

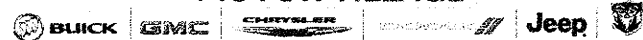
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◆ The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library host University of Michigan professor emeritus Ralph Williams, who discusses "The Prior Poet: Shakespeare and Christopher Marlowe" at 7:30 p.m. in Grosse Pointe South High School auditorium, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. The cost is \$10. For more information, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 6.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

◆ Weather sirens are tested at 1 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 5

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods city council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chamber, 20025 Mack Plaza.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

◆ Author Bill Rapai discusses his new book, "The Kirkland's Warbler," at 6:30 p.m. at Wild Birds Unlimited, 20485 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
◆ Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, hosts a public forum on Lake St. Clair, the Detroit River and homeland security

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Grosse Pointe Park resident Helen Srebernak, flanked by her children, Luke and Savannah, presents her ballot as election inspector Rhea Carey stands by during Tuesday's election.

Library, Romney win

Millage campaign succeeds

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe voters showed overwhelming support for the Grosse Pointe Public Library in the Tuesday, Feb. 28 election, evidenced in the nearly 3 to 1 voter ratio favoring the millage proposal.

"I thought it would be much closer, but the people came through," said Ben Burns, head of the library's millage committee. "They obviously understood the need and value the library very highly. We're very happy, very enthusiastic. Everybody is feeling pretty good about it."

The proposal, which increases the millage rate up to .7 mills for eight years, passed in each city.

Grosse Pointe Farms — 2,542 to 754 — owns the highest vote differential.

The City of Grosse Pointe — 1,349 to 325 — posted the largest percentage difference (80.58 to 19.41 percent).

Grosse Pointe Shores reported the closest results, 581 to 325.

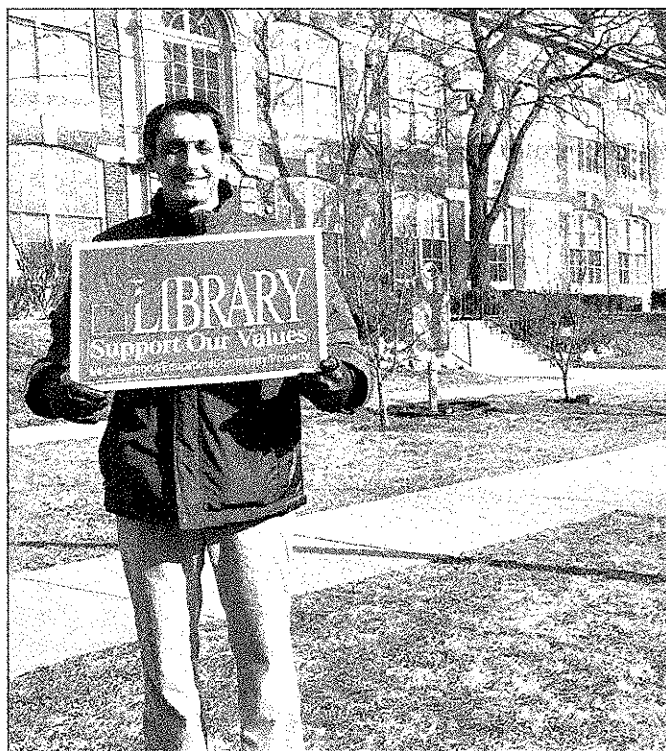
Other results include:

• Grosse Pointe Park (2,459 to 694);

• Grosse Pointe Woods (3,570 to 1,250) and
• Harper Woods (473 to 209).

Overall, the millage passed 10,974 to 3,557.

"I think it's a pretty solid win," Burns said. "I think it's a great tribute to the folks of Grosse Pointe, that they're willing to spend more money to protect the quality of life they have and the quality libraries they have."



Ed Hill of Grosse Pointe Farms, a member of the millage committee, kept the message going on election day.

Santorum a distant second

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The head of the Eastside Republican Club figures Mitt Romney would carry the Grosse Pointes in the Tuesday, Feb. 28 GOP primary election, but she didn't think he'd win by that much.

"That's a huge margin," said Jenny Nolan, club chair. "That surprises me."

With four of the five Pointes — City, Farms, Park and Woods — reporting late Tuesday night, Romney received 6,305 votes to

2,205 votes for second-place finisher, Rick Santorum.

The two front-runners combined for more than 83 percent of reported totals, leaving the balance to nine other candidates, some of whom withdrew from the race weeks ago.

"I was expecting Romney to win the Pointes," Nolan said. "It's a lot closer throughout the state."

Ron Paul and Newt Gingrich came in third and fourth with 964 and 457 votes, respectively.

The Republican Club doesn't endorse candidates in pri-

maries.

"I hope everyone gets behind the candidate who gets nominated," Nolan said. "I hope people don't stay home or make some kind of protest vote."

At deadline, Romney held a 41 to 38 percent lead statewide.

On the Democrat side, President Barack Obama won with 1,378 votes compared with 95 uncommitted choices and five write-ins.

For updated election results, including the Shores, visit grossepointenews.com and next week's paper.

Vick out in Shores

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — City Manager Brian Vick announced his resignation Monday, Feb. 27.

"As of (Saturday), March 3, I resign my position," Vick wrote in an e-mail from his municipal account.

He didn't respond to an interview request.

"It is what it is," said Mayor Ted Kedzierski. "We wish Brian well in his future endeavors."

Vick was hired in October 2008, by former Mayor James Cooper, who lost election last November to Kedzierski.

"This is a career job," Vick said at the time of his hiring. "This is one of those communities you look forward to becoming part of."

On Monday, he wrote, "Having

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Council holds on proposal

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Shores officials aren't shy to look a gift horse in the mouth, especially when accepting it may buck cutting costs and nag city finances for decades.

The city council this month withheld support of a state grant for construction of an all-Grosse Pointe public safety dispatch center and central lock-up for prisoners.

Shores officials won't act until they have good understanding of a central facility's impact on long-term municipal finances and public safety operations.

"The finance committee is going to be really interested how much it's going to cost us," said Councilman Robert Gesell.

"We have the least to gain," added Councilman Bruce Bisballe. "Let's see what the other communities do first. What's the benefit to us?"

A tight deadline imposed by the state treasury department isn't helping Shores officials take time to nail down costs.

"Unfortunately, the state has given all of (the Pointes) 60 days from (Jan. 20) to pass a resolution saying we are willing to partici-

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NEWS



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Daddy-Daughter Dance

The all-Grosse Pointe Daddy Daughter Dance is 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at the Grosse Pointe South High School main gym. The dance is open to all Grosse Pointe residents. Register through Wednesday, March 7, at the respective municipal parks and recreation departments. Tickets cost \$8 per person. Included are corsages for each girl, light refreshments, a DJ and dancing. The school's parking entrance is off of Grosse Pointe Boulevard.

Shores faces drop in property tax income

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Property values dropped 12 percent last year.

So will property tax receipts.

They foreshadow a projected \$500,000 revenue shortfall for Grosse Pointe Shores.

More than 80 percent of the property value decline is due to excluding the sale of a high-priced house on Lakeshore from the city-wide sample of sales used to compute overall property values, according to Shores officials.

"The transaction couldn't be confirmed," said Mayor Ted Kedzierski. "Also what hurt us is our small sample size. One house skewing that."

For an individual house sale to be included in the city's overall mix, the transaction price must be within reasonable bounds of the going rate, according to a representative of the county department of equalization.

Sale prices way off the mark often don't reflect free-market forces.

Sales can be omitted

because they're inordinately high. Some aren't counted because they're too low.

Reasons for low-price omissions involve sellers needing money who accept low-ball offers to raise cash.

Another is a "daddy-daughter" sale. In such cases, a parent virtually gives away property as a gift to an offspring.

In the Shores' case, the descriptively nicknamed "Darth Vader" house — its roofline and dormers resembles the "Star Wars" villain's helmet and face mask — on Lakeshore at Clairview reportedly changed hands for \$3 million. The figure reportedly is much higher than expected.

"The assessed value on the house is around \$800,000-and-some," Kedzierski said. "The true cash value of that house was between \$1.7 and \$1.8 million."

"The (Wayne) county equalization department, which has jurisdiction over the matter, pulled the deed," said Kedzierski, adding that he spoke to lawyers representing both parties in the sale. "Until you get the final payment,

you don't get the warranty deed."

"Other houses that are comparable are selling for way less," said Councilman Dan Schulte.

The county refused to include that transaction in their computation, so Shores property values wound up 12 percent lower than the year before, according to city officials.

"If you take that one house out of the equation, we would have had a 1 percent drop in revenues," said Councilman Bruce Bisballe. "One home dropped our revenues 12 percent."

The apparent aberration could signal a pending rebound in the city's real estate market.

"I think this is the bottom of our revenue drop," Bisballe said.

Builders are showing renewed interest in the Shores, according to City Manager Brian Vick.

"The challenge is builders come in, but until they submit the money, we try not to hedge our bets," Vick said. "We have three to five properties that could be constructed upon. It could be as low as one if they don't move quickly enough."

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Top vendors to feel pinch

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The finance committee has big fish to fry.

Members are compiling a list of the city's top 20 vendors and putting most of them up for competitive rebidding.

"We want it done before the next budget year starts," said Councilman Bruce Bisballe, chairman of the Grosse Pointe Shores finance committee. "There's no reason to drag our feet."

The hope is to obtain

competitive bids lower than current ones from vendors hungry for work in the bad economy.

Dispatch is warranted due to continued declines in property values and the corresponding impact on municipal revenue.

"We're looking at a 12 percent decrease in revenues from the prior year, which gives us a preliminary shortfall of about \$500,000 we have to work through," Bisballe said.

The gap must be closed with "revenues, expenses or a combination thereof," Bisballe said.

Vendors subject to re-

view range from goods and professional services, including legal and engineering consultants.

The Shores uses three legal firms. Current municipal counsel, from the Clark Hill law firm, and the city manager helped bind the city to a secret tolling agreement with the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club regarding disputed water bills ranging up to \$1 million. The city council wasn't informed until months later.

The city's sole engineering consultant, Hubbell, Roth & Clark, also is a long-timer.

The finance committee's action superseded requests by at least two council members to put legal and engineering services up for bid.

The top 20 vendors should account for about 80 percent of the city's total purchases, according to Bisballe.

"We'll review that list with comparative bidding and see what we can do to improve our cost structure on that side," he said.

Some vendors won't be rebid.

"Blue Cross we're not going to put out for quotes," Bisballe said.

Recycling deal in works

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The company doing curbside recycling pickups in most of the Grosse Pointes has offered to maintain prices at current levels in exchange for a three-year contract extension.

"It gives us stability," said Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski, advocating acceptance.

"Think of what the cost

of diesel (fuel) is going to be," said Councilman Bruce Bisballe, eying protection from the contractor's variable cost increases.

The Shores council this month unanimously accepted the offer from Rizzo Services.

"They're offering to hold their unit process steady," said Brian Vick, city manager.

Rizzo is in the third and final year of a contract to conduct curbside recycling in the Grosse Pointe Shores, Farms, City and Park, plus Harper Woods.

The company won the contract in June 2009 by

underbidding three rivals.

Unit prices the first two years of the contract were 54 cents. The price rose to 55 cents per unit this year.

"Rizzo Services would hold the third year weekly unit rate for years four, five and six," according to a proposal by company president Chuck Rizzo Jr.

One unit constitutes a pickup site.

"They prefer you don't put anything out until your bins are full," Vick said. "Some residents only put their recycling out once per month when their bin is full. Some people have to put a full bin out every week; a large

one."

Brett Smith, director of public works, remembers the early days of recycling, before it took hold.

"You'd see bins half full with just a few things in them," he said. "Now, most bins are full. Some are overfull. In the near future, it may be necessary increasing the size of bins."

"The Shores can entertain going to larger, wheeled bins," Vick said.

Although Rizzo crews are busier than in the past, Smith wishes their collection crews wouldn't drive so fast.

"I have a pet peeve with all those skid marks on our streets," he said. "They're in a hurry."

WEEK AHEAD:


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from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Panel members include Wayne County Homeland Security, U.S. Border Patrol, Immigration & Customs Enforcement and the U.S. Coast Guard. Call (313) 224-0920.

◆ Sleep struggles with infants and toddlers is the topic addressed by health experts at 6:30 p.m. at the Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods.

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NEWS



"The Grosse Pointes is one of our major audiences," said Graham Beal, director of the Detroit Institute of Arts. "It always has been."

All about art, all about town

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Laurie Arora knows how art can set the mood.

"I met my husband at the Detroit Institute of Arts," she said.

Arora, of Grosse Pointe Park, hopes the community is similarly wooed this spring by the museum's Inside|Out exhibition.

Ten paintings reproduced from the DIA are being hung outdoors around town April through June.

A copy of "Cafe Scene in Paris," an 1877 oil painting by Frenchman Henri Gervex, is one of



"Cafe Scene in Paris," by Henri Gervex, the Kercheval business district in Grosse Pointe Park.

two works slated for the Park commercial district on Kercheval.

"Ooh la la," said Arora,

a Park councilwoman. "Hopefully, the business district will emulate the cafes of Paris at some

metropolitan area. This year, each Pointe gets two works.

"The Grosse Pointes is one of our major audiences," said Graham Beal, museum director. "It always has been."

Outdoor galleries

Pointe locations and the art are:

◆ City: "Portrait of Postman Rouloin," Vincent van Gogh; and "Eleonora of Toledo and Her Son," by Agnolo Bronzino and his workshop, at the Grosse Pointe Art Center and another location in the Village;

◆ Farms: "Luncheon With Figures in Masquerade Dress," by Jean-Francois de Troy; and "Fisherman's Wedding Party," by Thomas Moran.

Locations are the Public Library Central Branch, 10 Kercheval, and a location to be confirmed on the Hill;

◆ Park: "Cafe Scene in Paris," by Henri Gervex; and "Indian Summer," by Jasper Francis Cropsey. Locations are Janet's Lunch, 15033 Kercheval and The Sprout House, 15233 Kercheval;

◆ Shores: "Flowers in a Glass Vase," by Rachel Ruysch, at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore; and another painting to be named for display at City Hall, 795 Lakeshore; and

◆ Woods: "Colonel John Montresor," by John Singleton Copley, at Ghesquiere Park, behind City Hall, 2005 Mack; and "Merrymakers," by Carolus-Duran, at the Woods Branch Public Library.

Community pride

"The nice thing is the draw it will create to the community," said Arthur Bryant, a Woods councilman.

Bryant alluded to benefits museum staff didn't expect when organizing the first exhibition in 2010.

"Outcomes we didn't anticipate included devel-



"Portrait of Postman Rouloin," by Vincent van Gogh, the Village in the City of Grosse Pointe.

opment of community pride and ownership of these works of art," said Michelle Hauske, the museum's Inside|Out coordinator. "We're coming up

with innovative ways of interacting with them."



At top, "Merrymakers," by Carolus-Duran, Grosse Pointe Woods Branch Library. Above, "Eleonora of Toledo and Her Son," by Agnolo Bronzino and his workshop, in the Village of the City of Grosse Pointe.

with innovative ways of interacting with them."

Scott Boberg, DIA head of interpretive programs, helps host communities plan events related to the displays.

"We have been in discussions with participants from across the Pointes about doing a bicycle tour," Boberg said.

Tours in some cities have been by foot, bus, moonlight, flashlight and with dogs.

"Along the way were random acts of culture: poetry readings and a baroque concert," said Hauske.

Installations begin mid March.

"Some people didn't want us to take them down," Hauske said of prior years' displays. "The most difficult part of this program is trying to remove them."

By showing reproductions outside, museum planners hope to draw visitors to the institution.

"As lifelike as these reproductions are, they're nothing like the real thing," Hauske said.

The promotion allows

Pointe residents free DIA admission Sunday, May 6.

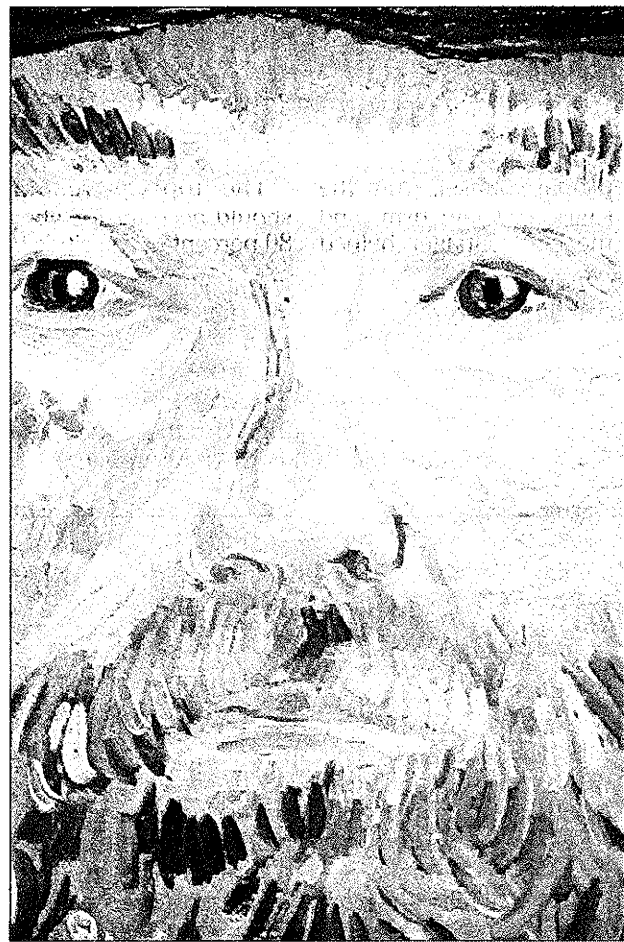
"I hope many people take advantage of the free day to come to this wonderful institution," Bryant said last week during the program's unveiling at the museum. "It's important for kids to learn about our culture and the wonderful works of art we have in Detroit."

"This is a great cultural institution for all of Michigan," said Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, representing the Pointes on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners. "It's great to see it reach out to the community."

Funding of Inside|Out for the next two years is provided by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

"Shared cultural experiences contribute to a sense of place and communal identity," said Dennis Scholl, foundation vice president of art in a statement Beal read at the unveiling.

"Inside|Out has a proven record of accomplishing that, and we are happy to support it."



Angling for opportunities

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Pull together and reel 'em in.

Angling for commercial development involves working as one to land investment, according to participants in a "Promoting Economic Vitality" forum hosted Monday, Feb. 27, by the City of Grosse Pointe council.

Panelists had local ties or interests to the Village and overall Grosse Pointe commercial community.

They agreed that municipalities have a role in attracting business investment, principally by marketing their communities and making it easier for business people to navigate zoning ordinances and related regulations.

Panelists represented Pointes-wide business owners and interests, Village merchants and property owners, residential developers and builders.

They were:

◆ Cathy Champion, chair of the Grosse Pointe

Chamber of Commerce.

Champion received two parking tickets last weekend while shopping in the Village, she said.

She and other panelists think the district would be more inviting if metered lots were replaced with gated ones.

Yet, citations won't dissuade her from the chamber's "shop local" campaign any more than the chamber will lose site of its mission of facilitating business in the Pointes.

"My focus is to work with all Grosse Pointes to collaborate and communicate, to try to ensure we're using resources wisely, not duplicate efforts," Champion said. "We are going to look to each of the Grosse Pointes to provide us a central contact person and information to provide business owners."

◆ Mike Kramer, president of the Grosse Pointe Village Association and 29-year merchant in the district.

"We are concerned about the future of the Village," Kramer said.

On-line shopping is a

major challenge to transition brick and mortar stores, he said.

"We need to do a better job of marketing the Village to retailers and developers," Kramer said.

He recommended expanding the streetscape, sprucing up rear facades and back door entrances among ways to make the district more inviting.

◆ Jim Bieri, principal of Stokus Bieri Real Estate.

On paper, the Village doesn't meet demographic needs of most high-end retailers, Bieri said.

"It's not a large enough market," he said.

There's ways around that.

To get desired retailers, "you have to find them and bring them in," Bieri said. "We have an uphill battle to put together a presentation that tells about our positive points."

An economic development director could pursue economic investment in the community, he said.

◆ Ron Mucha, senior vice president of

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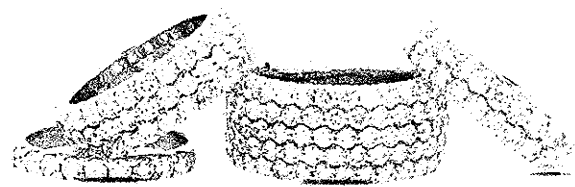
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NEWS

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Regan Stolarski makes sure her life centers around helping. As a member of the SOC board and fostering dogs, she still has time to run a business and keep up with husband and children.

Staying grounded by volunteering

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Regan Stolarski is a passionate person. "My father said I wear my heart on my sleeve," she said.

This characteristic makes her a perfect fit for the two nonprofits in which she is embedded — Services for Older Citizens and the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society.

"Both charities keep me grounded," she said.

Stolarski's love for animals, in particular dogs, was developed as a little girl, growing up with seven siblings in Grosse Pointe Park.

"There was always a dog at our house," she said. "My older sister is a vet. She did a little breeding and out of the last litter I fell in love (with one dog). It was a Christmas present when I was 10 years old. I had that dog through college."

After the dog died, she bought a poodle.

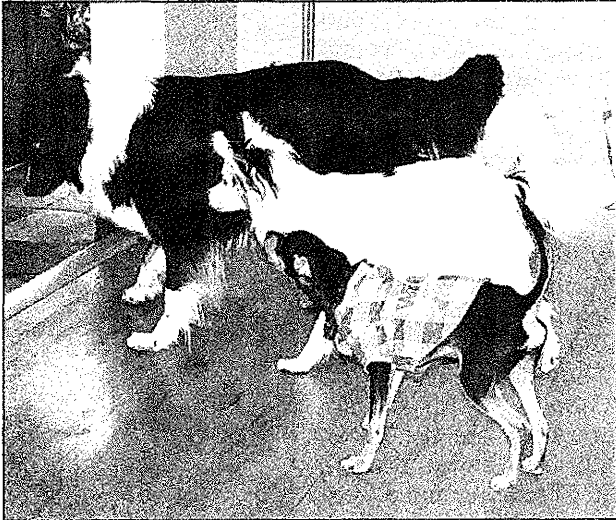
"They are highly intelligent animals. It's like having a 3-year-old. Originally it was a hunting dog. It's a good bird dog," she said.

She has given up poodles for shelties and fostering dogs for GPAAS.

"I wanted to foster a child, but dog fostering is easier," she said. "I'm a believer in animals in our lives."

Today, the Stolarski house in Grosse Pointe Farms has four dogs. Her pampered black, brown and white sheltie, Brady O'Brien, whom Stolarski says has an empathic spirit thus making him perfect companion for the 14 dogs she has fostered in the past two years. Their length of stay is anywhere from less than 24 hours to four months.

"He is a great dog to have with foster dogs. I



PHOTOS BY ANN L. FOUTY

Above, Brady O'Brien, Cosmo and Scout. Right, from left, Brady O'Brien, Cosmo and Regan Stolarski and Toby.

see empathy for other dogs. He has done it over and over with foster dogs," she said of O'Brien, who is waiting to train as a therapy dog, cheering hospital patients.

Along with O'Brien is Toby, the Maltese Shih Tzu, her 15-year-old daughter's dog.

"He's a couch potato," Stolarski said.

Dog number three, a sheltie mix, is Cosmo. He was rescued from the streets of Monroe and is her foster dog.

"No one knew he was stone deaf," she said as O'Brien and Cosmo wander around the wooden-floor living room until Scout instigates a session of roughhousing with them. Scout is a miniature pinscher, who belongs to her oldest daughter.

"Scout had a min-pin mother. His dad is a puzzle," she said.

Stolarski lets the dogs play as long as they don't hurt each other; otherwise she is a strict disciplinarian.

"Your dog has to have civil manners. All my dogs can be off leash in public and sit and I can have control of them," she said. "This is a dog friendly city. They expect you to have a civil dog."

While dogs fill one part of her life, the need to help humans fills another part.

After her sister introduced her to SOC during a fundraiser, Stolarski began taking her sheltie to events, "to put a smile on people's faces."

Through her interaction

with seniors, Stolarski said she found a way to relive an earlier positive experience in which she helped a couple.

"Many years ago, shortly after Joe and I got married, my mattress needed to be replaced. I always keep it covered. There was not a snag on it. I got St. Vincent de Paul to pick up the mattress and it found a home with a couple of poor means. She was pregnant and didn't have a bed. The husband was so grateful."

She said the impact of the man's emotions was overwhelming.

"I wanted to do it again. My sister was on the SOC board and they had a party. I fell in love with the staff at SOC. They have fun fundraisers. Everybody thinks this charity is hard."

According to Stolarski, it's easy to become involved with SOC because of its quality staff. Another benefit from be-



ing involved with SOC, she said, is listening to the attendees' stories.

She has been active in SOC's annual auction and served on its board for three years.

Involvement in SOC and GPAAS are but two activities which fill her life.

She is also a business-

woman who created a bookkeeping and administrative services enterprise for small businesses in the Grosse Pointes and St. Clair Shores.

Another part of her life is wife to her husband, Joe, and mother to three children, Alexandra, Carolyn and Joe.

"I love my kids. More

importantly, I like them. I think my kids are perfect in the appropriate way that parent hopes they can feel. They have strong hearts and gentle souls and that will always win out."

Must be they take after their mother with a heart to give to those who help keep her grounded.

Alarm fine considered

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The new public safety director is settling in.

"My transition is well under way," said John Schulte, hired last month to replace retiring Chief Stephen Poloni.

"I'm meeting with Director Poloni when he's

available," Schulte said of the transition. "Steve's been very helpful."

Poloni was contracted as chief of City of Grosse Pointe public safety.

He did double duty in both cities until Schulte, retired assistant director of Park public safety, signed on.

Although Schulte took the oath of office Jan. 19, a ceremonial swearing in was held at the Tuesday, Feb. 21 city council meeting.

"I'm here to serve," he said. "To residents, I'm

here and available. Please call if you need me."

His orientation includes familiarizing himself with the Shores public safety cost recovery ordinance.

City officials enacted the measure to recoup come costs of handling certain emergencies, including those deemed caused by carelessness or negligence.

"As we encounter sizable commitments from the public safety department, we want to look at recovering these costs," Schulte said. "One brought to my attention was a down power line on Greenbriar."

Officers responded to

the incident with a fire truck.

"We were committed for two hours, which is not an inordinate amount of time," Schulte said. "But, there are some (incidents) that can be very taxing on public safety."

Shores officers also spend a lot of time responding to false alarms.

Officers last month answered more than 20 false alarms, according to monthly statistics.

"There are things we can do to cut this number down," Schulte said.

Councilman Bruce Bisballe, head of the fi-

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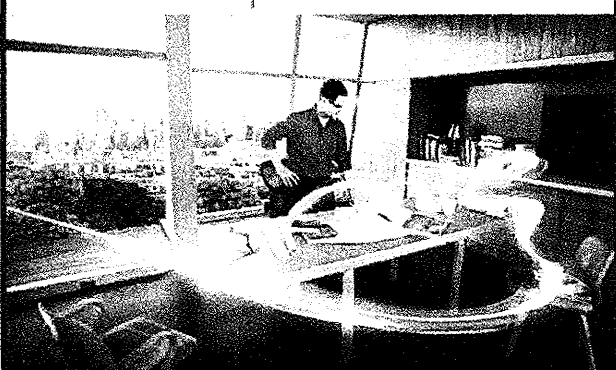
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TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012
From 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
and
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
and
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From 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
and
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
and
MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2012
From 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
and
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Burglary

Police reviewed security video to reconstruct the burglary early Monday, Feb. 27, of Coins & Stamps, on Mack near University.

"It appeared that at 2:20 a.m., (the) suspect gained entry by throwing a chunk of asphalt at the (front) window several times, then kicking the broken glass," said one of three officers responding to the store's burglar alarm. "Upon entry, the suspect leapt over a display, broke into two displays and took (merchandise) before leaving out the front window that was broken."

The officer added, "It appears the suspect was in the store for one minute before fleeing northbound toward University."

The suspect is described as a black male nearly 6 feet tall. He wore a light-colored hooded

jacket and a dark sweater with a red or orange logo on the left chest.

The logo may be a Detroit Tigers Old English D, police said.

He also wore dark tennis shoes with a white design on the rear, police said.

Lots of evidence

Shortly before 11:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, police pulled over the driver of a blue Saab for running a stop sign on northbound St. Clair at Charlevoix, driving on the wrong side of St. Clair and failing to yield to traffic when turning onto westbound Mack.

The driver, a 47-year-old City man, smelled of alcohol, was unable to complete roadside balance tests and registered a .19 percent blood alcohol level, police said.

"All indicators combined, (I) believed the suspect to be intoxicated," said the arresting officer.

It was the man's second offense, police said.

Snooze and lose

A City man filed a police report shortly after 10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, about the \$800 Apple iPad he left behind in a taxi cab.

He said he forgot to retrieve the device when exiting the cab in a bank parking lot in the Village.

The man traced his iPad to Utica before it was turned off.

Asks for it

Shortly before 2 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, a 27-year-old man from Mount Clemens backed a white Lexus ES350 out of a driveway on Neff south of Maumee into the path of a patrolman's cruiser.

"(I) was forced to stop suddenly, as the driver entered the street without looking," said the officer. "The vehicle sped off southbound on Neff, spinning its tires."

The man was arrested for having a .10 percent blood alcohol level while operating a motor vehicle, police said.

A second test at headquarters indicated .14 percent, police said.

Way wrong

A 25-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man was arrested at about 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, for driving drunk on northbound Roosevelt Place. The road is one-way southbound.

The arresting officer also reported the man speeding 11 mph over the limit on eastbound Jefferson.

Brad Lindberg

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the City of Grosse Pointe public safety department at (313) 881-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Car entered

A medium-sized black purse containing a brown wallet was stolen between 3 and 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, from a silver Buick Enclave parked unlocked on the street in the 100 block of Moran.

Salesman

An 18-year-old Farms man was arrested last week for possession with intent to deliver drugs.

A patrolman caught him during a traffic stop at 12:36 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, on Charlevoix near Kenwood Court.

The suspect admitted owning "multiple" bags of marijuana found inside a 1993 Honda Accord operated by a Clinton Township man.

"It's mine," the suspect reportedly told police.

The marijuana totaled 3.6 grams, police said.

Other items in the car included about 100 small plastic bags, police said.

"(I) asked (him) why the marijuana was separately packaged and why he had the other bags, to which he stated, 'Because I sell it,'" said the officer.

The Accord owner was stopped for driving erratically, police said.

Hit and run

Grosse Pointe Park police detained one of their male residents, 54, leaving the scene of a crash on Kercheval near Moran in the Farms, according to police.

The man hit a .151 percent blood alcohol level, officers said.

"Yeah, I bumped into a car," the man reportedly told a Farms patrolman.

There were no injuries.

The man hit an unoccupied Mercedes-Benz parked on Kercheval.

"(A) witness stated the suspect was traveling eastbound (on) Kercheval approaching Moran," said police. "(The witness) observed the suspect vehicle strike the rear of the parked Mercedes-Benz."

The impact pushed the car onto a lawn.

"The witness observed the suspect vehicle leave the scene," said a Farms officer.

Park police pulled over the man, driving a silver Ford F-150 pickup, on Audubon and Vernier.

"The F-150 had heavy front-end damage and was impounded," said a Farms officer. "(The suspect has) two prior convictions for operating (a motor vehicle) while impaired."

Convictions date to 2003 in the Farms and 1994 in Bloomfield Hills, police said.

Dr. Mary Jane

At 2:34 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, a broken tail light prompted a traffic stop on Provencal near Lakeshore that resulted in the arrest of a 20-year-old Sterling Heights man for possession of marijuana.

A patrolman detected an odor of the drug upon approaching the suspect's 2003 Mercedes Benz ML350.

"The driver stated he was a licensed medical marijuana patient and that he had marijuana in his gym bag (on) the rear seat," said the officer.

A search of the car turned up a marijuana cigarette inside a box of Marlboro cigarettes. The combined amount totaled 1.1 grams, police said.

'Spikes'

Police located two syringes in a silver 2005 Dodge Caravan operated on Mack by a 31-year-old St. Clair Shores man.

"One of the syringes contained between 50 and 60 units of suspected heroin," said an officer.

The incident occurred at 11:07 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, on the Detroit side of Mack near east Warren. A patrolman investigated the driver for operating an unregistered vehicle.

As officers prepared to search the vehicle, a 28-year-old male passenger from Sterling Heights reportedly said there were "spikes" in the headliner. "Spikes" is slang for syringes.

The suspect faces multiple charges, including probation violation in Romeo and violating 12 suspensions.

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

Infant chokes

Officers took an infant, choking on vitamins, to the hospital shortly after 11 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20.

Rental problem

A few hours before sunup Thursday, Feb. 23, a patrolman investigated a woman acting suspiciously on South Deeplands.

The officer said the woman exited a parked car, walked to the front of a residence, returned to the car and went back to the residence.

"(She) was sitting on the porch in the dark smoking," said the officer.

The woman, 44, of Grosse Pointe Woods, reportedly had a billing dispute with the Shores resident, her landlord, who wasn't home, police said.

They cited her for violating a restricted driver's license.

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

Peeping Tom

A Beaconsfield resident called police at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, to report someone looking in a bedroom window. Police apprehended a 24-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident as he was fleeing the scene. He has been charged by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office with being a window peeper.

Juvenile arrested

A young female walked into a restaurant on Mack at 11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, and had a verbal confrontation with an employee. She was escorted out by Detroit police officers, but returned a short time later with a knife. Detroit police turned the young woman over to Grosse Pointe Park police and she was conveyed to a juvenile detention facility.

Car stolen

A 2004 Mercury was taken from the 1100 block of Bishop sometime overnight Wednesday, Feb. 22.

MDOP

A 2002 Chrysler Sebring, parked in the 15000 block of Mack between 7 and 11:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, was entered by punching a door lock and the interior searched. Nothing was reported missing.

The driver's side window was smashed on a 1999 Ford Explorer was smashed while the car was parked overnight Wednesday, Feb. 22, in the 1300 block of Devonshire.

Kathy Ryan

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Busted

When police investigated a report of a suspicious car parked on Doyle Place at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, they found a 17-year-old Farms resident and a 19-year-old Shores resident

See CRIME, page 7A

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF THE 2012 ASSESSMENT ROLL: Notice is hereby given the Board of Review of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Wayne County, Michigan, will be in session in the Community Center of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, on

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012
9:00 a.m. - noon; 1 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012
9:00 a.m. - noon; 1 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2012
9:00 a.m. - noon; 1 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012
9:00 a.m. - noon; 1 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Bidders shall review and comply with the Instructions to Bidders, which are incorporated by reference, and carefully review all Contract Documents, as defined in the Instructions to Bidders. Bids submitted after the exact time specified for, receipt will not be considered.

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Matthew J. Tepper
City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe Farms

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Water rates up 19.1 percent

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — A nearly 20 percent water rate increase from Detroit met expectations.

"The increase is in line with what (our engineering consultants) projected last month," said Brian Vick, Grosse Pointe Shores city manager.

"The rate I told them was 19 percent," said Jamie Burton, lead engineer on Detroit water contracts with the Shores consulting engineering firm, Hubbell, Roth & Clark. "The actual increase was 19.1 percent.

Our forecast was less than 1 percent off."

Because the new rate meets the forecast, Vick doesn't think an appeal is "appropriate" at this time.

"The numbers coincide with projections," he said.

"It comes to the same numbers they gave us in prior meetings," said Councilman Robert Gesell.

Shores officials recently signed a 30-year contract to buy filtered water from Detroit.

"We're committed," said Shores Councilman Bruce Bisballe.

Breaking the contract in favor of another supplier, such as Grosse Pointe

Farms, would trigger penalties totaling "a ton" of money — "millions," according to Burton.

"The penalty for breaking the contract is 50 percent of your (water) volume times the prevailing rate," he said. "A financial analysis would have to be done with the contract provisions to see how viable that option is."

"It is a very complex issue," Vick said. "(Detroit) has fixed costs. The same goes for Grosse Pointe Farms. I can't answer if the rates would have gone up the same amount in Grosse Pointe Farms. The long and short of it right now is, we're under con-

tract with Detroit and there is no out provision."

"The reality is you're going to see these rates move every year because of infrastructure costs," Bisballe said.

Shores representatives said reports of a 28 percent rate hike were "misleading."

"The 28 percent is overstated due to Detroit applying future volumes, which are anticipated to be lower in the Shores, to previously calculated revenue requirements," Burton said. "The (28 percent) is an adjusted number from last year based on this year's volume."

CRIME: Weekly reports

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along with a bag of suspected marijuana and a drug pipe. The two young women were arrested.

Explosive

A Hollywood resident reported to police he found tin foil and the remains of a two-liter soda bottle on his front porch Friday, Feb. 24. He said neighbors reported hearing a loud noise around 10 p.m. the night before. Police continue to investigate.

Not good

Police were called at

9:45 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, to investigate a woman who was driving erratically. They found a 58-year-old Ypsilanti Township woman was having trouble backing out of a parking place. She also had the radio blasting and she emitted a strong smell of alcohol. Police took her into custody after she refused a Breathalyzer test. She also refused to have her fingerprints taken. She was transported to a local hospital for a blood draw.

— Kathy Ryan

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

ALARM: False calls are costly

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nance committee, asked if charging residents for false alarms is an option.

"I recommend it," Schulte said. "I think you might get some opposition to it. There's additional costs to residents."

The City of Grosse Pointe has an ordinance allowing financial penalties for false alarms. Fines are minimal and are likely to be imposed only on repeat offenders, city representatives said at the time.

Schulte said the Park considered an ordinance.

"(The Park) decided not to do it, as a courtesy to residents," he said.

Rather than fine offenders, Park officials sought to prevent false alarms.

"We would try to coordinate with residents to speak with the alarm company to see whether we had a malfunctioning alarm, or if it was operator error," Schulte said.

Editor's note:

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COUNCIL: The clock was ticking on study funding

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pate," said Brian Vick, Shores city manager.

The grant matches half of construction costs up to \$300,000.

"There haven't been any definitive conversations about how to share costs of this," Vick said.

Peter Dame, manager of the City of Grosse Pointe, applied for the grant. He received notice Jan. 20 that all participating jurisdictions had until March 20 to submit resolutions accepting the terms.

"If the resolutions, minutes or agreements have not been received, the project funding will be subject to automatic cancellation," according to the treasury department notice.

The City's council earlier this month unanimously passed a resolution accepting the grant.

No other Pointes followed suit, in part because not all councils met yet.

"The clock's ticking," Vick told the Shores council at its monthly meeting Feb. 21. "Sixty days coincides with your next meeting date."

"At this point, I don't anticipate taking action because we don't have any information," said Mayor Ted Kedzierski. "It's something to look at."

"From an operational standpoint, it would be beneficial to operate under one roof," said Shores Chief John Schulte. "Whether it's feasible, financially, is another issue."

The Shores already contracts its dispatching to the Farms.

Location, location

Although there's been talk of constructing a central communications center and lock-up at Park headquarters, a definite location and construction costs haven't been worked out.

"You don't have to have it adjacent to a public safety department," Vick said. "There are a number of vacant office locations throughout the communities."

He said a lockup in Macomb County is in an old school gymnasium.


Not all Pointes agree about shared services or combined operations.

Park Mayor Palmer Heenan wants his city to merge with the City. He also thinks the Farms and Shores should merge.

City officials want to combine public safety with the Park.

The Farms rejected an invitation to participate in a feasibility study of a joint Farms-City-Park public safety authority.

"Each of the Grosse Pointes is in a different place philosophically, as far as cooperation," Vick said. "Some are ready to join departments. It's not to say a central dispatch and lockup is a foot toward greater consolidation."



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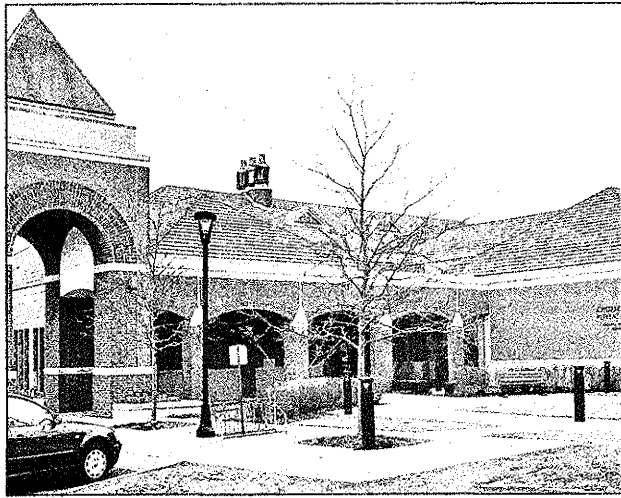


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The Ewald Branch in Grosse Pointe Park.

OUR VIEW

Library, Pointes win this election

Many were surprised as the results of the Grosse Pointe Public Library millage election rolled in Tuesday night.

Not that the hike was approved, but the 3-to-1 margin of victory - an overwhelming victory for those in favor.

A maximum of .7 mills per year will be assessed for the next eight years. The drop in property values lowered the millage rate from 1.7 mills to 1.54 mills, which led to a \$1.1 million deficit this year. Without the millage, the library - with branches in Grosse Pointe Farms, Woods and Park - would exhaust rainy day funds in the next two years. The voters of the five Pointes saved the day.

But the work isn't done. The library will work much leaner than it has in the past. Tax revenues, which make up 90 percent of the library's budget, won't return to levels we witnessed a few years ago.

As with every municipality, every business and every household, the library must do what it can with what it has.

The public obviously supports the job it does, but voters will expect top services without breaking the bank. Cuts will still come and they'll be painful. There was sacrifice getting to this point and there will have to be more to survive.

But this is the victory you worked hard to earn. Now you have to move forward and take care of the trust - and funding - you've been given.

Congratulations to the library system, the staff, the many volunteers and their millage chairman Ben Burns, who led the charge throughout the Pointes.

It was a strong effort - one that will be needed for the next challenge and the challenge after that. Success will come with a unified effort.

"We're very happy, very enthusiastic," Burns said late Tuesday night. "Everybody is feeling pretty good about it."

And you should.

Tough exit

As Brad Lindberg reported at grossepointe-news.com Monday afternoon, Shores City Manager Brian Vick announced his resignation, effective Saturday, March 3.

A pre-November election report in this newspaper pointed out a secret tolling agreement with the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and Grosse Pointe Shores while both parties investigated alleged billing overages over a 10-year period. The amount is in the range of \$500,000 to \$1 million and remains unsettled.

Sweeping changes came in the November election as a new mayor and several new council members were elected.

Vick was stripped of his clerk duties soon after the election and the writing was likely on the wall.

Certainly no one is perfect and Vick served with a great passion during his three-plus years here. He brought many positive changes.

We wish him - and the city - well as both go in a new direction.

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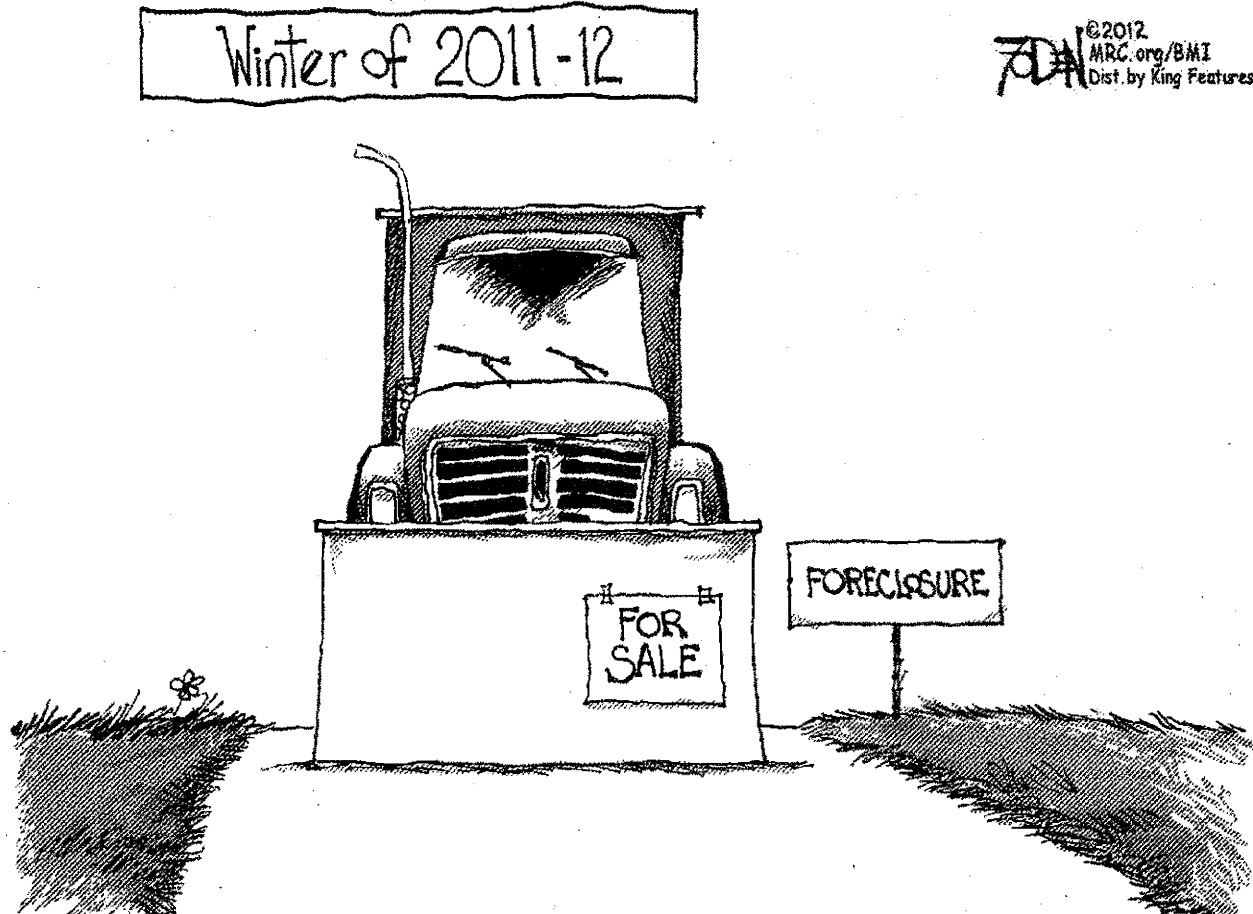
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Open meetings, please

To the Editor:

This is my third annual letter asking the five Grosse Pointes to comply with the Open Meetings Act of 1976 during the property tax board of review meetings.

The Open Meetings Act is very simple. The public must be given notice of each meeting date. The meeting must be conducted in public. All deliberations and decisions must be made in

public. An adequate sound system must be provided. Officials cannot make decisions by whispering or passing notes.

For many years, each board of review has conducted the meetings as follows: An individual petitioner is ushered into the presence of the board for a private audience while the public is kept away in a waiting room.

After privately hearing that taxpayer's petition for a reduction of taxes, the board dismisses the taxpayer by saying,

"Thank you for coming in, we will send you a letter in four to six weeks."

Then the board members meet all by themselves in private to make a secret decision. Then the next petitioner is brought in, etc.

In March 2011, I intervened in the private meetings in all five cities and simply refused to leave the room. I witnessed a private audience for a city councilman and a former city councilman, who were then granted a reduction in state equalized value from \$417,800 to \$150,000 for a 12,000 square-foot commercial building. This 65 percent reduction in SEV lowered the annual tax bill from \$22,702 to \$9,285.

This was by far the largest reduction granted by that board of review. Citizen complaints to the State Tax Commission in Lansing have resulted in that city agreeing to move its meetings from a small conference room into the courtroom so

that the public can monitor the decisions.

We are already off to a bad start for 2012. Only Grosse Pointe Woods has published a meeting notice for the mandatory Tuesday, March 6, meeting. The Park, Farms, Shores and City will likely go ahead and have the mandatory March 6 meeting, without the required notices.

Meetings held without publication trigger a provision of the Open Meetings Act stating the decisions are unlawful and subject to challenge. What a mess!

The principle behind the Open Meetings Act is that public officials best avoid favoritism and political pressure when the public is watching.

Our schools and libraries depend upon the fair and proper collection of property taxes in all five cities. Mischief in any one of the Pointes is an insult to every Grosse Pointer.

CHARLES LEAHY
Grosse Pointe Shores

I SAY By Joe Warner

Short list of 'that's stupid'



A comment on weather, a casino fight, riots over shoes, lowering the flag, Danica Patrick, Kwame Kilpatrick and a lit cigarette sparking an explosion.

I've done a lot of stupid things in my life. Maybe a million really dumb things. My parents would say that number is a little soft. My ex-wife would laugh and roll her eyes. My children would concur after I exhibited my mad break-dancing skills in front of a bunch of their friends last week.

Over the past couple weeks, I've noticed things that even a person who does things all the time would say, "that's stupid."

My short list:

◆ How many hours of coverage can we give a snowstorm that doesn't happen? Our weather folks were wrong. It doesn't happen often, but we can lay off the hype of team coverage when the storm shifts to the north. A couple reporters are sent to an overpass to tell us the roads are fine. That's all we need to know.

◆ The local TV coverage of the casino fight last week was priceless. A brawl broke out at Motor City Casino. Video on the Internet shows a number of women in their 20s and 30s in a free-for-all. The casino was quick and right to point out it

was an isolated incident.

I'm hopeful several of the casino's one million cameras gave a great view of the fighters so they can be charged. Hopefully their next fight will be some place more appropriate. Jail, perhaps.

◆ Dumb fights, part II. After dozens of fights marred the release of the new Air Jordan basketball shoes in December, things got worse when Nike considered releasing another new shoe prior to NBA All-Star Weekend. Riot police had to be called in and the release was cancelled in Orlando.

The shoes, which retail for \$220, had online buyers ready to shell out \$2,400 per pair. They're basketball shoes. I don't understand why you would try to kill someone for a pair of shoes.

◆ Was the U.S. Flag really lowered in New Jersey for Whitney Houston?

I thought that was reserved for dignitaries along with service men and women who gave their lives for our country. She had a wonderful voice and did many won-

derful things in the world, but seriously?

That takes away from those who give so much more to our country.

I guess a precedence has been set for Jon Bon Jovi and Bruce Springsteen. I didn't even know Whitney was from Jersey.

◆ NASCAR newcomer Danica Patrick wants to know if people can refer to her as something other than "sexy" all the time.

The poor thing - I felt bad for her when I saw the video clip of her plea.

So I did two things. I Googled Danica Patrick photos (more than one million) and then I Googled Danica Patrick races won, where it got rather foggy.

If you don't want to be called "sexy" all the time, stop posing in bathing suits for hundreds of photos, tell Go Daddy to Go Away and cease wearing makeup to the race track. Junior doesn't do that. Jeff Gordon doesn't do that.

You're a good looking and really short woman that had me cracking up with your honey badger talk a month ago. Stick with what works.

I've won as many races as you have.

I can drive like mad, but I'm ugly. You carry the torch.

You're making millions of dollars because of your looks, so stop whining. It's a cruel world, but you're working it just fine.

I just spent more time writing about NASCAR than I ever have watching it.

I've always maintained I'll be a fan when the track is a figure eight or the beer stands are put on the infield so patrons have to cross, Frogger style.

◆ I saw Kwame Kilpatrick was back in town, one of the rare times it isn't attached to a court visit. His next trial begins in the fall and the region will relive his time in office all over again. I wonder if any of us will live to see the end of the Kwame Kilpatrick story. Probably not since he's on pace to repay his debt to Detroit in 416 years. That's a real number based on his payments. How silly.

◆ The most perplexing person the past week was one involved in a horrible explosion at an apartment building in Walled Lake.

A local TV station reported a tenant smelled gas and lit a cigarette, sparking the explosion. Stupid and sad.

VICK: Tenure comes to an end

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successfully seen the new city council through their transition period following the election, now is the appropriate time for exploring new opportunities."

"I would like to congratulate and thank City Manager Vick for his years of service to the residents and employees of Grosse Pointe Shores," Cooper said. "I found it a true pleasure working with Brian. His integrity and professionalism, while tested, never wavered in his duty toward the City. I wish him all the best in his new endeavors where most certainly his talents will be appreciated and valued."

Vick's new status was foreshadowed after a

closed session of the city council, Tuesday, Feb. 21.

Kedzierski announced the amendment of Vick's employment contract. The amendment won full council support.

Vick's resignation letter listed numerous accomplishments:

- ◆ building the fund balance from 1 percent in 2009 to 12 percent in 2011 while facing a 30 percent reduction in property value since 2008;

- ◆ reductions in staffing, legacy costs, and health-care costs;

- ◆ a benchmarking survey in 2010 to ensure residents' input and values were taken into consideration;

- ◆ contracting public safety dispatch services to Grosse Pointe Farms;

- ◆ assisting the former Village's transition into a city in 2009, indented to save money and

- ◆ legislation passed during his employment letting Shores residents run and vote for municipal judge.

Several issues were controversial during Vick's tenure, including:

- ◆ his appeal last year of a property value, and consequently a property tax, reduction;

- ◆ resignations of the municipal court clerk and public safety director for comparable jobs in other Grosse Pointes;

- ◆ his taking four months to inform the council about an agreement he made with the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club not to reveal the club's claim it was due \$1 million for overbilled water purchases;

- ◆ being relieved as city clerk after the election and

- ◆ last December's city council meeting in which two residents, both candidates for council about 10 years ago, called for Vick's discharge.

"There some things he did I didn't like, and there are some things he did very well," said Councilman Dan Schulte, who, along with Kedzierski, are the only elected officials carried over from the prior administration.

"He was competent," said Dr. Robert Lee, one of the speakers at the December meeting, "but he seemed to have a hard time seeing the line between being an employed city manager and the democratic power vested in the city council. While he had some notable accomplishments, it's hard to look beyond his unilateral appeal of taxes last year that cost the taxpayers and, more egregiously, short-circuiting the city

council on the secrecy agreement."

Vick grew up in Grosse Pointe Park.

After college, he worked as administrative assistant of the City of Grosse Pointe.

He left the City in 2006 to administer DeWitt, a suburb north of Lansing.

In the Shores, Vick replaced manager Mike Kenyon. Kenyon retired after 37 years with the Shores, 27 as manager.

"I have enjoyed the past three years working with a talented team of professionals and alongside residents who care so deeply about their community," Vick wrote.

Artists needed

Artists can design a fish in a rainbow of colors in a fundraiser benefiting the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Foundation and Services for Older Citizens. Similar to the Grosse Pointe frog event of 2005, the chamber is searching for local artists interested in decorating a fish.

Throughout August and September, nearly 50 fish are to be displayed throughout Grosse Pointe

business districts. The fish are auctioned off during an October gala at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Local artists can showcase their creativity. Those interested in participating should complete and submit an application and design concept by March 15. Fish must be completed and ready for display by June 15.

For more information, visit gpfish.net or call (313) 881-4722.

ANGLING: Goal is to keep business thriving in Village

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"To have retail in the concentration the Village has on such a short stretch of Kercheval is, more or less, unprecedented," Mucha said.

His company builds multi-family developments.

The trend toward multi-family, rental housing is due to the real estate bust, slow economic recovery and people wanting mobile lifestyles. They don't want to be bound to an area when they may have to relocate for work.

"Critical mass for an urban project is 100 to 200 units," Mucha said.

Cities can facilitate development with zoning, reducing the focus on retail, and reducing or waiving fees.

Also, a local development authority can reimburse the city for infra-

structure costs, he said.

"Increasingly, cities are more concerned about building development," Mucha said. "They refer to it as formed-based zoning. It allows more flexibility for developers."

- ◆ James Bellanca, manager of Kercheval Company.

Bellanca manages 100,000 square feet of floorspace in the Village.

He said Village stakeholders should work in concert with those representing other Pointe commercial districts for the betterment of all.

"We're all in this together," Bellanca said.

He supports developing a "vibrant downtown."

Also, new investment shouldn't be at the expense of existing interests.

"You need to take care of what is here" before promoting additional capacity, Bellanca told the council.

In the Village, the "pri-

ority" should be redevelopment of the vacant Borders Books building, Bellanca said.

So, too, he said the city should pressure Sunrise Development to either market or sell its two-acres of open land on St. Clair south of Kercheval.

Interest in the Village is picking up, he said.

"I've been overwhelmed with people who want to open in (the former Burger Pointe) location," he said.

Also, he's fielded "dozens" of restaurant uses for the former Hickeys-Walton-Pierce location at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair, but is waiting for a tenant to complement the district.

- ◆ Christopher Blake of the Blake Company.

Blake, a builder, said city officials ought to "loosen" zoning in the Village to allow more office space.

"Are we waiting for retail that's not going to

come?" he said.

He opposes developing new retail locations off of Kercheval when vacancies exist on Kercheval.

City officials were excited a few years ago about a proposed multi-story, mixed-use building on municipal parking lot No. 2, north of Kercheval between Notre Dame and St. Clair.

"Parking is critical for the Village," Blake said. "Lot 2 is critical. We have to be careful if we use that space for anything but parking."

He's optimistic about the community's economic future.

"We are seeing way more investment in Grosse Pointe properties," Blake said. "I believe we're at the bottom and coming back up."

City officials said they'll consider the panelists' comments when reviewing the master plan, zoning and other matters.

The word is out

In a general discussion that followed individual presentations, Bieri said the Village and Hill district in the Farms should be marketed "as one place."

Champion endorsed the synergy of marketing business districts throughout the Pointes as one.

The Pointes currently are like "islands," she said. "We need to bring these forces together."

"The City needs to work at making it more welcoming," Bellanca told the council. "Your role is to facilitate development while maintaining standards."

He and others mentioned benefits of hiring a "facilitator," or single person, to market the community, track down leads and interact with developers, as in Birmingham.

"We are not big enough to have an economic director," said City Mayor Dale Scrace.

"The chamber doesn't have a budget for it," Champion said. "But, it is something we will try to coordinate. Maybe we can get a part-time person and get cooperation from each of the municipalities to be a central focal point."

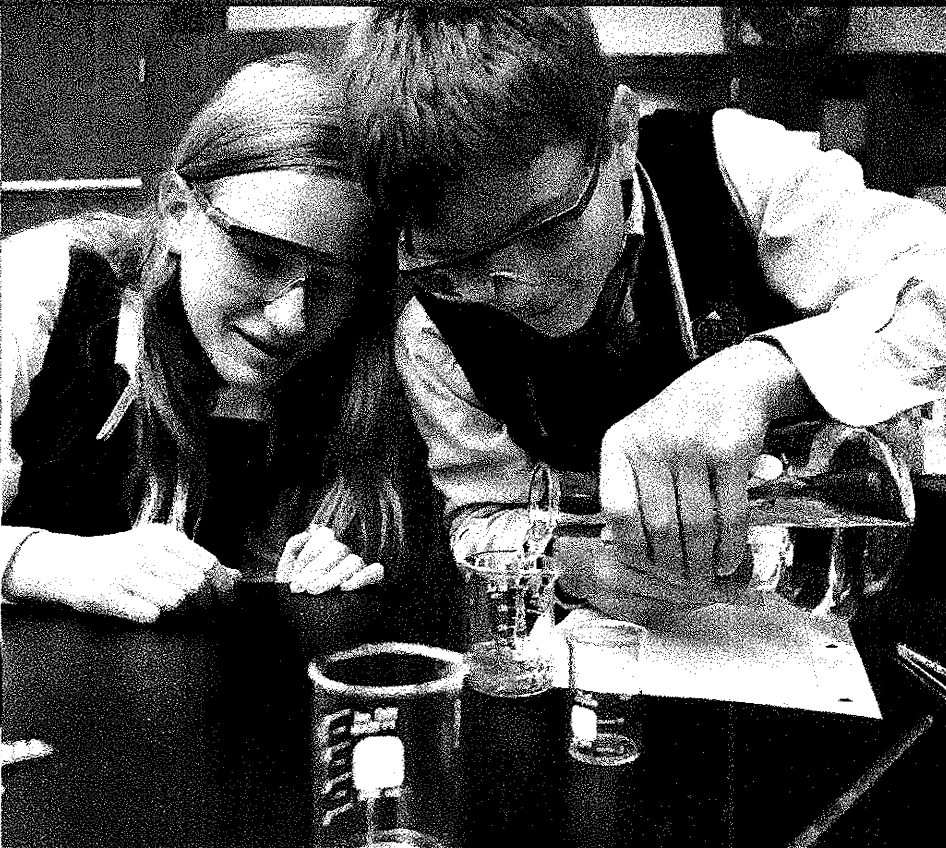
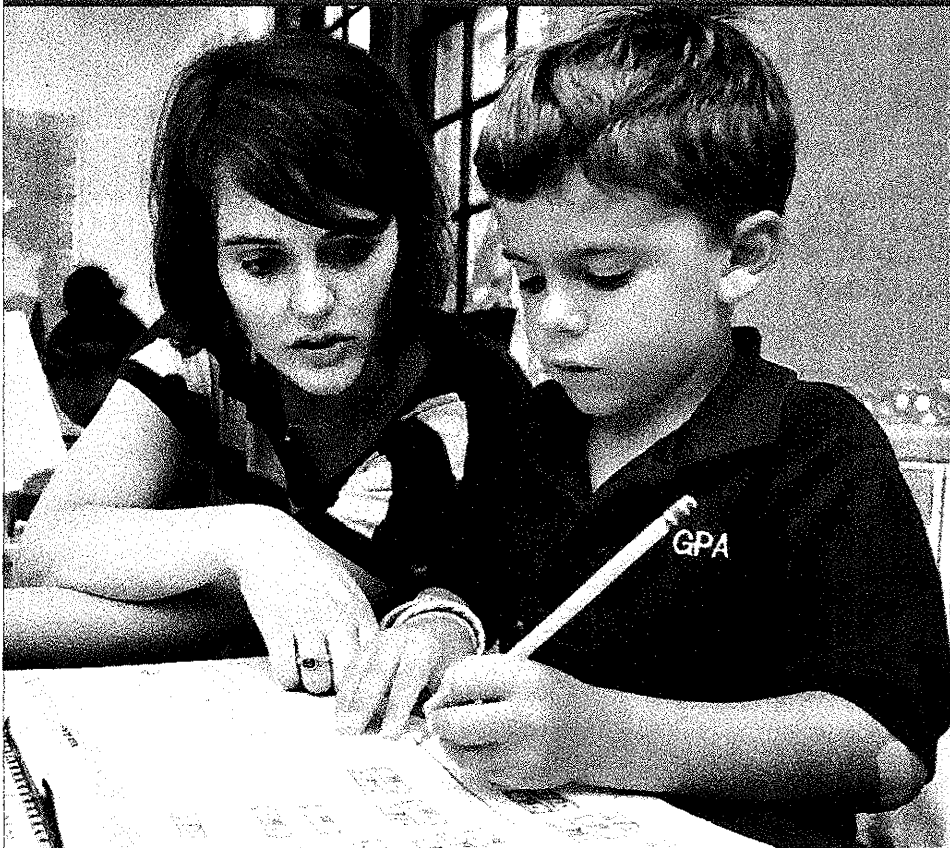
"Whether it's the city or chamber, there needs to be someone to get that marketing help we think would be beneficial and attract retailers to Grosse Pointe," Kramer said.

"In many communities, the downtown development authority hires that person," said Peter Dame, City manager.

The City's DDA was formed to fund public in fracture for big developments, not market the community, he added.

"Times have changed over the last several years," Dame said. "Maybe its time to revisit the DDA and what we think it should accomplish."

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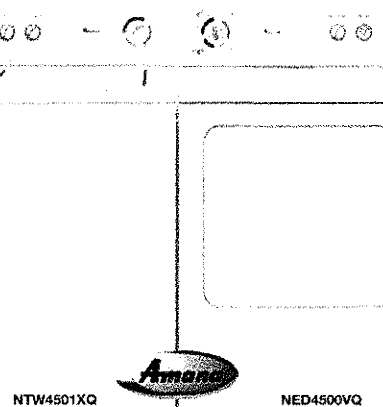
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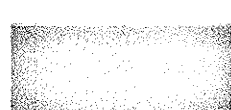


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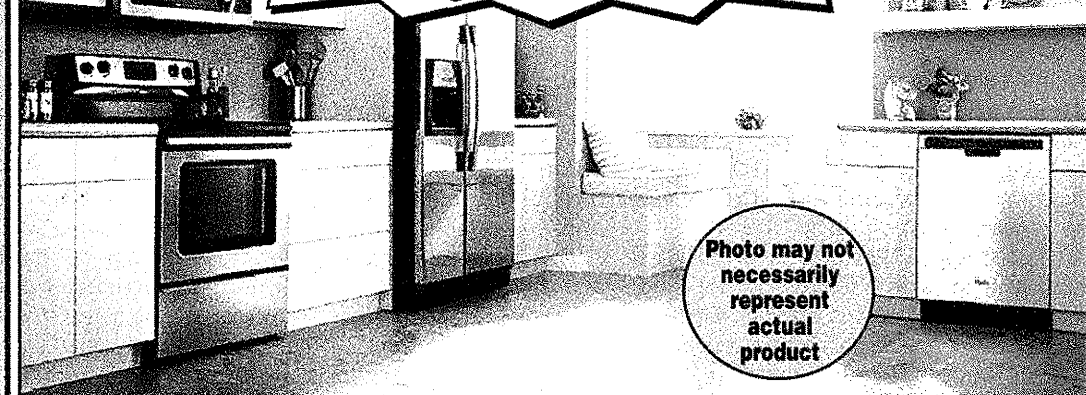


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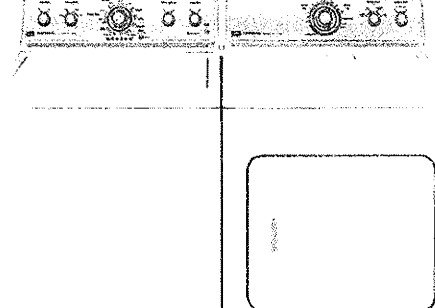
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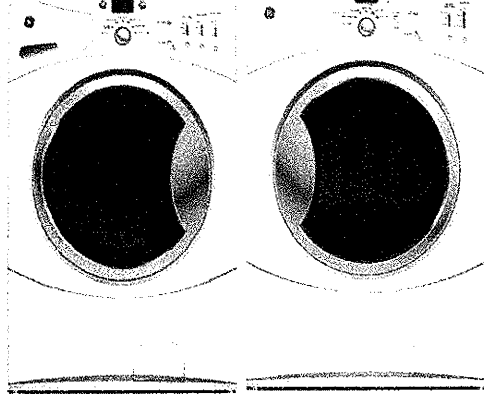


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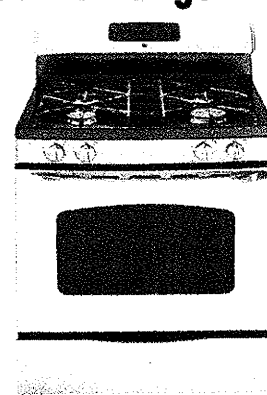


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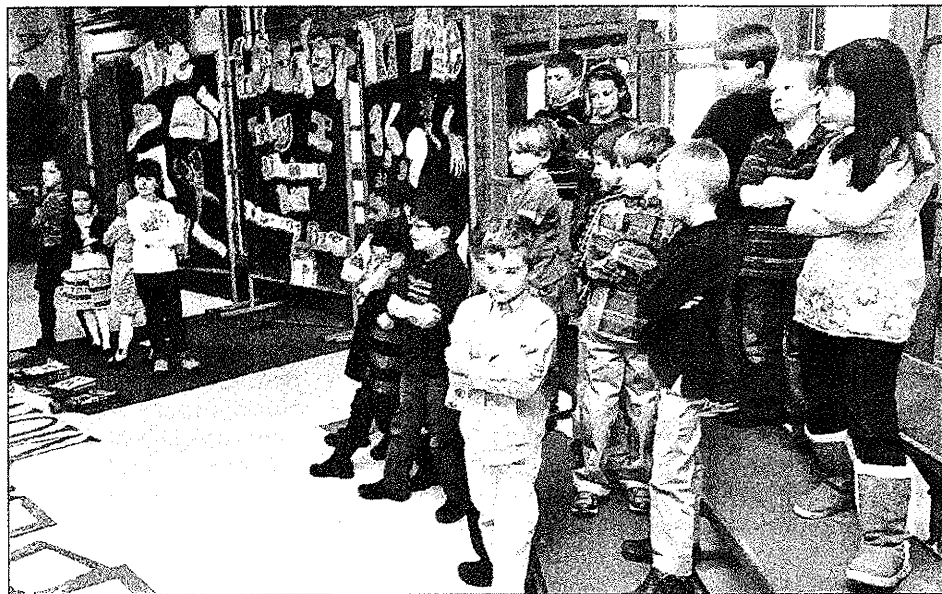
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Above, Monteith Elementary School first graders looking tough before a song. Below, students show their definition of leadership.

Monteith first graders show leadership through song

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

In some ways, Monteith Elementary School teacher Cheri Trefney said, her classroom musicals have become a tradition for first graders.

"I have seniors, or kids who are older than that now, who come back to me and remember their part in the play," Trefney said. "It's pretty cool."

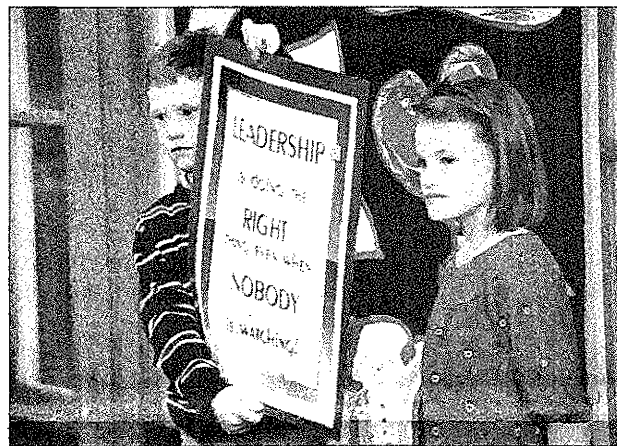
For the past 20 years, Trefney has written and directed mini musicals as both an educational tool and source of inspiration for students. Her topics range from the Pledge of Allegiance, littering, the

rain forest, growing a garden and getting along, to this year's theme — the leader in me, about all students assuming leadership roles in and out of school.

"There's a group of teachers reading a book called, 'The Leader in Me,' and I went and I heard the principal who started the whole thing, a principal from South Carolina," Trefney said. "She was in Michigan and she was showing us how kids could be music leaders, they can be math leaders. And we've been trying to instill it in our school."

Trefney teamed with vocal music teacher

Victoria Pascoe and art teacher Laura Adams for production. The play, performed Feb. 13 to 17, for classmates and parents, featured five songs and concluded with each of Trefney's 19 first graders



explaining what brings out leadership in them, an evocation school teachers, students and administration practice daily, according to Trefney and principal Keith Howell.

This year is the first in which students performed for the school, a welcome addition for Trefney who, aside from teaching leadership, also wants students to practice public speaking and feel comfortable when in front of peers.

"We're just trying to teach them, it's not just saying the words, you have to really think about what you're saying," Trefney said.

"It's just trying to instill a good culture and being a leader."

"The big thing is public speaking, and hopefully creating a really fond memory of first grade and elementary school."

"They did a really good job. I'm proud of them."

Superintendent Tom Harwood invited the class to sing at an upcoming board meeting.

Head Start revisited

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Seven months after its July rejection, a proposal for a collaborative partnership with the Head Start program at Poupard Elementary School resurfaced Monday, Feb. 27, at the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education's February regular meeting.

And to the delight of those parents and administrators in attendance, the federally funded early intervention preschool program, in cooperation with Wayne Metro Community Action Agency, returned to more positive board feedback, as most criticisms from July were researched further and addressed at Monday's meeting. Namely, the administrative guidelines preventing third-party agencies, from operating during school hours.

"The desire was to see how this Head Start program would fit into a definition of school group," trustee Joan Dindoffer said. "The suggestion is, in the administration guidelines, the definition of school groups be expanded or clarified to include a phrase that says,

'which have been approved by the superintendent as supporting the educational needs of or promoting readiness for students potentially entering the Grosse Pointe Public School System.'

"That would then, within our guidelines and policy, permit that organization to meet during the school day."

If passed, Head Start would operate from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. without interference to Poupard's regular classrooms and students. As an all-day class, according to WM-CAA director Teresa Hutchinson, the Grosse Pointe program would consist primarily of four-year-olds, with Grosse Pointe families receiving first priority for any availabilities. A typical classroom houses 20 students.

Using the High Scope curriculum, Head Start works to meet emotional, social, health, nutritional and psychological needs of students from low-income families, while aligning with state guidelines for school readiness. According to the program's development framework, updated September 2011, its 11

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Benvenuto, South choir

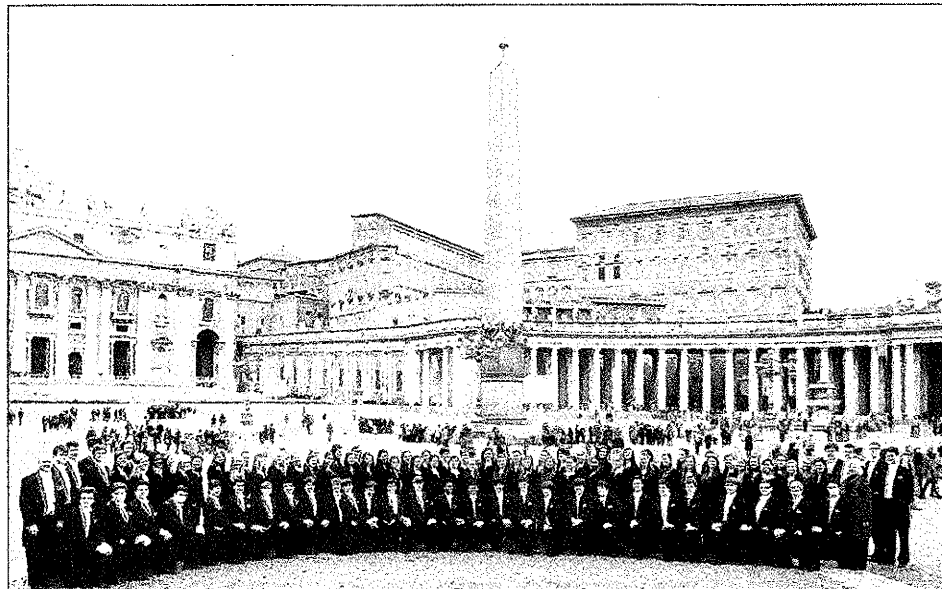


PHOTO COURTESY OF GARY MAROWSKIE

Grosse Pointe South High School's choir returned from its weeklong trip to Italy, where it performed at several historic venues in Rome, Florence and Venice. In all, 95 juniors and seniors attended the trip.

Pictured, the choir outside St. Peter's Vatican Square after the group sang at a Sunday afternoon Mass at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

Liggett Players present 'Chicago'

University Liggett School's Liggett Players present a musical exploration of murder, greed, corruption, exploitation and treachery in its annual spring production, Bob Fosse's "Chicago."

Set in roaring 20s Chicago, the story centers on Roxie Hart and Velma Kelly, murderesses on death row seeking fame and respite from the gallops through media exploitation.

Design director and junior Elizabeth Ottosen's award-winning set highlights the all-student production. Her speakeasy with art deco accents

earned a superior rating at the Michigan Educational Theatre Association state festival, receiving high praise from the adjudication panel consisting of university-level designers and professors.

Her set is further accented through junior Robert Babcock's intricate lighting, which also brings to life the mood and spirit of the 1920s.

Fine and performing arts department chair Phillip Moss directs, while students control everything else, from choreography and costumes to sound and other

technical aspects. Liggett's student-conducted band provides music.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 1 through Saturday, March 3, and at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 4, all at Liggett's auditorium at its Cook Road campus.

Tickets are \$8 for reserved seating and \$5 general admission. They're available at the school or online at seatyourself.biz/uls.

For more information, contact Moss at (313) 884-4444 or via e-mail at pmoss@uls.org.



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SCHOOLS

Board approves remodeling projects

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Bids for remodeling three schools' restrooms and upgrading Grosse Pointe South High School's mechanical room were approved Monday, Feb. 27, at the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education's February regular meeting.

Restroom remodeling started last year at each location — Defer and Trombly elementary schools and South. Defer requires completely remodeling three girls restrooms, Trombly two boys restrooms and South one boys and a

girls.

Both elementary schools are in their final phases, while South enters phase two of about four "because of the complexity involved in the historical architecture of those restrooms and design," said Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent for business and support services.

South also has more restrooms.

Each project encompasses replacing all existing plumbing fixtures, terrazzo flooring and toilet partitions, among other items; installing new suspended acoustical ceiling, light fixtures, exhaust fan, porcelain ce-

ramic wall tile and gypsum board and furring and painting. There's also an option for marble wall panels at South, rather than or in addition to porcelain ceramic tile.

A&H Contractors Inc. was low-bidder in all three restroom projects, though administration only approved the firm for Defer (\$192,700) and South (\$227,100).

It awarded Axiom Construction Services Group with the Trombly project (\$151,500).

"We're concerned about awarding three of these restrooms to one contractor and getting everything done in a timely manner, especially

at the elementary schools," Fenton said.

Supreme Heating and Cooling LLC won the bid (\$137,320) for South's mechanical room, a project previously denied last April due to budget constraints.

Work consists of: removing and disposing of the existing steam to water heater exchanger and associated piping, pumps and controls and installing new ones; removing and replacing the current steam condensate pump; removing indoor air handling and installing a new rooftop HVAC unit, structural steel roof support, roof curbs and flashing; and

installing a new make up and exhaust system for the girls locker room.

All projects are funded from the sinking fund.

Board briefs

•South student Henry Muller (national merit scholar award recipient), teacher Bruce Pelto (Michigan Society Daughters of the American Revolution's 2012 Michigan outstanding teacher of American history) and coaches Steve Zaranek (Michigan track coach of the year) and Shawn McNamara (Michigan track assistant coach of the year), and North girl's basketball coach Gary Bennett (500

victories) were recognized at the meeting.

•Along with remodeling bids, the board approved: a new contract with Northwest Evaluation Association testing; revisions to district policy regarding school board elections; superintendent goals; Melba Patillo Beals' memoir "Warriors Don't Cry," an addition to seventh-grade honors curriculum; and treasurer Brendan Walsh's budget development parameters resolution, layered to include month-by-month fund equity breakdowns.

District goals were tabled until the March 26 meeting.

Preschool hosts sale

Christ the King Preschool of Grosse Pointe Woods hosts its annual spring Mom to Mom sale 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10.

The event features children's clothing, sized newborn to elementary school age, furniture, toys and baby items.

Shoppers arriving between 9:30 and 10 pay a \$2 early bird admission, while those attending afterward pay \$1. Moms with strollers are admitted after 10:30.

For more information, e-mail Karen at ctkmom2mom@comcast.net or call the preschool at (313) 884-5998.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Poupard Elementary School fourth graders show off their hand-stitched birds. All birds were placed on a branch and donated to the Grosse Pointe Art Center.

Elementary school art classes donate to art center exhibition

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

About two months ago Grosse Pointe schools art teacher Michael Heenan was asked to consider donating student artwork to the Grosse Pointe Art Center's upcoming "Where the Wild Things Art" exhibition.

Two months later, Heenan compiled nearly 400 works from among his first-through fourth-grade classes at Maire, Defer and Poupard elementary schools, as well as a single class from Trombly Elementary

School.

"I told those guys, I've got 400 pieces waiting for them," Heenan said of meeting with the center's director Amy DeBrunner. "I hope they have room for it all. They offered it to me, so I'm taking them up on it."

Heenan assigned each grade different projects. First graders drew; second graders designed creatures from construction paper; third graders "batik"ed using lotion and toothpaste; and fourth graders stitched together cotton-stuffed "birds" for placement on a branch.

"It's colorful and it's really creative," Poupard fourth grader Samantha Bastian said of creating the birds. "I don't know how (Heenan) comes up with this stuff. It just comes to him somehow."

Added Caleb Moore: "It's cool ... To me, it's kind of hard when you start out, but when you keep doing it, it gets fun."

The exhibit is in conjunction with the Grosse Pointe Library, Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library, Grosse Pointe Theatre and the art center, all of which collaborated on a series of family programs. Inspired by Maurice Sendak's children's book "Where the Wild Things Are," the series also included a movie presentation, dramatic reading and artist discussion, along with the exhibition.

Sales proceeds from student work benefit the library, Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society and the art center.

"I feel fine because he's going to give the money for people that need it," said Amanda Nguyen, a Poupard fourth grader. "So, I kind of feel like I'm doing a good thing."

A preview opening event is 6:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 9. The exhibit runs through Saturday, April 14.

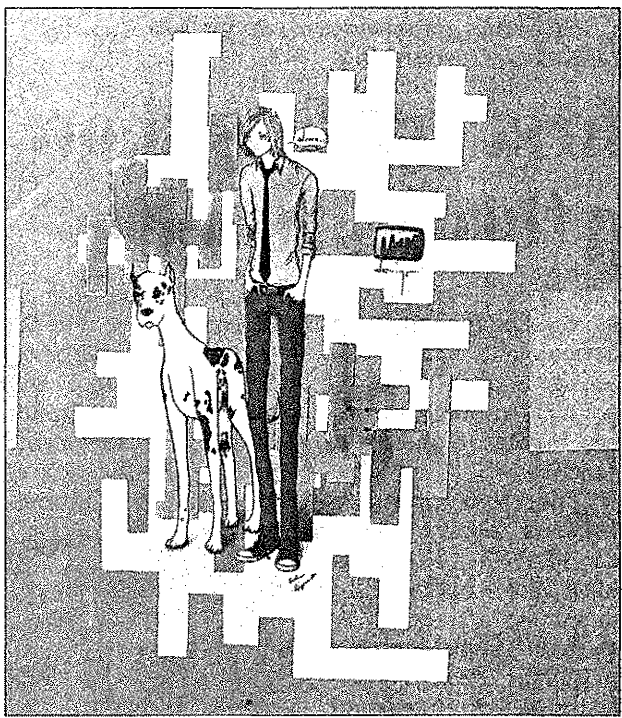


PHOTO COURTESY OF KIT ARO

Grosse Pointe South High School graduate Melissa Bryan's mixed media art piece, "Devin," is featured in the Advanced Placement Studio Art Exhibit.

South graduate achieves rare artistic feat

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

In a rare feat, Grosse Pointe South High School graduate Melissa Bryan's mixed media art piece, "Devin," was one of only 30 student works selected among the 40,000 portfolios submitted for the 2011-2012 Advanced Placement Studio Art Exhibit.

The yearlong exhibit featuring student drawings, paintings and pho-

tography premieres Wednesday, March 14, during a ceremony at the United States Department of Education headquarters in Washington, D.C. Throughout the year, it'll also be shown at various locations across the country, including New York City and San Francisco.

Works selected exemplify a high level of rigor, commitment and accomplishment.

"This is really rare," South's art department co-chair and art and design teacher Kit Aro said of Bryan's art selection, designed during her senior year. "The volume of submissions is staggering — 40,000 portfolios, each containing about 25 art works."

"It is against all odds that she was chosen, but it is not surprising given the quality of her very unique concepts and products."

Bryan graduated last year and currently studies art at Carnegie Mellon University. Her commitment to honing skills in design, drawing and 3D fabrication across her high school career, said Aro, along with patience, problem solving and perseverance, represent key characteristics to her success.

"Melissa always tried new things, which means lots of problem solving," Aro said. "This process of envisioning a final product, then working, reworking, redesigning and finishing calls for a lot of commitment, patience and perseverance."

Bryan completed AP studio 3D design junior year and AP studio drawing last year, the first South offered the class. She worked alongside department co-chair Tom Szmrecsanyi, as well as Aro.

"We both encouraged her and provided critiques," Aro said. "The AP courses challenged her and our guidance helped, but the talent is truly all Melissa's."

Auction proves a success

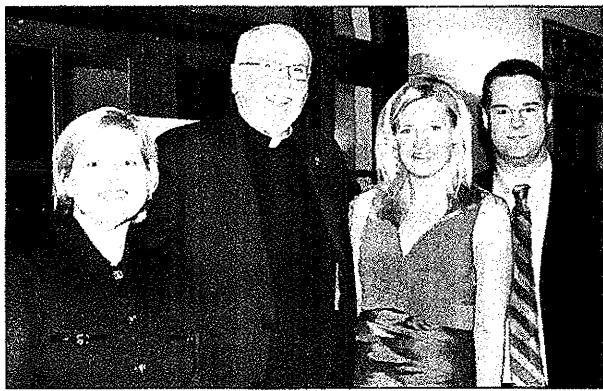


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Tricia Kesteloot, Rev. Patrick Halfpenny and Jennifer and Rob Schmitz.

More than 300 people attended St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School's "St. Paul Today ... Heaven Forever" Auction 2012, Friday, Feb. 3, at the Detroit Yacht Club.

Proceeds benefit with purchasing the school's instructional materials and classroom supplies, as well as funding field trips and professional development and enrichment programs.

Paul W. Smith performed as master of ceremonies and Bob DuMouchelle, auctioneer.

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(b) It is hereby declared a nuisance for any person owning or occupying premises in the city to plant or maintain a hedge, bush, wall or fence within one foot from the inside of the sidewalk.

This ordinance shall take effect ten days after publication of this notice. If you have any questions regarding this ordinance, please contact City Hall, 17147 Maumee Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230, 313-885-5800, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am to 5 pm.

Julie E. Arthurs
City Clerk

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domains, or focus areas, include: physical development and health, social and emotional development, approaches to learning, language development, literacy knowledge and skills, mathematics knowledge and skills, science knowledge and skills, creative arts expression, logic and rea-

soning, social studies knowledge and skills and English language development. Each domain features subsequent elements, 37 in all, more specifically defining its components.

"I feel comfortable, as the superintendent of the schools," Harwood said, "with Penny Stocks, one of our finest administrators at the elementary lev-

el, supporting and monitoring the program that we will make sure the quality of the Head Start program, if it's approved by the board, will meet the expectations we would have for any youngster, be it prior to their entry formally into our school system, meets our quality standards and support necessary to be successful."

OBITUARIES

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

Esther V. Gompers

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Esther V. Gompers, 73, died Friday, Feb. 24, 2012.

She was born Sept. 19, 1938, in Detroit to Mike and Virginia Yessaian. She earned a bachelor's degree in business and a Master of Arts degree from Wayne State University.

She retired as the assistant comptroller for CBF Systems in Fraser.

An avid reader, Mrs. Gompers enjoyed traveling, crafting, volunteering at church and spending time with family and friends.

She was a member and past president of Gamma Tau Sorority and a member and past moderator of Presbyterian Women.

Mrs. Gompers is survived by her husband of more than 50 years, James S. Gompers and daughters, Nancy (Martin) McEnroe and Carole (Michael) Clancy.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brother, Albert Aslanian.

A service in celebration of her life was held Feb. 29 at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church.

Donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 or Hospice of Michigan at hom.org.

Patricia E. Brown

Patricia E. Brown, nee Moore, longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed away Friday, Feb. 24, 2012.

She was born March 21, 1928, in Paterson, N.J. She was a graduate of Paterson's East Side High School as well as the Ridgewood Secretarial School in Ridgewood, N.J.

Pat was a member of Broadway Baptist Church and lived in New Jersey until her husband's relocation to Detroit in 1966. With her family she attended Covenant Baptist Church before transferring membership to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in 1975. Pat was a familiar face at Memorial, her involvement including multiple terms as an ordained elder and deacon as well as participation in Presbyterian Women, weekly Bible circle, outreach programs, LOGOS, and OWLS.

Pat worked as a telephone operator in New York City, an administrative secretary at The Whittier and also spent time as the secretary at both Broadway Baptist and Memorial Church. She served as a board member of Pilgrims of Ibillin, supporting the work of Archbishop Elias Chacour and the Mar Elias Educational Institutions in the Galilee region of the Holy Land.

Pat loved to talk of her travels — a year-long transfer to Ardmore, Okla., with her family and two trips to Jerusalem. Cherished trips with friends on the Queen Elizabeth II and to South Africa were highlights.

Pat was predeceased by her husband, Robert J. Brown. She was the beloved mom of Donald (Diane), Douglas (Teri)

and Dale (JoAnn); proud grandma of Robert, Abigail, Matthew, Sheridan and Carmen and dear sister of Virginia Powers. She also is survived by many nephews and nieces and new grandchildren and great-grandchildren by marriage.

A memorial gathering will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, March 4, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 5, at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The Rev. Dr. Peter Henry will officiate.

Her cremated remains will be scattered in the Memorial Garden at the church.

Donations may be made to Henry Ford Hospice, 1 Ford Place, Suite 5A, Detroit, MI 48202 or at henryford.com/body.cfm?id=37995 or Dominican Literacy Center, 11148 Harper, Detroit, MI 48213 or at dcliteracy.org.

Steven Michael Hopkins DVM

Steven Michael Hopkins DVM, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2012, at his home in rural Story City, Iowa. He was 60.

He was born May 26, 1951, in Cleveland, to Dr. Scovell M. and Rita (nee McCartney) Hopkins, and grew up in Grosse Pointe Woods. After graduating from the Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine, he started practicing in Sedro Wooley, Wash.

In 1979, he began a residency in theriogenology, animal reproductive medicine and surgery, at the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine where he met Janice McClatchey, of Fort Myers, Fla. They were married Oct. 17, 1981, at South Seas Plantation on Captiva Island, Fla.

Dr. Hopkins accepted a teaching position at Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine, where he received numerous awards, voted on by the students, for his teaching methods. The Field Service Teaching Laboratory at ISU-CVM was recently named the Steven M. Hopkins Teaching Laboratory in his honor.

Dr. Hopkins is survived by his wife, Janice; daughter, Elara and her husband, Michael Jondle; grandchildren, Brooklyn and Colin, all of Story City; his mother Rita, of Brighton; sisters, Maureen Emerson and Suzanne Hopkins and brother, Dennis.

He was predeceased by his father.

At his request, a memorial service will not be held. Friends and family will gather at a later date to honor his life.

Memorials will be donated to The Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center at Duke University, DUMC Box 3624, Durham, NC 27710 or at cancer.duke.edu or to a veterinary scholarship at Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine, 2506 Vet Med, Ames, IA 50011-1250.

Marjorie "Midge" F. Robinson

Former Grosse Pointe resident Marjorie "Midge" Florence Robinson, 86, of Suttons Bay, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012, at Munson Hospice House.

She was born Oct. 9, 1925, in Hopedale, Mass., the daughter of Thomas and Lillian (nee Jones) Eckles. On April 27, 1946, also in Hopedale, she married James "Robbie" W. Robinson Jr., who survives her.

The couple moved to Suttons Bay from Grosse Pointe in 1999. Her family said Mrs. Robinson had great faith in her church and belonged to Kirk in the Hills in Bloomfield Hills, where she was close to her Bible study group members. She also was a member of the Leland Community United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Robinson loved flowers and gardening. An avid reader, she enjoyed knitting, sewing and aerobics. She loved the water and beaches and liked to sail and visit with her sister in Florida. Most of all, she loved her grandchildren and spending time with them.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Robinson is survived by her daughters, Carol Robinson, Caryn (Gary Leighton) Anderson, Connie (Jeff) Robinson-Rapp; a sister, Jean Perry; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her son, James "Jay" Robinson III; daughter, Cheryl Springstead; son-in-law, Michael Springstead and grandson, Erich Springstead.

A celebration of her life has been held.

Burial will be at Suttons Bay Township Cemetery at a later date.

Donations may be directed to Munson Hospice House, 1105 Sixth Street, Traverse City, MI 49684 or Meals on Wheels c/o NMCAA, 3963 Three Mile Road, Traverse City, MI 49686.

LaVerne Eddie Johnson

LaVerne Eddie Johnson, 86, died peacefully Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012, at Beaumont Hospital Hospice Grosse Pointe.

He was born Nov. 25, 1925, the son of dairy farmers, Eddie and Clara Johnson of West Sweden, Wis. After graduating from Fredric High School in Fredric, Wis., he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1944. He was sent to Texas A&M College for special training, before shipping out to the Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands where he served from October 1944 to November 1945. He was honorably discharged from the marines as a sergeant in 1946.

After the war, Mr. Johnson moved to Chicago, where he met and married Marlene Kramme in 1951. They moved to Detroit in 1958 to start a business, VernDale Products Inc., a milk powder manufacturing plant. After more than 50 years VernDale continues to operate under second and third generation leadership.

In 1961 he planted a citrus grove outside of



Esther V. Gompers



Marjorie Robinson

LaBelle, Fla., and in 1968, he started VernDale Farms, a hog farm in Fowlerville. Both businesses are still in operation.

Mr. Johnson loved and collected classic cars, many of which were entered in events, winning awards at the Concours d'Elegance of America at Meadow Brook, EyesOn Design in Grosse Pointe Shores and the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance.

He was a member of American Dairy Products Institute, Gulf Citrus Growers Association and Classic Car Club of America.

His family said he will be missed by the many lives he has touched.

Mr. Johnson is survived by Marlene, his beloved wife of more than 60 years; children, Dale (Robin), Rhondi (Fred), LaMar (Dan) and Barry (Nancy); 11 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He also is survived by his sisters, Sandra Nelson and Audrey Johnson.

Donations may be made to St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or to Beaumont Hospice Grosse Pointe, c/o Beaumont Foundation, P.O. Box 5802, Troy, MI 48007-9620.

Betty Jo Rush

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Betty Jo Rush, nee Hall, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 21, after a prolonged debilitating illness. She was 84.

Born Nov. 4, 1927, in Arkansas, she graduated from Cass Technical High School in 1945 and Harper Hospital School of Nursing in 1948. She was a staff nurse at Children's Hospital of Michigan when she met and married Dr. William Rush. Together, they raised their three children, William Jr., Jeffrey and Janet.

Her family said Mrs. Rush was a loving and supportive mother who provided a warm and welcoming home. Prominent in the Grosse Pointe art community, she pursued her personal interest in art at a studio in the old Sacred Heart Academy under the tutelage of her close friend, Sr. Matsusaki. On holidays, for many years, she enjoyed spending time with family and friends at the family cottage in Gaylord and at the Otsego Ski Club.

In her later years, she continued to pursue her interest in art while fostering a loving relationship with her children and grandchildren. She will be remembered by her loved ones as a caring mother and grandmother.

Mrs. Rush was predeceased by her parents, Jewell and Ira, and her sister, Shirley. She was



Patricia E. Brown



Steven Michael Hopkins



LaVerne Eddie Johnson



Betty Jo Rush

the loving mother of Bill (Mendi), Jeff (Rici) and Janet Doyle; proud grandmother of Katie, Colleen, Kristen and Megan and former wife of Dr. William Rush.

A memorial service was held Feb. 24 at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

Jack Dykema Shattuck RPh

Former longtime Grosse Pointe Park resident Jack Dykema Shattuck RPh, 86, died Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2012. He was living in Lake Forest, Ill.

A long time Michigander and Midwesterner, he was born Feb. 14, 1926, and graduated from Ferris State University on the G.I. Bill after service in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. At Ferris, he earned a degree in pharmacy. Mr. Shattuck was a 25-year executive with Detroit-based Parke, Davis & Company and subsequently worked with Physician World Communications and Choices Publishing Group.

He was deeply loved by



Jack Dykema Shattuck

family and friends and known for his quick wit and animated storytelling.

Mr. Shattuck is survived by his beloved wife, Marcy, nee Donker; loving children, Claudia (James) Lockhart, Trisha and John; grandchildren, Rebecca and Madeline Lockhart and Sharon, Laura, Courtney and John Clinton.

Visitation will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 3, at Donnellan Funeral Home, 10045 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, Ill. Interment will be private.

Donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association at diabetes.org.

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THE KITCHEN DIVA By Angela Shelf Medearis

Just the facts

The health field has many interesting facts that are not well known. Here are some nutrition, health and physical activity facts that might surprise you:

◆ A sweet red bell pepper has more vitamin C than an orange. One-half cup of red bell pepper has about 95 milligrams of vitamin C, compared to 70 milligrams in one medium orange. Try sliced raw red pepper in a salad or saute it in fajitas for extra vitamin C.

◆ Vitamin C helps your body absorb more iron. We best absorb iron from meat sources, but there is also iron in plants. Vitamin C helps with plant iron absorption, as well as counteracting certain foods — such as tea — that may inhibit iron. Add some lemon juice to tea or mandarin orange slices to spinach salad to get the most iron

from foods.

◆ Stretching after physical activity is more beneficial. A good warm-up before activity is essential, but stretching cold muscles may do more harm than good. At the end of a workout, muscles are warm and stretching can help prevent soreness later.

◆ A baked potato with skin has twice as much potassium as a banana. A medium baked potato with skin has about 925 milligrams of potassium compared with 422 milligrams in a medium banana. Fruits, vegetables, beans, nuts and seeds are good sources of potassium.

◆ Beans have nutrients similar to vegetables and meat. They have vitamins, minerals, antioxidants, fiber, protein and iron. They do not raise blood sugar much and help with digestion.

◆ Brown bread is not always 100 percent

whole-wheat bread. It may be similar nutritionally to white bread, but with brown coloring. If the nutrition label's first ingredient word has "whole" in it, you are getting 100 percent whole-wheat bread.

◆ Zero grams of trans fat on a label doesn't always mean zero. Companies can round down and list zero grams of trans fat if the food has less than 0.5 grams. Look for the word "hydrogenated" in the ingredient list to determine if the food has some trans fat.

Roasted Red Bell Pepper Soup

Red bell peppers are green bell peppers left on the vine to continue to ripen. The long vine-ripening time increases the amount of vitamin C in the peppers. Adding cannellini beans to the soup provides it with a creamy texture and boosts the vitamins, min-

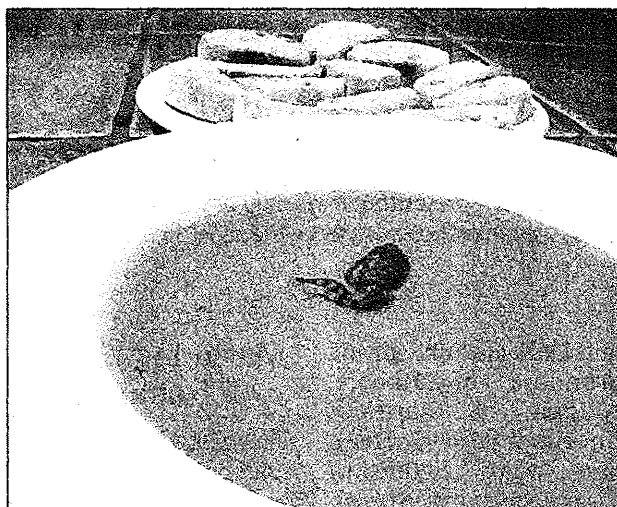


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erals, antioxidants, fiber, protein and iron in the dish. Adding the lemon juice boosts the flavors of the soup and helps the body absorb iron.

1 (15 ounce) jar of water-packed, roasted bell peppers, or 3 fresh bell peppers, roasted and peeled (see Tips below)
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 large onion, chopped
1 tablespoon minced garlic
2 tablespoons Italian seasoning
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

1/4 teaspoon sugar
2 (15 ounce) cans cannellini beans, drained and rinsed
2 (14.5 ounce) cans low-sodium chicken broth
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
Drain the jar of bell peppers. In a large pot, heat the oil over medium heat. Sauté the onion and garlic in the oil for five minutes, or until the onion is translucent. Add the roasted red bell peppers, Italian seasoning, salt, pepper, cayenne pepper and sugar. Sauté for two to three minutes. Place vegetables and

the beans in a blender or food processor and puree. Add one can chicken broth. Puree the soup until smooth and return it to the pot. Stir in remaining can of chicken broth until mixture is smooth. Heat five to seven minutes. Stir in lemon juice.

Soup can be eaten hot or cold or used as a sauce for meats or vegetables.

Tips for roasting fresh bell peppers:

Preheat oven to broil. Place bell peppers on a baking sheet and broil on oven's top rack, using tongs to turn them as each side blackens. Place blackened peppers in a paper bag, close tightly and allow to cool for 20 to 30 minutes. Peel off skin by rubbing peppers with paper towels. Do not rinse peppers. Discard stems and all seeds, and slice the peppers.

Medearis is known as *The Kitchen Diva* and is the executive producer and host of "The Kitchen Diva!" cooking show on HULU.com.

— King Features Syndicate

Check it out before building the deck

Statistics from the U.S. Census Bureau Housing Survey indicate homeowners annually spend billions of dollars improving outdoor living areas.

One of the most popular improvement is adding a deck to a house.

Homeowners who want to build a deck should know a few things before that process begins:

◆ Permits are necessary. Before buying any

materials or consulting any contractors, make certain you know which permits are needed and how to get them. If the proper permits are not secured before the project begins, the whole project might have to be torn down and started over.

◆ If the property and permits allow, decks can be built on the side of a house as well as in back.

◆ Decks can be made out of a wide variety of

materials, natural or synthetic. Pressure-treated wood is perhaps the most popular material for decking because it's the most cost-effective. But manmade materials that are a mixture of recycled plastic and wood bits or sawdust are also popular because they require no maintenance.

Man-made materials can get hot in the sun, which will require shoes to be worn.

◆ Local building codes will dictate how deep you will need to dig for the pier footings, which support the deck's weight.

◆ The deck can have multiple levels. A multi-level deck can break up a long flight of stairs while ensuring a place to escape the sun on a hot day.

◆ Protect a wood deck by painting it. Paint provides sunscreen, stopping the sun from breaking down the material. Apply an oil- or wa-



ter-based sealant.

◆ Fasteners will hide

the screws for aesthetic appeal. But not all woods and fasteners are the right fit, as certain woods are only compatible with certain fasteners. Find out which fasteners make the right fit ahead of time. Because fasteners conceal the screws, they also make it possible to go barefoot on the deck.

A deck makes a great addition to many houses, but homeowners should learn as much as possible about decks and what goes into building them before making any decking decisions.

Home repair workshop in March

Michigan State University Extension Home Maintenance & Repair Workshop is held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, March 8, 15, 22 and 29, at Mt. Calvary Community Center, 8129 Packard, Warren.

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Submitted by GPBR Member, Gary Severn, Real Estate in the Pointes.

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AUTOS By Jenny King

Texan wins Ridler at Autorama



The 60th anniversary Meguiar's Detroit Autorama, with some 1,000 exhibits at Cobo Center, drew crowds that began with the best opening day attendance Friday, Feb. 24, in several years.

Texan Dwayne Peace brought his 1955 Thunderbird conversion to the three-day event and drove back to Tyler with the coveted Ridler Award.

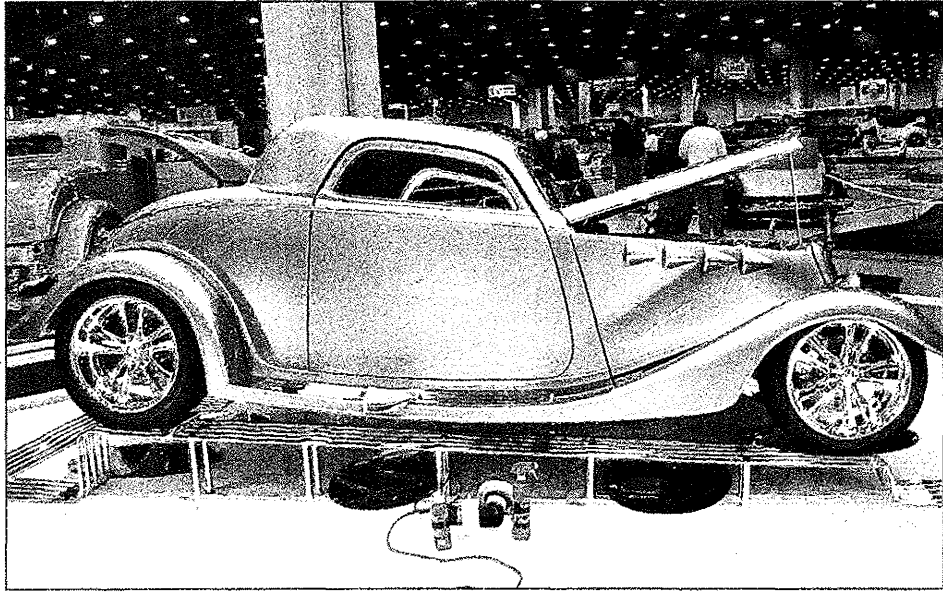
There were 50 vehicles at the 2012 show vying for the Ridler, which is given to the top specialty car shown for the first

time. And this was Peace's first entry in the 60-year-old hot rod extravaganza; he knew the competition would be stiff.

"My sons, Matthew and Jonathan, took the Thunderbird, which we've owned for almost 20 years, apart in 2008," said Peace. "In three years and four months they, with other specialists, turned out the T-bird with its twin-turbo, 1,150-horsepower, 6.0-liter engine."

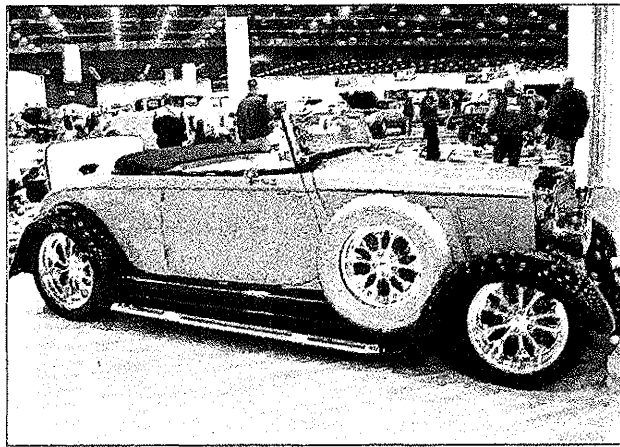
Peace said they have barely driven the hot rod, primarily because it needed to be in perfect condition to show at Autorama. They plan to enter it in other shows, he said.

Because the Ridler is presented to a vehicle being shown for the first time, Autorama entrants

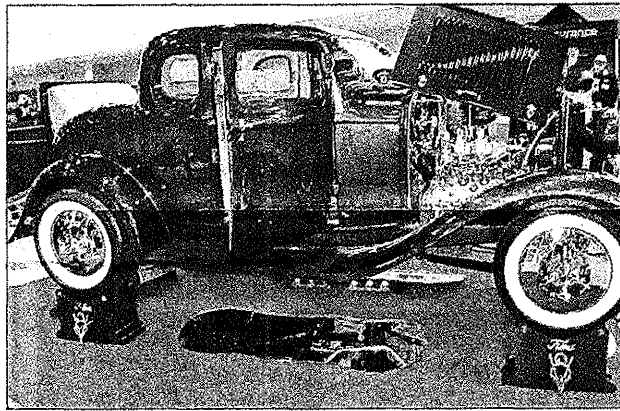


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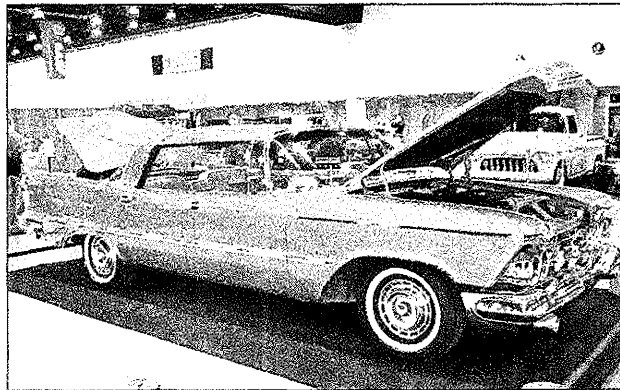
Gregg Blackford, of Lake Bluff, Ill., did this custom 1933 Ford at his shop, Hot Rods by Greg. It was completed two days before the doors at Autorama were opened to the public at Cobo Center in Detroit.



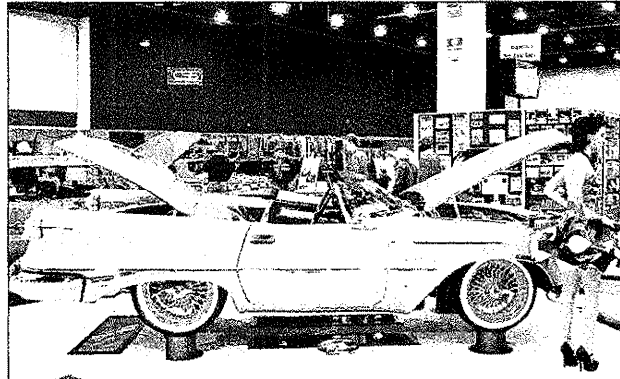
Butch Downs, of Colona, Ill., spent two years turning a rare 1934 Hupmobile convertible into this bamboo-pearl and black sapphire metallic show car.



This V-8-powered 1932 Ford five-window coupe belongs to Eric Johnson, of Longwood, Fla.



Earl Smith, of Detroit, bought this 1959 Crown Imperial 12 years ago after he spotted it sitting on a lawn in a Detroit suburb.



Murray Pfaff, of Royal Oak, decided to build the sports car Chrysler neglected when he developed this shortened, narrowed and lowered 1959 Imperial.

such as Butch and Donna Downs, of Colona, Ill., were not contenders.

The Downs' were showing their elegant 1934 Hupmobile rumble-seat convertible. This body style was one of 1,006 produced by the Detroit-based company. The couple bought the car from a man in Wisconsin and Butch Downs began a two-year, frame-off restoration.

The bamboo-pearl and black-sapphire metallic car was completed in the spring of 2011 and re-entered public life, winning awards at major shows in Columbus and Louisville.

"It recently was appraised at \$250,000," said Butch Downs.

"Caliber," a 1933 Ford belonging to Gregg and Jodi Blackford, of Lake Bluff, Ill., was one of the 50 cars entered in the Ridler award competition.

Gregg Blackford admitted he and his staff at Hot Rods by Greg were still finishing the car as late as two days before the 2012 show opened.

"We were doing things like polishing panels," said Blackford, as he continued prepping the car at Cobo 24 hours before showtime. "We put it on a trailer and arrived in Detroit late Wednesday."

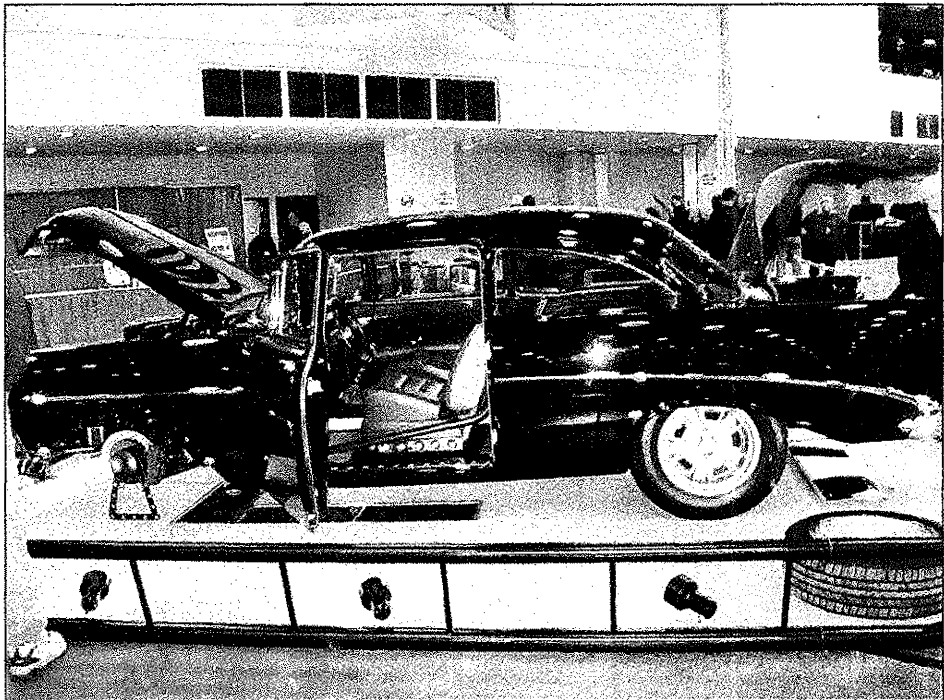
Blackford said he bought a fiberglass 1933 Ford kit, but then proceeded to raise the top, cut off most of the rear end, fabricate a cowl, side panels and fenders.

The perfect silver exterior of the Ford was the result of four base coats and five clear coats of paint, he said.

George Poteet was another owner who didn't wait to debut his vehicle in Detroit. The Memphis, Tenn. resident had his 1956 Chevrolet 210 sedan out in Pomona, Calif. at the Grand National Roadster Show in January.

Poteet hired Dan Kempainen of Dollar Bay, to complete the car, with its 500-horsepower 1980s-era National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing engine.

"It was our biggest project for him," said Kempainen, who spent four years on the steel-



Dan Kempainen, of Dollar Bay, transformed a 1956 Chevy 210 sedan into a front-row show car for its owner, George Poteet, of Memphis, Tenn.

bodied Chevy. Among other things, Kempainen lowered the roof close to an inch and brought the car's body down some three inches. He figured the car has more than \$500,000 invested in it.

In a before-and-after display, Murray Pfaff, of Royal Oak, and Earl Smith, of Detroit, were showing their 1959 Crown Imperials. Smith owns an Imperial much as it came from the factory 50-plus years ago. Pfaff took a similar car and turned it into "the sports car Chrysler never built."

"I shortened it in five places, narrowed it and took out three inches in height," said Pfaff.

Pfaff showed his downsized Crown Imperial at Autorama a year ago; he said 2012 is like a "victory lap."

Smith's 1959 was as much, or more, of a draw. The Detroit resident said he saw it for sale 12 years ago on a front lawn in Oak Park. He paid less than \$8,000 for the all-push-button luxury car which had spent 35 years in storage. He said he has turned down an offer from the Walter P. Chrysler Museum in Auburn Hills to put it on display.

On Friday, the Ridler

Award's field of 50 was narrowed when the Pirelli Great 8 finalists were announced. Each of these Ridler finalists won \$1,000.

Detroit Autorama bowed six decades ago at the University of Detroit Field House. It was a fundraiser for the Michigan Hot Rod

Association, which aimed to build Detroit Dragway. It subsequently moved to the Michigan State Fairgrounds and the Detroit Artillery Armory before finding its current home at Cobo in 1961.

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

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Peace Corps volunteers are serving in 76 countries, including Grosse Pointer **Andrew Klacza**, who is serving in the Ukraine. His story comes via e-mail during Peace Corps week, Feb. 26 to March 3.

Serving for peace

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

"I honestly didn't know what to expect," said Grosse Pointe Park resident Andrew Klacza about serving as a Peace Corps volunteer. He teaches English to students in Dubivtsi, Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast, Ukraine.

"Having expectations can lead to disappointment so I was very glad my host family had running water, gas heating and my host brother spoke English," Klacza said in an e-mail.

PCVs are introduced to the country by their host families.

"Before service, all volunteers have three months of pre-service training (language classes and on the job teaching) with a small group. Mine had five volunteers. These months are with a Ukrainian host family. Volunteers then take their oaths in Kiev and (travel) to their final destination for two years of service.

"I lived with a host mom and brother, which was a great way to adapt to the culture and learn the language."

Following the oath ceremony in late 2010, Klacza was assigned to a village of 2,000.

Klacza, who speaks Ukrainian and German, sees his job as "changing the apathetic outlook some students have on life and teaching students they can learn another language."

"The students are very



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Andrew Klacza, left, with his second-grade class in Dubivtsi, Klacza is teaching English to children ages 8 to 16.

energetic but aren't always in a mood to learn English.

"Each school year starts and ends with a bell ceremony, where the students dress up, sing and have a procession to and from church, followed by the

traditional first or last lesson. This is followed by a teacher's lunch in the cafeteria with fruit, bread, meat, fish, juice and, of course, wine and vodka," he said.

After teaching second through 11th graders

English Sept. 1 - May 31, Klacza helped with summer camps in other parts of the country, which, he said, was a great opportunity to travel and meet

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Peace Corps

In 1960, Sen. John F. Kennedy challenged University of Michigan students to serve their country through peace by living and working in developing countries.

Since its establishment March 1, 1961, 200,000 Peace Corps volunteers have served in 139 host countries working on issues ranging from AIDS education to information technology and environmental preservation.

Today's Peace Corps works in emerging and essential areas such as information technology and business development.

There are 9,095 volunteers and trainees in 76 countries, 61 percent of them females and 39 percent male with an average age of 28.

Volunteers are serving in Africa, Latin America, Eastern Europe, Central Asia, the Caribbean, North Africa, the Middle East and the Pacific Islands. Its 2011 budget was \$375 million.

The Peace Corps mission is three fold:

- ♦ Helping the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women.
- ♦ Helping promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served.
- ♦ Helping promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans.

— Information obtained from the Peace Corps website



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Rotary club

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe meets at noon Monday, March 5, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Lunch costs \$15 and the public can attend.

Grosse Pointe Public School Superintendent Tom Harwood discusses his vision for the system.

This year the Rotary partners with Lynda Charow, organizer of the ShoresPointes Adventure Triathlon, to host the second annual triathlon event Saturday, July 21, at Blossom Heath, St. Clair Shores.

Proceeds benefit Grosse Pointe and St. Clair Shores high schools.

For more information, visit shorespointes.tri.com.

For more information about the Rotary visit grossepointerotary.org.

Spirit of Women

"The Gift of You," an educational series for mothers and daughters is from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 4, in the Connelly Auditorium, Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, 468 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe.

The first of three sessions addressed teen health issues. The cost is \$15. To register, or for more information, visit beaumont.edu/spirit-of-women, or call 800-633-7377.

The second session, March 11, discusses seven effective habits of teens and the final session on March 18 focuses on leadership principles and cultural conceptions of women. Each session is led by a women's health nurse practitioner and designed for girls ages 12 to 15.

p.m. Saturday, March 10, at the center, 16900 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

Second Saturday

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society hosts the Second Saturday event from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 10. Children can sew and stuff a white felt polar bear. This is open to children 8 years and older and who have a knowledge of stitching.

The cost is \$15 for historical society members and \$20 for non-members. To register by Thursday, March 8, call (313) 884-2010 and ask for Izzy.

Concert choir

The Detroit Concert Choir performs "A Celtic Celebration" concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at the Macomb Center for Performing Arts 44575 Garfield, Clinton Township.

Adult tickets cost \$20, seniors pay \$18 and children's tickets cost \$10. For more information, call the choir at (313) 882-0118 or e-mail dcc@detroitconcertchoir.org.

Herb society

The Herb Society of America, Grosse Pointe unit, meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, at the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms. The program is "Come to the Kasbah," presented by Pat Crocker.

For more information, call (313) 885-5575.

The public can attend.

Vision support

The Friends of Vision Support Group for the Visually Impaired meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, March 5, and Wednesday, March 7, at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

The group also meets 1 to 2:15 p.m. Monday, March 5, at St. Lucy Catholic Church, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

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

Art center

The Grosse Pointe Art Center hosts artist and lecturer Mary Fortuna at 1

Sunrise Rotary

Sunrise Rotary meets at 7 a.m. Tuesday, March 6, at The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Kelsey Hartun of the Detroit Institute of Arts is the speaker.

Ask the Experts

Lori Warner and Kim Steggle discuss sleep struggles from infants through the preschool years from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morning-side, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Admission is free.

For reservations, call (313) 432-3832 or visit familycenterweb.org.

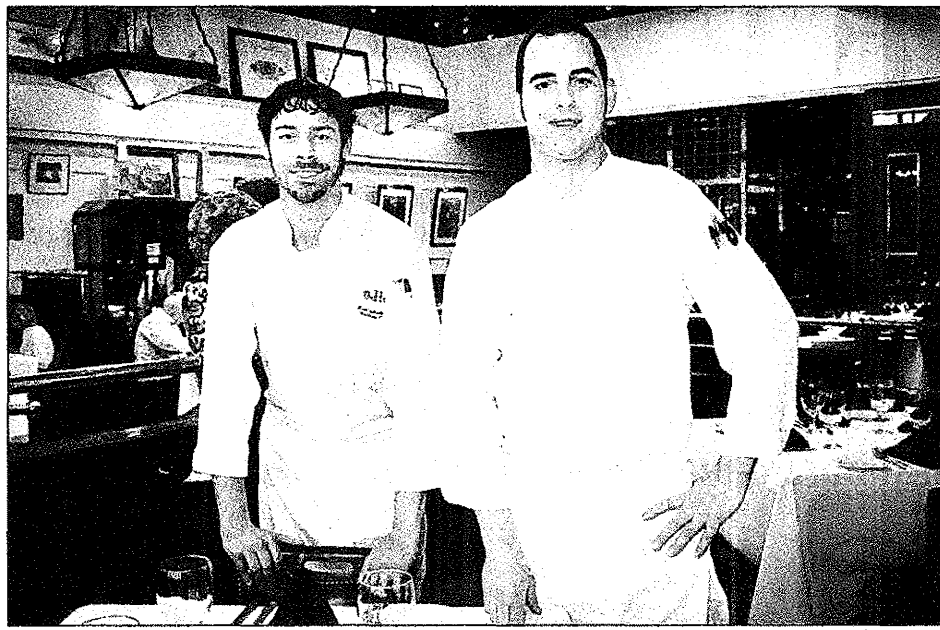


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Dining out

The Hill Seafood & Chop House donates a portion of its Tuesday, March 6, lunch and dinner proceeds to The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods. To serve patrons are, left, executive chef Matt Kourie and sous chef Deric Harris.

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War Memorial

Discover how handwriting is a personal expression of self and more in "Improve Your Handwriting" from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, March 27 to April 24, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Margherita Wiszowaty is the instructor. The program's goal is to build self-esteem and confidence through signature and writings.

A second session is from May 8 - 29.

The cost is \$55. The cost is \$60 on the day class starts.

◆ Quick start tennis, for children 6 to 10 years, begins 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. March 20 through May 1. The cost is \$78 for six weeks.

Chip Fazio of Grosse Pointe Farms shows students new methods and equipment developed for children by the United States Tennis Association.

Reunion

Roseville High School class of 1972 hosts its 40-year reunion Saturday, April 14, at Lake St. Clair Park in the Thomas Welsh Activity Center, 31300 Metro Parkway, Harrison Township.

The cost is \$25.

For more information or to make a reservation by March 30, call Gail Williams Straughen at (586) 247-8087 or visit Roseville72.com.

SOC trip

Services for Older Citizens offers four trips in March and April.

Henry Ford Village Senior Living Community, Dearborn — 11 a.m. Thursday, March 15.

The tour of the senior living community includes a sit-down lunch

and costs \$5 for residents and \$8 for non-residents.

Stations of the Living Cross — 11:45 a.m., Thursday, March 29. A trip to the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit for the Stations of the Living Cross costs \$33 for residents and \$36 for non-residents.

"Spreading It Around" at Meadow Brook Theater and Kruse & Muer — 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 4. Eat lunch at Kruse & Muer and see "Spreading It Around" at Meadow Brook. The cost is \$54 for residents and \$57 for non-residents.

DSO: A Tribute to Elvis — 9:45 a.m., Friday, April 27. Kraig Parker, a legendary Elvis tribute artist, joins the DSO for a new production, including "Jailhouse Rock," "Heart break Hotel" and "Hound Dog." Light refreshments will be served. The cost is \$51 for residents and \$54 for non-residents.

For reservations, call (313) 882-9600.

Soroptimists from Grosse Pointe and Japan link in friendship

Four members of Soroptimist of Grosse Pointe travel to Hikone, Shiga, Japan, to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Hikone's Soroptimist chapter in May.

Mary Ellen Burke, Mary Parsigian, Myra

Golden and Diana Langlois are reciprocating a December visit by members of the Japanese Soroptimist chapter.

Local Soroptimists, the organization's Midwestern governor, Cheryl Fouts, and District III di-

rector, Vivian Walczesky, attended the initial meeting of the two groups at Mary Parsigian's Grosse Pointe Farms house.

SIGP member Ross Braun embroidered the "Soroptimist, Best for Women" logo on white pashmina scarves for each of the Japanese delegation.

The Japanese women brought small wooden boxes and a wrapped gift for each Grosse Pointe SIGP member which included a flowered eye-glass case and a

Japanese greeting card.

Both the Grosse Pointe and the Japanese members received an engraved pen to sign the Friendship Link document.

Clubs share events via the link, similar to being pen pals.

Making this special is that both Japanese and Grosse Pointers were together to sign the document.

For more information about the Soroptimist, visit grossepointesoroptimist.org.



Signing the Friendship Link between the Soroptimist of Hikone, Shiga, Japan, and Grosse Pointe are the club's presidents, Taeko Kitamura, left, and Mary Ellen Burke.

JLD donates funds to art program

The Junior League of Detroit awarded \$7,500 to Art Road, a nonprofit providing art programs in

schools lacking money for art.

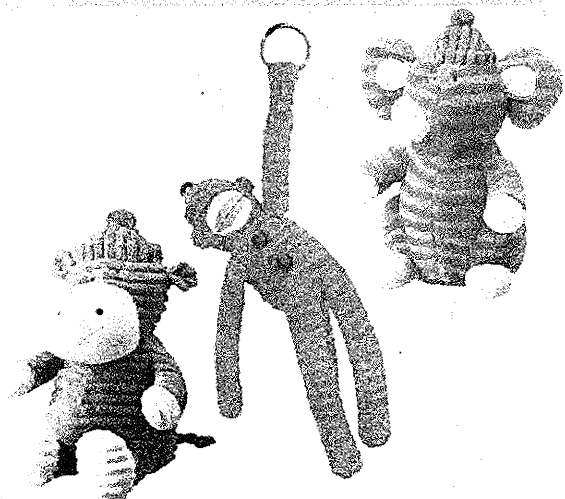
The money was raised through the JLD's annual Festival of Wreaths.

"We are deeply grateful to Ann Baxter, her committee and the volunteers that created the spectacular Festival of Wreaths Event that benefited Art Road Nonprofit," said Carol Hofgartner, president and founder of Art Road. "The \$7,500 donation to Art Road from the Festival of Wreaths provides art class to a classroom of 25 students for an entire school year. Students that otherwise would not have art class, will have art class because of the Junior League of Detroit."

"Arts education has been proven to be an important part of a student's curriculum," said Ann Turnbull, the league's president.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Lori J. Warner and Kim Steggles

Sleep routine must be established



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Warner and Steggles present
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and Toddlers"

6:30 to 8 p.m.
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Q. My friend's 6-month old baby "sleeps through the night" and my baby, who is almost 6 months old, still wakes during the night to eat. Why is my baby still waking for her feeding?

A. Babies usually start to sleep 8-13 hours a night by the time they are 6 to 8 months old. "Sleeping through the night" may mean midnight to 5 a.m. or for eight hours or more. There is much variability in sleep patterns in children at this age. Discuss with your pediatrician what's best for your baby in determining if your baby is ready to miss night feeding.

Q. When should I start with my newborn?

A. The American Academy of Pediatrics and most sleep experts recommend parents establish firm sleep routines at 4 to 6 months old.

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

A. It's hard to "wait it out" when a child is screaming at 1 a.m. But to end the crying, you must change the response your daughter is getting from her outburst — summoning mom or dad immediately. The crying may get worse before it gets better

as she realizes there is no immediate response. Typically, the crying eventually decreases and then ceases. If you find after following the plan for several days, the crying has not decreased, you may want to pick up a book that addresses childhood sleep issues. At the March 7 presentation (details follow), several options are discussed for you to determine which works best for your family.

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

A. First, think about shortening or fading out the nap. Second, sleep hygiene, behaviors and environmental factors preceding sleep and may interfere with sleep, is incredibly important. Details on sleep hygiene is discussed at the March 7 presentation.

The Beaumont's HOPE Center, Center for Human Development, Beaumont Children's Hospital, provides hands-on parent ed-

Warner, Ph.D., director, HOPE Center, Center for Human Development, Beaumont Children's Hospital, is a licensed psychologist. She can be reached at (248) 691-4774.

Steggles, M.A., received her master's degree in counseling and is a Beaumont Parenting program coordinator working with first-time parents, specializing in postpartum depression, anxieties and adjustments with individuals and marital therapy. She can be reached at ksteggles@beaumont.edu.

The Family Center, a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization, serves as the community's centralized hub for information, resources and referral for families and professionals.

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The LaLonde family, from left, Daniel, Mary Jane, Tom, Kathryn and Andrew.

Fontbonne gala raises money for St. John pediatric services

The 2011 White Christmas ball, "Starry, Starry Night," raised \$90,000 for St. John Hospital and Medical Center's digital echo cardiography reporting system in the pediatric cardiology services. The equipment is used to evaluate the heart chambers of patients from birth to 21 years of age in a timely manner.

The annual event is sponsored by Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

Chairman of the hospital's cardio department Tom LaLonde M.D., and his wife, Mary Jane, were honorary chairs of the ball held at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Music was provided by Persuasion and the



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From left, Nick Relich M.D., Wendy Koster Relich, Nashwa and Hadi Sawaf M.D.

Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences choir.

The Fontbonne Auxiliary emphasized "Believe in the Spirit of Detroit," as part of the

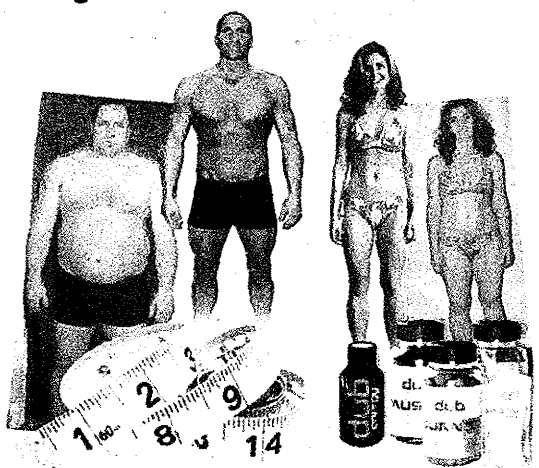
evening and Detroit's First Lady Yvette Bing served as honorary celebrity chairwoman. She serves on two hospital board committees.



Celebration tea

Services for Older Citizens hosts a tea from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, March 8, at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms. The cost is \$5. For reservations, call (313) 882-9600. Pictured are February tea participants.

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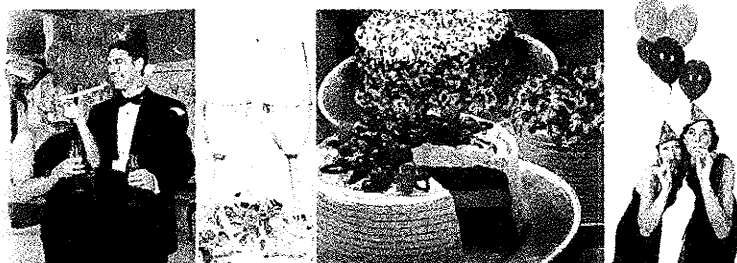


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ENTERTAINMENT

Yesterday's Headlines

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

1962

50 years ago this week

♦ **WOODS PLANS TO IMPROVE ITS LIGHTING:** More than a million dollars will be spent by the Woods and Detroit Edison over a period of seven years to install ornamental street lights throughout the Woods.

The brunt of the cost of installation will be borne by Edison, \$900,000; the Woods will expend \$125,000.

♦ **MRS. ROMNEY WILL SPEAK AT WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** The annual World Day of Prayer Service will be observed by Protestant women of the Grosse Pointe area on Friday, March 9, at the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church. Mrs. George Romney will be the speaker this year at the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church. Mrs. Romney is promi-



FROM THE MARCH 1, 1962, ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1962: Busing

This vintage limousine transported students to and from Liggett School in the good old days before World War I when the new building on Burns Avenue in the Indian Village was still in the country. Right to left, Ross Wilkins, Elizabeth Wilkins Livingston and Phoebe Bennett Sleeper are identified, but the other young ladies are a mystery. Liggett today is in the midst of a campaign to raise \$1,783,000 and move the school to Grosse Pointe Woods where school buses will again unload a new generation of students.

nent in civic and church affairs. She is on the National Advisory Board of the American Field Service, General Chairman of the

Metropolitan Opera Season in Detroit and has a class of teenagers in Sunday School.

♦ **DEPARTING PASTOR TREATED TO UNFORTUNATE SEND-OFF:** The Rev. Fr. John S. Kamelakis, 51, of Grosse Pointe Woods, who is leaving for a new parish assignment today, has been the victim of two unfortunate incidents. He suffered a broken wrist and his home was burglarized.

Fr. Kamelakis, who has been pastor of Assumption Greek Orthodox Church on Charlevoix in Detroit, was leaving the church Friday night to go home when he slipped on the ice and broke his wrist.

On Sunday, while he, his wife and their daughter were at the Latin Quarter attending a farewell dinner given by his parishioners, a thief broke into their house.

1987

25 years ago this week

♦ **JUDGE SEEKS PAY INCREASE:** The Grosse Pointe Park municipal judge has threatened to sue the city for more pay. City attorney Herold McC. Deason told the council that Judge Beverly Grobbel told him she would "litigate the issue in court" if the council did not give her an answer to a request she made more than a month ago.

Grobbel, who is paid \$6,000 a year to conduct court proceedings one day a week, told Mayor Palmer Heenan that an increasing case load has forced her to work more hours.

— Compiled by Karen Fontanive

PEACE CORPS: Teaching English to Ukrainians

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other PCVs.

Together, the 400 PVCs in Ukraine exchange experiences about the culture in which they live.

"One of my English teaching colleagues at school goes home to her family, (with) a newly-remodeled kitchen and Internet, but also an out-house."

There are other anomalies such as transportation. Klacza can travel by bus to the city and the bus will pass horse-drawn sleighs in the winter. The children watch television but hoe the fields. Some restaurants sell both pizza and sushi.

"I find the cultural influences interesting," he said. "My students listen to Eminem, Rihanna, play with anime-themed toys, watch WWF wrestling and American sports and use the Russian equivalent of Facebook on their phones during breaks between lessons at a school that didn't have indoor toilets a year ago."

And there are a multitude of holidays to observe.

"I was surprised by all the holidays they celebrate," Klacza wrote. "Ukraine is primarily Orthodox Catholic so they celebrate St. Nicholas Day on Dec. 18, New Year, Christmas on Jan. 7 and Old New Year on Jan. 14. They also have Women's Day in March, Teachers Day in October and two days off for Labor Day and then Victory Day in May."

In addition to these, they also celebrate assorted saints days and Easter. Celebrations involve visiting or hosting family and friends with lots of food and toasts and alcohol."

Common foods found in the Ukraine include borsch, holubtsi, pierogis, and potato dishes.



Blooming flowers in the village where Peace Corps volunteer Andrew Klacza is teaching English to children from ages 8 to 16.

Klacza described borsch as a "delicious red beet soup with meat and lots of spices, served with sour cream. Holubtsi is either stuffed cabbage or peppers. Pierogis are

dumplings filled with potatoes and cabbage."

"There are also many potato dishes since every family in the village grows their own potatoes," he said.

In his nearly two years in the Ukraine, Klacza has become fond of nalesniki, or crepes.

"To make it, you start with a thin batter, like pancakes, which is then fried and filled with applesauce, fruit or cheese but I also like them with Nutella and peanut butter," he said. "I have a lot of time to cook."

Rather than a culinary background, Klacza graduated from Loyola University Chicago with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, majoring in finance and accounting. He said he learned about Peace Corps in conversations with his neighbors, who had served in Africa.

He joined in September 2010, with the support of his parents and friends, to get life experiences, travel and get more perspective on life.

He said he will be coming back to Grosse Pointe when his commitment is complete because "I miss my friends and family, as well as the culinary variety of the States."

His laptop, being his lifesaver, keeps him in contact with them and the stories he will have to tell.

"I miss quality American customer service," he said. "Shop keepers are often on the phone or anywhere but behind the counter patiently to serve you. I've often found exactly what I want to buy at the bazaar but had to wait to find someone to sell it to me."

This is one example of how Klacza is fulfilling two goals set when joining the Peace Corps — getting a different perspective on life and new life experiences.

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CHURCH EVENTS

Star of the Sea

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church offers a Lenten journey, "Genesis," Thursday, March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. Evenings begin with a 6

p.m. fellowship, followed by a 6:30 p.m. dinner and a video at 7:30 p.m. Discussion follows from 8 to 9 p.m. The video, "Catholicism," a history of

the church, narrated by the Rev. Robert Barron, along with Scripture study and discussion, help attendees take a fresh look at faith and how it is connected to all

aspects of life.

Suggested dinner donation is \$8. Free child care is offered.

For dinner reservations, call (313) 884-5554 or e-mail GenesisofFaith@comcast.net.

Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's ecumenical breakfast begins with coffee at 6:45 a.m. Friday, March 2, at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

A buffet breakfast is served at 7:15 a.m. followed by the speaker, retired music director Fred DeHaven. He leads hymn singing at 7:45 a.m. The event ends at 8:15 a.m.

Men of all faiths can attend.

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

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus fish dinner is from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 2, at St. Paul on the Lake school cafeteria. Adult admission is \$12 and children, 7 to 15, pay \$6. Tickets are available at the door. Proceeds benefit the organization's charities. For more information, call Kurt Schmidt at (586) 879-8598.

Christ Church



Imposition of ashes

The Rev. Andy MacBeth, left, Christ Church Grosse Pointe interim rector, visited businesses offering ashes to those they met Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22. "Very few people declined our offer," MacBeth said, including U.S. Postal Service letter carrier Ken Snadon.

Christ Church Grosse Pointe's Men and Girls choir sings at the 4:30 p.m. Evensong service Sunday, March 4.

The church is located at 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ The Rev. David Dieter, senior associate rector, leads a discussion on Marcus Borg's book, "The Last Week," at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, and Tuesday, March 13.

An information service of Holy Eucharist is at 5:30 p.m. followed by a 6 p.m. soup supper.

Borg speaks on Friday, March 16 and Saturday, March 17. His book is

available at the church office.

The series is free and the public can attend.

St. Clare

St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church hosts the Lenten mission, "Naming Spirituality for a Secular Society," at 7 p.m. Monday, March 5, through Wednesday March 7 at the church.

The Rev. Robert Dueweke leads the sessions to which the public can attend.

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PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Fred Harms

How much is your church worth?

If the church burned down tomorrow, would you give \$10,000 to help replace it? A professional fundraiser posed that question to one of the longtime members of the congregation. The woman thought a moment about the church that had meant so much to her over the years. She remembered the numerous life-changing events that had occurred at the church: her wedding, a Bible study she had participated in for many years, the baptisms of her children, vacation Bible schools, potluck dinners, candle-light Christmas Eve services, youth group events, Lenten mid-week suppers, the Easter sunrise services and finally the death of her husband.

"Ten thousand dollars to help to replace the church," she said. "Of course, I'd give it!"

"Well, the church will probably not burn down tomorrow," admitted the fundraiser. "But it still needs your committed and faithful support to remain vital and strong."

The woman wrote the check to her church without hesitation.

How much is your church worth?

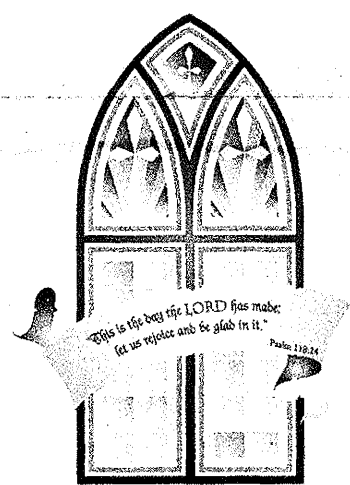
There are so many aspects of ministry that have far-reaching consequences.

What is the dollar value that introduces a family to an important milestone, such as first communion, to be celebrated in their faith journey? Can we measure the impact of a Bible camp experience, a vacation Bible school and Sunday school that introduces Jesus to a youth or the spiritual growth that takes place in confirmation, youth gatherings and mission trips? What about a counseling session that saves a marriage or a life?

How about the impact of a pastor's discretionary fund gift that avoids a congregational member from being evicted from their house or having their electricity turned off in the winter?

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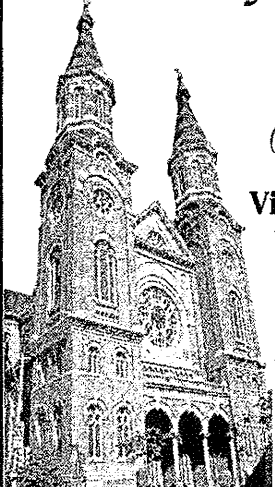
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ENTERTAINMENT

'Moonlight and Magnolias' opens March 11

Grosse Pointe Theatre presents "Moonlight and Magnolias," opening at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 11.

Three weeks into shooting, producer David O. Selznick believes his film is not working. He fires director George Cukor, pulls director Victor Fleming off "The Wizard of Oz" and hires script doctor Ben Hecht to rewrite the screenplay. Locked in Selznick's office, they have five days to complete this daunting task. A fast-paced, hilarious, "behind the scenes" glimpse into 1939 Hollywood is based on the true story of the rewrite of the award-winning film.

Other performances are at 8 p.m. March 15 to 17 and March 22 to 24 and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 18 in the Fries Auditorium of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets are \$18. Group rates are available. For tickets and information, call (313) 881-4004 or visit



PHOTO BY DALE PEGG

From left, Ron Bernas as Hollywood film producer David O. Selznick, Cynthia Lambert-Nehr as his secretary, Mrs. Poppengul, Dennis Martell as film director Victor Fleming and, seated, Kevin Fitzhenry as Ben Hecht in the comedy "Moonlight and Magnolias."

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Michael Trudel of Grosse Pointe Park directs the comedy with Ron Bernas of Grosse Pointe Woods as David O. Selznick; Dennis Martell of Livonia as Victor Fleming; Kevin Fitzhenry of Warren as Ben Hecht;

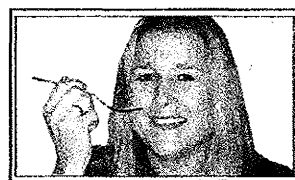
and Cynthia Lambert-Nehr of Grosse Pointe Woods as Mrs. Poppengul.

The theater's 64th season wraps up with "Hairspray," May 6, 9 to 13 and 17 to 20. Tickets are \$24.

Grosse Pointe Theatre's Youth on Stage performs "The Sleeping Beauty" and "The Love for Three Oranges" at 2 p.m. March 31 and April 1, in Fries Auditorium. Adult tickets cost \$10 and student tickets are \$5.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Still time to enjoy homemade soup



Soup season is still upon us so why not whip up a pot of homemade pasta e fagioli (fa SHOH lee)?

This Italian bean soup usually calls for meat, but I'm going vegetarian. This is a perfect recipe for first time soup makers.

Vegetarian Pasta e Fagioli

1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
2 cups chopped onion
3 tablespoons chopped garlic
1 cup chopped fresh parsley (packed)
4 15 oz. cans northern



PHOTO BY VIRGINIA O. MCCOY

There is still time this season to enjoy soup.

beans (with juice)
3 15 oz. cans vegetable broth
1 15 oz. can diced tomatoes (with juice)
1 cup dried ditalini pasta
1 cup grated pecorino Romano or Parmesan cheese
salt and pepper to

taste

Heat olive oil in a large heavy pot over medium heat. Add onions and cook for 10 minutes or so. Add garlic and parsley and continue to cook for a few minutes.

Add beans, vegetable broth and tomatoes and bring mixture to a boil, stirring often. Lower heat to a simmer and stir in pasta.

Cover and simmer for 10 minutes or so. Stir in cheese, just a little bit at a time so it doesn't clump.

Cover and simmer for another 20 minutes or so.

Taste and season with salt and fresh pepper.

Ladle this simple, yet flavorful, soup into bowls and garnish with crusty bread or crackers.

You'll want to freeze some of this good-for-you soup for another time. When reheating, you may want to add vegetable broth if the soup has thickened.

If you have other fresh herbs, such as basil, on hand, go ahead and stir them in.

EVENTS: Music, concert

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St. Paul

Captive Free, a four-member relational music ministry team sponsored by Youth Encounter, performs for high school youth at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday, March 10.

All high school aged youth can attend for an evening of high energy Christian music and personal sharing.

The group leads worship at 9 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday, March 11, and an intergenerational puppet show at 10:30 a.m.

The public can attend. The church is located at 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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For more information, call Judy Sheehy at (313) 886-7534.

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WORTH: Church's value?

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vices with outstanding music, liturgies and sermons to inspire.

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

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Local teams feel the heat with playoffs approaching PAGE 2C

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SWIMMING

North impressive, but South wins

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Host Grosse Pointe North made a big splash at last weekend's Area Conference Red Division swimming and diving championship meet.

However, it was Grosse Pointe South that won the title in one of the tightest finishes in several years.

Grosse Pointe South won with 297 points, followed by Chippewa Valley with 287, Macomb Dakota with 241, Grosse Pointe North with 200 and Romeo with 178.

Below is a breakdown of every event and the top finishes by North and South competitors under head coaches Eric Gunderson and Mike O'Connor, respectively.

In the 200-yard medley relay, North's team of junior Matthew Leone, senior Christian Mellos, senior Justin Rakowicz and senior Peter Shea set a MAC and varsity record, winning with a time of 1:38.75.

South's foursome of sophomore Patrick Jackson, senior Luke Hessburg, freshman Devlin Francis and sophomore John Martin took second at 1:39.01.

Rakowicz also set a



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

South swimmers, shown in the meet against North earlier in the season, from left, Patrick Jackson, Luke Hessburg, Nick Yoo, Devlin Francis, Frank Cusumano, Zach Due, Sam Wilkinson and John Martin, swam well in the MAC Red Division championship meet.

MAC and varsity record in the 200-yard freestyle when he won it with a time of 1:44.43, while South sophomore Nicholas Yoo and junior C.J. Stafford took third and sixth with times of 1:47.56 and 1:58.21.

In the third event, the 200-yard individual medley, Mellos, the meet's most valuable swimmer, made it three straight events in which the Norsemen set MAC and varsity records. This time, he set the mark with a time of 1:57.44, just ahead of South's

Hessburg and his second-place time of 1:59.59.

Helping South win the meet was taking three of the top six spots in the 50-yard freestyle.

Francis was second with a time of 22.81, while Martin was fourth and junior Frank Cusumano sixth with times of 22.89 and 23.64.

South senior Ben Cornillie won the diving competition with 317.50 points and teammates Josh Trempus and Matthew Eshenburg took fifth and eighth with 241.30 and 211.05 points.

North's Duncan MacAskill was fourth with 256.65 points.

The Blue Devils took first and second in the 100-yard butterfly with Jackson and Yoo posting times of 53.12 and 54.12. Jackson set a MAC record with his swim.

Francis was fifth with a time of 56.73 to help the Blue Devils once again have three of the top six finishers in an event.

Martin was the lone top-six placer for either South or North in the 100-yard freestyle. He was fourth with a time of

51.20.

In the 500-yard freestyle, Rakowicz set another MAC and varsity record, winning with a time of 4:40.47, and teammate Shea was second at 4:59.98. Stafford for South placed fifth with a time of 5:22.65.

South's team of Yoo, Cusumano, Stafford and Martin placed third in the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 1:33.91, and North's squad of sophomore Patrick Turnbull, freshman Graham Eger, freshman Michael Jansenn and

sophomore A.J. Owens was fifth with a time of 1:40.81.

South's Jackson won the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 55.72 and North's Mellos came back to set a MAC and varsity record in the 100-yard breaststroke, winning with a time of 58.46.

Another top six finisher in the breaststroke was South's Hessburg, taking second with a time of 59.34.

In the final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay, North's Rakowicz, Shea, Leone and Mellos won with a time of 3:19.21, and South's group of Francis, Jackson, Hessburg and Yoo placed third with a time of 3:21.05.

South's competitors in the B finals of the non-diving events were William Boyce, Jacob Bucior, Jonathan Griffin, James Seagram, Zachary Due, Tyler Leggat, Samuel Wilkinson, Jack Chase, Chris Montague, Khaled Elbadawi and Andrew Harrison.

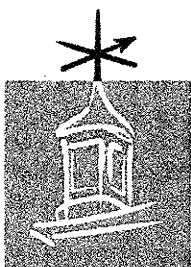
North's competitors in the B finals of the non-diving events were Robert Nesom, Jacob Flowers, John Leone, Michael Rieth, MacAskill, Turnbull, Matthew Leone, Owens and Dan Santalucia.

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SPORTS

Girls basketball

LIGGETT

Knights begin with blowout

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's girls' basketball team began its state playoff run Monday evening, beating Harper Woods Heart Academy 67-16.

The Knights led 24-5 after the first quarter and 52-7 at the half.

Head coach Joe LaMagno's squad was never challenged in the Class C district first-round game at Mount Clemens High School.

The Knights forced 17 turnovers and passed for 20 assists on their 31 baskets.

Sophomore Bre Andrews led the way with 13 points, followed by senior Madison Ristovski with 12, junior Haleigh Ristovski with 10, sophomore Lia Evangelista with six, freshman Lola Ristovski with six, freshman Jessica Rotzoll with six, senior Andriana

Evangelista with four, junior Julia DeRoo with four, freshman Haley Neuenfeldt with four and junior Amber Baldwin with two.

The Knights finished their regular season with a split.

They beat Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest 66-13 as Madison Ristovski had 15 points and senior Andriana Evangelista had 13.

The Knights finished a second straight season without a loss in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

They also played a non-conference home tilt against Detroit Mumford, losing 54-53.

Madison Ristovski had 21 points and Lola Ristovski added 19, but it wasn't enough to prevent a defeat.

Liggett finished 12-0 in the MIAC and improved to 17-4 overall.



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Senior Andriana Evangelista, with ball, had a solid game, scoring 13 points in the Knights' final MIAC game of the season.

Boys basketball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen finish strong

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North wrapped up its division slate last week, beating Eastpointe East Detroit 55-41.

It was the Norsemen's best game in a few weeks.

"I told the seniors this might be their last chance to play on their home court, so they had to put it all on the court and get it done," head coach Matt Lockhart said.

The visiting Shamrocks had 15 first-quarter points, but Lockhart knew his kids couldn't win a track meet.

The Norsemen held the Shamrocks to only four second-quarter points and five in the third, while the offense got on track, scoring 14 points in the second and 12 in the third to build a 38-24 lead.

The third-quarter run was propelled by senior Jamal Williams' dunk and senior Clark Ditzhazy's triple from the corner.

The team's traded baskets throughout the fourth quarter and the home team was able to run out a majority of the final two minutes with a spread offense.

Lockhart called timeout with a little more than 30

seconds in the game and gave each of his seniors a hug when they came out of the game.

Ditzhazy led the way with 15 points and senior Dondre Young was also in double figures, scoring 10 points.

Williams finished with seven points, followed by seniors Will Ritchie and Adam Andrzejczak with six points, senior Derrick Morris with four and sophomore Ricky Watson with three.

Watson's only basket of the game came at the end of the first half and gave the Norsemen a 26-19 lead, along with all the momentum.

North finished tied for third with East Detroit in the Macomb Area Conference White Division at 7-5.

In other action last week, North lost 44-42 to host L'Anse Creuse North.

The Norsemen led 10-9 after the opening quarter and 22-16 at the half. However, they couldn't keep the momentum in their favor and the host Crusaders outscored the Norsemen 28-20 in the second half.

Morris and Ritchie each scored 11 points as Grosse Pointe North fell to 10-9 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Co-champs

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Kevin Richards knew his Grosse Pointe South girls' basketball team had to come out and prove the previous game, a loss to Cousino, wasn't going to happen again.

The Blue Devils traveled to St. Clair with a goal of winning the game and clinching a share of the Macomb Area Conference White Division crown.

"We didn't play well against Cousino, but we knew we had to come out and play well," Richards said. "We did play very well, especially rebounding the basketball. We got it done with a nice win at St. Clair."

The Blue Devils were all business, grabbing a 17-5 first-quarter lead that grew to 35-20 at halftime.

In the end, South won 55-40, finishing the regular season 17-3 overall and 11-1 in the MAC White Division. It is the fourth straight season the Blue Devils have won or

shared a division championship.

After a one-game hiatus, the Blue Devils found their mojo as senior Caitlin Moore had 13 points and junior Claire DeBoer had a double-double, scoring 21 points and grabbing 17 rebounds.

"We had 23 offensive rebounds and Claire had 11 of those," Richards said. "We pounded the paint and had success against a very big St. Clair team. It was nice to come back with a nice win."

Junior Gretchen Shirar had seven points and the freshmen duo of Cierra Rice (eight points) and Aliezza Brown (four points) chipped in to play a pivotal role in the victory.

With the regular season in the books, Richards' attention is on the state playoffs. Their first game just happens to be a district semifinal at archrival Grosse Pointe North.

South ended a long drought against North, beating them in overtime earlier this season.

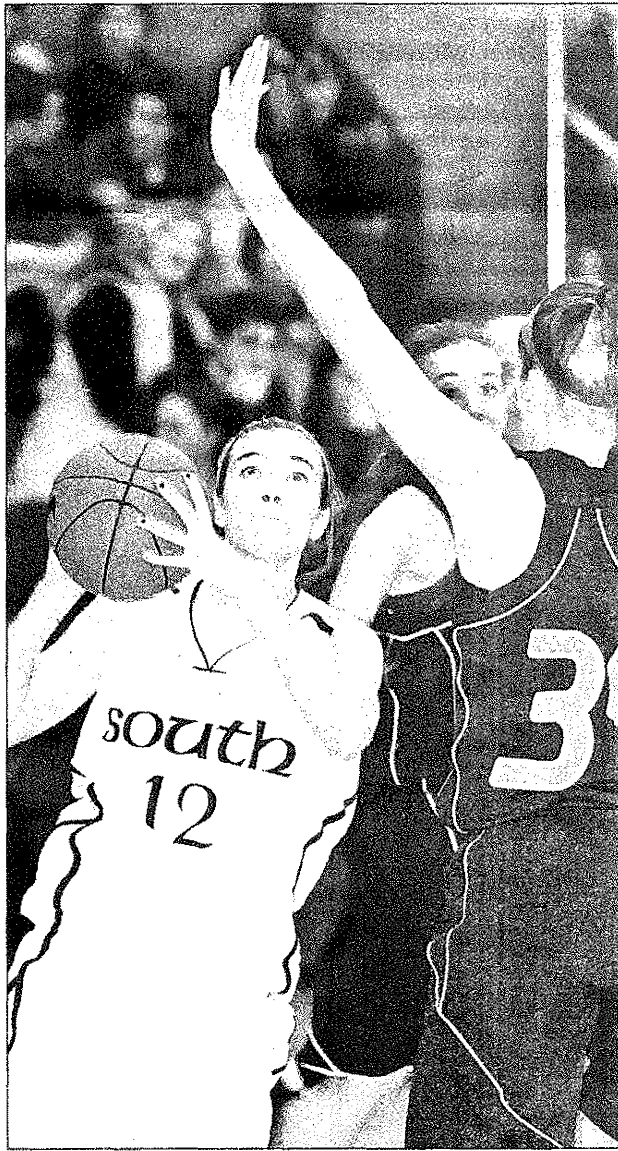


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South senior Caitlin Moore, left, teamed with junior Claire DeBoer to score 34 points as the Blue Devils clinched a division co-championship.

LIGGETT

Big victory

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

The University Liggett's boys' basketball team is young.

With only one senior on the squad, this inexperience is expected to lead to inconsistency and spotty play — and for part of the season such was the case.

Lately, however, this young and inexperienced team is showing the poise of a mature club, evident in the team's 58-53 victory last week over Lutheran Northwest.

Down by two points heading into the final quarter, the Knights remained calm and collected and the result was a 10-0 run to start the fourth quarter. The spark that ignited this spurt was undoubtedly on the defensive end of the court.

"It makes me extremely happy to see what I saw in the fourth quarter," head coach Sidney Johnson said. "That's the

level of defense we need to play if we are going to do well in the state tournament."

Junior Eric Ewing paced Liggett with 20 points, but junior Andrew Zinkel's basket in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter — put the Knights up, 44-43, and brought the gym to its feet.

The Crusaders fought back late in the fourth quarter, closing the Liggett lead to four points in the final minute of play, 57-53, but another defensive stand from the Knights dashed any hopes of a comeback victory for Lutheran Northwest.

In other action last week, Liggett lost 58-40 to Detroit Cass Tech and 61-57 to Auburn Hills Oakland Christian.

Liggett finished the regular season 9-5 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and is 10-8 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen earn big road win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' basketball team ended a three-game losing streak last week, beating host L'Anse Creuse North 53-42.

The Lancers won the Macomb Area Conference Gold Division with a 10-2 mark and got off to a strong start, leading the Norsemen 15-8.

The Norsemen used a quick 12-4 run to take a 20-19 lead, but the home team regrouped to lead 23-22 at the half.

"Our defensive pressure was better in the latter parts of the first half

and throughout the second half," head coach Gary Bennett said.

The game was tied at 28 midway through the third quarter before the Norsemen used a 10-4 run to take a 38-32 lead into the final period.

The Norsemen's defense turned up the pressure, forcing the Crusaders into 23 turnovers, including several in the opening few minutes of the fourth quarter when they took control.

The lead grew to double digits as junior Taryn Kiah and sophomore Maria Liddane paved the way on the offensive end.



PHOTO BY KAYLEE DALL

North sophomore Maria Liddane, No. 14, played well on both ends of the court, helping the Norsemen win a big road game against L'Anse Creuse North.

Liddane and Kiah led the offense, scoring 17 and 16 points, respectively. Juniors Stavi Varlamos and Emily Armbruster had six points apiece.

Earlier in the week, the losing streak hit three with a 44-35 loss to

Romeo.

Kiah had 21 points and Liddane eight in the Norsemen's final division game of the season.

North finished the regular season 7-5, third place, in the MAC Red Division, and 9-11 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Struggles persist

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' basketball team ended its regular season with a thud last weekend, losing 66-52 to host Warren Mott.

Head coach Dave Grauzer had his team ready to play and they responded by winning the first quarter 18-14.

After that, the Marauders took charge, outscoring the Blue Devils 16-10 in the second quarter, 18-11 in the third and 18-13 in the final period.

The Blue Devils turned the ball over 15 times and was out-rebounded by a 2-to-1 margin.

Seniors Kevin Reck and Tim Kramer managed to

score in double figures, netting 14 and 10 points, respectively. Kramer also had a double-double, grabbing 10 rebounds.

Seniors Matt Temrowski and Joe Srebernak each had eight points, while four players each hit one basket as junior Josh Mays, sophomore Jabari Burton, sophomore Darius Harris and junior Ethan Duffield made one three-pointer.

Earlier in the week, South ended its Macomb Area Conference White Division schedule with a 43-38 loss at Port Huron Northern.

With the losses, South's losing streak hit eight games to end the regular season 2-10 in the MAC White Division and 5-15 overall.

Hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH BOYS



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Senior power

Grosse Pointe South's boys' hockey team celebrated senior night last weekend, beating U-D Jesuit 4-3. Taking part in senior night for the Blue Devils were, kneeling from left, Andrew Addy, Geoffrey Welshe, Sam Hartman, Wes Cimmarrusti, C.J. Schebil, Cam Gibson, Austin Jones, Nolan Monforton and Marty Moesta. Back row are parents, from left, Debbie and Chris Addy; Geoff and Eva Welshe; Randy and Michelle Hartman; Tony and Martha Cimmarrusti; Jim and Carol Schebil; Joanne Gibson; Anne Jones; Paul and Marty Monforton; and Bob and Julie Moesta. Scoring goals for the Blue Devils were Addy (two), Cimmarrusti and Andrew Hyde (game-winner). In other action last week, South crushed Southgate Anderson 8-1, finishing the regular season 12-0-1 in the Michigan Metro Hockey League and 18-5-1 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

North nets easy win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It's turned into a playoff ritual in Division 1, St. Clair Shores Unified hosting Grosse Pointe North on the opening night at Civic Arena.

The Lakers have stunned the Norsemen before, but on Monday night it was all Norsemen in an 8-0 mercy victory.

"They were ready at the drop of the puck," North head coach Scott Lock said. "We were ready to play tonight after a couple of nice days of practice."

SCS head coach Rus DiCristafaro's squad was a step slow from the drop of the puck and it showed when the Norsemen jumped out to a 1-0 lead when junior Jack Stander scored a short-handed goal at the 11:47 mark of the first period.

Junior Brad Werenski had the lone assist.

North senior J.P. Lucchese scored an even-strength goal at the 4:39 mark with Stander and senior Anthony Saleh drawing assists and it was 3-0 when Lucchese's harmless shot found its way behind Lakers All-League goaltender, senior Joseph Sedrowski.

The Norsemen out-shot the Lakers 13-5 in the opening period and had a 3-0 lead on the scoreboard, including two short-handed tallies.

DiCristafaro's squad outplayed the Norsemen in the second period, but junior Anthony Allemon scored a power-play goal at the 2:47 mark to give the visitors a commanding 4-0 advantage.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

North senior Julian Quinlan had an assist in the Norsmen's playoff-opening 8-0 win over St. Clair Shores Unified.

Werenski and senior Joe Giordano had assists.

Junior Nick Rahaim scored early in the third period with junior Jeff Herron assisting. After the goal at the 13:19 mark, DiCristafaro changed goalies, putting in sophomore Martin Munn.

Stander greeted Munn with a goal at the 12:15 mark with senior Julian Quinlan drawing an assist and at the 5:32 mark, junior Brendan Keelan scored a power-play goal to make it a 7-0 game. Lucchese and Giordano assisted.

The game ended by the eight-goal mercy rule

when Giordano blated a slap-shot from 10-feet in front of Munn with 1:59 left in the game.

"We haven't had a game like this in a while, so it felt good to watch the guys play so well," Lock said.

The Norsemen out-shot the Lakers 34-18 as senior goalie Chip Wujek earned the win, stopping all 18 shots.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 11-14 overall and St. Clair Shores finished its season 14-7-4.

In other action last week, North finished its

regular season with division games against Birmingham Brother Rice and Port Huron Northern.

The Norsemen lost 7-3 to Brother Rice, runner-up in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League.

Stander scored twice and Lucchese once.

Against PHN, a 5-1 win, Giordano, senior Joe Aluia, Saleh, junior David Chavis and senior Alphonse Nepi scored, while Wujek stopped 25-of-26 shots to post the win.

LIGGETT

Knights' playoff prep

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's boys' hockey team put its game in high gear, scoring six second-period goals in last week's 8-0 mercy win over Port Huron.

Junior Manny Counsman got the host Knights off to a quick start, scoring a goal 13 seconds into the first period. Sophomores Lordanthony Grissom and Anthony Giorgio assisted.

The pace of the game slowed after the initial goal and it took until the end of the period when senior David Gushee scored a power-play tally with 1:41 left. Seniors Austin Petitpren and Jake Hodges had assists.

Head coach Robb McIntyre got his message across during the first intermission. His players came out on fire in the explosive second period.

Gushee scored two more goals to record the hat trick and junior Jake Soyka had two goals. Other goal scorers were juniors Cameron Marchese and Mark Auk.

Petitpren, Auk, Counsman and freshman Mason Demsey had two assists apiece in the period with freshman Josh Soyka netting one assist.

Freshman Luke Soyka earned the win in net, but faced only eight shots.

The Big Reds had 18 minutes in penalties and the Knights turned that into 2-of-4 in power-play opportunities.

Gushee, Hodges and Petitpren joined fellow seniors Joseph Davenport and Jeff Mott in playing their final regular season game in front of the home fans.

Liggett ended its regu-

lar season losing 3-2 in overtime to Hartland.

The Knights finished 19-3 overall.

Girls' update

Liggett's girls' hockey team had a busy week, playing three games.

Head coach Cassie Jaeckle and her Knights won 2-of-3, beating Walled Lake 1-0 and Livonia Ladywood 4-1, and losing 3-1 to Port Huron.

In the first win, freshman goalie Jenna Pleva played well in net to post the shutout. Offensively, senior Haleigh Bolton scored the only goal.

Jaeckle pointed out junior Emma Bandos and sophomore Anne Grech played well.

In the win over Ladywood, Bolton had two goals and one assist to lead the team. Other goal scorers were senior Haley Smith and sophomore Ania Dow.

Bolton added to her point total, scoring in the loss to Port Huron.

Liggett is battling for playoff position with the state playoffs beginning Monday, March 5.

Liggett is 8-10-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 9-12-2 overall.

Regional action

University Liggett's McCann Arena hosts a boys' Division 3 Region No. 22 championship game at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 3.

The winners of Detroit Country Day pre-regional with Liggett the favorite, and Dearborn Divine Child pre-regional with Divine Child the favorite, meet in the game with the winner advancing to the state quarterfinals.

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YOUTH HOCKEY

Bulldogs pull off district tourney repeat

The Grosse Pointe Bantam A Bulldogs won this year's MAHA District No. 3 tournament Sunday, Feb. 12, at Great Lakes Sports Center, beating the Rochester Rattlers 5-1 in the championship game.

This was the Bulldogs' third district championship in five years (2012, 2011 and 2008).

The Bulldogs entered the tournament ranked No. 3 in the United States by MyHockeyRankings.com but faced some tough competition en route to repeating as district champions.

The Bulldogs first faced the Oakland Jr. Grizzlies. The Grizzlies gave the Bulldogs everything they could handle and after a rough couple of periods, the Bulldogs prevailed 3-1.

The Bulldogs next faced cross-town rival, the St. Clair Shores Saints. The Saints came into the tournament 31-5-3, but it was the Bulldogs who scored first.

Each time the Bulldogs scored, the Saints tied it



PHOTO BY LOUIE THEROS

The Bulldogs are, kneeling from left, Harrison Griffin, Zack Pearson, C.J. Ramsdell, Jonathan Theros, Sam Knoblauch, Logan Jenuwine, Griffin Brooks and Alex Grimm; standing from left, Zack Kaiser, Mac Cimmarrusti, J.P. Navetta, Brett Abdelnour, Marshall Vyletel, Jack Flynn, Harrison Wujek, Mac Welscher and Andrew Tomasi; and the coaches are, from left, Robb McIntyre, Geoff Welscher and Mark Brooks.

up. In the end, the Bulldogs prevailed, 5-3.

Still in the winners bracket, the Bulldogs' next opponent was the Rochester Rattlers. The Bulldogs jumped out to an

early lead and won the game 5-0.

After this win, the Bulldogs had to wait until their next opponent emerged from the loser's bracket. After two

more games, the Rattlers emerged as the Bulldogs' opponent in the finals.

The championship game picked up right where the prior game

ended. The Bulldogs jumped out to a 3-0 lead early in the first; scored the fourth goal with 21 seconds left in the second; and scored the fifth and final goal midway through

the third period.

The Rattlers scored a late power-play goal to make the final score 5-1.

The Bulldogs travel to Midland for the state finals March 9.

SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING

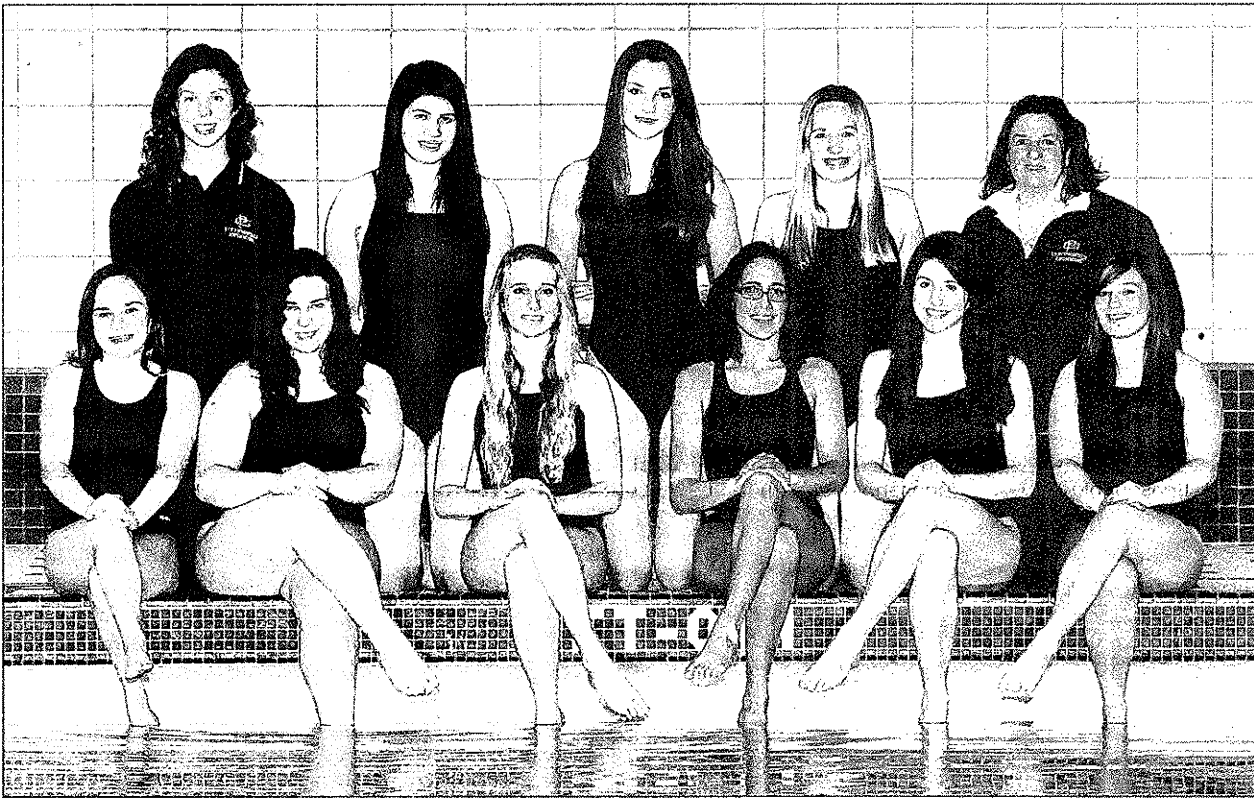


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Ready for the show

The Grosse Pointe Unified synchronized swimming team hosts its annual show at 5 and 7 p.m. Thursday, March 1, at the Grosse Pointe South natatorium. The team is composed of, front row from left, Karyn Schwartz of Grosse Pointe North; Meredith Gilbert of Grosse Pointe South; Kristen Kaled of North; Margaret Judnic of North; Marie Bourke of North; and captain Lauren Martin of South; and back row from left, coach and South english teacher Danielle Peck; Mary Warr of South; Emily Martinbionco of North; Gertie Mulier of South and head coach Robin Hartnett, a 1986 South graduate. They have prepared for this show throughout the winter. Pictured right, three GP United competitors, from left, Martin, Bourke and Kaled, are all smiles after winning the trio competition against Ann Arbor Huron Feb. 16. The state championship meet is Friday, March 2.



GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Giving a hand

Jim Morrow, president of Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Nautical Education Fund, gives a check to Grosse Pointe South Athletic Director Jeremy Hawkins. Also joining the event is Sloane Barbour of the GPYC.

ROWING

Boat club slates annual silent auction

The Friends of Detroit Rowing Silent Auction "Crew" holds its 13th annual silent auction Saturday, March 10, at the Detroit Yacht Club.

"This is a great opportunity to reconnect with old crew mates and coaches or meet members of the current crew, their family and friends and other supporters of the country's first rowing club," event chairperson Lisa Klick said.

Last year's proceeds totaled \$20,000. All proceeds support the Detroit Boat Club Crew and its programs.

Auction items, including tickets to major Detroit area sporting events, weekend cottage vacations, gift certificates to area restaurants, artwork, rowing memorabilia and more is on display throughout the evening.

Bidding on items runs from 6 to 9:30 p.m.

Dinner is provided by the accomplished chefs of the Detroit Yacht Club and feature a choice of three main courses — poached salmon, carved top of beef and bow-tie pasta with roasted vegetables.

Dinner is served at 7 p.m. and cocktail service begins when the doors open at 6 p.m.

To arrange delivery of a donation, contact Barb Seski at bseski@comcast.net, and acknowledgement forms are provided upon receipt. Donation forms are included with the invitation.

Silent auction and dinner invitations are mailed prior to the event. To make sure you're on the mailing list or for more information, contact Klick at (313) 886-8529 or latitudeO@gmail.com. Information can also be found on the website, detroitboatclubcrew.com.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Llorens signs with Duke

Grosse Pointe South senior Jeanette Llorens signed a National Letter-of-Intent to row for Duke University, starting next fall.

Jeanette is a four-year member of the Detroit Boat Club Crew. She is a National Honors Society

member, as well as a member of the GPS Chamber Orchestra.

Llorens was also recruited by Indiana, University of Tennessee, USC, MSU and Notre Dame, but chose Duke because of its elite academic standing.

LIGGETT

Coaches needed

University Liggett School is looking for assistant lacrosse coaches for its youth (Middle School) and boys (High School) lacrosse teams.

"We have experienced coaches at both levels, but need assistant coaches to help with practices and games," ULS Athletic Director Michelle Hicks

said.

The Middle School lacrosse program runs from April 2 to mid-May, and the high school season runs from March 12 to late May.

Playoffs are in June. For more information, contact Hicks at mhicks@uls.org or (313) 884-4444 extension 370.

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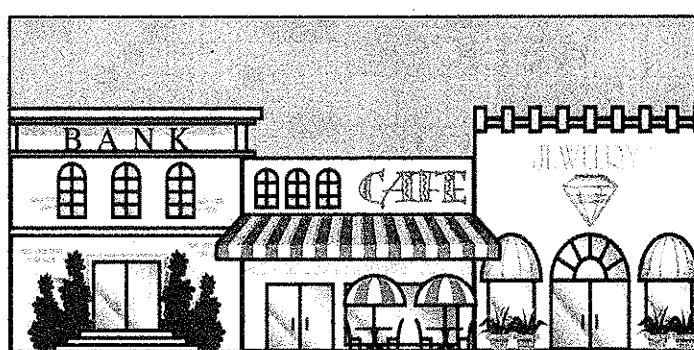
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