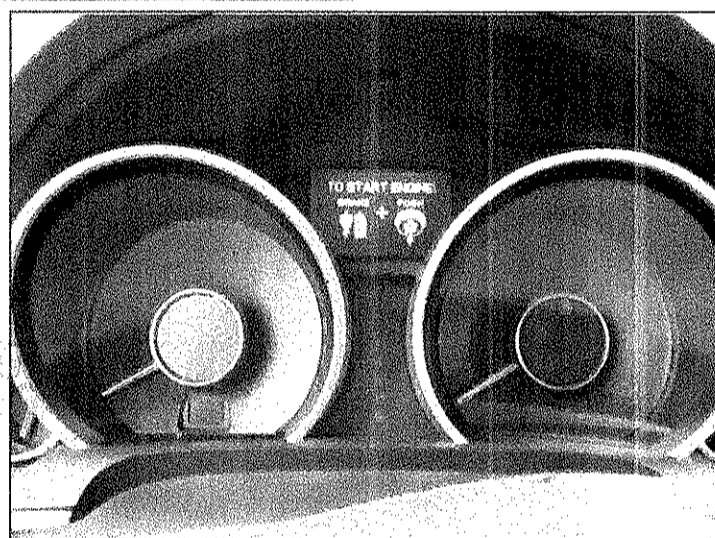
The Acura TL requires premium fuel.

The TL and TL SH-AWD models offer a well-stocked technology package with voice-activated navigation system, real-time traffic with rerouting information, up-to-the-minute weather and a fancy audio system. Acura says the map coverage in the navigation system is more expansive and the monitor is brighter with rich, distinctive colors for better visibility.

Standard equipment on the test front-drive TL included power-adjusted and heated front seats, Bluetooth wireless link, XM Satellite Radio, a driver recognition memory system, steering wheel-mounted controls, power moonroof and fog lights.

A tech package comprised a navigation system with voice recognition, real-time traffic and weather information, push-button ignition and sport seats with perforated leather trim seats.

The advance package option with ventilated front seats and blind spot information system is new for 2012. Wheels and tires run from standard 17-inch aluminum wheels with all-season tires to 18-inch aluminum wheels and low-profile tires to 19-inch



by Acura. The new transmission lets the driver do a double downshift or kick-down with

the 3.5-liter V-6, jumping three miles per gallon to 29 on the highway. The average in city

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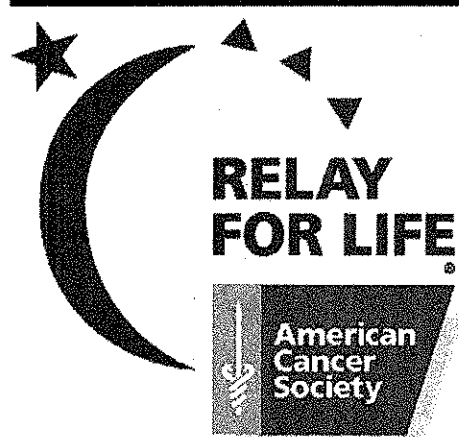
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Join in the fun!

Relay For Life rolls out the 'purple carpet' at Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park

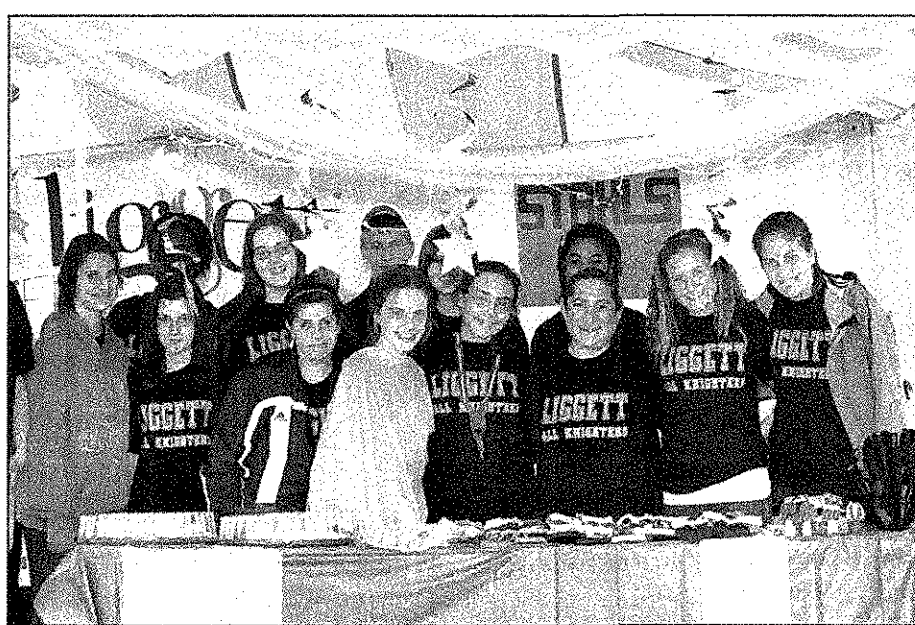
This year's American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe's theme is a touch of old Hollywood — a star-studded, purple-carpet extravaganza that can't be missed.

Back for another exciting 24 hours at the Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park, Lakeshore at Marter Road, next to the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House.

The entire east-side community is invited to join in the fun-filled activities, inspirational ceremonies and star-studded activities premiering at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 14, and rolling on around the clock until 10 a.m. Sunday, May 15.

Park passes are not needed for this community-wide event.

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's signature event, raising funds and awareness of cancer research and patient programs. The Relay For Life teams ultimately support education, advocacy, research and services provided to cancer patients and their families by the American Cancer Society.



The stage is set

An energized planning committee has brought together 25 teams of enthusiastic families, neighbors, coworkers, cancer survivors, caregivers, community leaders, church and school groups and folks of all ages who want to have fun while they help beat cancer and celebrate survivorship.

More than 400 individuals have signed up with the teams on the relay website, relayforlife.org/grossepointemi, created their own personal web pages and set to raising funds through online and personal solicitations, and special events and activities. Now they invite the rest of the community to take part in the celebration, visit their campsites, and participate in their

fundraising activities. Since the Relay Kick-off event held in February, the



they are recycling for donations to relay. Nicolas Bojarczk led the way for his team, Bull Dogs Unite, by e-mailing more than 500 of his parents' and his own friends and family, asking each to

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ABOVE: The University Liggett School All Knights are among the enthusiastic teams ready to greet event-goers at Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park. LEFT: Julie Borushko, 2011 Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe chairperson, and PAWS — the official mascot of The Detroit Tigers — invite the entire eastside community to join in the celebration.

Schedule of relay ceremonies and 'wacky' laps

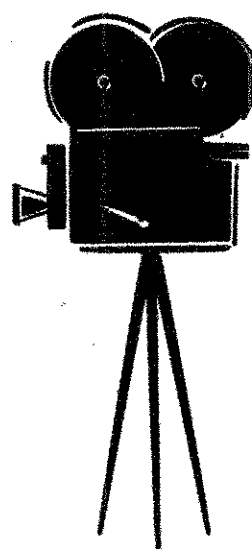
The community is invited to join the relay team members and participate in the ceremonies, music, wacky laps and more. A complete list of activities and times is posted on relayforlife.org/grossepointemi.

Saturday, May 14

- 9:30 p.m.
- Survivor Registration 10 a.m.
- Opening Ceremony
- Survivor Ceremony, Victory Walk and Brunch 11 a.m.
- Circuits of Sound DJ Jams 12:45 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe North Drumline 1 p.m.
- Fight Back Ceremony 1:15 p.m.
- Live Music by Po 1:45 p.m.
- Live Music by BRO 2 p.m.
- Egg-on-a-Spoon Lap 2:45 p.m.
- Circuits of Sound DJ Jams
- Beach Lap 3:30 p.m.
- Toga Time! Lap 4 p.m.
- Live music by Kickbacks 4:30 p.m.
- Live music by Dead Line 5 p.m.
- Live music by Lucky Mile 5:30 p.m.
- Live music by Rhythm Shifters 6:30 p.m.
- Live music by Truth 7:30 p.m.
- More live music 8:30 p.m.
- Circuits of Sound DJ Jams 9 p.m.
- Luminaria Lighting & Ceremony

Sunday, May 15

- 9:30 a.m.
- Closing Ceremony and Final Lap



Campsite capers at Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe

Here's a sampling of the fun, food, games and more available at the relay team campsites.

Donations collected from campsite activities support American Cancer Society initiatives in education, advocacy, research and services to patients.

All Knights - University Liggett School

- Ice cream floats
- Game station

Eagle's Wings - Christ Church/Memorial/Messiah

- Brunswick stew
- Pulled pork
- Team of mimes
- Barbecue
- Chips
- Drinks

Friends & Family

- Hoorah for Hollywood!
- Decorated donation jars
- Handcrafted toys
- Children's Games

Fight Love Cure Superheroes

- Eye masks for children to decorate
- Snow cones
- Slushies
- Popcorn

Grant Thornton LLP At the movies

- Popcorn

Watch a movie at our campsite

- Healthy snacks
- Sandwiches
- Fruit

Grosse Pointe Congregational Church

Rise to the Occasion

- Bracelets and necklaces
- Flowers

Grosse Pointe Magazine

Close the book on cancer

- Author book signing throughout the day
- Coffee, tea, hot chocolate
- Used book sale
- Ball game toss
- Muffins

Grosse Pointe South Staff

- Barbecue
- J's Crew
- Baseball

- Autographs with PAWS, the official mascot of The Detroit Tigers
- Dippin' Dots ice cream
- Big League Chew
- Veggie burgers
- Hot dogs
- Sausage
- Peanuts
- Licorice
- Pop
- Water
- Baseballs

No Excuses! Beach theme

- Relay picture frames, jewelry and lap bracelets
- Popsicles/frozen lemonade
- Bagels/cream cheese
- Cellular recycle
- Walking tacos
- Pop/water
- Bake sale
- Nachos

Pierce Middle School

- Cupcakes

Regina High School

- Toileting
- Pop Pong
- Shelley's Gang
- Mark's award-winning chili
- Chocolate covered pretzels
- Pickles
- Giant luminaria
- Bows
- Massages
- Team Caribou Caribou Coffee
- Coffee, hot chocolate, water and bagels
- Drinks
- Fruit all day
- Coney Islands
- Baked goods
- Stamp pads

Team Star

You're invited to Team Star's Birthday Party!

- Bake sale
- Ice cream with toppings
- Various snacks
- Duct tape bows
- Reptile show
- Airbrush tattoos
- Caricature drawings
- Soccer game

Also visit these teams:

- Amazing Grosse Pointe North Cross Country
- Brownell
- Bull Dogs United
- Disco Fighting Move Busters - Grosse Pointe Academy
- Grosse Pointe News
- Grosse Pointe North Brotherhood/Norsemen Sessions
- Wings of Hope - Henry Ford Medical Center - Cottage
- Phil's Five
- SWAT - Students with a Target
- Win the Fight
- Cancer Crushers - Van Elslander Cancer Center

Survivors celebrate 'Hollywood style'

While May 14 is, undoubtedly, somebody's actual birthday, at the Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe we're celebrating another birthday for all cancer survivors. And we're doing it up big, in true Hollywood style.

Survivors of any type of cancer from throughout the local communities are invited to come to the party at Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park and participate in a relay survivor ceremony beginning at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 14, with a brunch immediately following. Survivors and their caregivers should register for this free recognition brunch at 9:30 a.m. at the survivor tent.

"The survivor brunch is an event filled with friendship, remembrance, encouragement and reflection — but most of all, celebration," said Leah Mannino, survivor chairperson. "We will celebrate 'another birthday' and another milestone for all cancer survivors."

"Saturday's brunch will take place in the survivor tent and includes nothing but the



poshest 'Purple-Carpet Treatment' for our cancer survivors. Door prizes, raffle prizes, delicious food from Rojo Mexican Bistro of St. Clair Shores, music, candy tables, complementary massages, gift bags and many

more surprises await our 'Hollywood stars.'

To date, 65 survivors and their caregivers have signed up, and the committee encourages more cancer survivors to participate in this event. It's the cancer sur-

vivor's day to celebrate another birthday.

Food, prizes and activities for the Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe Survivor Brunch have been generously donated by the following contributors: Rojo Mexican

Bistro, St. Clair Shores; Nino Salvaggio's International Marketplace; The Original Pancake House; Conner Park Florist; Tocco Mannino Landscaping; Kathleen Larrabee, Healthier You Massage; and Alka Fossee, therapeutic massage therapist.

For more information, call Leah Mannino at (313) 881-3035.



Taking a break from walking the Relay path, this No Excuses team member proudly shows off her 2010 Survivor medal.

RELAY: Join the Fun

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consider making a donation on his personal relay web page.

Fundraising efforts are as individualized as the teams and their members, and include everything from bake sales to bowling tournaments, and selling luminaria bags decorated and named in honor or memory of special people who have faced cancer.

No ordinary production

Relay For Life involves 24 hours of walking, but it is not a foot race. The idea was born in 1985 when Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon in Tacoma, Wash., ran and walked around a track for 24 hours to raise money for the American Cancer Society. The following year, he decided to invite some friends to join him. Since then, relay has grown from a single man's passion to fight cancer into the world's largest movement to end the disease.

Each year, more than 3.5 million people in 5,000 communities in the United States, along with additional communities in 19 other countries, gather to take part in this global phenomenon, and raise much-needed funds and awareness to save lives from cancer.

Thanks to relay participants, the American Cancer Society is creating a world with more birthdays — a world where cancer can't claim another year of anyone's life.

Places everyone... and Action!

What makes this event a relay is at least one member of each team is walking the star encrusted "walk of fame" perimeter path at all times during the full 24 hours, taking turns in relay fashion and demonstrating cancer never sleeps.

Relay also reminds us cancer researchers and health care professionals are teamed up in a non-stop race to find new treatments and cures for this disease that steals the birthdays from many people

each year.

When not walking, team members, friends and family visit the other campsites to participate in all the activities, sample some of the great food and sweet treats offered and promote their own campsite fundraising. It's like a big party with games, live music and disc jockey spins, handmade and other unique items that can be picked up for a modest donation. Special opportunities, this year include having your photo taken with PAWS, the official mascot of the Detroit Tigers, at the J's Crew campsite.

Reasons to relay

While there aren't any gold statuettes or long, drawn-out "thank you" speeches, there are the poignant ceremonies that touch the heart and celebrate the soul of Relay For Life. At 10 a.m. Saturday, the Opening Ceremony congratulates the teams for their fundraising efforts so far and gets everyone fired up for the next 24 hours.

All cancer survivors from the Grosse Pointes and beyond are encouraged to come to walk the "Purple Carpet" to get the relay under way. Survivors of any form of cancer, and their caregivers, are invited to register at the survivor tent at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, and participate in the 10 a.m. opening ceremony and an uplifting celebration of life and hope dedicated especially to them.

Afterward, they'll be treated to a brunch, complete with gifts and surprises for these special "Hollywood Stars."

The fight back rally at 1 p.m., reminds everyone we are fighting for every birthday threatened by every cancer, in every community. We fight so one day no one has to ever face cancer. Whether it's passing smoke-free laws, increasing funding for cancer research, improving access to quality health care or inspiring communities to take up the fight, we fight on all fronts, because the lessons we learn from one battlefield can mean victory on another. We're all members of the supporting cast in the global movement to create a world with more birthdays.

But the most impressive and emotional time comes at dusk — about 9 p.m. — when hundreds of luminaria, named and decorated in honor or memory of loved ones who have faced cancer, are lit along the relay path. Photos of many of those being honored or remembered will be shown on a giant movie screen as music and words of remembrance, hope and caring prove a moving reminder of the true

reason for relay. A silent lap brings tears, hugs and a stronger determination to defeat this disease that steals life from so many.

A huge supporting cast

Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe would not be successful without the solid support of the community, including our corporate and family sponsors, and especially Grosse Pointe Woods which has hosted the event for the past three years.

As it has since the relay began in Grosse Pointe in 2005, the Grosse Pointe News has renewed its commitment to fighting cancer as the media sponsor of the event, generously contributing print space to promote the relay over the past several months and including this special insert. In addition Magic 105.1 radio is helping to spread the word about Relay For Life events across the metro Detroit area.

Relay with us

Whether you're looking for closure following the loss of a loved one, support coping with a new cancer diagnosis, or an opportunity to celebrate a victory over cancer, you can find what you're looking for — and more — at the Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe.

"It's all done in the spirit of fun, fellowship and commitment to our community, along

with a touch of Hollywood glitz and glamour," said Julie Borushko, relay chairwoman. "Our planning committee and the hundreds of members of our teams heartily invite their family members, friends and the entire community to join us for an hour or two or more, beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 14."

"Once you see how much fun it is, you may even decide you want to get in on the action from the start with your own team for Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe in 2012."

To learn more about the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe, contact Julie Borushko at julieborushko@gmail.com, or Dorothy Busignani, ACS community representative, at (248) 663-3418, by e-mail at dorothy.busignani@cancer.org, or visit relayforlife.org or relayforlife.org/grossepointemi.

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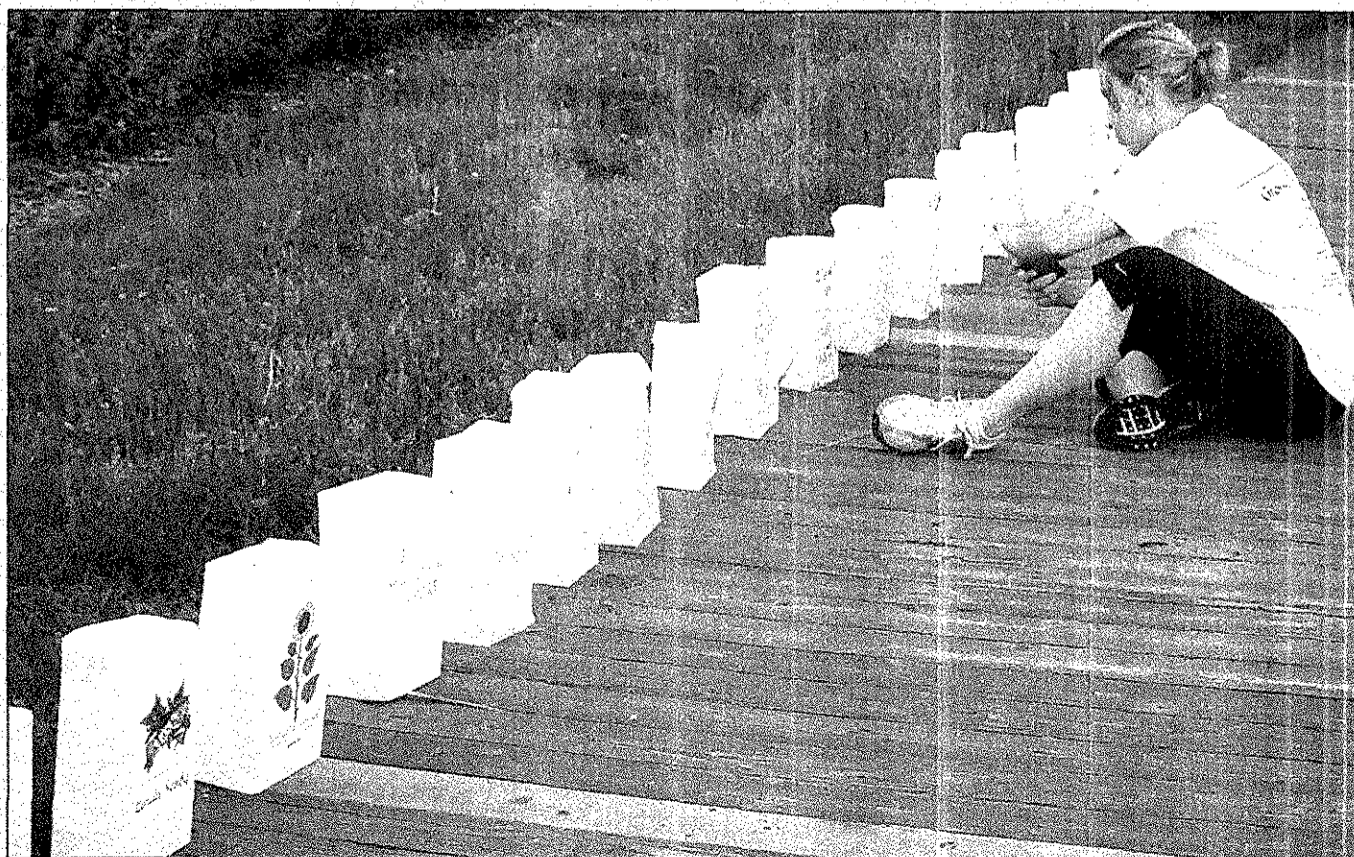
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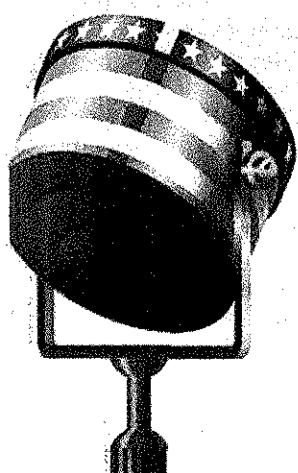
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Luminaria on path

The loved ones and friends honored and memorialized on the hundreds of glowing luminaria that line the walking path through the night emphasize the personal meaning and purpose of Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe.



'Star' students talk about relay

At the February kick-off event for this year's Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe, three students from Our Lady Star of the Sea school gave an inspirational account of their personal relay experience and what it means to be part of this community event.

Here is some of what Tony Cipriano, Angelina Cavaliere and Jack Streberger had to say:

Tony: "Last year was our first year involved in this event, which helps raise money for the American Cancer Society. We were team captains for Team Star and also members of Team Maria. Together with our families, friends, and hundreds of other participants, we celebrated lives, remembered loved ones, and fought back against cancer."

Jack: "Millions of people all over the world have cancer, and we relay for all of them. But two of those millions of people are very close to me. Relay for Life means a lot to me because my mom, Maria, is a breast cancer survivor and my 2-year-old cousin, Luca, is currently fighting brain cancer. My aunt, uncle,

and cousins recently moved to Tennessee, where Luca is being treated at St. Jude's Hospital.

"Being with my friends and family during relay last year was great. They were there to say 'Do not worry, God is always there when you are in pain and during sad times.' I thank God for giving me a great family and wonderful friends like mine who support me."

"I feel there are two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle, and the other is as though everything is a miracle. I do believe in miracles and I do believe there will be a cure for cancer."

Angelina: "Last year we were asked to be the fourth-grade team captains for The Our Lady Star of the Sea school team, also known as Team Star. With it being our first year involved, we didn't really know much about it. But with help from mentors such as Ms. Mitchell, Ms. Zimmerman, Ms. Borushko, Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Burke and Mrs. Lesha, we learned fast."

"Each of them inspired us to relay. They helped us un-



derstand the meaning of helping others. They held meetings for us, where we learned about what happens at relay. This helped us know what to expect. Then we were able to tell our other teammates

about relay.

"We had so much fun last year that we are returning as fifth-grade captains this year. Let us tell you what its like to be a team captain."

Tony: "To be a team captain

you need to be responsible, organized, and most importantly, know how to have a lot of fun. You need to make time to attend team captain meetings, plan team fundraisers and plan what your team will do the day of the event."

"Our Lady Star of the Sea school held a spring dance to raise money for Team Star. All Star families were invited to a fun dance we helped plan and set up. The dance raised more than \$1,000 for Team Star."

Angelina: "Many Team Star members also had lemonade stands at their houses and donated the money they made to relay. Some Star students made hair bows out of duct tape and sold them at school. They also donated all the money they made to relay. This may sound like a lot, but luckily you have team members to help and support you."

"To get more team members, we had to spread the word. We talked to people at school and outside of school. We told them how much fun it would be and they wouldn't want to miss out. Once they knew more about relay, they were thrilled to help. It was great having all those extra

hands, because it made our team stronger."

"Everyone had different ideas. With more people, we could also delegate the jobs at relay. And of course, the more people, the more money raised for cancer."

Jack: "I think everyone should be involved in Relay for Life! There are so many fun things to do at relay. Some of them are playing sports, buying cool stuff, getting exercise, sleeping in a tent, spending time with your family and friends, and of course, raising money for cancer."

"At the end of the first day of relay, when the sky is dark, we set up luminaria bags with candles in them, along the relay path. We had decorated these bags to celebrate, remember, and honor loved ones. I took a silent lap around the path with my family and friends. This was my favorite lap. It was very emotional. It was sad because my mom was fighting cancer, but happy because I was with my whole family."

Tony: "Relay is a very special day. You'll laugh, cry, but most of all you can help fight back against cancer."

2011 Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe committee

Why we relay

I relay because if I don't, who will. Relay has been a part of my life for the past six years, and will continue to be a part of my life forever.

I relay in memory of my dad, Gary Borushko, and his friend Gordy Steil. I Relay for hope, survivors, those fighting against this disease and to remember those who have lost their battle.

I hope you will join me and relay on May 14 at the Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park.

JULIE BORUSHKO
Chairperson

I am Relaying again this year in memory of my best friend and husband, Gary E. Borushko. His life ended April 24, 2009, seven short months after being diagnosed with gastric cancer.

Walking in Relay For Life with Gary in my heart allows me to remember many loved ones who have lost their battle, celebrate the survivors among us and encourage everyone to continue fighting back.

LESLIE BORUSHKO
Sponsorship Chair

I Relay for my family members who have been affected by cancer. I Relay for my friends whose lives have been turned upside down due to a parent losing their battle with cancer.

I Relay for the parents at Star of the Sea who have fought and defeated cancer. I Relay for anyone who has been, or will be touched by the disease. I Relay for hope.

Relay For Life provides a way for family and friends to come together to celebrate life, fight back against a disease that takes so much and look forward to a healthy, happy future!

MICHELLE MITCHELL
Team Development Chair

I Relay for all of the people in my life who have been affected by cancer. No one should have to hear the terrifying words "You have cancer."

I Relay so everyone can celebrate more birthdays free from cancer. All four of my grandparents have had cancer, so I relay for them. I Relay so that we can live in a world where everyone is able to celebrate an abundance of birthdays free from cancer.

LAUREN JOHNSON
Team Development

I Relay for my dad, Phil. After doctors amputated his finger in an attempt to rid him of his skin cancer, he still found reasons to celebrate. When he did, he would hold his hand up high, and instead of saying "Give me five," he would smile and say "Give me four."

Phil combated his cancer with every ounce of strength he had until his last breath. He was 58 years young.

This year will mark the third year since his passing, and my third year volunteering with Relay For Life.

His unwavering spirit and zest for life gives me constant inspiration and hope. Even though his battle was lost, I remain determined to win the war.

This year, I fight for your dad. Join me.

JILL JARBOE
Logistics Chair

One of the things I love most about relay is seeing my community come together for this wonderful cause.

I am amazed at the amount of neighbors and families of all ages who join together in the fight against cancer. It makes me thankful I live in a community that works so hard to help others.

JENNIFER KONWIAK
Team Development

I Relay to fight back for a disease we have so little control over. I Relay in remembrance of my grandmother, Consiglia Promesso, who was the joy of my grandfather's and mother's life.

She lived until I was 11 and during those years struggled so much with cancer — but never showed that struggle on her face. She never complained or blamed cancer for the way she was feeling.

My mother prayed each day she would live just one more... "Please God let mom see little Leah be born... Please God let mom see little Leah turn 1."

I can only imagine the pain my mother went through struggling with a mom who had cancer, with no cure in sight and knowing at some point this battle would be lost.

I Relay for every mom who feels like my mom did, that this battle will be lost.

Now, as a mom myself, I have hope we can win this battle.

I pray just as my mother did for another birthday for all those battling cancer.

This year I relay with my mother and my daughter for a cure for cancer, and in remembrance of my grandmother. We love and miss you so very much.

LEAH MANNINO
Survivor Chairperson

I relay for my friends and family who have battled and continue to battle cancer. I Relay for everyone who cannot relay themselves.

Cancer affects each of us, and relay allows the community to fight, raise awareness and funds as a cohesive group.

ANNIE DALBY
Team Development

I relay in memory of my mother, who died of pancreatic cancer at the young age of 59. I miss her every day.

I desperately want to put an end to this terrible disease so other families do not have to go through the pain of losing a mother, friend and grandmother.

LAURA WHOLIHAN
Team Development

Why I Relay

I am a sixth-grade student at the Grosse Pointe Academy and one of the captains for the 6th grade Relay For Life team. Our team name is Bull Dogs Unite. To date, our team has raised \$5,295 and has led the leader board in the Grosse Pointe community.

I chose to be captain of such an important cause because I believe if we all work together, there will one day be a cure to a disease that affects so many people — not just the patient but their family and friends.

Recently, I have had two people I know pass from cancer, and it is because of this I chose the team name Bull Dogs Unite. Our 6th grade class must and has united to raise as much money as possible to contribute to this very important cause. We have risen to the occasion and have done well by our perseverance and determination.

All team members have sent letters or talked to people in the community and have had great success. We continue to come up with new and creative ideas that will bring awareness to people. We are a united front and know working as a team, not individually, we will achieve our goal of \$8,000. It is time for action, and Bull Dogs Unite has stepped up to the plate.

Go Bull Dogs and all of the teams who are working so hard to Relay For Life.

NICHOLAS BOJARCZYK
Bull Dogs Unite

For me the question is not "why do I relay?" It is "why wouldn't I?" Too many people in my life have been affected, and are continuing to be affected, by this terrible disease. This is something small I can do to help.

Our team, No Excuses!, was born within a week of my mother's cancer diagnosis last year. Between her diagnosis and the actual event, my cousin's cancer came back and, since our amazingly successful first Relay last spring, two more people I love have been diagnosed. I have 14 people in my life who have won, lost or are still fighting their battle with cancer. While some would see that as tragic, what is worse is it is not uncommon.

No Excuses! had an amazing first relay and we are looking forward to this year's event. My Facebook post from the day after relay last year sums it all up:

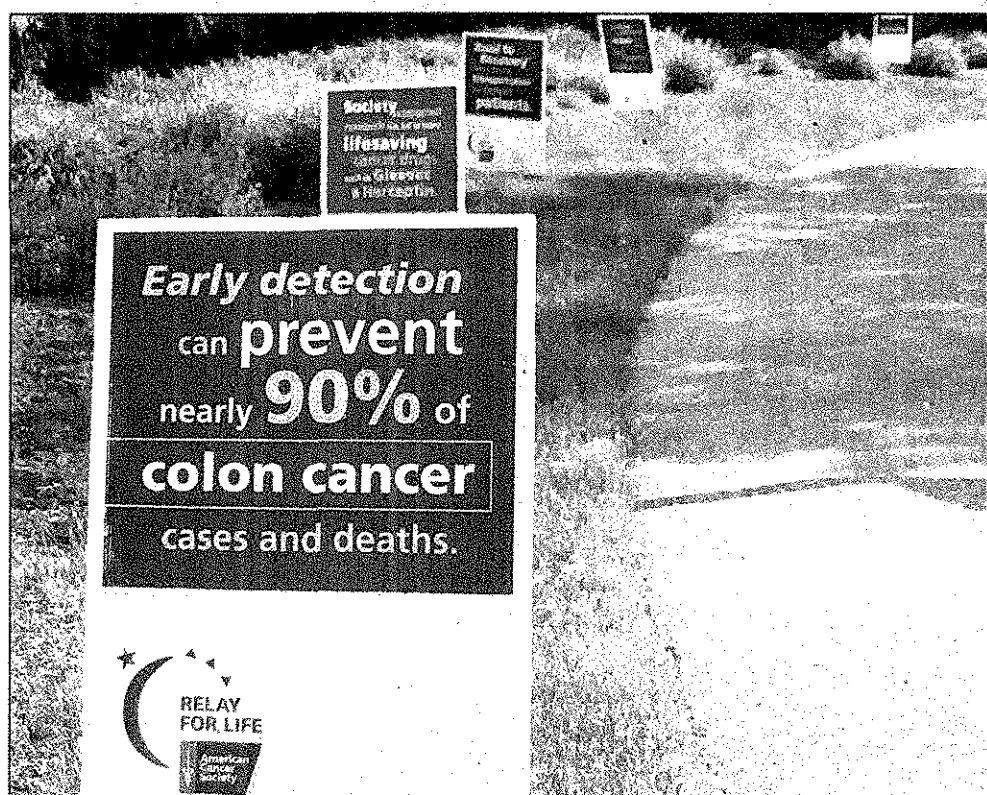
"My feet ache, my body is weary and I haven't slept or even sat much the last couple days — yet I have never felt better in my life! I have chaired fundraisers that have made more money but I have never been more amazed or prouder of what people can do when they work together toward a goal. Thank you to everyone who supported Team No Excuses! and Relay For Life yesterday. What an amazing 24 hours!"

PATTI CLELAND
Team No Excuses!

This is my first year leading a relay team. I am a mom of a 5-and 3-year-old and was diagnosed with thyroid cancer shortly after the birth of my youngest. I have been cancer free for two and one-half years. I decided to create a team last year after a previous co-worker/friend lost her battle to cancer. She also was a young, new mom.

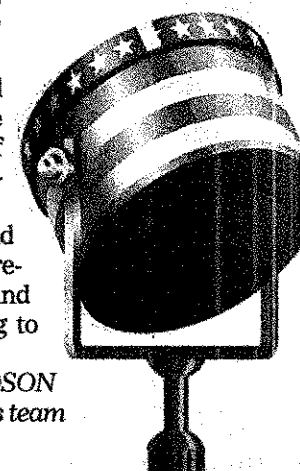
When I approached a group of co-workers with the idea, they said "yes," and we will be walking for 24 hours May 14-15. We have recruited other co-workers, family and friends to help walk with us and contribute to our team. I want to thank everyone who is helping to make this a successful event.

KENDRA DODSON
Grant Thornton's team



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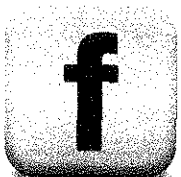
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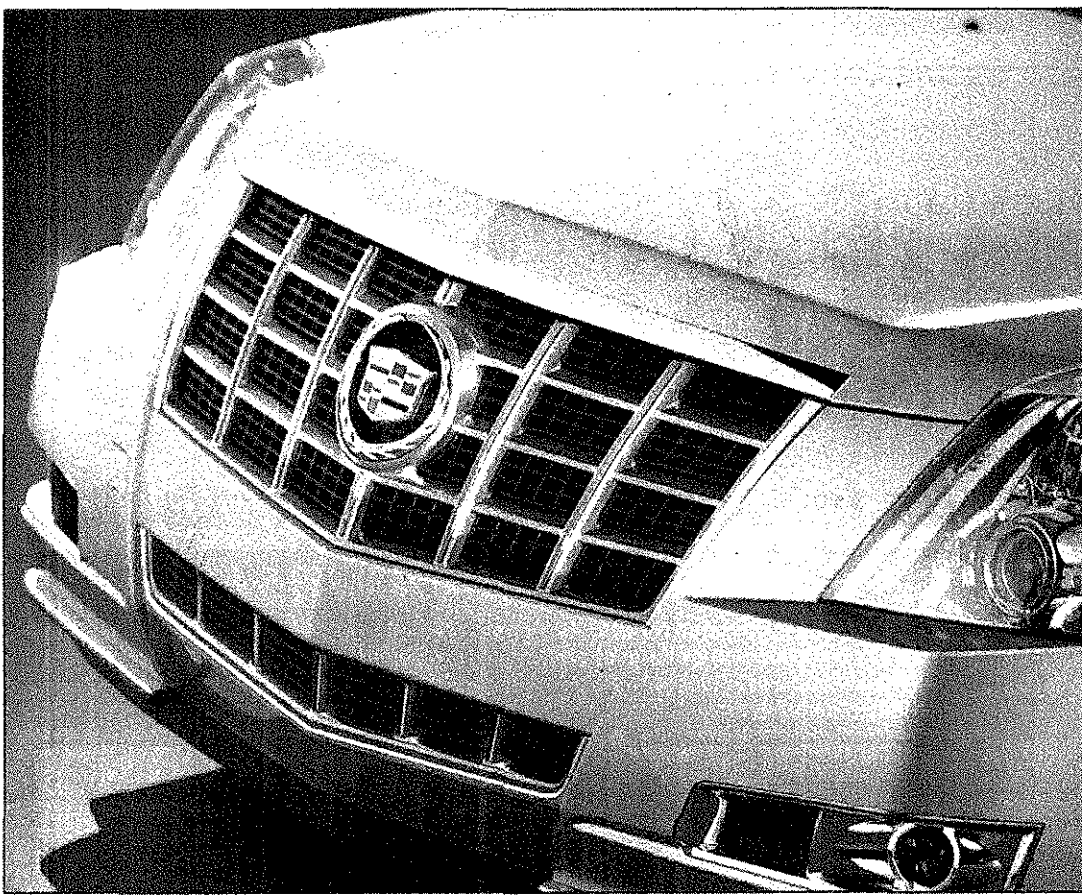


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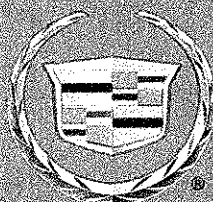
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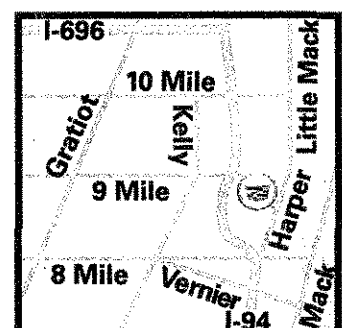
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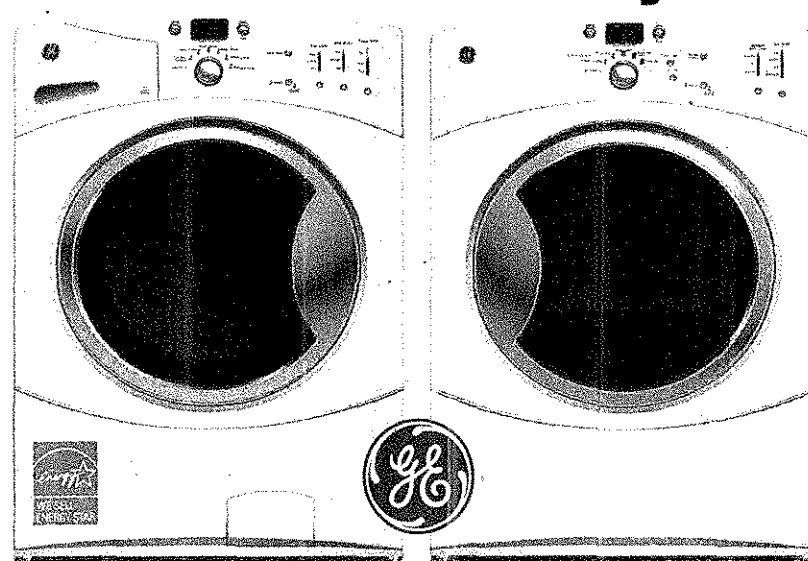
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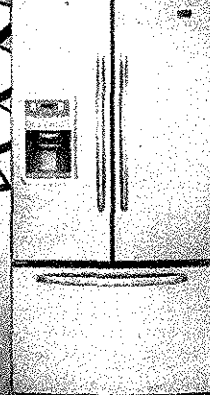


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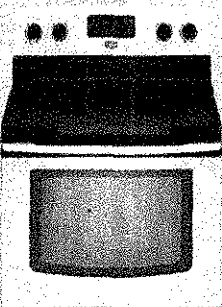
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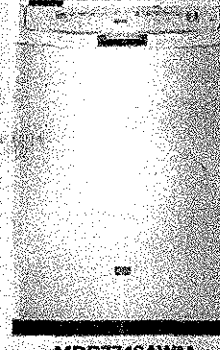
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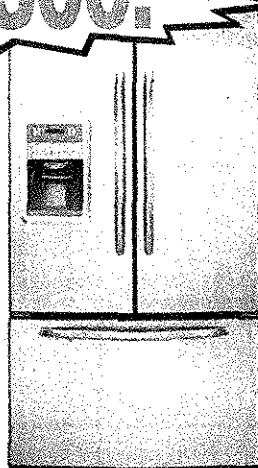
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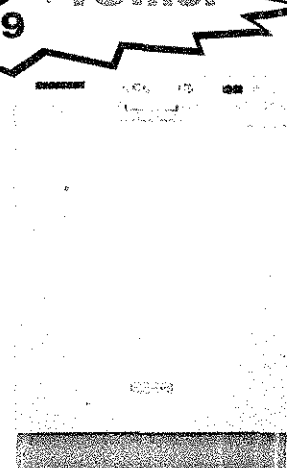
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Robert E. Wollack Jr. understands what it is like to be down. He's lived it. With that kind of personal experience, Wollack established **Wolverine Human Services** to make sure children have the opportunity to become victors.

A second chance

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Robert E. Wollack Jr. believes in second chances -- and he believes in victors.

The former butcher, New York City police officer and inmate at the Federal Corrections Facility in Milan, Wollack founded and heads Michigan's second largest human social services agency treating children -- Wolverine Human Services, headquartered in Grosse Pointe Park.

Named after the University of Michigan's mascot, the center takes in abused and neglected children and juvenile offenders and gives them a second chance. The organization offers 15 programs, treatment centers and residential programs addressing the needs of those diagnosed as sexually reactive, cognitively impaired, addicted to drugs, victims of abuse or neglect or adjudicated in the juvenile



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Wolverine Diagnostic Assessment & Treatment Center in Detroit. At right, Judith Wollack greets a young resident with a handshake. Appropriate social greetings are one of the many lessons taught during the youngster's stay in one of Wolverine's facilities.

courts for various offenses.

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Wollack, a Novi resident, established the center in 1987

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Heidi Bennett is a resident artist of the PRTC, having performed in several productions and greenhouses. She earned her Bachelor's degree in theatre and education from Central Michigan University, and has taught throughout Michigan including at Groves High School, Waterford Kettering High School, Cranbrook Theatre School, Ann Arbor Community Education, and the PRTC.

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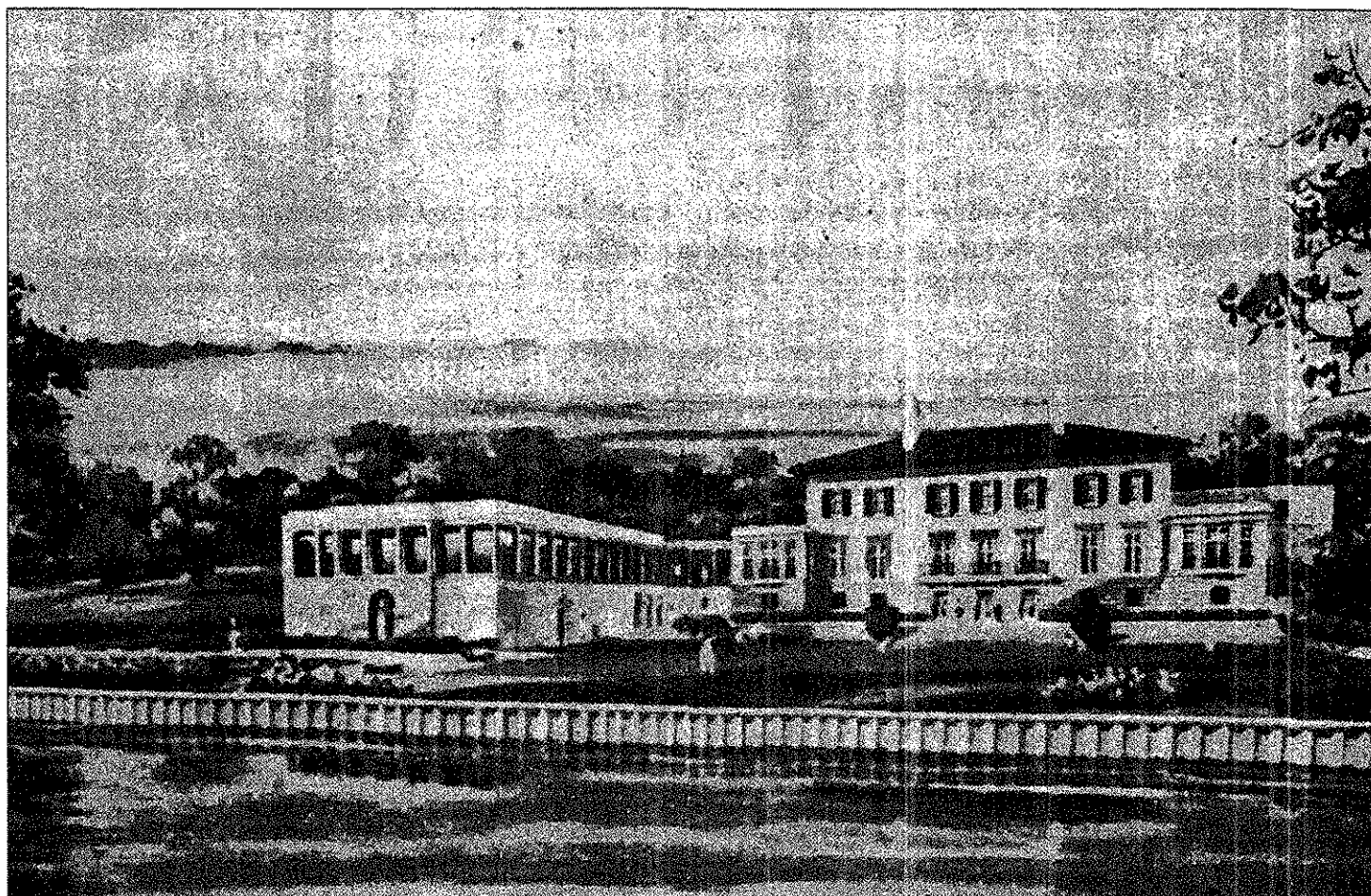
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1961: New center

The new auditorium made possible by the bequest of more than \$600,000 from the estate of the late William H. Fries, is shown on the left of the drawing. The second floor, with pillars tying in with the existing pergola, is almost completely glassed in, allowing extensive views of the lake. This will be a social, all-purpose room, with the auditorium below with seats for 450.

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

1961

50 years ago this week

◆ **SCHOOL CENSUS STARTS:** The annual census of the Grosse Pointe School District will commence Friday, May 12. Twenty enumerators will visit all homes in the area before the end of May.

◆ **BIG BUDGET APPROVED BY PARK COUNCIL:** After a wordy and time consuming discussion at a public hearing on the 1961-62 fiscal budget, the Park council approved \$1,418,604.87 as the sum to carry the city through the year.

◆ **SCHOOL BOARD APPROVED TWO MILLION BANK LOAN:** The Grosse Pointe Board of Education designated the National Bank of Detroit as the low bidder for \$2 million in tax-anticipation notes at its regular monthly meeting last Monday evening. The loan was bid in with an offer to lend the needed funds at an average interest rate of about 1.59 percent per annum.

TLES CLAIM IN HOEH SUIT:

The Grosse Pointe Board of Education has agreed to a \$54,000 settlement with the estate of former Deputy Superintendent James Hoeh, who shot himself in the chest in September 1984 in Westland.

The district faced a potential liability of at least \$162,000 under the state's workers' compensation law. Hoeh's widow had filed a claim against the district in February 1985, claiming that working conditions led to her husband's death.

◆ **GROUP SAYS INCINERATOR RISKS UNACCEPTABLE:** New information on the cancer risk from the proposed Detroit incinerator has caused environmentalists to change their stance on the project. A month ago they were calling for use of the best available control technology — now they are saying the risks are uncontrollable and the plant should not be built at all.

◆ **PARK ADOPTS PARTY ORDINANCE:** The Park council unanimously adopted an open house parties ordinance. The ordinance addresses the possession and or use of alcoholic beverages or drugs by minors at house parties. It places responsibility on the person in control of the residence.

◆ **G.P. HISTORY IN SECOND PRINTING:** A book of hometown history isn't wasting time on shelves.

"Grosse Pointe: 1880-1930," release last month, already has entered its second printing.

◆ **POINTES PREPARE TO FEND OFF MOSQUITOES, WEST NILE VIRUS:** They're small, annoying and a part of every Michigan summer — they're mosquitoes. But this year there's a danger that they also might be lethal carriers of the West Nile virus, a form of encephalitis that hit the east coast last year and might be heading to Michigan.

◆ **PATTERSON PARK GETS SPRINKLER SYSTEM:** The lawns of Patterson Park should remain green this year despite the heat of summer.

Workers were scheduled to begin installing a \$20,588 underground sprinkler system in the park's manicured picnic area.

2006

Five years ago this week

◆ **STOREFRONT ISSUE DELAYED:** City of Grosse Pointe councilmembers tabled a request to alter the storefront of Boutique Bellissima in the

Village.

Changes proposed to the front facade include an unlit sign over the existing awning and painting the awning described as camel or gold.

The council objects to having an unlit sign since most other such signs in the Village are illuminated and is concerned with durability of painting a fabric awning.

◆ **LITTLE STORE GOES BIG WITH FRONT AWNING:** Owners of a store in the Village are being allowed to compensate for a lack of advertising space by printing more signage than normally allowed on an awning over the front door.

The business, Expert Electronics, is located in a basement. There isn't any store front window for advertising.

◆ **FORGETFUL TIPS TEEN:** An 18-year-old male resident of Grosse Pointe Farms was cited for underage drinking.

Police responded to a complaint of the teen trying to enter a house in the 400 block of Belanger.

Police found him standing on the front porch. He registered a .131 percent blood alcohol level before officers took him home in the nearby 300 block of Chalfonte.

— Compiled by Karen Fontanive

1986

25 years ago this week

◆ **SCHOOL BOARD SET-**

2001

10 years ago this week

NEW ARRIVALS

Katherine Piper Nicholl Denomme

Bill and Julie (McCurdy) Denomme of Grosse Pointe Farms are the parents of a daughter, Katherine Piper Nicholl Denomme, born Oct. 5, 2010.

Robert and Marie McCurdy formerly of Grosse Pointe Park, are maternal grandparents.

Paternal grandparents are

Bill and Patti Denomme of Grosse Pointe Woods and Nancy and Dick Watkins of Salt Lake City.

Giuliana Nina Bufalino

James and Gina Bufalino of Grosse Pointe Farms are the parents of a daughter, Giuliana Nina Bufalino, born March 14, 2011.

Former Park resident joins Peace Corps

Amelia M. Hakim, 68, of Bloomfield Hills, formerly of Grosse Pointe Park, is in Peace Corps Mexico for two years.

She receives three months of pre-service training in Querataro, Mexico.

After completion of skills development and intensive language training, Hakim begins her assignment in business advising as a technology transfer and organizational specialist.

Hakim's career included working in executive training and development, human resources management, labor relations and compensation and rewards for Unisys Corporation for 25 years until retirement in 1998. For 30 years she was an owner and vice presi-

dent/general manager of Skate World of Troy, a roller skating business. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and a master's degree in industrial organizational psychology from Wayne State University in 1973. A graduate of Dominican High School in 1960, she attained credential in cosmetology and practiced in Detroit and San Francisco.

The daughter of the late Shaw D. and Mary Hakim, she was raised in Grosse Pointe Park with seven siblings.

Hakim said she looks forward to the opportunity to serve in the Peace Corps in Mexico.

Hakim is one of 309 Michigan residents serving in the Peace Corps.

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Grand Marais Questers

Members of the Grand Marais Chapter of Questers No. 215 visit University of Michigan Special Collection Friday, May 13. They view a children's book collection donated by Joanne and Ned Chalot.

Car pooling is at 8:30 a.m. Following the trip, lunch is at the Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor.

Grosse Pointe Questers

The Grosse Pointe Questers meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, May 13, for a presentation by Shirley Bradley.

Peggy Maycock is hostess and co-hostesses are Ann Hoag and Lynn Baker-Hunter.

War Memorial

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts Wheel 'n' Deal from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 14.

Shoppers can find fashions, furnishings, housewares, collectibles, books, DVDs, CDs, electronics and sporting equipment.

Grosse Pointe Rotary

Grosse Pointe South High School's Interact Club conducts the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club meeting at noon Monday, May 16, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Lunch costs \$13.

Community bike ride

Grosse Pointe Woods residents and their guests can participate in a 10-mile community bike ride, sponsored by the Citizen's Recreation Commission, from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 14, beginning and ending at Ghesquiere Park.

Riders can take part in all or part of the tour.

Participants should bring water bottles and wear helmets.

For more information and to register, call the city's parks and recreation department at (313) 343-2408 or e-mail parks@gpwwmi.us.

Harper Woods Rotary

The Harper Woods Rotary Club meets at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, at Eastland Mall, in the lower concourse, next to the security office.

The international theme fo-

cuses on relief efforts to Japan.

For more information, call Yvonne Barnard at (313) 886-1748, or Ellen Sue Tallant at etallant@mac.com.

Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club meets at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 18, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, to award scholarships to two students.

A fashion show features items from the Dress Barn and 2011-12 officers are installed.

Reservation deadline is May 15.

For more information about the club, call Peggy Hickey at (313) 881-1324 or Pam Zimmer at (313) 882-9087.

Sunrise Rotary

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary meets at 7 a.m. Tuesday, May 17, at The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Alliance Francaise

The Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe shows the film, "Les Vacances de Monsieur Hulot" (Mr. Hulot's Holiday) at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch, 20680 Mack. Admission is free.

Sportsman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Sportsman's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, in the Veteran's Room at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

A member of the Friends of Belle Isle discusses the history of the island.

Belle Isle

The Belle Isle Women's Committee hosts the seventh annual Polish the Jewel from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at Belle Isle.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Shery Cotton, and her daughters-in-law, Lindsay and Nancy Cotton, are event co-chairwomen.

Raffle prizes include oil paintings by local artist Jane McFeely and jewelry donated by Edmund T. AHEE Jewelers.

Proceeds benefit the restoration, the clay tile roof of the 1898 horse stables.

To purchase \$125 tickets, call (248) 336-8360.

Grosse Pointe Public Library

John Gallagher is the speaker at the annual meeting and awards ceremony of the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library Tuesday, May 17, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community center, 20025 Mack Plaza. The event begins at 7 p.m. with a social hour and refreshments. The annual meeting and presentation is at 7:30 p.m. and the program at 8 p.m.

Gallagher, a veteran journalist, discusses his book, "Reimagining Detroit: Opportunities for Redefining an American City." The book is illustrated with the author's photography.

A native of New York City, Gallagher joined the Detroit Free Press in 1987 to cover urban and economic redevelopment efforts in Detroit and Michigan. He spent a year researching changes in Detroit's 40 square miles of vacant land by conducting interviews, visiting community projects and photographing the city.

Bicknell lecture

University of Michigan's Clements Library Curator of Maps Brian Dunnigan, discusses his book, "Frontier Metropolis" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. The book includes every known image of Detroit in the pre-photographic era from the city's founding in 1701 through 1838.

Henry Ford Hospital

Henry Ford Hospital and the Alzheimer's Association host a caregiver stress management lecture from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 19, in the Gilmour Conference Center, 1 Ford Place, Detroit.

Registered nurse Sheila Daley discusses why self-care is vital.

For reservations, call Kate Williams at (248) 996-1055.

Blood drive

The Grosse Pointe Community Blood Council holds an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack.

For more information and an appointment, call (313) 884-5542.

Walk-ins are welcome and taken when the schedule permits.



Nesting box

Grosse Pointe Sportsman's Club members William Lange, of Grosse Pointe Woods, and Arthur Wilhelm, of Grosse Pointe Woods, erect one of several wood duck nesting boxes along the Lake St. Clair shoreline about six feet above the ground. The boxes are provided by Ducks Unlimited. Wood ducks use tree cavities, as well as the boxes to hatch their young. For more information about the club, call (313) 881-6499.

Beautification Commission

The Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission hosts a spring perennial plant exchange from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 21, at the Tompkins Activity Center at Windmill Pointe Park, corner of 14920 Windmill Pointe.

Free mulch is available, while supplies last.

Master gardeners are on hand.

For more information, visit grossepointepark.org.

Nautical Coast Cleanup

The 16th annual Nautical Coast Cleanup and Lake St. Clair Celebration is Sunday, May 22. Registration and continental breakfast begins at 8 a.m. at the Jefferson Yacht Club, 24504 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

The 100 percent volunteer event targets St. Clair Shores' Veteran's Memorial Beach and Blossom Health Beach, Champine Park at 12 Mile and Chapaton Retention Basin shoreline at 9 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

Lunch is from noon to 2 p.m. at the Jefferson Yacht Club.

Neighborhood Club

The Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe, offers a Microsoft Excel step-by-step class from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, May 24 and 25.

Students learn how to create reports with charts and tables, save contact information for labels and billings and keep track of numbers and totals automatically.

The cost is \$75.

Registration can be done by visiting neighborhoodclub.org or at the facility from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call (313) 885-4600.

Guild of St. John

The Guild of St. Hospital and Medical Center hosts its 51st annual Guild Dinner Wednesday, June 8, at Penna's of Sterling Heights, 38400 Van Dyke. Comedian, television and movie personality John Pinette is featured.

Proceeds benefit the Cracchiolo Inpatient Rehabilitation Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

Daniel D. Megler, M.D. is recognized as the Physician of the Year; Gretchen C. Valade,

of Grosse Pointe Farms, is honored with the guild's Philanthropic Services Award; Anthony Giorgio, of Grosse Pointe Farms, receives the guild's Lifetime Achievement Award; and Joseph P. Vicari, of Clinton Township, receives the Sr. Verence McQuade Distinguished Services Award.

A raffle of \$10,000 toward the purchase or lease of a vehicle or \$5,000 cash, donated by Ray Laethem Buick-GMC, and a Rolex watch donated by Edmund T. AHEE Jewelers is part of the evening's festivities.

Paul Treder, of Grosse Pointe Shores, is chairman of the dinner, and Daniel Roma, of the City of Grosse Pointe, is co-chairman.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, followed by a multi-course dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets cost \$250 and can be purchased online at stjohn-guild.org or by calling Kathy Taranto at (313) 343-3674.

Fishing rodeo

Applications are available for the 58th annual fishing rodeo from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 11, at Windmill Pointe Park. The age limit is 15.

Pick up a registration form at Windmill Pointe Park, corner of Barrington and Windmill Pointe Drive, Grosse Pointe Park, or Patterson Park, foot of Three Mile, Grosse Pointe Park. The cost is \$5.

Palette Club

The Lakeside Palette Club of St. Clair Shores hosts its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 12, at the St. Clair Shores Civic Arena, 20000 Stephens. Valerie Allen provides an acrylic demonstration.

For more information, call Robert at (586) 350-4518.

War Memorial

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial offers an outdoor flea market, a pair of trips and programs and classes in the coming weeks. To register, call (313) 881-7511.

Wheel & Deal — 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 14.



Fashions, furnishings, books, movies, electronics and sporting goods are available at the outdoor flea market. Free admission and grilled hot dogs, brats and refreshments.

Shipshewana Flea Market — 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 17. Catch the bus with the War Memorial for a day trip to the largest flea market in the Midwest, a visit to an Amish cheese shop and a family style meal at Das Dutchman Essenhaus in Indiana. The cost is \$77 and includes a box lunch, dinner and bus transportation.

These Aren't Your Grandmother's Grains: Bulgur Wheat, Couscous, Farro and Quinoa — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18. Get the scoop on grains from Europe and the Middle East and learn how to prepare dishes. The cost is \$39.

Reunion

Assumption Grotto's annual grade school reunion begins at noon Saturday, Aug. 13, in pavilion No. 2, Dodge Park, 40620 Utica, Sterling Heights.

Bring your own food and beverages. For more information, call Ron at (586) 939-4584.

Deadline

Club information to be included in the Thursday, June 2 issue, is due by noon Thursday, May 26.

To submit items, e-mail afouty@grossepointenews.com.

Junior League hosts flower show

Junior League Gardeners host a free judged standard flower show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and it is open to the public.

International flower arranger and judge Marge McGoff speaks at 2 p.m. The cost is \$5.

After 10 years of neglect, the Junior League gardeners created a new garden and landscaped Elworthy Field's entrance.

Working with Christopher Hardenbrook, director of parks and recreation for the City of Grosse Pointe and landscape designer Candace Sweeny, a plan was developed and implemented, creating a year-round floral display using native plants and incorporating a butterfly garden.

South senior Luke Boettcher picked up the shrubs at Eastern Market and delivered them to the site. Allemon's Nursery donated 12 pots of day lilies and garden club members donated other garden items.

This garden, now blooming, on Neff Road, is the entrance to the children's playground and tennis courts for Grosse Pointe South High School tennis matches.

For many years, the Grosse Pointe Men's Garden Club planted annual flowers. However, for the past 10 years it was unable to continue the project.



W.O.W.

The Women of Wayne, Grosse Pointe chapter's annual Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial saw 160 members and guests gathered to drink mimosas, participate in a silent auction, shop two vendors, and see fashions by Dress Barn and Dress Barn Woman. On the runway, from left, are Women of Wayne members Zenarr Clopton, Susan Surlatta, Jean Wright, Marti Miller and Charlotte Edwards. The event's proceeds benefit the W.O.W. scholarship program.

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4B | CHURCHES

Unitarian Church hires new minister



The Rev. Shelley Page

The Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church voted Sunday, April 10, to call its first settled minister in 27 years.

The Rev. Shelley Page comes to Grosse Pointe with 30 years of Unitarian Universalist lay and ministerial leadership experience. She is interim minister at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Flint.

Previously, Page served congregations in Delaware and New York.

She was ordained by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Canandaigua, N. Y., the

congregation she helped found in 1993.

She begins serving the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church in August.

The church's interim minister is the Rev. Mitra Rahnema, who served the congregation for two years following the retirement of the Rev. John Corrado. He is the minister emeritus after serving the Grosse Pointe church for 27 years.

The Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church is at 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.

Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, e-mail the church office at gpuc@gpuc.us.

CHURCH EVENTS

Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical breakfast begins at 6:45 a.m. Friday, May 13, with coffee at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

A buffet breakfast is served at 7:15 a.m. The Rev. Timothy Nyasulu, ecumenical minister from Malawi, Africa, addresses members at 7:45 a.m. The event ends at 8:15 a.m.

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

Memorial Church

The Rev. Timothy Nyasulu, and his wife, Brenda, of Malawi, discuss issues facing Christians in Africa May 12 and 13 at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Nyasulus speak from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 13 and 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 12.

Their topics cover the country's history, poverty, HIV/AIDS and the practice of Presbyterian church discipline in Malawi.

The event is free and open to the public.

Christ Church

The Christ Church Choir of Men and Girls sing at the 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 15, service which includes readings and

music celebrating resurrection.

◆ Summer Fun Days are offered from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Wednesday, June 20 through July 27.

Designed for children ages 1 to 6 years old, the program provides play time, faith-filled learning opportunities, movies and snacks. Parents choose as many dates as desired. The cost is \$17 per child, per day and includes a healthy peanut-free snack and drink.

"We are excited to offer this program once again as a service to our parishioners and the Grosse Pointe community," said Sarah Wheeler, director of Child & Family Ministries at Christ Church. "It gives children a structured and fun environment to interact with other children in the summer months — and it gives parents plenty of time to run errands or just get some time to themselves."

There is no session Monday, July 4.

A day's schedule is:

9 - 9:45 a.m. Free play
9:45 - 10:15 a.m. Bible story and activity

10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Church playground

10:45 - 11:15 a.m. Snack and movie

11:15 - 11:45 a.m. Children's chapel

11:45 a.m. - noon Free play and pick-up

Space is limited and dates are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. All reservations and payment is due two

weeks in advance.

No refunds are given for cancellations.

Registration packets and emergency release forms can be found at christchurchgp.org/summerfundaysreg, registration or in the church's main lobby. An emergency release form with allergies listed and contact information must be completed for each child.

Christ Church Grosse Pointe is located at 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

For more information, call the church office at (313) 885-4841.

St. Paul Lutheran

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 22915 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores, holds a preschool art class at 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 17. To register, call (586) 777-0215.

Congregational Church

Grosse Pointe Congregational Church hosts a green festival at 11 a.m. Sunday, May 15.

Tables and display areas showcase green ideas. Greening of Detroit is on hand, a Ford Fusion is on display and a Toyota Prius is available for a test drive.

The church is located at 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe

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PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver

Proclaim what the Lord has done

1 I love the Lord, because God has heard my voice and my supplications. 2 Because God hears me, I therefore will call on God as long as I live. 3 The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. 4 Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, save my life!" 12 What shall I return to the Lord for all Lord's bounty to me? 13 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Psalm 116:1-4, 12-13 (NRSV)

On April 24 and 25, numerous tornadoes struck the Southern part of the United States. Many amazing interviews followed the destruction.

One woman, who was picked up and thrown several feet, said while airborne she was thinking, "Jesus, if you are ready, take me home."

One of the most fascinating stories is the re-

port from Alabama regarding a family. The man said he heard the sirens and went to get two of the children while his wife went to get the third. When the tornado hit their house, he was in the hall with his wife and two children, but he couldn't find their third child.

"Suddenly," he said "the walls and ceiling were lifted away and we were pushed into the floor of our home." When the tornado passed, leaving them in the middle of what was now just a bare concrete slab, he said he looked up and saw their third child walking toward them.

That is just the beginning of his story. The man was rushed to the hospital with a punctured lung and was pushed into the hallway by hospital staff because another tornado was outside. Miraculously, the hospital was untouched.

During the interview, the man said, short of breath and tears swelling up, "I praised the Lord

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7:30 a.m. Friday Ecumenical Men's Breakfast with Rev. Timothy Nyasulu, Ecumenical minister from Africa

May 15 - Worship services 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Logos Spring Musical at both services

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Outstanding

Editor's note: Introducing a new column highlighting Grosse Pointe residents who are outstanding in their professions and achievements. Information, such as the following, should be e-mailed to afouty@grossepointenews.com.

Pictures can accompany the information and should be in jpg form. The column will run as space permits.

Actor

Grosse Pointe Park resident **Brock Jackman** appears in the Six Street Entertainment's production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the 1515 Broadway Theatre in Detroit.

The five-act performance is set in 1967 San Francisco, in which Jackman plays Quince.

Author

George A. Diamond's "Don't Diet! Just Think And Get Thin" is a paperback in the health and weight loss section

of book stores.

The Grosse Pointe Woods resident and president of Dicom Inc. lost 50 pounds in four months more than five years ago and has kept it off, his press release indicates. The book takes readers through the process of "think person mind set," which Diamond uses to teach others how to lose weight and keep it off.

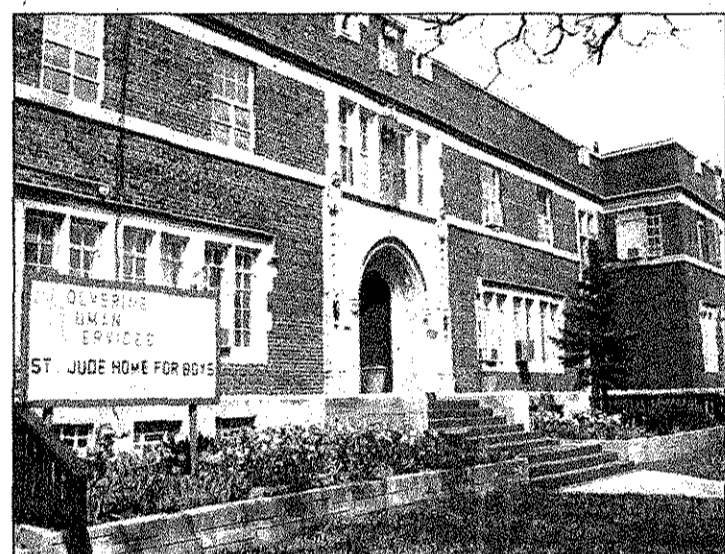
For more information, contact Diamond at DontDietJustThink.com.

Daniel Ames' debut poetry collection, "Feasting at the Table of Damned" was released last month.

According to his press release, the book is an examination of the ramifications of living life to the fullest.

He lives in Grosse Pointe Park, is a native of Wisconsin and earned a journalism degree from the University of Wisconsin - Madison.

Award winner



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St. Jude Home for Boys in Detroit.

CHANCE: Youth learn life lessons

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with his wife, Judith, who handles the day-to-day operations. The couple has also set up vocational programs in meat science, culinary arts, janitorial training and horticulture.

Children placed at one of the facilities receive regular meals, education and visits to doctors and dentists, many for the first time.

On site

The former Guardian Angles Convent Mayfield in Detroit, renamed St. Jude's Home for Boys, houses up to 34 boys 12 to 17 years old who follow a structured schedule, including education, recreation and individual and group counseling.

St. Jude's is the center's flagship program and specializes in victims of abuse and neglect. In classrooms of 10, each boy has a computer. They devote Mondays to science, Tuesdays to social studies, English is Wednesdays, math is on Thursdays and Friday is art. "There is a schedule to follow. Without it, they would deviate," said Thomas Krolicki, a director for the center.

The home offers counseling, crisis intervention, education, substance abuse education, life skills training, athletic activities, on-site psychiatric and psychological services and restitution opportunities, among others. The ratio is one supervisor to six boys. The treatment program at St. Jude's was developed by Wollack to teach youth appropriate means of conducting themselves in school, at home and in the community.

For example, teaching life skills includes acceptable manners and social behavior and is done a point system.

A negative consequence, such uttering an insult, can result in a 100-point loss. But 50 points can be regained with an apology. Accumulated points can be used to "purchase" candy, hygiene products and uniforms of navy blue sweats at the in-house Point Store.

Some save up their points,

Krolicki said, to buy a toy, such as a remote control car which costs upwards of 10,000 points.

At the Wolverine Diagnostic, Assessment & Treatment Center on Lenox in Detroit, the former St. Philip Neri Convent, boys ages 6 to 18 receive counseling and assessment. They come here after being removed from a home due to behavioral problems.

"Children come in at different levels," he said. "Each boy is evaluated for his level."

Once assessments are completed, Michigan Department of Human Services workers along with the center's staff, participate in Permanency Planning Conferences to determine the appropriate placement for each youth when they leave the center. The center also houses the Victors program, which provides residential services for boys with cognitive impairment, a service provided since 1988.

Out-state, the center operates residential facilities in Vassar and Saginaw, providing non-secure and secure programs for boy and girls.

These facilities provide on-site education, recreation, individual, group and family counseling, psychiatric and psychological services, vocational training and life skills training. Specialized treatment services include licensed intensive drug treatment, sexual offender and trauma informed services, along with traditional residential group services.

Wolverine Human Services serves youth from 54 Michigan counties.

Juan, age 12, was recently working on an essay using research found on the Internet. The theme was an inspirational figure.

Juan's subject was James A. Naismith, credited with creating basketball in 1891.

"I knew who he was," Juan said. "I used to play basketball, small forward."

The essay will be six sentences long and Juan pointed out, Naismith lived to be 78 and died the same month he was born.

For more information about the center, visit wolverinehs.org. It is on Facebook and Twitter. As a human service agency, the center is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) and accepts donations.

Directed by Grosse Pointe Park resident and Wayne State University associate professor of music, **Laura Roelofs**, String Project @ Wayne won the national title "String Project of the Year" by the American String Teachers Association.

String Project@Wayne is one of 35 national string projects.

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CORNER: Proclaiming the Lord

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the entire time." I understood he meant he praised God while on the floor of his house and while he was in the hospital hallway.

Psalm 116 reminds us God hears our petitions for help and as the faithful, we must respond when God acts on our behalf. In addition, Psalm 116 reminds me we rejoice and praise God even when we "suffered anguish and distress."

Verse 12 asks, "What shall I return?" What can I give back to God for taking good care of me? Verse 13 becomes the response, "I will lift the cup." Though the Psalter speaks of an ancient Jewish tradition, I interpret this idea of lifting the cup as what we do today at wedding receptions when the

Two Grosse Pointe South High School graduates were involved in best film at the 2011 Detroit Independent Film Festival in March.

John Wilberding and Jim Winfield took on two roles in the 77-minute, low-budget film, "The Bicyclist."

Winfield portrays Uncle Ned in the story partially shot in Grosse Pointe in September. Wilberding co-directed with Oren Goldenberg. Both Winfield and Wilberding graduated from South; Winfield in 1979 and Wilberding in 1980.

The story is about Lester Cribbs, who loses his Grosse

best man traditionally toasts the couple. With this interpretation, I suggest we should praise God by giving God a toast.

Raise up your cup and praise God. Announce how God has acted and how your life has changed. Recognize God has transformed your life. And publicly announce it.

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Yeager-Stiver of Grosse Pointe Congregational Church

Photos needed

Grosse Pointe history authors Suzy Berschback and Ann Marie Aliotta seek pictures to be included in their newest effort focusing on the 83-year-old Grosse Pointe South High School.

They would like pictures of former students, parents, teachers, administrators, famous alumni, significant events, special activities, clubs, sports and classes. Especially needed are photos from the early decades of the school.

The duo also is collecting funny stories and legends about the school.

For more information, call Berschback at (313) 885-1817 or Aliotta at (313) 884-7369 or e-mail her at amaliotta@att.net.

Photos can also be dropped off at 255 Ridgemont for scanning.

Pointe-based restaurant and his wife, who runs away with a chef. Cribbs embarks a 300-mile bicycle trip from Detroit to the Mackinac Bridge attempting to relive his dead brother's jour-

ney. While the brother, Timmy, enjoyed the people he met and scenery along the route, describing everything in a journal Cribbs keeps close, he is unable to find the same joy.

EVENTS: Music, festival and food

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Farms. For more details, call (313) 884-3075.

Fort Street Choral

The Fort Street Choral sings Arthur Honegger's "King David" at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 15, at the Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort, Detroit.

Tickets cost \$20. There is free parking.

For more information, call (313) 961-4533.

St. Joan of Arc

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores, holds its 42nd annual spring festival, Friday, May 20 - 22.

The festival features rides, food, entertainment, games of skill and chance and a bake sale. Ride bracelets are available for unlimited rides between noon and 6 p.m. both Friday and Saturday.

A spaghetti dinner is served from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday; a Mexican dinner is served from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday.

Brunch is from 9 a.m. to noon Sunday and a Polish dinner buffet is from 3 to 7 p.m.

A live performance by "American Dream" can be heard Friday.

Saturday night's entertainment features live music by "Night Line."

The festival raffle includes a grand prize of \$10,000, and the usher's raffle features a wheelbarrow of cheer.

For the adults, bingo is 6 to 11 p.m. Friday, 2 to 11 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday.

The Vegas room is open 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday and 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday.

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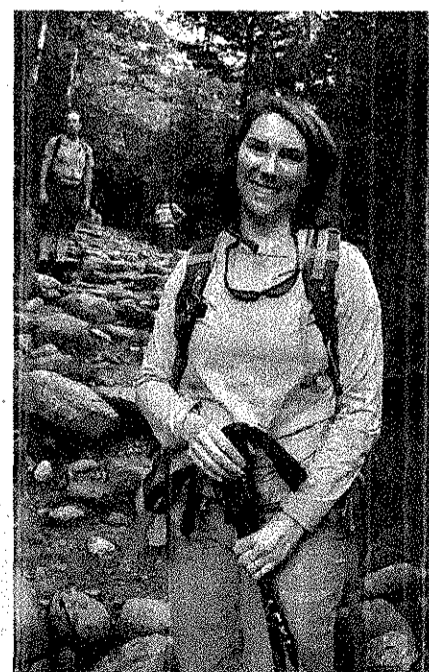
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ASK THE EXPERTS By Jim Smith

Synthetic, OTC drugs always being generated



Q. I have three children; two are in college and one in high school. My husband and I are shocked and disappointed at the variety of drugs available. Two of my children are going to Florida for Spring Break. Is it my imagination or does it seem there is always a new threat on the horizon?

A. As technology increases at lighting speed so do unscrupulous entrepreneurs

making synthetic drugs that skirt laws enacted to protect society. These unscrupulous persons target juvenile and young adult users.

In addition to synthetic drugs, another area of concern is over the counter (OTC) products containing chemical compounds that can be abused.

Two recent examples are K2 (synthetic Cannabinoids) and a designer drug known as "bath salts" (OTC).

An herbal blend, K2 is treated with synthetic materials to mimic a chemical found in marijuana. Users report the effects are apparently the same as smoking marijuana. The additional chemicals have caused

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severe adverse side effects in numerous people which has led to K2 being banned in Michigan.

"Bath salts" are chemical

compounds that contain stimulants. Just like with prescription drugs, the use, misuse, or overuse can have disastrous results.

As several states are considering legislation on these synthetic/OTC drugs, new synthetic products pop up to take their place.

The Florida Attorney General filed an emergency rule banning the sale of "bath salts" to handle an emergency situation reported by law enforcement.

In Panama City, Fla., two incidents alerted authorities to the drug's serious effects. In the first, a man tore a radar unit out of a police car with his teeth while police tried to sub-

due him. In the second, a woman attacked her mother with a machete. She later reported she thought her mother was a monster.

The emergency rule was put into effect to ensure control of this problem with up-coming Spring Break travelers.

So it is not your imagination; new drugs will always be on the horizon. As a parent, it is in your best interest to keep informed on these trends. With this in mind, The Family Center presents a May 19 forum, "Are Your Kids at Risk?," which includes a discussion on "bath salts."

Det. Lt. Smith is a 33-year veteran of Grosse Pointe Park

Public Safety. He has been an investigator for 23 years and involved with several task forces at the state and county level involving child related issues.

He can be reached at (313) 822 or e-mailed at smithj@grossepointepark.org.

The Family Center serves as the community's hub for information, resources and referral for families and professionals.

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

Birthing center tours offered

For those about to be or thinking about being a mother, there are many questions.

How long is labor? Can I handle the pain? Will I need a C-section? How do I decide where to deliver?

While all valid questions, deciding where to deliver can be answered by taking a tour of a hospital's OB units.

"Women in their first, second or third trimester call us for tours," said Pat Heitz, R.N., assistant nurse manager, Sheryl L. and David B. Cotton, M.D., Family Birth Center, Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. "We have also toured women who aren't pregnant, but are curious about the options available to them when the time comes."

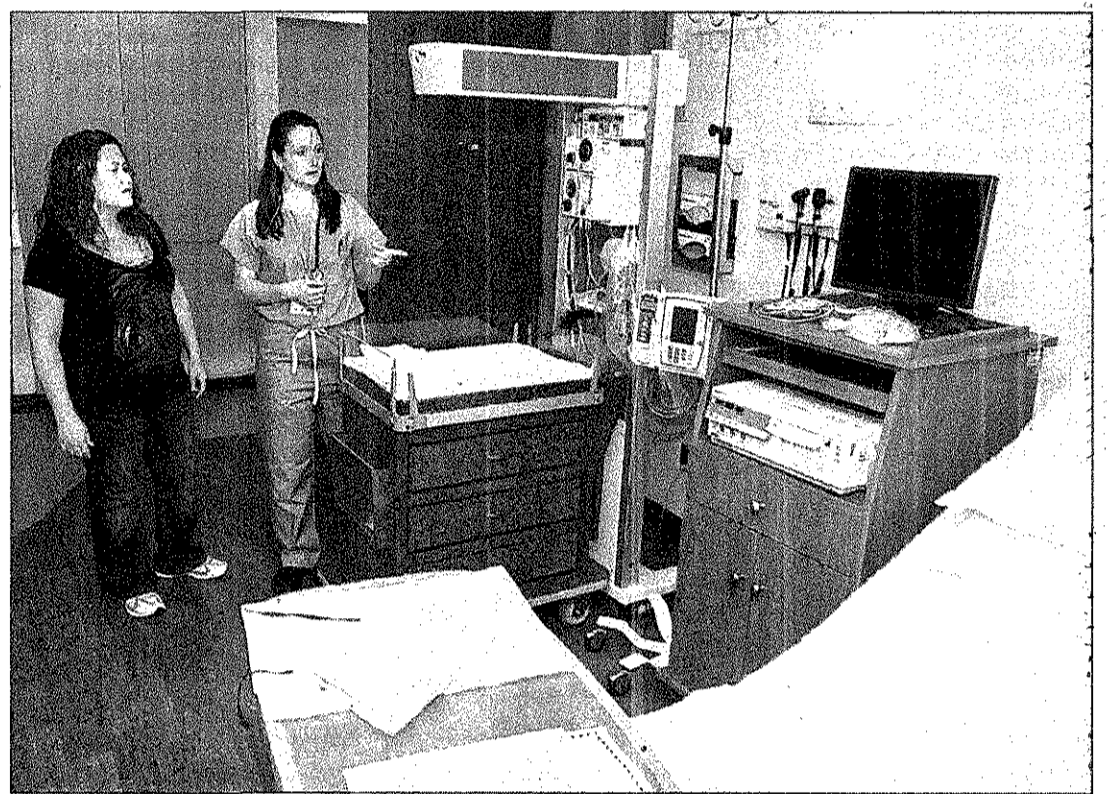
The newly renovated Family Birth Center at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe allows healthy mothers and babies to spend days and nights together, with minimal separation. Private



rooms feature refrigerators, hair dryers, an iPod docking station, sleep chairs, gliders, flat screen TVs, technology and 24-hour care from OB physicians, anesthesiologists and pediatricians.

Heitz said many who tour the Family Birth Center comment about its calming, soothing atmosphere.

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Above, from left, Marie Abdilla, a Beaumont, Grosse Pointe employee, takes a tour with Kelly Benoit, R.N., of the Sheryl L. and David B. Cotton, M.D., Family Birth Center, Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. At left, the two discuss the features of the tub in the birthing room.

one who delivers a first baby at Beaumont, offers parenting support and education before mom and baby go home.

Beaumont also offers a sibling birthday cake for families to celebrate their new arrival and every new baby is sent

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Good advice: Slip, slop, slap, wrap as temperatures rise

Tips to avoid skin cancers and be safe in the sun

Skin cancer has become an epidemic in the United States with more than one million new patients diagnosed every year.

Most are either basal cell or squamous cell carcinomas, which seldom become life-threatening.

Melanoma is less common, accounting for fewer than 5 percent of all skin cancer cases — however it is the deadliest.

Martha Trout, Health Initiatives director for the American Cancer Society Great Lakes Division, said

there are many risk factors for melanoma: overexposure to UV radiation (sunlight); presence of atypical or numerous moles (more than 50); fair skin with blond or red hair; family history; and a weak immune system.

"Certainly fair-skinned people who burn easily and have a history of severe childhood sunburns are at higher risk of getting melanomas," Trout said. "But the relationship between sun exposure and melanoma is more complicated than you might think and not completely understood. Genetics also plays a significant role in the incidence of melanoma."

While melanomas can ap-

pear anywhere on the body, the most common place for men to get melanomas is the torso, while for women they often are found on the legs. In people with dark skin, melanomas are more common on the soles of the feet and palms of hands, where pigment is lighter.

The good news is most melanomas can be found early and treated successfully if you know what to look for. Know your body and your ABCD's:

Asymmetry — one half of the mole does not match the other half.

Border — the edges are ragged, notched or blurred.

Color — the pigmentation is not uniform, with variable degrees of tan, brown or black.

Diameter — the mole is greater than 6 mm or about the size of a pencil eraser.

Examine skin once a month, and if there is something abnormal, talk to a doctor immediately. And to be safe outdoors, Trout recommends people plan activities away from the midday sun and to slip, slop, slap ... and wrap. That is:

- ◆ Slip on a shirt
- ◆ Slop on sunscreen (SPF 15 or higher)
- ◆ Slap on a hat
- ◆ Wrap on sunglasses to protect the eyes and sensitive skin around them from ultraviolet light.

"One bottle of sunscreen should not last a summer," Trout says. "For maximum protection, use the highest SPF available, never use sunscreen after its expiration date, and apply it liberally before going into the sun. During sun exposure, one full ounce should be re-applied every hour."

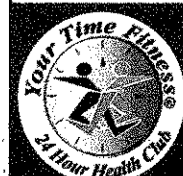
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CULTURAL HAPPENINGS

DIA

The Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, observes Grandparents Day, Saturday, May 14, with live puppet performances, an art-making activity and a complementary photo.

The Founders Junior Council, a young professionals auxiliary of the Detroit Institute of Arts, hosts Cirque: Detroit Unmasked from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, May 21.

For more information, call (313) 833-4005.

The Henry Ford

The Henry Ford, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, hosts "Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition" through Sept. 20.

The exhibition is 10,000 square feet in size and features more than 300 artifacts, 250 of which have never been displayed in Michigan.

Little-known stories, seldom-seen documents and different perspectives are presented during "Discovering the Civil War" from May 21 through Sept. 5 at the Henry

Ford Museum.

Items included in the exhibit are:

- ◆ The original Louisiana ordinance of secession.

- ◆ A "substitute book" listing names of men who paid \$300 to replace draftees.

- ◆ How Pres. Lincoln stopped the executive of a Confederate major.

- ◆ Original pension records of Emma Seeley, from Michigan, who served in the Union Army as Frank Thompson.

- ◆ A telegram from a southern governor rejecting Lincoln's call for troops.

- ◆ Film of the 75th reunion of Battle of Gettysburg veterans filmed by the Army Signal Corps.

- ◆ An original Freeman's Bureau record documenting thousands of murders and outrages committed against African Americans.

- ◆ Innovative wartime patents, including a multipurpose device that could serve as a tent, knapsack or blanket.

- ◆ The similarities between the Constitution of the

Confederacy and the United States Constitution.

- ◆ The Chinese connection in the Civil War.

Adult admission is \$15; seniors pay \$14 and children pay \$11.

DAM

Detroit Artists Market hosts the exhibit, "Northern Lights," through May 27.

The gallery is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. For more information, call DAM at (313) 832-8540 or e-mail info@detroitartistsmarket.org.

DHM

The Detroit Historical Society Guild hosts a children's etiquette tea party from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 15, at the museum, 5401 Woodward.

The event is open to children six to 14 with an accompanying adult.

Following refreshments, an interactive etiquette lesson is

shared. Each participant receives an etiquette book. The cost is \$15 and includes museum admission.

- ◆ The Detroit Economic Club exhibit, "Detroit Economic Club: 75 Years of Remarkable Speakers and Compelling Conversations," is at the Detroit Historical Museum. This exhibit in the museum's community gallery celebrates the history of the Detroit Economic Club, the City of Detroit and American business.

The club, once known as the Economic Club of Detroit, was established in 1934 during the Great Depression by Allen Crow.

Crow, a business leader known for his devotion to the community, wanted the organization to be larger, permanent and more effective to help lead the way out of the Depression. He brought together 47 of Detroit's business and industrial leaders for regular forum meetings, and the Detroit Economic Club was born.

The organization has seen many "firsts" while hosting prominent CEOs, thinkers and government officials including Catherine Curtis, the club's first female speaker; Martha Griffiths, the first female member and board

member; and Lester Blackwell Granger, the first black speaker. Today, the organization has 3,000 members and more than 100 sponsors.

This exhibit features photographs, artifacts and audio and video clips of speakers the club has hosted. Visitors see the original bell used to bring the meetings to order, ledgers from the days of Crow, the roster of the original members and much more.

Additionally, the club's 75th anniversary commemorative book, "They Said It Here," is available for \$35.

- ◆ A tour of Prohibition bootleggers' tour is from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday, May 21, sponsored by the historical society. The tour departs from Stroh River Place dock.

Guests eat aboard the Diamond Jack boat and listen to guides share stories of the infamous bootlegging activities shaping the city in the 1920s and 1930s.

The cost is \$55 for historical society members and Preservation Wayne members and guests pay \$60.

For reservations, call

Preservation Wayne's toll-free hotline at (313) 577-7674.

The museum is at 5401 Woodward, and open from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Adult admission is \$6; seniors, college students and youth pay \$4.

For more information, visit detroithistorical.org or call (313) 833-1805.

Dossin Great Lakes Museum

The Dossin Great Lakes Museum features two new exhibits, "To Scale: Great Lakes Model Ship Builders" and "Bells and Whistles, Flags and Flashes: Lost Languages of the Lakes."

The largest collection of model Great Lakes vessels can be explored through the art of model shipbuilding in an interactive ways. Learn about the history of model-making in the region and hear stories about specific vessels. Model-making tools are

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'Fire and Ice' show open at Grosse Pointe Art Center

There were extreme temperatures at the Grosse Pointe Art Center, Friday, April 15, during the preview party of the Fire & Ice Show.

More than 70 pieces of artwork interpreted the show's theme of fire and ice in subtle and not so subtle ways.

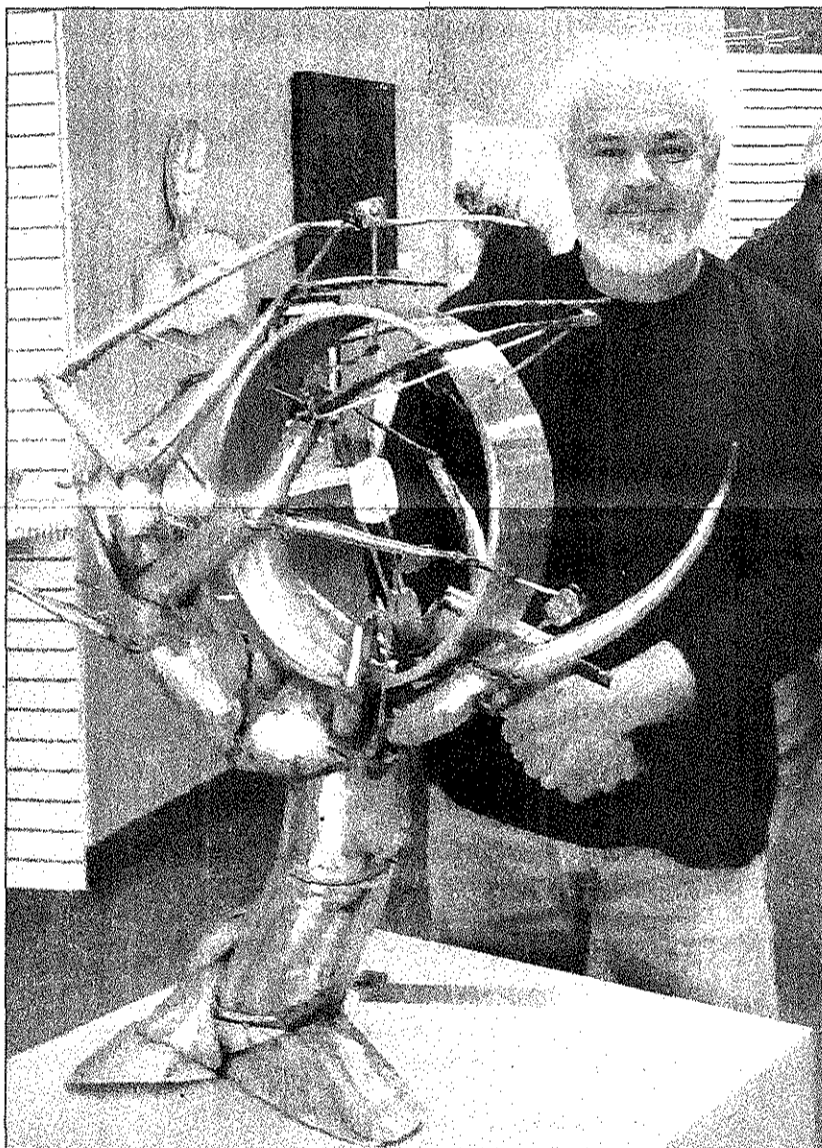
M.E. Ware, an associate professor at Central Michigan University, juried the multi-media show. Her installation piece is on display in the center's front window.

Best in Show was awarded to Eugene Griffin, of Waterford, for his stainless steel, mirror, laser and crystal sculpture entitled "Cosmic Wave Mutation Generator."

Second place went to Shelly Rothenbuhler, of Grosse Pointe Park, for her lampwork glass necklace entitled "Opposites Attract." The necklace is half fiery flame-shaped beads and half cool icicle-shaped beads, finished with a glass toggle and bar clasp.

Birgit Huttemann-Holz, of Grosse Pointe Park, took third place for her encaustic diptych entitled "Cassandra in Fukushima," expressing the fire theme.

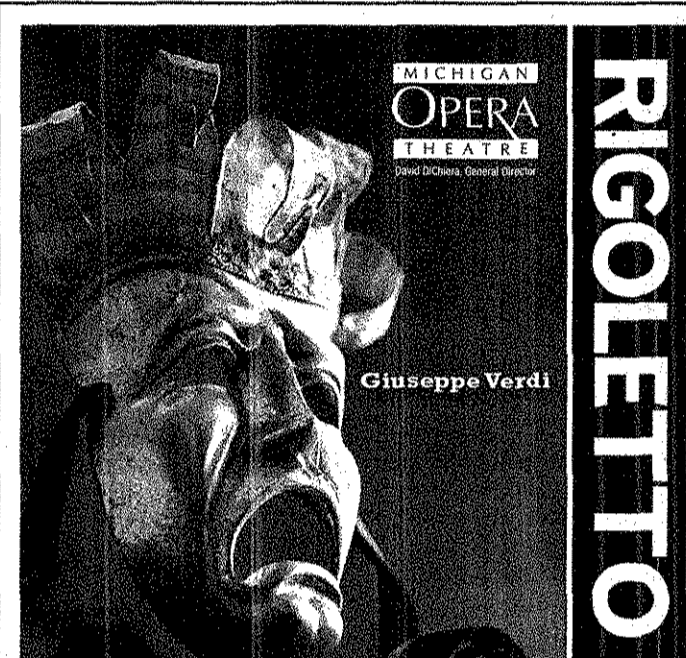
Honorable mentions were awarded to Rosemary Bay, of



Grosse Pointe Farms, for her salt-fired stoneware piece "Earth, Wind and Fire;" Griffin for "John Crampton 1," a metal and slumped glass floor lamp; David Hands, of the City of Grosse Pointe, for his digital photograph "Lake St. Clair Ice #2;" and Mark Steiner, of Grosse Pointe Farms, for his untitled serigraph.

A majority of the show consisted of pottery, glass and jewelry, but many other mediums were represented such as, photography, oil painting, encaustic, watercolor and mosaic.

Eugene Griffin, of Waterford, won best in show for his Cosmic Wave Mutation Generator and was given an honorable mention for a metal and slumped glass floor lamp.



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Cotswold Café open for dinner

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The new menu offers Acapulco shrimp salad, pizza Margherita and chicken Wellington, along with the classic Maitre d' salad and quiche du jour. Guests can also expect to see a few new beers and wines on the menu as well.

Dinner for two for \$50 includes a bottle of wine and two three-course meals chosen from a select menu.

"The Ford family enjoyed fine dining, and a good meal was at the center of many family celebrations," said chef Erik Ziegenbein. "We try to pass along that passion for great food to our guests, and our new dinner for two special is a perfect reason to try something new in an elegant setting."

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South grad's film wins top Sundance prize

John Guleserian, a 1994 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate, and his film crew won the Sundance Grand Jury prize.

As cinematographer for the award-winning film, "Like Crazy," Guleserian and partner, Drake Doremus, produced the love story.

In an e-mail to his former teacher, Julie Corbett, he said, "It really was a coup! The first weekend at Sundance we premiered and triggered a bidding war between all of the major distributors and by 5 o'clock the next morning we had sold the movie to Paramount. That was more than enough excitement to satisfy me, but then, we went on to win the Grand Jury Prize. The movie will be in theaters worldwide in the fall."

Corbett said Guleserian was

an outstanding film student and participated in many television projects during his four years in her video production program. One of his projects, "Going to Hell," documented a trip to Hell, Mich.

Film critic, Gregory Ellwood Twitters about "Like Crazy." "Initially set in Los Angeles with stops in London along the way, 'Like Crazy' follows the intense and loving relationship between Jacob (Anton Yelchin) and Anna (Felicity Jones) after the two meet in a college writing class Jacob is assisting in. Anna, who is British, is actually studying writing and wants to be a journalist. Jacob wants to become a furniture designer. The two fall madly in love, bonding over Paul Simon's 'Graceland' album, whisky and similar family backgrounds but are



PHOTO COURTESY BEN YORK JONES

Members of Team Crazy are cinematographer John Guleserian, director Drake Doremus, co-writer Ben York Jones and film editor Jonathan Alberts during the last "Like Crazy" Sundance screening.

torn when Anna's student visa runs out forcing her to return home to London. The night before she has to leave, however, she is so passionate for Jacob that she decides to overstay the visa hoping the consequences of her actions can be worked out later. Instead, it becomes the biggest obstacle for the couple to remain together and becomes a key plot point within the film's storyline.

"With Anna unable to enter the United States, she settles into a job in the U.K. while Jacob starts what becomes a busy furniture business in L.A."

"As time passes they try to move on from each other — and as cliché as it sounds (it's not at all) — their love keeps pulling them back. It's an emotional roller coaster that the actors, Doremus and his D.P. John Guleserian pull off mag-

nificently."

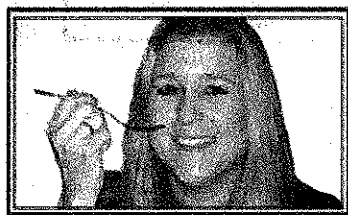
The film premiered Jan. 22 and was purchased by Paramount for \$4 million Jan. 23.

Submission of 1,100 films was narrowed to 16 in the domestic drama category and winning the grand jury award is considered the most prestigious award given at the film festival in Park City, Utah, Corbett said.

Guleserian earned a bachelor's degree in film from Columbia College in Chicago. He worked as an assistant instructor at Columbia while doing freelance filming in Chicago. In 2003, he was accepted at American Film Institute in Los Angeles. He received his master's degree in cinematography in 2005. Guleserian is a resident of Los Angeles.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Homemade chili-mac dinner



In search of something different to bring to the table, I came across a recipe for chili-mac skillet, like a boxed meal without all the added sodium and dried ingredients.

One skillet creates dinner in less than 60 minutes.

Chili-Mac Skillet

(adapted from Better Homes and Gardens)

2 tablespoons olive oil
1 1/4 lbs. lean ground beef
1 1/2 cups chopped onion
1 cup chopped green bell pepper (or other bell pepper)
4 garlic cloves, minced
1-15 oz. can diced tomatoes with juice
1-15 oz. can tomato sauce
2-15 oz. cans red kidney beans, drained
1 cup water
1 cup elbow macaroni (dried)
2 tablespoons chili powder
1 teaspoon salt
black pepper to taste

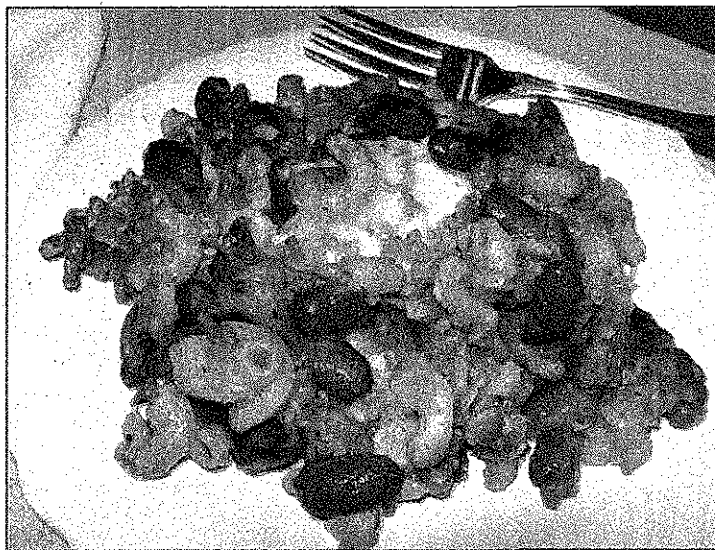


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Chili-mac dinner in less than 60 minutes.

1 cup shredded mozzarella (or other cheese)
fresh chopped parsley for garnish

Heat olive oil in a large no-stick skillet over medium heat. Add the beef, onion, pepper and garlic and cook and stir until beef is browned and the vegetables are soft.

Raise heat under skillet and add diced tomatoes with juice, tomato sauce, kidney beans, water, macaroni, chili powder, salt and pepper.

Bring mixture to a gentle boil, cover and cook for 20

minutes or so, stirring often. Taste and season with additional salt and pepper, if necessary.

Lower heat and sprinkle cheese over top and cover for a few minutes to allow cheese to melt. Garnish with fresh parsley and serve right from the skillet.

All flavors come together in this good-for-you one skillet wonder.

Chili-mac skillet is one of those recipes that can change a bit here or there to suit your own taste.

CULTURE: History, tours and pottery

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showcased, and a model builder is onsite during select museum hours.

Visitors also learn about the various methods used by mariners to communicate with other sailors, vessels and people along the shores in the "Bells and Whistles, Flags and Flashes" exhibit. Over the centuries, sailors used various tools and codes to communicate, including flags, flares, bells, whistles, drums and speaking trumpets.

The advent of electronic communication brought telegraphy, lights, radios and cell phones. These special "languages" were encoded to allow these various tools to be employed and understood by other ships and shore-based observers.

The museum is located at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle and is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Tickets cost \$10 for Detroit Historical Society and free to Dossin Maritime Group members.

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Pewabic Pottery

Pewabic Pottery makes a foray into the world of fashion with the exhibition, "Wearable Ceramics: Jewelry from International Artists."

Available to the fashionista, in addition to the collector or ceramics lover, are brooches, necklaces, earrings and rings

made from clay, often combined with other materials including gold, silver, semi-precious stones and found objects.

Fifteen established and emerging artists representing six countries participate in the exhibition. The emerging new generation of Dutch designers bring an overview of avant-garde jewelry design to the mix. Likewise, artists from the United States, Spain, Taiwan, Germany and Australia are staking out new territories of experimentation.

Artists specializing in ceramics and artists specializing in jewelry are represented in this exhibition.

An opening reception is from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 20. The exhibit runs from May 20 through July 3. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Pewabic Pottery is located at 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit.

CAFE: After dinner take a stroll

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Weather permitting, there is seating outside on the café terrace. Diners in the café can stroll the lakefront grounds free of charge following their meal.

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BOYS LACROSSE

South sweeps season series with North

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South completed a regular season sweep

of city rival Grosse Pointe North, winning 8-6 last week.

The Blue Devils beat the Norsemen 8-7 before spring break on the road and the sec-

ond meeting was another hard fought victory that was close to the final seconds.

"We couldn't maintain possession and our clears were awful in the first half," North head coach Dan Preston said. "We have to clean up that stuff and I think we will before the state playoffs begin in a couple of weeks."

Just like the previous meeting, the Blue Devils controlled the opening half and the Norsemen responded to get right back in the game with a solid third quarter.

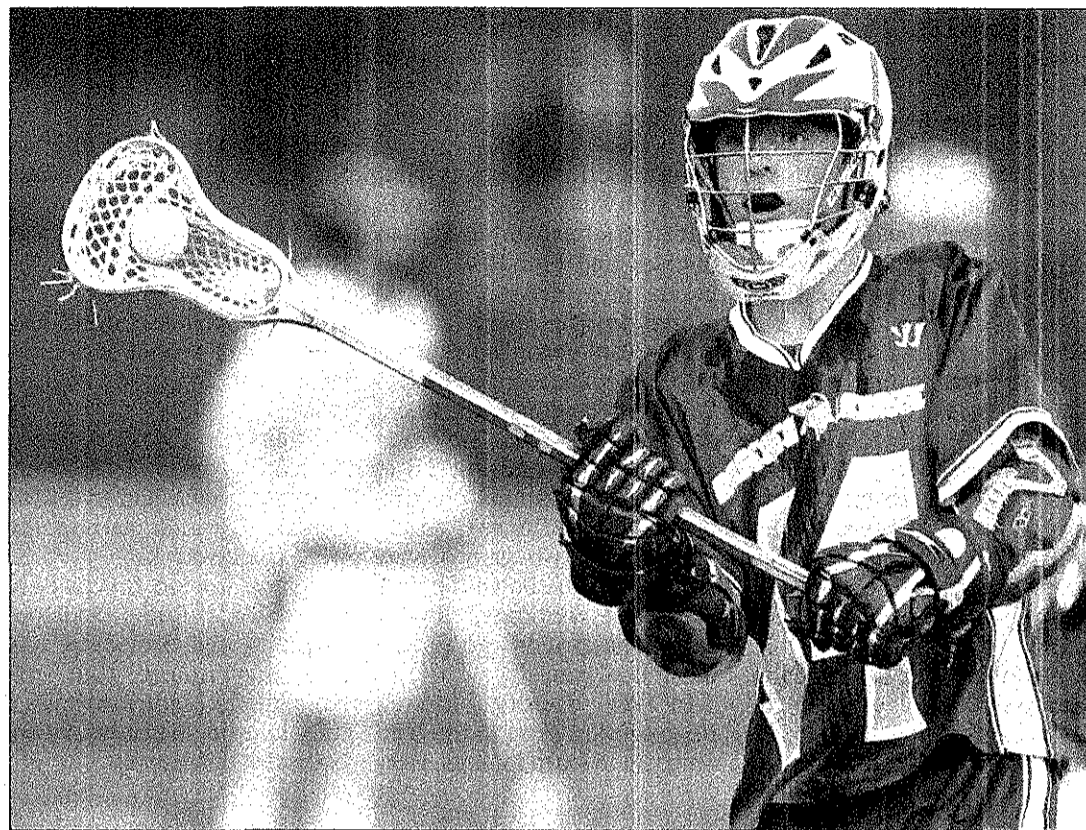
The home team took a 6-5 lead into the final 12 minutes and it was able to drill two quick goals to build an 8-5 lead.

North senior Zach LaValley scored to make it an 8-6 game and the Norsemen had three more golden chances to score, but two shots sailed wide and they lost possession on another trip.

For the Norsemen, LaValley had four goals with junior Julian Quinlan and senior Jeff Ryan tallying a goal apiece.

Head coach Don Wolford's squad has been playing excellent lock-down defense and it once again slowed down the Norsemen's fast-paced offensive attack.

Both goalies, senior Jeff Blazoff for the Blue Devils and senior Dustin Baker for the Norsemen, played well, com-



North's Phil Lecznar looks up field during the Norsemen's tough loss to city rival Grosse Pointe South.

ing up with big saves to keep the game close.

Senior Michael Bertakis has been an offensive weapon, leading the attack by making precise passes time and again. He finished with five assists in the win.

Leading the goal scoring for the Blue Devils was senior Nick Diehl with three. Senior Connor Ray and junior Dan

French had two goals apiece, while senior Thomas Shields tallied once.

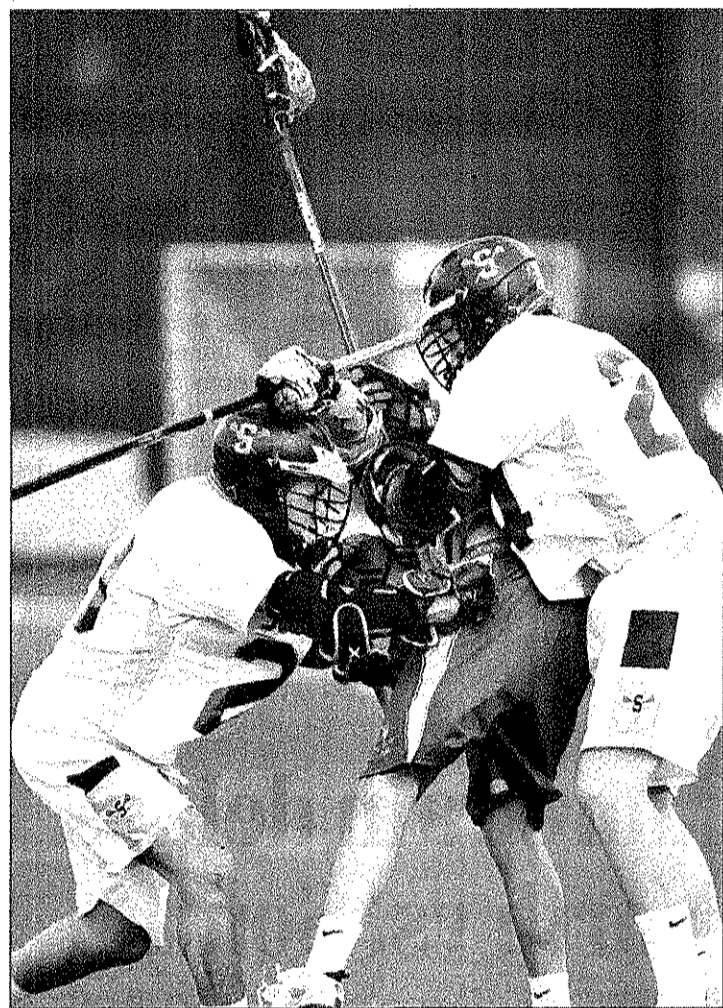
"We were missing a couple of key starters, which didn't help us, but the guys we have on the field have to play a little better," Preston said.

The Norsemen didn't have the services of leading scorer, senior Sean Seaman, who has missed the past few games due

to a broken collarbone. He should be back within the week.

Grosse Pointe North dropped to 3-3 in the Macomb Area Conference and 5-5 overall.

Grosse Pointe South also defeated Warren Consolidated 19-4 last weekend, improving to 8-1 in the MAC and 8-2 overall.



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South's William Callewaert, right, and Sam Hartman, left, crunch a North player during the Blue Devils' 8-6 win.

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Softball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

North helps beat cancer

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' softball team is 2-2 in division play after beating Port Huron Northern 2-1 and Utica 6-2 last week, plus losing 5-4 to Utica Eisenhower and 3-2 to St. Clair Shores Lakeview.

"We've lost some tough one-run games, but the most important thing is that we're 2-2 in our league," head coach Bill Taylor said.

In the win over Northern, Shelly Perna hit a walk-off run-scoring single in the bottom of the seventh inning, scoring Danielle Haggerty from second base. Haggerty had three hits, while Amy Zaranek earned the win, striking out six and allowing zero earned runs.

Jacqui Sherry played her best game of the season at third base and had a key sacrifice bunt.

Against Eisenhower, Zaranek belted a three-run homer in the first inning to give the Norsemen an early ad-

vantage, but the Eagles used a three-run sixth to take the lead. Zaranek pitched a complete game, striking out six, while Nicole Strickland played well defensively at first base.

The Norsemen came back to play well against the first-place team in the Macomb Area Conference White Division, Utica.

Zaranek threw a two-hitter and struck out 14. Offensively, Sarah Richardson had two doubles and four RBIs, while Perna and Kristen Bartold scored two runs apiece.

The Norsemen also competed in the Romeo Strike Out Cancer Invitational last weekend, finishing 1-2. They beat Utica Ford 6-5 and lost 2-0 to Romeo, the eventual champion, and 15-5 to L'Anse Creuse.

"The first two games were close and came down the final couple of innings," Taylor said. "Things didn't go so well in our final game."

In the victory, Lauren Bogosian knocked in the winning run in extra innings, scor-



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Grosse Pointe North's girls' softball team played in the Romeo Strike Out Cancer Invitational in honor of Debbie Lanzon.

ing Strickland. It was Bogosian's second hit of the game and she added a sacrifice bunt. Zaranek had three hits, while Perna was on base three times and Haggerty scored twice.

Other stars were Amanda Lanzon and Melanie Mermiges, who had two RBIs apiece. Zaranek earned the win, striking out 12.

Against Romeo, first place in the MAC Red Division, Haggerty and Strickland had two hits apiece, but the Norsemen couldn't sustain a rally. Lanzon and Bartold were both solid defensively.

Perna doubled and made several nice plays at shortstop. Zaranek pitched and struck out eight.

In the L'Anse Creuse game, Perna, Bartold, Richardson and Zaranek each knocked in a run, while Lanzon and Richardson had two hits apiece. Haggerty had a good game in left field and Zaranek was stellar at first. Richardson was a wall behind the plate, catching each of the three games.

North is 7-10 overall. Among the Norsemen's 10 defeats, eight have been by one run.

Baseball

LIGGETT

Knights move to 5-0 in MLAC

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

So far, so good for the University Liggett boys' baseball team.

Last week, the Knights improved to 5-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference by beating Lutheran Westland 3-0 and Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest 20-1.

"Our bats sure did come alive this week," head coach Dan Cimini said. "Our veterans came through with some big games."

Junior Alex Daar was dominant against Lutheran Westland, giving up only two hits and striking out 13.

Senior Nate Weiss and sophomore Connor Fannon hit solo home runs, while sophomore Kevin Allen hit an RBI single.

In the lopsided victory over Northwest, senior Joe Simon was 4-for-5 with a three-run homer, and sophomore Nate Gaggin was 3-for-4 with a two-run double in the first inning.

Allen added three hits and Fannon had two hits, including a three-run home run.

Weiss was the winning pitcher, striking out six in four innings and was 4-for-4 at the plate.

In other action last week, Liggett lost 7-3 to Macomb Dakota and swept a doubleheader from Plymouth Christian, winning 17-1 and 16-1.

"We had our chances against Dakota, but couldn't get a big hit," Cimini said. "They're a good team and I don't like losing, but this game will help us in the long run."

Fannon suffered the defeat to the Cougars, while senior Mitch Gatzke earned the win in the opener against PC and Gaggin took care of business in the second game.

Offensively, Simon was 6-for-6 and sophomore Mark Auk 5-for-5 with two walks. Fannon was 6-for-7 and senior Dominic Jamett was 4-for-6 with two home runs.

Liggett is 9-1 overall as it prepares for the Grosse Pointe South Invitational, featuring city rivals Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North and Liggett, as well as Birmingham Detroit Country Day.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils win tournament title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' softball team won the Fitzgerald Tournament last weekend, beating Warren Lincoln 5-1 in eight innings in the title game.

The game was scoreless through the first five innings, but in the bottom of the sixth, the Abes pushed across a run.

Senior Emily Wybo led off with a double in the Blue Devils' seventh inning and scored on freshman Christina Tech's double.

In the eighth inning, the international tiebreaker means a runner starts on second base.

Head coach Nicole Crane watched her first hitter get hit by a pitch to put runners on first and second. After a fielder's choice, senior Emma

Maniere had a single to load the bases and sophomore Gretchen Shirar walked to score the winning run.

After that, the Blue Devils scored three more insurance runs as junior Bridget Walkowski slammed the door on the Abes in their at-bat.

For the tournament, Walkowski pitched 18 innings, 15 of which were scoreless.

In pool play, South beat

Ferndale 17-0 in three innings, Lincoln 5-3 and St. Clair Shores South Lake 10-0.

Earlier in the week, the Blue Devils lost 3-1 to St. Clair Shores Lake Shore and 11-6 to Port Huron. They also beat Madison Heights Lamphere 9-8.

Grosse Pointe South is 2-2 in the Macomb Area Conference Gold Division and 10-5 overall.

RIVALS

More rain delays North vs. South

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's and Grosse Pointe North's boys' baseball teams were once again to play a division game last week, but for a second straight time, rain postponed it.

Both teams did manage to play a full week of games as the Blue Devils started its division slate early last week, beating Utica Eisenhower 8-1.

Joe Aliotta earned the win, striking out five and walking five in a complete-game effort. He helped himself by doubling and scoring.

Other offensive stars were Robby Kish, Ross Muniga, Matt Reno and Tim Kramer with run-scoring singles.

The Blue Devils came back to lose 3-0 to Macomb Area Conference Red Division-leading Sterling Heights Stevenson as they mustered only three hits.

"We had our chances, but couldn't get a big hit," head coach Dan Griesbaum said. "We loaded the bases with one out in the sixth and didn't score."

Carmen Benedetti, Tim Kramer and Jon Sparks had the hits.

The Blue Devils also defeated Chippewa Valley 11-4 Monday afternoon as Aliotta was the winning pitcher, go-

ing five innings. He gave up two runs on four hits and struck out seven.

The Blue Devils scored five first-inning runs, accomplishments of a Benedetti three-run homer and Cam Gibson's two-run shot.

They also added five runs in the fifth inning, thanks to some wild Chippewa Valley pitching. The Blue Devils had a hit batter and two walks with the bases loaded to drive in runs.

Muniga and Aliotta each had two hits and an RBI to lead the offensive attack.

In other action last week, South split a doubleheader with host Mount Pleasant, winning 14-11 and losing 9-6.

In the opener, Benedetti had two homers and five RBIs, while Parker added a homer, a triple and four RBIs. Corbet Conroy also hit a home run.

In the second game, Benedetti had a triple, a single and drove in three runs, and Kramer chipped in with two hits and an RBI.

Grosse Pointe South is 3-1 in the MAC Red Division and 13-4 overall.

Grosse Pointe North struggled against Red Division foes, losing 17-1 to Chippewa Valley, 10-2 to Eisenhower, 9-8 to Stevenson and 5-2 to Macomb Dakota, dropping to 0-4 in the league and 8-5 overall.

LIGGETT

Knights play Onaway with grit

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's girls' softball team traveled up I-75 last weekend to compete in the Birch Run Tournament.

The Knights lost the first game 11-0 to Marine City, but came back strong in the second contest, leading Onaway

2-1 after four innings.

Onaway, one of the top teams in the state in the lower divisions, came back to beat the Knights 7-2, but the experience alone is something positive to build on.

"I don't believe in moral victories, but I would have to say this was something good for the girls," head coach Ted

Alpert said. "To have a lead against a great team like Onaway is a step in the right direction for our program."

The Knights played the game without starters Julia DeRoo and Lia Evangelista, out nursing injuries, as well as two more players who were injured before the game.

"I think we made it interest-

ing, even competing without some starters," Alpert said.

In other action last week, Liggett lost 22-12 to Southfield Christian and split a doubleheader with Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, winning 8-4 and losing 10-9.

Liggett is 3-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 10-8 overall.

LIGGETT

Knights name football coach

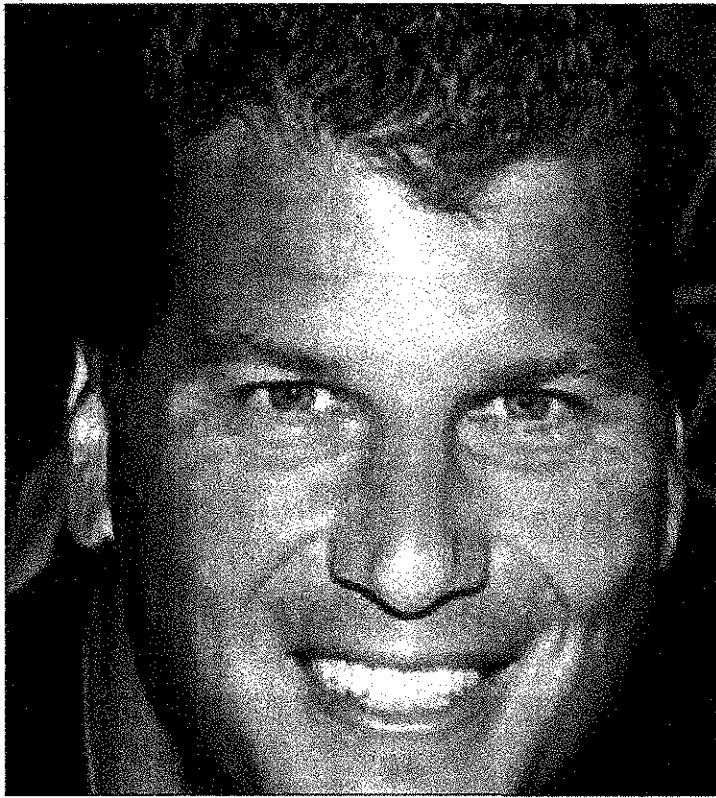
University Liggett School hired former Canadian Football League linebacker Lou Ray as its varsity football coach.

He succeeds Dan Cimini who coached the team to a league co-championship last year.

Ray played middle linebacker with the Windsor AKO Fratmen from 1983 to 1985 and earned First Team All Ontario/Canadian honors (Schenley Award) in 1985.

He has served as defensive coordinator and head coach at all levels of the Grosse Pointe Red Barons, in which he has been involved for 10 years.

He has coached the Grosse Pointe Red Barons South varsity football team to winning seasons in the last four years. Prior to that, he was an assis-



Lou Ray

stant coach to the AKO Fratmen and at Herman High School in Windsor.

"Liggett is a wonderful school," Ray said. "I am proud to be a part of the future of its football program."

"Lou brings a wealth of experience to our reinvigorated football program," said Trey Cassidy, head of the upper school. "We are sure the team

will benefit not just from his skills, but also from his leadership on and off the field."

Ray is the president of Amerisource Industrial Supply, a Hamtramck-based full-line industrial supply distributor.

University Liggett School opens its 2011-12 season Friday, Aug. 26, against West Side Christian Academy.

LITTLE LEAGUE

Twins' magic

The first weekend of the 2011 Grosse Pointe Park Little League season featured an unassisted triple play.

In the second game of the day in the AAA division, the Mets and Twins were locked in a see-saw battle.

The Twins had the bases loaded with no outs. Then Met first baseman, 11-year-old Blake Stackpoole, caught a low line-drive for the first out, dove back to first base to beat the returning runner for the second out and raced over to touch second base before the runner returned to complete the unassisted triple play.

This is a feat so rare that it has only happened 15 times in the history of Major League Baseball; 13 times by a second baseman or short stop and twice by a first baseman.

Blake was quoted as saying he wanted the game ball to go to his teammate Edward Stacey who had a breakout game with two doubles, one of which went over the head of the left fielder.

BASKETBALL

Richards slates hoops camp date

Grosse Pointe South hosts the Eastside Grosse Pointe Shooting Academy from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 4, in the high school gymnasium.

The camp, sponsored by Noah Basketball, is for boys and girls in grades 7 through 12 and \$75. Campers receive a camp T-shirt.

The camp is limited to the first 60 players.

It features Noah shot analysis, Noah Arc Plot, shooting drill book, motivational quotes, 10:1 player to coach ratio and four hours of professional shooting instruction.

Players learn shooting fundamentals, catch and shoot drills, shooting off screens, shooting off dribble, finishing moves at the basket and competitive shooting contests.

Paul Galbenski is the Noah Shooting instructor and Kevin Richards, Grosse Pointe South varsity girls basketball coach, head offensive skill trainer and Noah Select Trainer at Basketball City; is the camp director.

Register by May 27 by calling Richards at (313) 244-1523 or e-mail at coachkrich@yahoo.com.

Track and field

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH GIRLS

Blue Devils rock in win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' track and field team broke eight meet records, dating back to 1982, and set two new school records after winning last weekend's Sterling Heights Invitational.

South won the 16-team meet with 147 points, followed by Troy with 110, Macomb Dakota with 82, Sterling Heights Stevenson with 51 and Warren Regina with 34.

"We were absolutely overwhelming," head coach Steve Zaranek said. "We pulled in points from 16 of the 17 events."

In addition, South earned 11 first-place finishes.

"This meet was great preparation for the state regional in two weeks," Zaranek said. "Our girls handled everything so extremely well. Our depth - from sprints to distance; from relays to field events; was incredible."

Senior Veronica Schacht was one of several Blue Devils posting remarkable performances. She won both hurdle races, setting new meet marks in both with a time of 46.3 in the 300-hurdles, a new South school record (breaking her own 2010 mark).

Junior Caitlin Moore, endured eight races for the second week in a row, winning the 200-dash in both meet and school record time (25.6) and placing second in the 100-dash (equalling her own school record time of 12.4).

Schacht and Moore teamed up with freshman Lily Pendy and sophomore Mia Perkins to win the 800 relay — also in meet record time.

As strong as the sprinters and hurdlers performed, the South distance runners crushed their opponents.

Sophomore Hannah Meier dominated the track meet with four gold medals and four meet records. She won the 1,600-run in 4:50 (one of the top five performances in the nation so far this spring) and the 800-run in 2:12 (also, a top national performance).

Hannah Meier teamed up with Carmen Engel, Christina



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE ZARANEK

Grosse Pointe South's Lily Pendy wins the 800-run during the Blue Devils' Macomb Area Conference White Division meet against Sterling Heights.

Firl and Haley Meier to win the 3,200-relay in a season-best time of 9:23.

South had a 24-second margin of victory over second-place Troy. Firl, Hannah Meier and Haley Meier also teamed with Pendy to win the 1,600-relay in meet record time.

The field events also proved a treasure trove for South as sophomore Aubryn Samaroo won both the high jump (5-foot, 3-inches) and shot put (32-foot, 9-inches) while junior Emily Jackman tossed the discus a career best 108-feet, 1-inch to win the event.

Sydney Burke cleared more than nine feet to place in the pole vault.

"Just the points we received in the field events would have placed us in the top five," Zaranek said.

South was still not done as they picked up even more points with Firl in the 3,200 run and Haley Meier in both the 800 and 1,600 runs.

South also received excellent performances from Caroline Forster, Nicole Keller, Kelly Langton, Natalie Gay, Carolyn Sullivan, Alexis DeBrunner, and Harper Pizzimenti.

Earlier in the week, South improved to 6-0 with a 115 - 22 win over Sterling Heights in league action.

The Blue Devils outscored their opponents in dual meets 730 - 92. They won all 17 events as Natalie Gay, Pendy and Carolyn Sullivan won the three distance races.

Mia Perkins took first place honors in the 100 dash while distance runner Haley Meier moved to the sprints and captured first place in both the 200 and 400 dashes.

Schacht dominated the hurdle races, while Samaroo accomplished a first in South track history — four first place finishes in four field events — high jump, long jump, shot and discus.

Burke vaulted more than 9

feet to win the pole vault and the Blue Devils' relay teams (having outscored opponents 140-0) were all victorious.

Placing first in the 3,200-relay were Nicole Keller, Sullivan, Alexa Calas and Haley Meier, and taking first in the 400-relay were Perkins, Pendy, Schacht and Moore.

Placing first in the 800-relay were Schacht, Pendy, Perkins and Moore, and the foursome of Calas, Mackenzie Feringa, Kelly Langton and Haley Meier won the 400-relay.

Rachel Forcillo, Hannah Wheeler, Meghan Dziedzic and Libby Fry added points in the distance races. Contributing to the point total in the sprints and hurdle were Mary Hennessy and Caroline Wilkinson.

In the field events, Allie Fowler, Alexis DeBrunner, Allie Marion, Emily Jackman, Meredith Gilbert, Madi Kaiser and Pizzimenti all placed in the top three in their respective events.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH BOYS

Seniors shine in division win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' track and field team is motor-ing along, improving to 3-1 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division after last week's 89-48 win over Sterling Heights.

Head coach Werner Schienke and the Blue Devils remain in second place, one game behind unbeaten Utica.

Senior Stan Scott was a dual winner in the field events, taking first in the shot put and discus with throws of 42-feet, 2-inches, and 128-feet, 9-inches.

Senior Dave Shepard won the pole vault, clearing 9-feet, 6-inches, to round out the Blue Devils' field event victories.

In the sprint events, senior Victor Mattison and sopho-

more Renell Perkins won the 400- and 200-dash with times of 50.7 and 23.79, while junior Austin Montgomery and freshman Jacob Knuth won the distance events, placing first in the mile and two-mile with times of 4:44 and 10:41.5.

The Blue Devils distanced themselves from the Stallions by winning the relay events.

The 3,200-relay team of Warren, Dziuba, Davies and Renell won with a time of 9:20 and the 800-relay foursome of Mattison, Pye, Perkins and Bryant won with a time of 1:35.5.

In the final event, the 1,600-relay, the Blue Devils' Mattison, senior Deonta Bryant, sophomore Mark Adamaszek and junior Kyle Metes-Randolph won with a time of 3:53.2 to put the finish-ing touches on the victory.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH BOYS & GIRLS

Dakota too much for Norsemen

The Grosse Pointe North girls' track and field team was run over by a powerful Macomb Dakota team last week in a 108-29 defeat.

Dakota's lone defeat came to Romeo, while it has also dismantled division foe Utica Eisenhower 108-29 and Sterling Heights Stevenson 102-35 earlier this season.

For North head coach Charles Buhagiar, the only saving grace was sophomore Anajai Gutierrez, who continued her solid season by once again winning the shot put and discus.

She threw the shot 30-feet, 3-inches, and the discus 103-feet, 11-inches.

Grosse Pointe North's boys' track and field team lost for the first time this season, 90-47, at Macomb Dakota.

The host Cougars are deep and it showed as they were able to use a lineup advantage

to beat the Norsemen.

However, senior Vadal Boyd might have been the player of the meet, taking first place in three events.

He won the long jump with a mark of 19-feet, 2 1/2-inches; won the 100-dash with a time of 11.5 and came back to win the 200-dash with a time of 23.3.

The Norsemen's final first-place finish was posted by the 400-relay team of sophomore Michael Bennett, freshman Kyle Moton, freshman Nathan Jones and senior Raphael Starks with a time of 46.7.

Head coach Frank Tymrak and the Norsemen didn't have the firepower to stick with the Cougars, who should take second in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division after losing to Romeo earlier in the season.

North's boys and girls teams fell to 2-1 in the MAC Red.

LIGGETT

Knights learn from first meet

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's girls' and boys' track and field team competed in the first Michigan Independent Athletic Conference meet of the spring last week at Ann Arbor Greenhills.

Head coach Sarah Dickinson had her competitors practicing for the past month in preparation for this event.

The girls finished fifth out of six teams. Lutheran Westland won the meet with 181 points, followed by Auburn Hills Oakland Christian with 108, Greenhills with 44, Franklin Road Christian with 22, Liggett with 21 and Plymouth Christian with nine.

Sophomore Haleigh Ristovski took sixth in the long jump with a mark of 11-feet, 1-inch, and was fourth in the mile with a time of 6:34. She also competed in the 800-run, placing fourth with a time of

2:59.0.

Freshman Jaquoia Burns had a fourth-place finish in the 400-dash, turning in a time of 1:14.94.

The Knights' 800-relay team of Burns, senior Emily Ubik, freshman Nina Hampton and junior Sloane Klene had the best finish of the afternoon, taking second with a time of 2:19.81. Lutheran Westland won the event with a time of 2:01.

In the boys' meet, Oakland Christian edged Lutheran Westland, 168-165. Greenhills was third with 74 points, followed by Plymouth Christian with 54, Franklin Road Christian with six and Liggett with four.

Freshman Antonio Malkoun was sixth in the shot put with a mark of 25-feet, 5 1/4-inches, and sophomore Aaron Robertson was fifth in the 800-run and sixth in the 1,600-run with times of 2:25.92 and 5:38.80, respectively.

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Tennis

RIVALS

Blue Devils beat ULS

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' tennis team made quick work of city rival University Liggett Monday afternoon, winning 8-1.

"Our girls played very well today and the entire week," South head coach Mark Sobieralski said. "We're gaining a ton of confidence right now and our lineup is set as we prepare for the regionals."

At No. 1 singles, South's Brooke Willard beat Liggett's Medea Shanidze 6-0, 6-0, while Sydney Keller defeated Nimet Williams 6-1, 6-0 at No. 2 singles.

The Blue Devils' Alexa Cornwell beat Knights' Wesley DeJoie in one of the better matches of the afternoon, 7-5, 6-2.

Liggett earned its win at No. 4 singles when Clarissa Dixon won when Katherine Halso defaulted.

At No. 1 doubles, Julie Wittwer and Emma Hyde beat Emily Broder and Madeline Mair 6-0, 6-1, and at No. 2 doubles, Carrie Lynch and Clare Brennan defeated Zoe Hu and Jasmine Policherla 6-0, 6-3.

The Blue Devils' No. 3 doubles tandem of Alana Dickson and Amelia Boccaccio beat Mary Nehra and Carolyn Charbonier 6-2, 6-0, and at No. 4 doubles, Samantha Perry

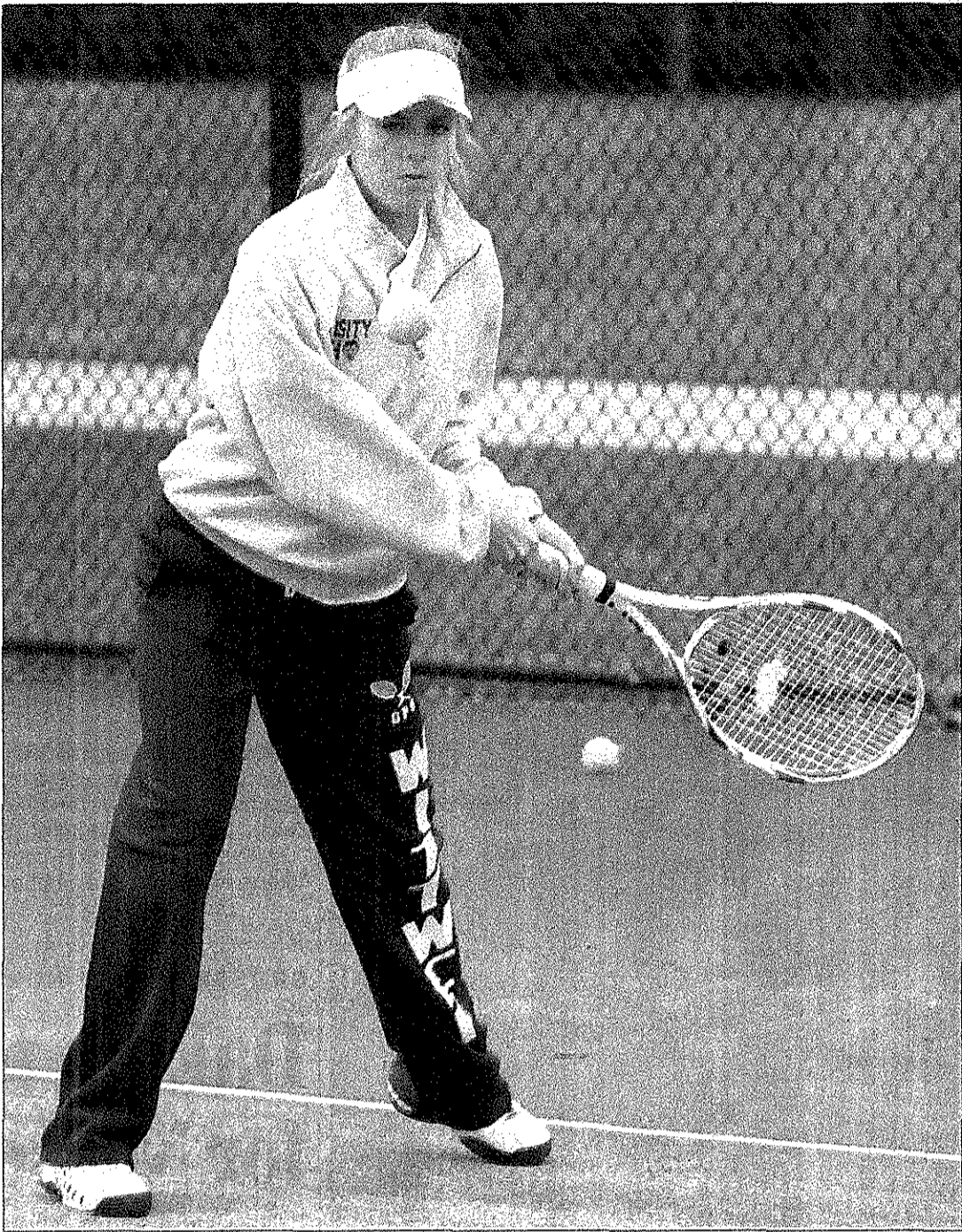


PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Grosse Pointe South's Julie Wittwer is enjoying a successful senior season competing at No. 1 doubles.

and Katherine Krueger beat Meghan Berkery and Katherine Woodward 7-5, 6-0.

In the final match, Anna Stewart and Paige Hackenberger of South defeated Sarah Holloway and Victoria Chochla 6-0, 6-1 at No. 5 doubles.

In other action last week, South beat Farmington Hills

Mercy 8-1 and tied Ann Arbor Pioneer 4-4.

"We lost to Mercy earlier in the year, so this was nice to come back and win by such a nice margin," Sobieralski said. "We had one of the greatest ties of my career against a very good Pioneer team. This really gives our girls confidence heading into the region-

als."

The Blue Devils trailed Pioneer 4-2 and had to win their last two matches to pull even.

At No. 3 doubles, Dickson and Boccaccio won 7-6, 3-6, 6-4 to give the team three points and Willard won in dramatic fashion, beating one of the state's best players 7-6 (8-6) in the third set.

"All the girls mobbed Brooke after her win," Sobieralski said. "It was nice to see."

South also won the 5th Annual Apple Orchard Invitational with 21 points. Novi was second with 19 points, followed by Rochester Adams with 15, Romeo with 14, Rochester Hills Stoney Creek with 14, L'Anse Creuse with nine, Macomb Dakota with eight and Riverview Gabriel Richard with four.

Earning gold medals were Wittwer and Hyde at No. 1 doubles; Lynch and Brennan at No. 2 doubles; and Dickson and Boccaccio at No. 3 doubles.

Halso played well and took home a silver medal after falling in straight sets in the No. 4 singles championship.

Grosse Pointe South is 5-0-2 overall, while Liggett is 2-2-3.

Liggett tuned up for its regional by competing in the Academy of the Sacred Heart Gazelle Invitational last weekend.

The Knights placed fourth behind three solid squads, Detroit Country Day, Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central and host Sacred Heart.

Liggett head coach Cathy Hackenberger's lineup consisted of Shanidze, Williams, Chochla and Dixon at singles with doubles teams of Broder and Holloway, Policherla and Hu, Charbonier and Nehra, and Mara Hillyer and Woodward.

Soccer

LIGGETT

Knights win two-of-three

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's girls' soccer team won 2-of-3 games last week, improving to 5-4 overall.

The Knights began the week with a 6-3 victory over Marine City Cardinal Mooney.

The home team trailed 3-2 at the half, but poured in four unanswered goals to beat the Catholic League foe.

"It was a good game and a nice win over a good team," head coach David Dwaihy said.

The Knights trailed 1-0 before senior Sarah Altimore scored with sophomore Eleni Pitses drawing the assist.

Senior Ellie Farber scored to give the home team a 2-1 lead with freshman Sarah Edmonds netting the assist.

Cardinal Mooney stormed back to score the next two goals, taking a one-goal lead into the intermission, but the second half was all Liggett.

Dwaihy made his goalie switch, bringing sophomore Beth Ottosen into net and moving freshman Caitlin deRuiter to forward.

DeRuiter assisted on the tying goal as Pitses booted it into the back of the net to create a 3-3 tie and DeRuiter tallied the

game-winner off a long pass from senior Grace Edmonds.

Sophomore Ashley Webster had the Knights' fifth goal with deRuiter netting another assist and freshman Hannah Hodges scored with Pitses drawing an assist.

"It was a nice effort and it carried over to our next game," Dwaihy said.

The next game was a 3-1 home victory over Ann Arbor Greenhills.

Farber had the hat trick and freshman Arianna Castillo scored the Knights' lone goal in a 3-1 home loss to Plymouth Christian to end the week.

"They're a well-coached team and we just couldn't get it going," Dwaihy said. "It was a long week (playing three games in four days) and maybe that caught up to us."

The Knights trailed 1-0 at the half and the deficit hit three goals midway through the second half.

The Knights had several opportunities to get back in the game, but to no avail.

Ironically, deRuiter had an assist on one of Farber's goals even though she was playing goalkeeper at the time.

Liggett is 3-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils lose showdown to Ike

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' soccer had a shot to take over sole possession of first place in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division Monday evening.

The host Blue Devils had to beat division-leading Utica Eisenhower to do it. When the final horn sounded, the Blue Devils had a 2-1 defeat.

The Eagles outplayed the home team in the opening half and built a 2-0 lead because of it.

South head coach Gene Harkins watched junior Cathy Palazzolo score off a corner kick by sophomore Claire DeBoer with less than two minutes left in the half.

The Blue Devils were the better team in the final 40 minutes, but they couldn't bury the tying goal, despite getting several solid chances to do so.

All of sudden, the offense has been quiet. Earlier in the week, the Blue Devils tied

The Blue Devils was the better team in the final 40 minutes, but couldn't bury the tying goal.

Chippewa Valley 0-0 and scored one goal in back-to-back 1-0 wins April 29 and May 2 against Utica Ford and Grosse Pointe North.

South is still in the Red Division race with a 3-2-1 mark, but it needs Eisenhower to trip along the way. South is 7-2-1 overall.

In the final couple of weeks of the regular season, Harkins' squad hosts Troy Athens Tuesday, May 17, Grosse Pointe North Monday, May 23, and Country Day Friday, May 27.

On the road, the Blue Devils face Ford Monday, May 16, Chippewa Valley Thursday, May 19, and L'Anse Creuse North Wednesday, May 25.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Booters battle to tie Big Reds

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' soccer team has endured a season loaded with injuries.

After losing 2-1 to Sterling Heights Stevenson and 2-0 to Rochester Adams, the host Norsemen battled to a 3-3 tie with Chippewa Valley.

Head coach Chris Alston was forced to discontinue the freshman squad to have enough players for the varsity squad.

"I moved up some players from the junior varsity and the rest of the freshmen moved to the junior varsity squad," Alston said. "It was the only thing we could do to make sure we have a full varsity team since we lost so many players

'The girls continue to work hard and now they're not so rundown having to play the entire game.'

CHRIS ALSTON,
North head coach

due to injuries.

"It's been a tough season, but the girls continue to work hard and now they're not so rundown having to play the entire game since we didn't have substitutes."

Jen Cusmano had two goals to lead the home team in the tie.

The Norsemen stand 0-2-1 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 1-5-2 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen have improvement

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' tennis team placed second in last weekend's North Farmington Invitational.

The Norsemen lost 8-0 to Birmingham Marian, but beat North Farmington 5-3 as singles players Ali Scoggin, Maura Bresser, Holly Gilezan and Maria Liddane won their

matches against the No. 10-ranked squad in the state.

"This was a huge confidence boost for our team as we continue to prepare for the state finals," head coach Matt Eszes said.

Earlier in the week, the Norsemen lost 8-1 to Birmingham Groves and Port Huron Nothern, plus defeated Warren Cousino 8-0.

Scoggin was the lone winner

against Groves, while Alison Alexsy and Jayla Hubbard were the lone doubles team to win against division foe Northern.

On Monday afternoon, North earned an impressive 5-3 victory over Rochester Adams as Scoggin, Gilezan and Liddane posted singles wins, while the No. 2 doubles team of Kiera Maloney and Sarah Warnez was victorious.

The No. 3 doubles squad of Alexsy and Hubbard was also victorious.

"Today it was Ali Scoggin with the clinching win," Eszes said. "She had to fight off a very hard-hitting Adams player to win in a third set tiebreaker."

Grosse Pointe North stands 0-3-1 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 4-5-1 overall.

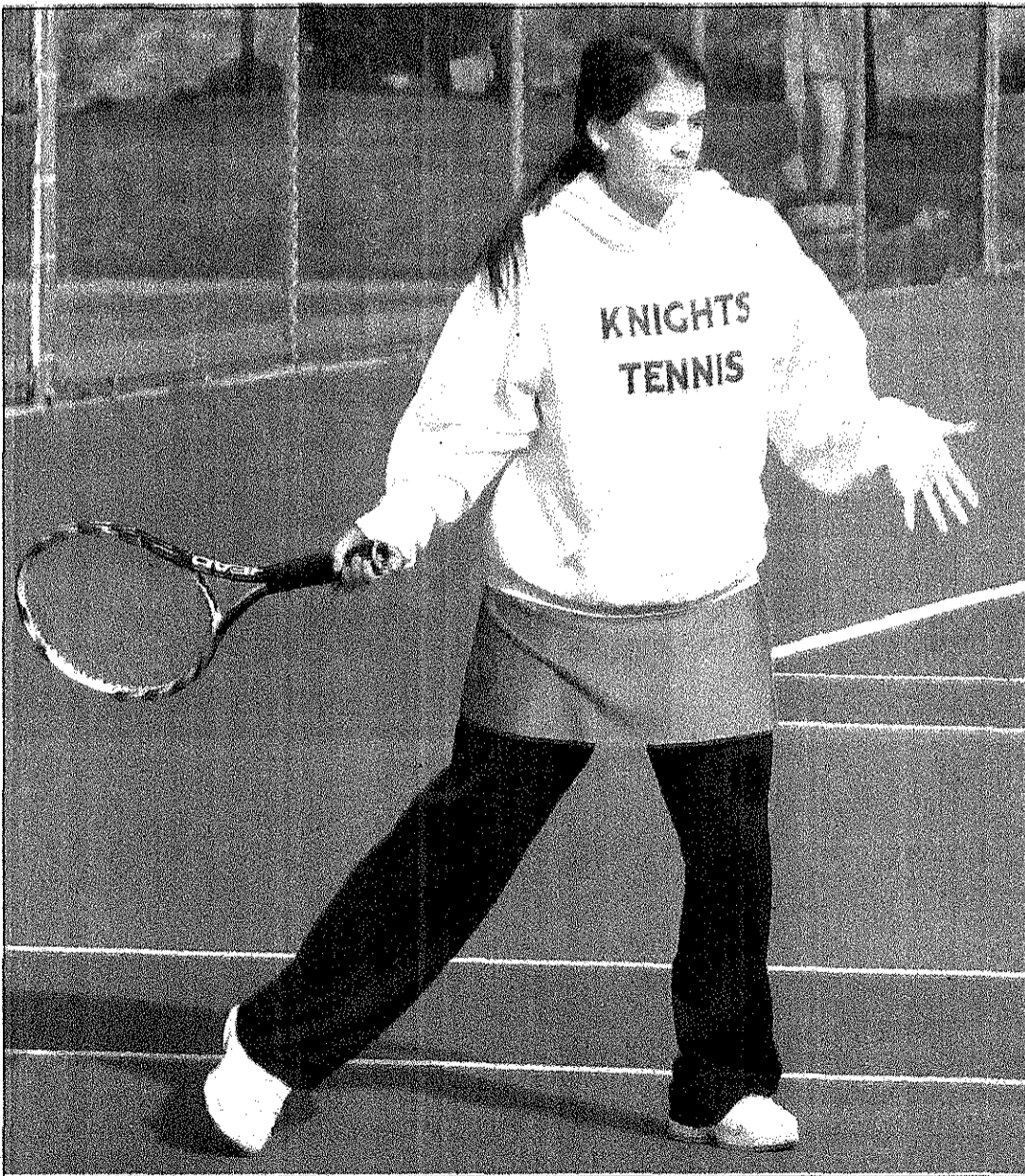


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Liggett's Emily Broder played tough competition this season in preparation for the upcoming regional tournament.

Girls lacrosse

RIVALS

North beats ULS

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

For the second time this season, Grosse Pointe North crunched city rival University Liggett.

Back on April 8, the Norsemen beat the Knights 18-7 and last week they won 15-6 as senior Mackenzie Seaman had five goals to lead North, while junior Abby Belcrest also tallied five times for Liggett.

The first game was played on North's turf and this one was on Liggett's natural grass field, creating less of an offensive flow for both teams.

However, head coach Bill Seaman's Norsemen were able to score at a consistent pace, using their speed and solid passing.

The Knights' biggest threat was Belcrest. Her speed and ability to cut on a dime allowed her to create several scoring chances, including one when she went end-to-end and put a shot over the goalkeeper's shoulder into the back of the net.

Liggett head coach Tamara Fobare has seen her players improve. Senior Anne Sullivan also scored for the Knights, which dipped to 1-6 overall.

"Our defense played strong against a fast and furious Norsemen attack," Fobare said.



Grosse Pointe North senior Taylor Moody, above left during the first meeting between the two teams, and Liggett senior Nozomi Yamasaki played well in the Norsemen's win over the Knights.

Other standouts for the Knights were senior Natalie Peracchio, Belcrest, Warren and junior Kim Batchelor.

For North, senior Meghan

Williams had a productive game, scoring three goals, and sophomore Julia Guest had two for the visitors.

Other goal scorers with one

goal apiece were seniors Taylor Moody, Emily Turnbull, Kaylee Simon and Lauren Annas.

Grosse Pointe North hosted

defending state champ Rockford last weekend, losing 10-8.

Grosse Pointe North is 7-2 overall.

G.P. SOUTH

Laxers drop 2

The Grosse Pointe South girls' lacrosse team played another close game last week, but lost 16-15 to Detroit Country Day.

The host Blue Devils grabbed a quick lead when Shelby Stone won the initial draw and drove to the net. Her quick shot found the back of the net just 12 seconds into the first half.

Head coach Lauren Germaine watched her girls score two more quick goals by Jenna Morris and Chelsea Merrill with Elizabeth Clem drawing an assist.

The Yellowjackets tied the game with three unanswered goals and it was nip-and-tuck throughout the remainder of the contest.

Stone added two more goals with Kelsie Silzell, Bridgette Champagne, Jen Ryan and Clem also tallying in the opening half that ended 9-9.

Libby Morris had an assist in the opening half.

Each team turned up the defensive intensity in the second half, but the home squad couldn't keep the Yellowjackets off the board in the final minute of play.

Ellie Harness played well in net for Grosse Pointe South, which also lost 15-8 to South Lyon Monday afternoon, dropping to 5-7 overall.

The host Blue Devils led 6-5 at the half, but was outscored 10-2 in the second standza.

Merrill, Clem, Champagne and Lilly Sterr scored for the home team.

Golf

RIVALS

South able to squeeze by Norsemen

Grosse Pointe South edged city rival Grosse Pointe North 162-165 in a division match early last week.

For the Blue Devils, Konrad Tech fired a 39, while Nate Zimmeth had a 40, Geoff Welscher had a 41 and Joseph Becker had a 42.

The Norsemen were led by Michael Gula's 40. Steven Demers had a 41, followed by Zach Hanna and Steve Zak with a pair of 42s.

In other action last week, both North and South played Utica Eisenhower in MAC Red Division action.

South won 156-165 as Welscher shot a 38. Tech and sophomore Joe Becker each shot a 39 and Zimmeth fired a 40.

"It was closer than the score indicated," South co-head coach Steve Taflinger said. "Our kids came out and played well, but we're still not at the

'Our kids came out and played well, but we're still not at the point I think we can be at.'

STEVE TAFLINGER,
South co-head coach

point I think we can be at."

North lost 158-166 the day before as Zak fired a 37 to lead the team. Other scorers were Patrick Hastings with a 41, Demers with a 43 and Hanna with a 45.

North stands 2-2 in the MAC Red Division, while South dropped to 3-1 in the division after falling 165-172 to Utica Ford.

Junior Bill Hyde shot a 40 to lead the Blue Devils, while Tech had a 42, Zimmeth a 44 and Becker a 46.

Morgan Walker had a 50 to round out their team score.

"We are very closely matched with this team, as well as Roeper, and we will have an opportunity to avenge the early season losses at their respective facilities when we host a tri-match with these two teams in two weeks at Sycamore Hills," Sullivan said.

Liggett dropped to 3-4 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

LIGGETT

Knights come up short in division

The University Liggett boys' golf team lost 185-191 to Plymouth Christian last week at Hickory Creek.

It was the first time the team played on the course.

"Our inexperience was in clear evidence as we had trouble with the tight fairways and the large undulating greens," head coach Dan Sullivan said.

Jake Soyka, Robert Stanley and Chris Monsour each shot a 47 to lead the Knights, while

LITTLE LEAGUE



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Joyous day

The Grosse Pointe Park Little League officially kicked off its 2011 season with its annual parade last weekend. Long-time associate John Bruce threw out the ceremonial first pitch at Elworthy Field as the league's hundreds of players took part in the festivities.

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406 ESTATE SALES 2007S Kenosha, Harper Woods. Friday, Saturday, 9am-5pm. Sunday, 11am-2pm. 32 years of gadgets galore, household items, air conditioners units, many new items.	FIREWOOD for sale. Sold by the semi load. 20 full cords 4X 4X 8. Call for price, 989-426-6852	FUNDRAISER Tree of Hope. May 13- 15, 9am-5pm. 20861 10 Mile St. Clair Shores. Between Harper and Little Mack. Books, furniture, jewelry, etc.	MAY 20 thru May 22 (8am- 8pm)- 19709 Lancaster Street, Harper Woods, MI, 48225. Televisions, kitchen table/ chairs, tables, clothes, shoes, etc. Any questions call Cheryl Starks at 313-914-9280	MULTIFAMILY garage sale- 548 Pear Tree Lane. Computers, tools, kitchen items, tons of baby items and clothes. O- 4T. Saturday, May 14th; 9am-3pm.	BOOKBUYERS LTD. Top dollar paid for quality books and libraries. Free appraisals. (313)821-8921	416 SPORTS EQUIPMENT KAYAK- Ocean. 2 man. 1 seat and paddle. \$400. (313)881-6562	SHARP 2007 Miata MX5, 37,000 miles. \$18,500 or best offer. Denise 586-945-9948
CLASSIC large beautiful armoire/ entertainment center with Sony TV; \$450. (313)886-4886	1026 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park. Grandma moved. 70 year collection! Attic to basement. Bring a flashlight. Friday only, 9am- 3pm.	GARAGE sale- 2041 Hunt Club, Grosse Pointe Woods. Saturday, May 14, 9am-3pm. China, kitchen ware, furniture including bookcases, oak entertainment center, sleeper sofa, antique pie safe, four piece wicker sun room set, coffee table. No early birds.	MORAVIAN Forest Sub Sale- Over 130 + homes. North/ Metro Parkway; West/ Garfield. Friday- Saturday, 9am-4pm.	ST. Clair Shores , Corteville block sale. (between 11/ 12). Thursday- Saturday, 9am-5pm.	CASH paid for newer used paperback books & DVDs in good condition. New Horizons Book Shop, 20757 13 Mile at Little Mack. (586)296-1560	419 BUILDING MATERIALS \$\$\$ Thousands of steel arch buildings! Limited supply selling for balance owed. 25x 26; 30x 34; others. Display program offers additional cash savings. 866-352-0469.	2005 Ford Mustang GT- 8 cylinder. Flow master muffler. Extra large rims/ tires. 68,000 miles. Excellent condition. \$14,000. 313-407-9791
HARPER Woods, 20935 Anita. Saturday, 10am- 4pm. Furniture (indoor/ outdoor), lawn tools, bike, fish tanks, etc.	22310 Rosedale, St. Clair Shores. Friday-Saturday, 9am- 5pm; Sunday, 10am- 4pm. Between 8/ 9 Mile and Mack/ Jefferson. Furniture, household items, toys.	MOVING sale- children's clothes, toys, furniture. Friday/ Saturday, 9am- 3pm. 1121 North Renaud, Grosse Pointe Woods.	406 ESTATE SALES Wanted Vintage Clothes And Accessories Paying Top Dollar For The Following: Clothes From The 1900's Through 1970's. •Costume •Fine Jewelry/Watches •Cufflinks •Furs •Hats •Handbags •Shoes Lingerie •Linen •Textiles •Vanity •Boudoir Items References, Complete Confidentiality "Best of Hour Detroit" "Paris" 248-866-4389	406 ESTATE SALES Michael Hartt Estate Sales 313-885-6600 PROMINENT PHYSICIAN'S ESTATE SALE 50 Year Resident Grosse Ile Friday-Sunday May 13- 15; 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM 8457 Glengarry, Grosse Ile, MI 48138 I-75 South Exit 32, To West Road East Contents Include High Quality Household Furnishings Of Furniture, Chandeliers, Piano, Jewelry Galore, Winchester Rifle, women's Quality Clothing, Department 56, Figurines, Garden Items. To Much To List. View Contents: www.harttantiquesgallery.com	500 ANIMAL ADOPT A PET GROSSE Pointe Animal Clinic: female Labrador/ Great Dane. Male small mix breed. Female Labrador mix. (313)822-5707	505 LOST AND FOUND GROSSE Pointe Animal Clinic: male Husky with one blue eye, brown leather collar. (313)822-5707	602 AUTOMOTIVE FORD 1990 Mustang 5.0 convertible red. Loaded, teachers car. Garaged winters, like new. 29,000 miles. Great graduation present. \$8,200. (313)884-7776
MEGA estate sale- Saturday, May 14; 10:00a.m.- 4:00pm. 29026 Thistle Lane, Harrison Township, MI 48045. Cash only- High end furniture and accessories, antique ship's desk and pressed back chairs, slot machine, Herschede grandfather clock, wine cooler, refrigerator, designer clothing, Waterford crystal items, Madame Alexander dolls, Norman Rockwell plates, and much more.	464 Elizabeth Court, Grosse Pointe Farms. Saturday/ Sunday, 10am- 5pm. Lots of household and kids items.	406 ESTATE SALES STEFEK'S ESTATE & MOVING SALES AUCTIONS & APPRAISALS CLEAN OUTS LORI STEFEK • 313.574.3039 WWW.STEFEKSLTD.COM	406 ESTATE SALES Michael Hartt Estate Sales 313-885-6600 PROMINENT PHYSICIAN'S ESTATE SALE 50 Year Resident Grosse Ile Friday-Sunday May 13- 15; 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM 8457 Glengarry, Grosse Ile, MI 48138 I-75 South Exit 32, To West Road East Contents Include High Quality Household Furnishings Of Furniture, Chandeliers, Piano, Jewelry Galore, Winchester Rifle, women's Quality Clothing, Department 56, Figurines, Garden Items. To Much To List. View Contents: www.harttantiquesgallery.com	509 PET BOARDING/SITTING PET sitter- Reliable, flexible, trustworthy, and experienced with animals of all sizes. (313)485-0025	MUST find home for 2 old indoor cats. Orna highly allergic. (313)881-3548	605 AUTOMOTIVE FOREIGN BMW 328i, 2007. Under 30K miles. New Pirelli tires, push button start. 6 speed, sunroof, never driven in show. Only \$23,000. Call (313)926-6233	
MULTI family estate/ garage sale from Vintage to Vogue, this one is not to be missed. Vintage toys, holiday items, records, lighting fixtures, in-ground glass basketball hoop, musical instruments, sport equipment, kids toys, much more. Bloomfield Village, 115 Hamilton Road, 48301 (off Maple, 3 blocks West of Cranbrook). May 13, 9am- 4pm; May 14, 9am- 3pm.	60 Shorecrest Circle. Saturday, May 14th, 9-3pm. Bowling balls, videos, games, DVDs and much more.	406 ESTATE SALES MARCIA WILK ESTATE SALES 313 881 2849 www.marciawilkestatesales.com 1325 BALFOUR GROSSE POINTE PARK FRIDAY AND SATURDAY MAY 13 AND 14 9:00 - 4:00 This is a great sale with something for everyone! Dining room set, sofa, pair blue upholstered chairs, kitchen table with four chairs, computer desk, large executive desk, jewelry clothing, snowblower, books, lamps, linens, NordiTrak, ping pong table, appliances, lots and lots more!	406 ESTATE SALES Michael Hartt Estate Sales 313-885-6600 PROMINENT PHYSICIAN'S ESTATE SALE 50 Year Resident Grosse Ile Friday-Sunday May 13- 15; 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM 8457 Glengarry, Grosse Ile, MI 48138 I-75 South Exit 32, To West Road East Contents Include High Quality Household Furnishings Of Furniture, Chandeliers, Piano, Jewelry Galore, Winchester Rifle, women's Quality Clothing, Department 56, Figurines, Garden Items. To Much To List. View Contents: www.harttantiquesgallery.com	509 PET BOARDING/SITTING PET sitter- Reliable, flexible, trustworthy, and experienced with animals of all sizes. (313)485-0025	509 PET BOARDING/SITTING PET sitter- Reliable, flexible, trustworthy, and experienced with animals of all sizes. (313)485-0025	653 BOAT PARTS WINLESS "anchor", and any electronics not being used. 313-882-1882	
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