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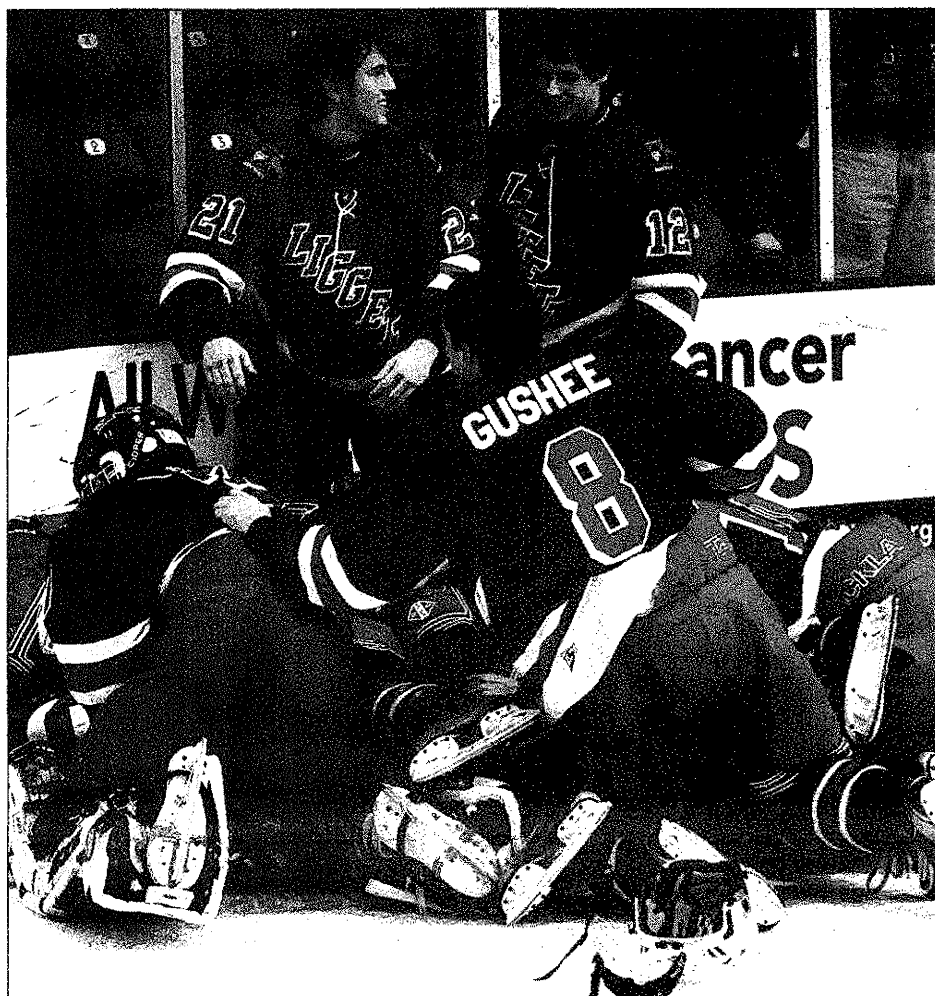


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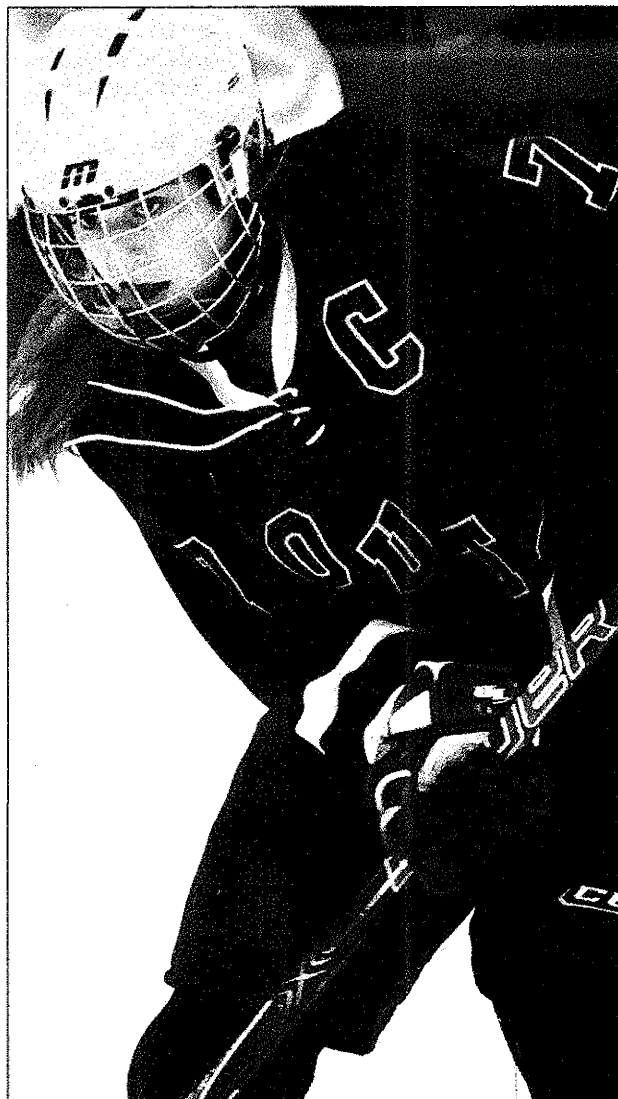
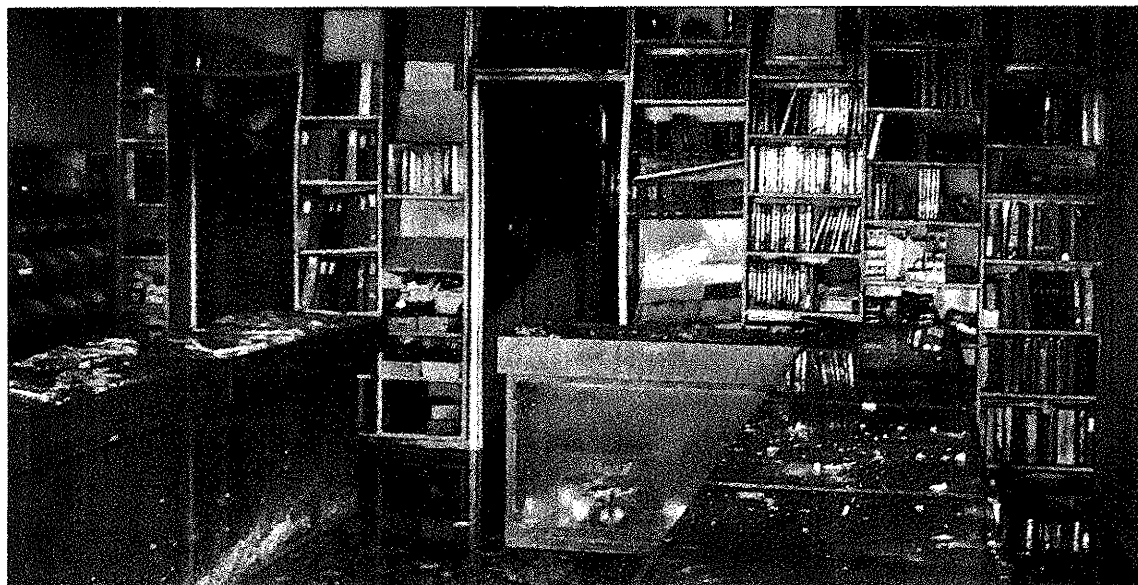


PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

University Liggett hockey players, left, celebrate after beating Houghton 3-0 to win the Division 3 boys hockey state championship last weekend at Compuware Sports Arena. Above, Grosse Pointe South sophomore Tenley Shield cruises up ice during the Blue Devils' girls state championship game against arch rival Grosse Pointe North. See Sports, page C1.



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

The burglar and fire alarms at Coins & Stamps sounded one after the other. Below, Roseville Fire Department dog, Windy, sniffs the gutted store for accelerants.

Fire rated suspicious

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — A three-alarm fire can't lick a rare stamp dealer.

"As soon as we're allowed to get back in the store, I assume we'll start rebuilding that day," said Mike Wroblewski, an owner

of Coins & Stamps in the 17600 block of Mack between Lakeland and University.

The 54-year-old business was ravaged last week in a fire public safety officers rated as suspicious going in.

The store's automatic fire and burglar alarms sounded almost simultaneously a few minutes

after 4 a.m. Wednesday March 7.

"Officers noted there was a broken window upon arrival," said Chief Stephen Poloni.

"The area of (breakage) would be too small for somebody to gain entry," added

See FIRE, page 11A

Wary of dispatch grant

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Council members will deal themselves out of a five-city public safety dispatch center if stakes get too high.

They set the terms this week. Rather than rubber stamp a boilerplate resolution qualifying the Pointes for a state grant for construction of an all-city dispatch center, Farms officials declared their independence.

They passed the resolution only after adding an escape clause:

"(The) Farms' acceptance of the grant and participation in the all-Grosse Pointe dispatch center project shall not be deemed a final commitment to any proposed intergovernmental agreement, nor to the feasibility or participation of any final project that may be proposed.

"Instead, Grosse Pointe Farms retains all decision-making discretion in connection with such matters."

Council members were concerned that getting the grant may

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Pump it up

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The Kerby Road sewage pump station reeks of history.

"There's more to this place than people think," said Dan Chauvin, maintenance foreman at the Grosse Pointe Farms water department.

The 83-year-old building flows with pride.

"It's about always doing a good job," Chauvin said. "We want our facilities to be operated in the best possible manner."

Erected in 1929 — one year after streetcar service ended on Lakeshore, one year before the Punch and Judy Theater opened on the Hill — the station is a contemporary of civic leaders whose names became part of the landscape: Kerby, Mason and Neff.

The structure was designed in consultation with the same engineering firm the Farms uses today.

In the architectural style of the times, whereby designers ordained public works facilities with a dignity approaching reverence, a trinity of

cross-shaped picture windows mark the Kerby Road side of the building. Another fronts Chalfonte.

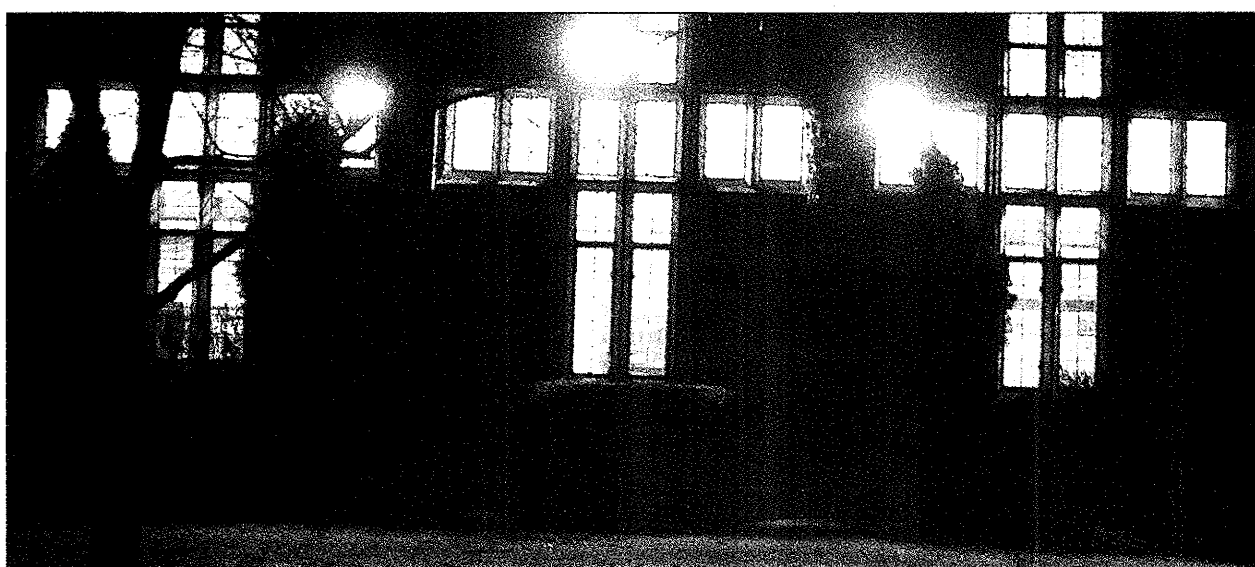
Brick walls support copper gutters, setback windows and a slate roof.

There are three basements. The deepest is 30 feet below grade. They're fashioned and framed by reinforced concrete beams and floors two feet thick. Construction was stout enough to draft the station into Cold War service as a nuclear fallout shelter.

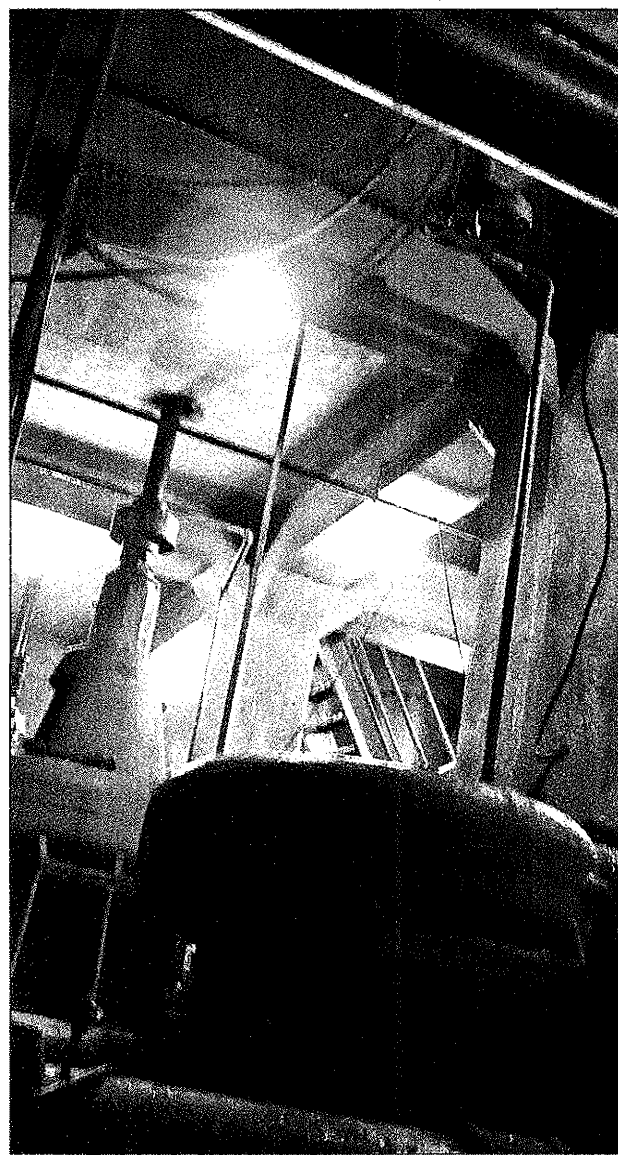
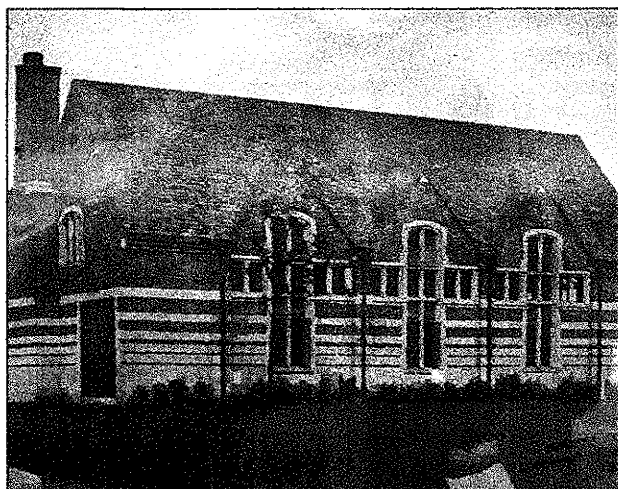
For all its exterior stateliness, interior strength and cleanliness throughout, the plant has a simple function.

"It's a lift station," said Scott Homminga, water superintendent. "It takes sewage from a low level, lifts it about 20 feet to pipes leading to Detroit's wastewater plant for treatment."

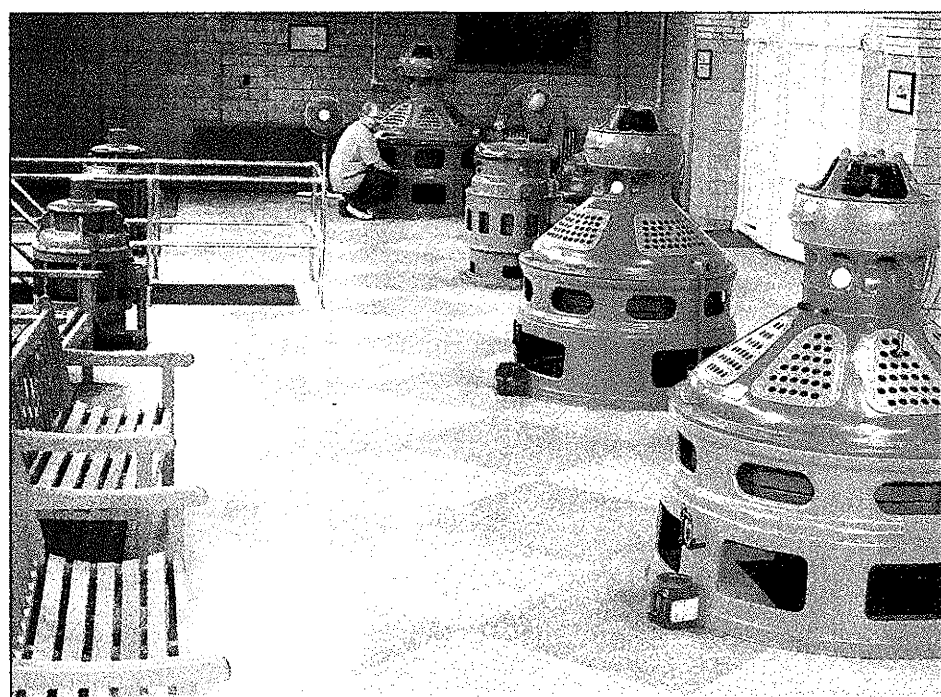
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When built in 1929 at the corner of Kerby Road and Chalfonte, the sewage pump station was designed to meet future needs of a growing community.



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG



Six pumps occupy the station's ground floor.

The third basement is 30 feet under ground.

CORRECTION



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DLA gets bargain on Pointe painting

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

DETROIT — A Detroit art curator spent \$8,000 and saved \$250,000.

"It was a really good moment," said Salvador Salort-Pons, head of the European Art Department at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Salort-Pons came to the DIA in 2008 with an MBA from Southern Methodist University.

Yet, it was art savvy represented by his Ph.D. in art history from the University of Bologna, Italy, that put him on the scent of a 17th century painting few others thought had much value.

The life-size painting, "Saint Peter Repentant," by Juan Valdés Leal, goes on view by summer.

Until then, it remains a project of museum conservators.

"When we bought this painting, it was really dirty," Salort-Pons said. "It needed conservation work."

As dirt, oil and varnish is removed, the formerly dark and dingy image of a weeping St. Peter comes through in bold strokes of bright red contrasted by layered browns and black.

The image is typical of the overt and emotional style of Spanish art.

"You can see details," Salort-Pons said. "The tears are like crystal pearls sliding from his cheeks. Wonderful. You can follow the brush strokes."

That's not how the painting looked in the DuMouchelles Fine Arts Auctioneers catalog for June 2010.

On the sly

Salort-Pons was sifting through the catalog when, 13th on a list of 539 items slated for auction, he saw a small color photograph of an old painting that made him take a closer look.

Listed simply as "Spanish or Italian Old Master oil on canvas, 48" X 73", male saint in supplication prayer: unsigned; unframed, \$1,500 to \$3,000," the work wasn't signed.

"I studied Spanish art in

Madrid," said Salort-Pons, a native of Spain. "I recognized the model in the photograph as a model used by Valdés Leal."

A maximum bid estimate of only \$3,000 added to Salort-Pons' anticipation.

"I went to the auction house, of course, with nobody seeing me," he said.

Lurking through the showroom, trying not to reveal too much interest and with furtive looks at the painting, he figured he was onto something.

"I was not sure if, under all that dirt, we were going to find a painting that was in a good state of conservation," Salort-Pons said.

He asked a DIA conservator for a second opinion.

"He went there and said, after cleaning, it is going to look fantastic," Salort-Pons said.

The auction was a week away.

"On Sunday morning of that week, the (museum) director, chief curator and myself went," Salort-Pons said. "We all sat in different areas. We bid for the painting and got it for \$8,000."

It happens that at the time, auctioneers from Sotheby's were at the DIA helping reassess its painting collection's replacement value for insurance purposes.

"I brought them into conservation and said, 'Look, I found this in storage,'" Salort-Pons said, referring to Valdés' work. "I asked them for the replacement value of the painting. They said between \$250,000 and \$300,000."

The sale was from a Grosse Pointe estate, Salort-Pons said.

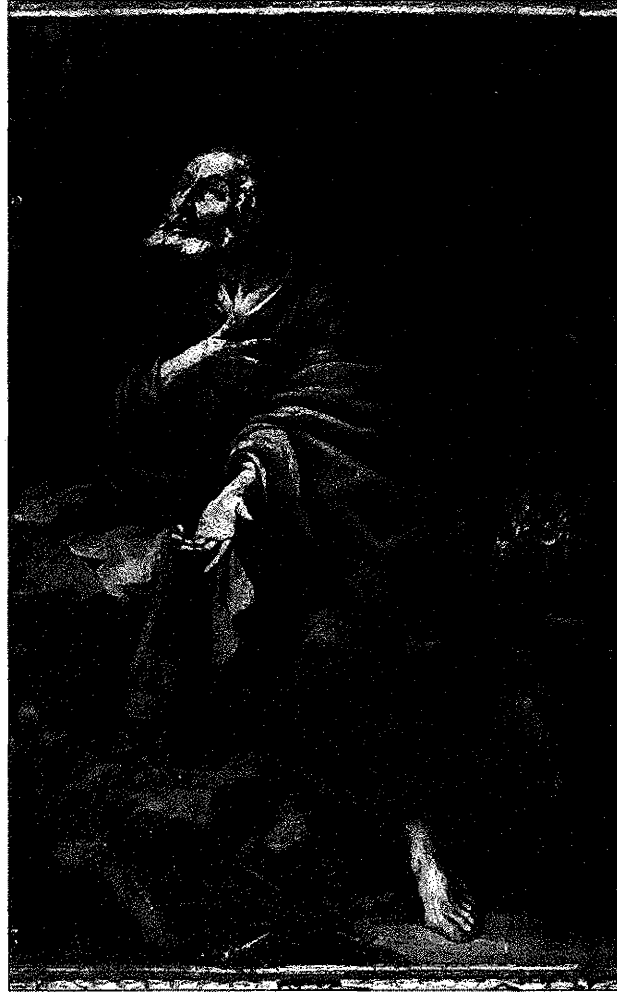
"The auction house has not told me the name, but they told me they would let me know," he said.

Although the painting is unsigned, Salort-Pons is certain it's authentic.

"I'm confident the provenance is perfectly clean and it has been in the United States since the late 19th century," he said.

The artist

Juan Valdés Leal (1622-1690) was born in Seville.



"Saint Peter Repentant," by Juan Valdés Leal, c. 1657, oil on canvas, preconservation treatment, Detroit Institute of Arts.

The city was the fourth largest in Europe during the 17th century and nicknamed "New Rome" because of its architecture.

Wealth flowed to the city. Fleets to the New World set sail from Seville and returned with cargos of riches, including gold.

"The city was basically ruled by the church and the aristocracy," Salort-Pons said.

One way to describe Valdés' style is to contrast it with his Seville contemporary, fellow founder of an art academy and creative rival, Bartolomeo Esteban Murillo.

The comparison pits Murillo's innocence against Valdés' experience.

Murillo's paintings favor the ideal, Valdés' the real.

Murillo's cherubs have soft features and welcoming expressions. Some of Valdés' are grotesquely pudgy, with a foul and almost snarly appearance.

Two of Valdés' most famous paintings lean toward the surreal and fall into the macabre.

One, with the translated title, "In the blink of an eye," shows a skeleton,

representing death, snuffing the light of life.

"Death always wins," Salort-Pons said.

The other, "End of worldly glory," is of a rotting corpse, its soul being weighed in judgment.

"Valdés tries to represent things that are raw," Salort-Pons said.

Valdés embodies what Spanish art historians say is the "brave style of Spanish art," Salort-Pons said.

The style "could be characterized by the use of aggressive and violent brush strokes, use of red, brown and black colors. That represents and embodies the passion and character of Spanish culture," he said.

DIA patrons can judge for themselves. The museum has two Murillo paintings.

Salort-Pons said the Valdés acquisition fits in at the DIA "fantastically."

He's on the lookout for more Spanish paintings.

"To complete our selection of Sevillian art, we must buy paintings by two artists," Salort-Pons said. "I will try to get them."

At a good price.

Gentz competency exam set May 4

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A hearing for Joseph Gentz has been scheduled for May 4 in Detroit's 36th District Court. It will be determined if he's competent to stand trial on charges he killed Grosse Pointe Park resident Jane Bashara.

Gentz, 48, of Grosse Pointe Park, was arraigned March 5 and charged with one count of murder in the first degree and one count of conspiracy to commit murder.

Both charges carry a sentence of life in prison without parole. While the conspiracy charge indicates another individual was involved in the crime, no one else has been charged as of yet, though Jane Bashara's husband, Bob Bashara, has been named a person of interest in the case.

Gentz was arrested Friday, March 2. He is being held at Wayne County's Dickerson Detention Facility in Hamtramck.

A pretrial hearing on the case was originally scheduled for Friday, March 16, but was waived pending the results of the competency hearing, which was granted at the request of Gentz's court-appointed attorney Susan Reed.

In other developments related to the case, last week police executed a search warrant at the house of a woman linked to Bob Bashara. Officers from several police agencies spent three hours Tuesday, March 6, in her rented flat on St. Clair in the City of Grosse Pointe, leaving

with several boxes. Police have declined to comment on why the search was conducted or what was removed. The woman, according to Bob Bashara, was just a friend.

Jane Bashara, 56, was reported missing by her husband the night of Tuesday, Jan. 24. Her body was found the next morning in the backseat of her Mercedes SUV parked in an alley in Detroit. She had been strangled.

Gentz has been a prominent figure in the investigation ever since he walked into the Park police department in early February, allegedly telling officers he had a role in Jane Bashara's murder. He was held by Park police for three days before being released. No charges were handed down at that time.

Gentz, a handyman, knew Bob Bashara, and had done work for him on his various rental properties.

According to several reports, Gentz told police he was hired by Bob Bashara to kill his wife, and he admitted he strangled Jane Bashara in the garage of the Bashara family home on Middlesex, placed her body in the backseat of her Mercedes SUV, drove the car to an alley near Seven Mile and Hoover in Detroit and left it there. The SUV was found the next morning by a tow truck operator.

Surveillance tape from a restaurant near where the SUV was parked shows Gentz in the area at that time.

Bob Bashara denies any involvement in the murder of his wife.

Kercheval parking banned above Hill

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Hill employees and customers hoping to park for free in a nearby residential neighborhood face longer walks to and from their cars on Kercheval.

On-street parking now is banned on the east side of Kercheval

between Lewiston and Moran.

The two-block area had become a no-cost, bumper-to-bumper adjunct of the commercial district's on-street meters, two parking lots and deck.

No parking already is

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Spanish names

The first reference for the 17th century Spanish artist, Juan Valdés Leal, is easy.

On second reference, which is it: Valdés? Leal? Or, Valdés Leal?

It's Spanish custom to give a child a surname followed by two surnames as last names.

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Robert Scherer was 6 when the renowned London Chop House closed its doors. At 26, he is the executive chef of the recently reopened restaurant.

Entrusted with a legend

By Karen Fontanive
Staff writer

Who says you can't go home again? Certainly not Robert Scherer, executive chef of the newly reopened London Chop House in Detroit.

Like the lead character in Thomas Wolfe's book, Scherer left home and found success. Unlike the character, Scherer has returned home to what he hopes will be even greater

success.

When a recruiter, knowing Scherer's connection to Michigan, called about the job at the London Chop House, he didn't have to give it much thought. "This is home," he said.

The Grosse Pointe Woods resident's culinary career began while he was a freshman at Grosse Pointe North High School. It was then he started working as a dishwasher

at the former Antonio's restaurant in the Woods, eventually becoming the sole cook. One of the restaurant's regular customers suggested he look into the Culinary Institute of America in New York. He did and upon graduation from North in 2003, headed to New York. He graduated from CIA in 2005.

Wanting a bachelor's degree in hospitality management, Scherer then headed to the University of Nevada Las Vegas. While in school, he began working as a line cook at Emeril's New Orleans Fish House at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

"Within two years, I was a sous chef and less than two years later, the executive sous chef," he said.

His ascent to the London Chop House was equally rapid. "I interviewed in early October," and after a 2,300-mile, 38-hour road trip, "arrived Oct. 29, and began work Nov. 1.

"I was about done with Vegas," Scherer said. "The first few years were a lot of fun — then it gets to be too much," referring to among other things the Vegas Strip lifestyle and the summer heat.

"I had a lot of great experiences. I enjoyed the experience I had in Vegas, being part of running the restaurant (there)."

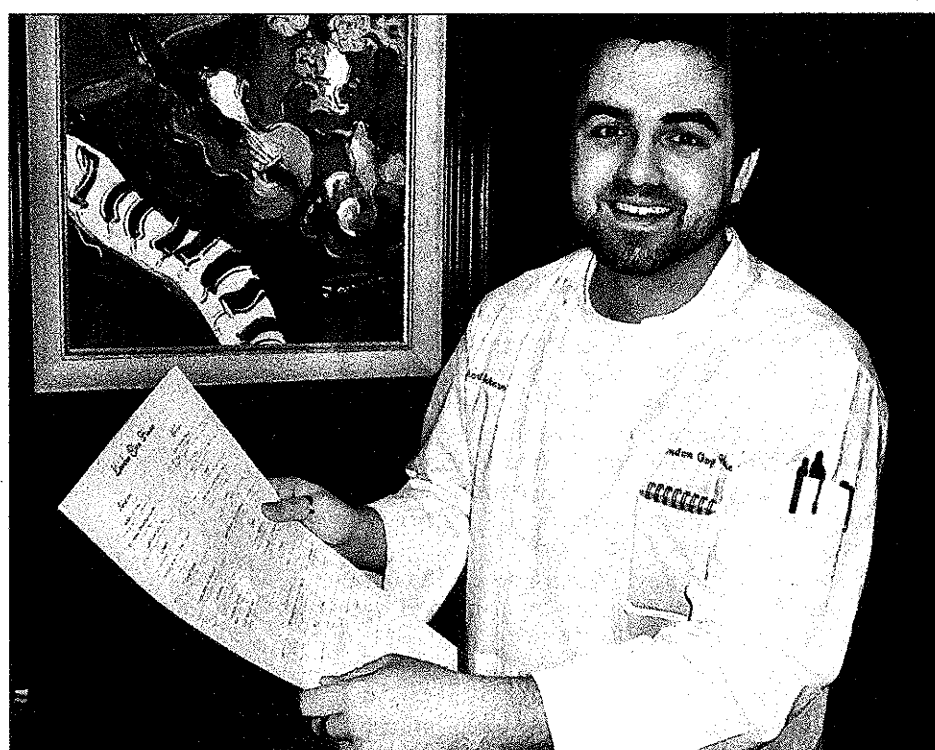


PHOTO BY KAREN FONTANIVE

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Robert Scherer, executive chef of the newly reopened London Chop House.

As executive chef at LCH, Scherer is responsible for the entire kitchen operations from menu to budget to staffing. He spent more than three months creating a menu — every item on the menu, from appetizers to desserts, is his recipe — hiring staff and training them for the restaurant's Feb. 20 opening. In addition to dinner service, last week the restaurant began lunch service as well.

All of this means long days for Scherer. He arrives at work between 9 and 10 in the morning and finishes about 11:30 p.m.

"It's what I signed up for. I have to be willing to sacrifice," he said.

"I don't have a sauté pan or tongs in my hand," but he oversees everything that happens in the kitchen. "I manage the time and temperature, calling tickets, expediting, traying up the food, garnishing, overseeing production."

Just 6 years old when the London Chop House closed its doors 20 years ago, he is well aware of the restaurant's legacy, its importance to many metro Detroiters and the responsibility bestowed

him by the restaurant's owner, Nico Gatzaros.

"It's hard to let it sink in. It's a mile a minute. It means so much to a lot of people — memories, business deals. The reputation is intimidating."

Yet Scherer, once described by an Emeril's director as "confidently humble," seems anything but intimidated as he helps resurrect the legendary restaurant.

"The business can chew you up and spit you out or you can get a lot of pride from it. Be humble, be willing to take criticism," Scherer said.

NAMES: What's in a name?

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"The first last name is the first name of the fa-

ther. The second last name is the first name of the mother," said Salvador Salort-Pons, a native of Spain, head of

the European art department at the Detroit Institute of Arts and the museum's Elizabeth & Allan Shelden Curator of European Painting.

Hence, for Juan Valdés Leal, 'Juan' is his first name, 'Valdés' is the first name of his father and 'Leal' is the first name of his mother.

"In America, you would be inclined to say 'Juan Leal,'" said Salort-Pons. "You would avoid the middle name. If you don't want to use both last names, use the first one, which would be 'Juan Valdés.' I say 'Valdés' when I refer to him."

— Brad Lindberg

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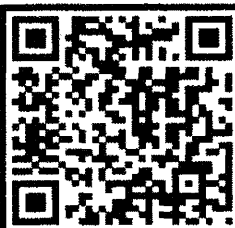
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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Parole violator

A man being investigated at 2:43 a.m. Sunday, March 4, for running a red light from Cadieux to eastbound East Jefferson was arrested for drunken driving and violating parole.

His blood also level was .15 percent, police said.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Converted

Someone during the night of Thursday, March 10, removed the catalytic converter from a 2006 Kia Sodona parked in front of a house in the 400 block of Madison.

The victim knew something was wrong upon starting the car the next morning.

"He noticed it was unusually loud," said a patrolman.

The theft was discovered at a service station.

B&E twice

A house in the 200 block of McMillan was burgled last week two days in a row.

The first time, the house was unlocked. Someone between 5 and 9 p.m. Thursday, March 8, just walked in.

The unknown suspect left with \$500 worth of

video game equipment and accessories, including an Xbox and a dozen video games, according to the victim's account to police.

The next day, the house was locked. Yet, between 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, another burglary happened. Damage suggests the point of entry.

"The rear dining room window has been broken," said an officer. "The back door was slightly ajar."

The location of stolen items indicate the burglar went all over the house. Stolen were a \$700 Toshiba television in the living room, a jar half full of coins on the kitchen counter and a bottle of Xanax pills from a bedroom dresser.

Officers recovered a screw driver on a table in front of where the television had been. The tool doesn't belong to the victim, according to police.

SUV stolen

A red Ford Explorer was stolen while parked overnight Wednesday, March 7, in a driveway in the 300 block of Touraine.

The owner is unsure if the vehicle was locked. There were no signs of forced entry, according to police.

Returned check

A woman reported last week receiving a package marked "return to sender" containing a \$2,475 check made out to the addressee.

She told police she nev-

er mailed the package in the first place, learned the check was fraudulent and called police.

Alcohol and drugs

At 2:03 a.m. Wednesday, March 7, police arrested a 24-year-old Detroit man for possession of marijuana and having open intoxicants in his 1999 Pontiac Grand Am.

An officer questioned the man for driving over the dividing line on eastbound Lakeshore near Fisher.

Pistol found

The passenger in a 2001 Chevrolet Monte Carlo was arrested during a traffic stop at 6:19 p.m. Monday, March 5, on southbound Kerby near Belanger.

The man was wanted on "numerous" warrants from Detroit and Warren, police said.

An officer cited the driver, 25, of Detroit, for not wearing a seat belt and failing to disclose a license for a 9 mm pistol found under his seat.

—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

Drunk at wheel

A few minutes before 2:30 a.m. Saturday, March 10, a patrolman on Lakeshore spotted the

driver of a westbound 1994 Mercury meandering between lanes, hitting the right curb near Oxford.

During a traffic stop at Stratton, the 19-year-old male driver from Fraser registered a .15 percent blood alcohol level. He was arrested for drunken driving.

Theft

On the morning of Monday, March 5, a woman living on Woodland Shores reported the theft of gold jewelry and miscellaneous jewelry, plus nearly \$200 from her purse.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Office theft

An office manager in the St. John Hospital office building reported to police on Friday, March 9, that a small amount of petty cash and some files were missing from a locked filing cabinet in her office. She also told police the office had recently hired a new cleaning company that comes in at night when the office is closed. Police continue to investigate.

—Kathy Ryan

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Sprayed

A 21-year-old Grosse Pointe Park resident was arrested at 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, and has been charged with assault and battery after she used pepper spray on a woman who fought her sister.

Fire run

Officers from Grosse Pointe Park assisted in extinguishing a fire at a coin and stamp store on Mack in the City of Grosse Pointe at 4 a.m. Wednesday, March 7.

—Kathy Ryan

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

Crews extinguish lakeside burn

By Brad Lindberg

Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A resident tried to improve his view of Lake St. Clair last weekend by burning down vegetation along the shoreline.

Farms firefighters closed eastbound Lakeshore at Moross to extinguish flames taller than a basketball hoop.

The burned area is on accretion building up between the breakwall and landfill forming the upper boundary of Pier Park.

The area is composed of washed up sand, soil, muck, trash and rotting fish that anchor weeds, scraggly trees and invasive plants. It also provides habitat for wildlife and overlaps state jurisdiction.

Police learned of the fire at 9:59 p.m. Friday, March 9.

They arrived to find the suspect, a man in his 40s, with his 12-year-old son watching flames grow.

Officers using two hand

lines fed by a 750-gallon pumper truck beat down fire accelerated by a mixture of gasoline and oil. The man told police he bought the brew at Sears.

"(He) claimed it was a 'controlled burn' and that he is a property developer and has done this on Belle Isle," reported Officer Matthew Hurner. "He claimed he had some sort of rights to the land. He advised he started the fire with the intent to burn down all the tall grass and trees because it was unsightly and blocked his view of the lake."

Officers contained flames to a roughly 30-foot-wide area half way from the breakwall to the sandy shore. Sand is topped in many spots by mounds of washed-up zebra mussel shells.

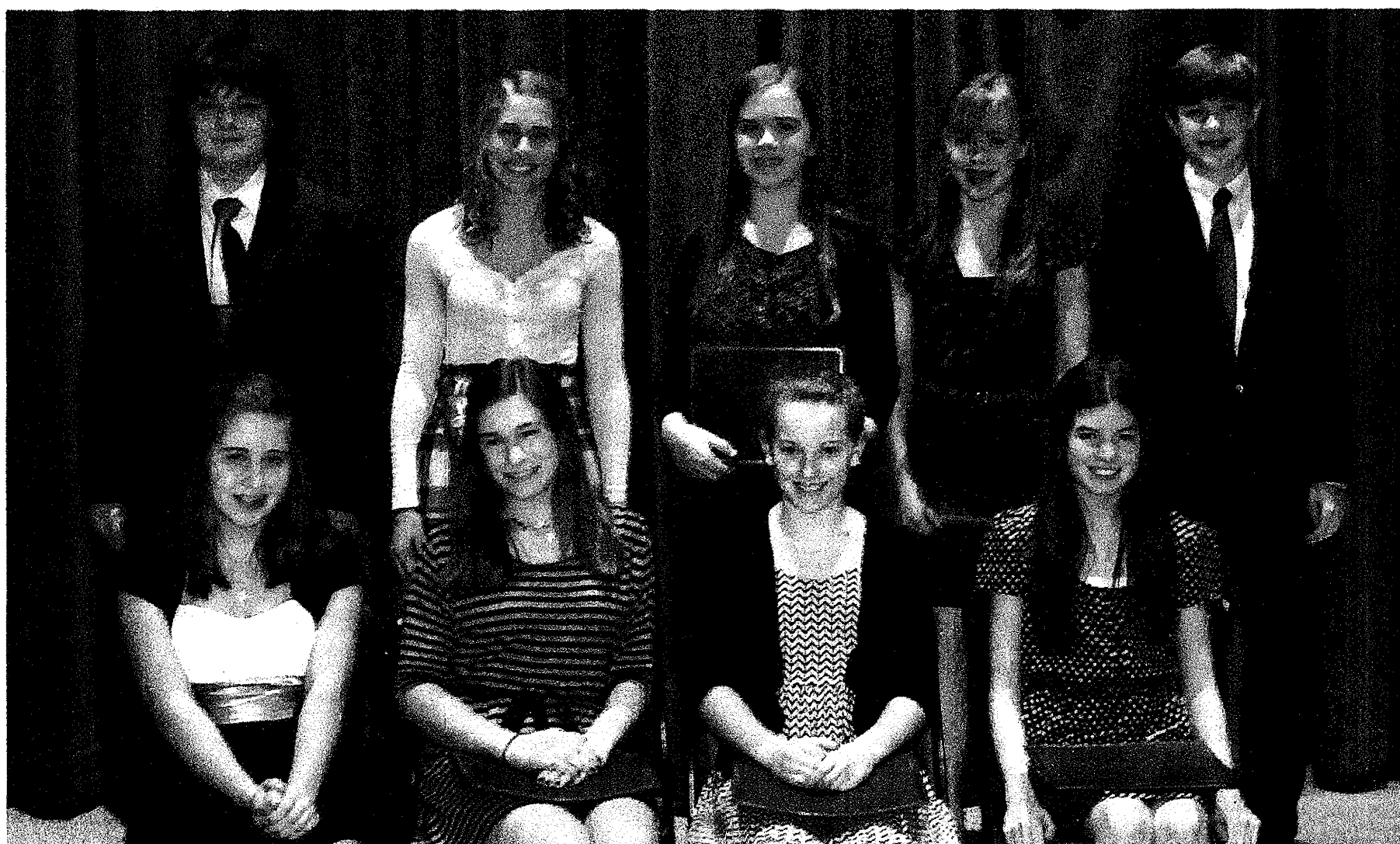
The man "offered no containment plan, other than he planned to burn the entire area," Hurner said. "Flames reached 10 to 12 feet."

"Cutting vegetation in

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Top row from left: **Quinn Ercolani**, Wyandot Middle School; **Eleanor Withers**, Brownell Middle School; **Lauren Eehalt**, Wyandot Middle School; **Jennifer Kusch**, Parcels Middle School and **Alexander Minanov**, Grosse Pointe Academy.
Bottom row from left, **Samantha Allen**, St. Isaac Jogues Catholic School; **Megan DesMadryl**, University Liggett School; **Nina White**, Pierce Middle School, and **Francesca Giacona**, Parcels Middle School.

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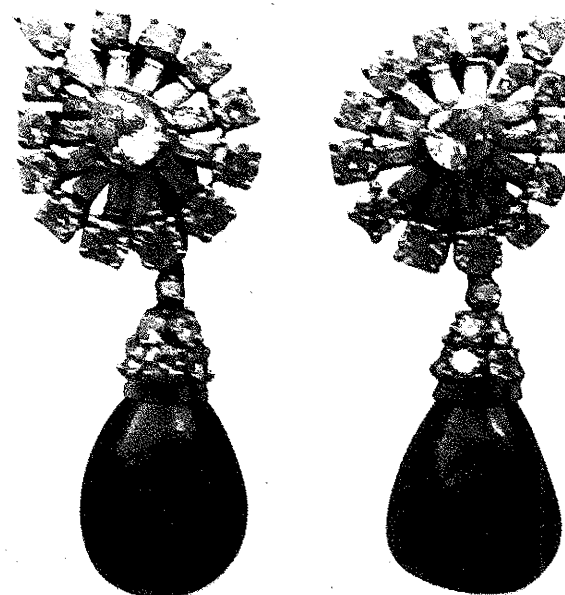
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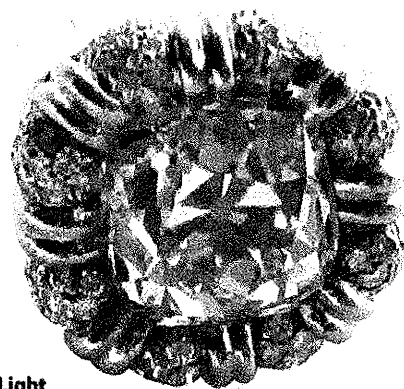
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OUR VIEW

It's time for some sunshine

This is the perfect time of year for a little sunshine. Not that this winter was cold and snowy as predicted. March came in like a lamb and should leave the same way. April showers will follow those we had in November, December, January, February and March. Flowers? We won't have to wait until May.

But this week is a little sunnier than most. No, not because St. Patrick's Day falls on a Saturday, but who doesn't like that? Or the NCAA basketball tournament is in full swing beginning at noon today (get those brackets turned in).

This is Sunshine Week, a national holiday of sorts that celebrates public access of government and freedom of information.

It also serves as a reminder that we have to continue our fight for those rights. It allows us, as a newspaper, to focus on educating our writers and readers, along with the elected officials we work with in the five Pointes.

Sunshine Week began in 2005, formed by the American Society of News Editors with a grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. It's supported by this newspaper and more than 340 members of the Michigan Press Association.

Freedom of information, in some areas, certainly hasn't been free. Governments and politicians often work as hard as they can to suppress information.

Does the name Kwame Kilpatrick mean anything? Without the media - especially the in-depth work by the newspapers in town - many of his issues would have gone unchecked.

The media has to help get the information to the public.

This newspaper, through the Freedom of Information Act, uncovered a trail of problems between the city of Grosse Pointe Shores and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Until we filed a FOIA and spent the money to cover the costs, we weren't given the information we asked about. All of it - and more - is public information. Information the taxpayers should have known about, but didn't.

This problem hasn't been solved. A new mayor, a new council, and interim city manager will all have to figure out a solution and it could cost up to \$1 million.

We will continue to ask questions and seek answers. We're also looking at cases in other Pointes. We will print stories that will make some politicians a little uncomfortable, a little angry.

That's not our goal, really. We just hope for some honesty and communication with those who pay high taxes and deserve much in return. When times are tight and cuts are being made that could affect services and the quality of life, it's important to make sure our governments are accountable for every dime.

And that's what Sunshine Week supports.

The Grosse Pointes have dozens of people who FOIA for information on their own. They may be interested in an employee matter, a land deal or how much a city spends on a special dinner or training. We support your drive for transparency - a buzzword around every election and usually forgotten by April.

We encourage you to be involved in local government. Attend meetings. Ask questions and help hold these folks accountable.

We still have many changes to discuss in the Pointes, including consolidation of more services. What would you like to know from our cities?

Share your thoughts with jwarner@grossepointe-news.com, or in a letter to: GPN, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Special week, part II

This week, the Grosse Pointe News is being delivered to the houses of nonsubscribers, too. We do this four times a year to celebrate being part of this community for 72 years.

We hope you enjoy this edition, with two more state championship teams, dozens of photos, hundreds of names and advertising from our local community.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



Sense of unity

To the Editor:

With all the tragic news we hear about, day in and day out, what sometimes gets lost are the feel-good things that often happen in our great city.

I was in attendance at the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Detroit and it was a glorious day for the entire city.

I have never seen so many people gathered in one place enjoying themselves like they were.

There were no fights or bad behavior, as every-

LETTERS

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one just seemed to bask in the beautifully warm sunlight and take it all in. People then poured in-

to all of the nice bars and most watched Michigan State take the Big Ten tournament with an exciting win over that team from Ohio.

There was a special sense of unity we all know doesn't happen every day.

With the Detroit Tigers playing very soon and an odds-on favorite to win the World Series, I hope that sense of togetherness lasts a lot longer than one day.

MIKE WALKOWIAK
Grosse Pointe Farms

I SAY By Kathy Ryan

Do you love tuna fish?

It happened to catch a story on the Internet this week, about how a woman in Seattle was notified by social media site Facebook there was another Facebook user she might want to "friend."

It's my understanding Facebook picks out members who might share some interest with another member and suggest they become friends.

It's sort of like when you were 5 years old and your mother said you should invite another little girl in your kindergarten class over for a play date because she heard from her mother that her daughter loved tuna fish sandwiches too. See? An instant connection!

But in the case of the woman in Seattle, the person Facebook suggested she befriend shared more of a connection than either knew, they apparently shared a husband.

Seems Mr. Bigamist walked out on one woman a few years ago and married the second woman without benefit of divorce, something the original wife discovered



when she went to her new "friend's" Facebook page and saw a wedding picture featuring her still-husband and her new (and about to quickly become worse) friend cutting their wedding cake. Apparently wife Number One wanted to cut more than that, but settled for notifying police.

This story caught my attention because I'm seeing more and more police reports mentioning some connection to a social media site.

A few years back it was reported home invasions were on the uptick because people would post on their Facebook pages they were going out to Topeka for the weekend, which quickly turned into an invitation for those not invited on the Topeka trek to relieve the happy wanderers of the flat screen televisions and several pieces of jewelry from their empty house.

Locally, a few weeks ago there was a report of a young woman who was

old enough to know better who called police to report an ex-boyfriend was posting nasty things about her on his Facebook page.

The police organized a coordinated response, calling several S.W.A.T. teams into action, as well as two K-9 units.

Well, not really. They told her to turn off her computer.

Would someone please explain this whole social media thing to me, because I just don't get it.

In the spirit of full disclosure, I will admit to having a Facebook page, sort of. I never had any interest in joining Facebook, figuring I had enough friends in real life, but what I was finding with work was that organizations were getting away from websites and moving toward posting their information on social media sites, namely Facebook.

So I made up a name and joined Facebook (I'm sure I'm the very first person to have ever done that), which allowed me access to all the Facebook pages without ever having to be anybody's friend. It works for me.

And apparently it

works for many mental health professionals who work with adolescents, as I've seen several comment that if your adolescent wants a Facebook page to have them use a name known only to their friends.

That way they can post pictures or whatever, but it may save them from the guerilla warfare that often takes place among middle school and high school students who can trash a classmate on a social media site as fast as they can push the "send" button. They also advise parents to be their child's friend as well, and to closely monitor what goes on.

I suppose it works for the millions of people who are on Facebook, not to mention for the inventor's wallet, but I just don't get it.

I'm trying hard to understand this new "need" to connect to so many people. Why would 837 people want to know that I bought a new pair of shoes yesterday?

Seriously, if I wanted them to know, I'd invite them over for lunch, and I'd serve our favorite lunch, tuna fish sandwiches.

GUEST OPINION By Michael D. LaFaive

Lansing unveils 'birthday tax'

House Bill 5300 was introduced to the House Transportation Committee by Rep. Jud Gilbert, R-Algonac, to increase the state vehicle registration tax by 67 percent.

The tax is levied based on the weight of commercial trucks, and on the "list price" of cars. The weight-based levy on trucks would increase by 25 percent, extracting about \$500 million more from motorists each year.

The bill would distrib-

ute a greater proportion of the increased road funding to heavily-traveled "commercial corridor" roads.

This increase in the vehicle registration tax is paid each year on a car owner's birthday.

The plan also moves the current gas tax from the pump to the wholesale part of the transaction, raising the per-gallon levy from 19 cents per gallon to around 28. The money would be spent on road and bridge maintenance.

Michigan's infrastructure needs repair. Before

looking to take more money from drivers, the Legislature needs to address the state's transportation funding mix — the 6 percent sales tax levied on fuel, most of which does not go to build or repair roads. The sales tax is why Michigan imposes the fifth highest levy on gas nationwide.

Michigan's fuel taxes are already uncompetitively high, which is one reason no new road taxes should be imposed unless the extra revenue is offset by a tax cut of some sort.

Another prerequisite for higher road taxes should be to enact money-saving reforms, such as eliminating "prevailing wage" law that prohibits granting government construction contracts to the lowest bidder, unless the company pays above-market union wage scales. Spending gas tax money on non-motorized transportation projects must also end.

LaFaive is director of the Morey Fiscal Policy Initiative for the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

BURN: Local ordinance may be an issue

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this area does require prior approval from the (Michigan) Department of Environmental Quality," said Andrew Hartz, district supervisor in the Michigan DEQ Water Resource Unit. "The act of burning this area does not."

The man wasn't arrested.

"He could be cited under an ordinance against burning land," said Detective Lt. Richard Rosati.

"The responsible party will likely not face any enforcement," said Hartz, referring to state penalties. "The burning likely did little other than spur the growth of more plants in this area."

The accretion grows yearly. It's nearly 1/4 mile long.

The burn zone, plus another section where the man took a chain saw to dozens of trees, is revealed by a thinned canopy and abrupt absence of tall brush.

There's some question about who controls the accreted land.

"Most (lakeside property owners) have deeded up to the United States harbor line," said Matthew Tepper, assistant Farms city manager. "The state contended to us that it's (state-owned) bottom land, as long as it's below the high-water mark. Where the high-water mark is and where that land is, is the source of contention."

Farms officials want state approval to dredge the whole area.

"We asked," Tepper said. "The response was not very positive."

In May 2007, Farms officials, with support of lakeside landowners, obtained state and federal permission to replace the accretion's invasive phragmites and other nuisance plants with landscape shrubs, according to Hartz.

"The city, or perhaps a resident, went down there and cut down a bunch of small trees and then did nothing further," Hartz said. "This is not what we had in mind when the DEQ and (U.S.) Army Corps (of Engineers) issued permits for this project."

State environmental officials cite the area's benefits to wildlife.

"The resource values here include waterfowl feeding, loafing and nesting habitat as well as shallow water shelter areas for juvenile fish," Hartz

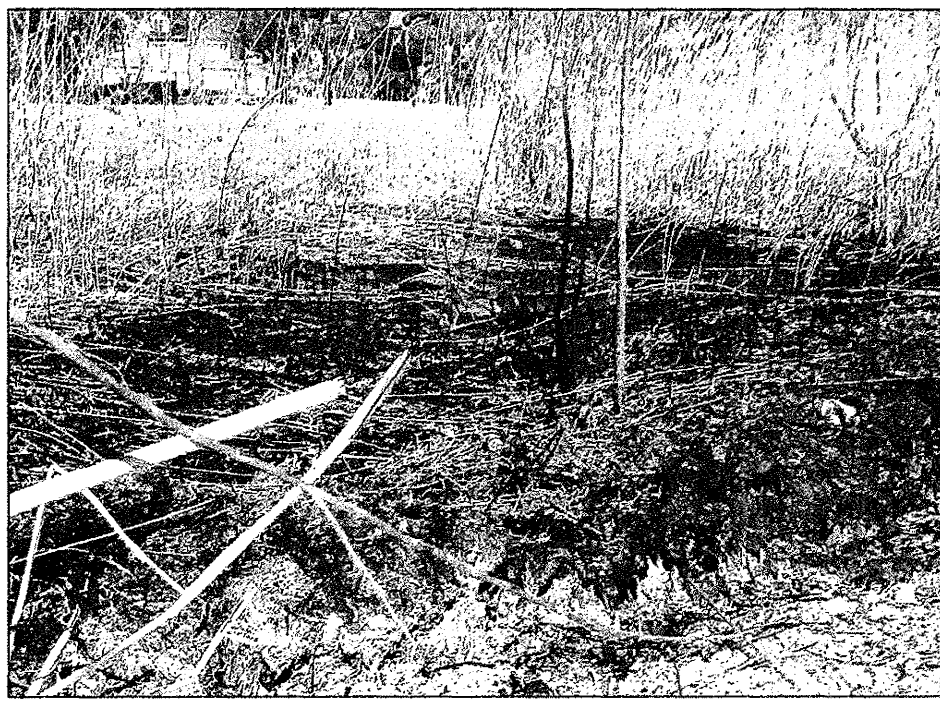


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Firefighters extinguished a Grosse Pointe Farms resident's freelanced effort last weekend to cut down and burn vegetation blocking his view of Lake St. Clair.

said. "Have you ever been by this area when there are a hundred or more gulls diving and feeding on these fish? Cool sight to see. There are very few areas on Lake St. Clair

that provide a sandy beach area with little human disturbance."

As for controlled burns on Belle Isle, Hartz attended one in spring 2010.

"The burn was done by certified professionals who have been trained in these kinds of vegetation control methods with proper equipment," Hartz said.

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WEEK AHEAD:

MONDAY, MARCH 19

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

◆ Grosse Pointe Farms city council meets in a work session at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 90 Kerby.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

First day of spring

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores city council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 795 Lakeshore.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

◆ Bluer than Blue — Is it the Baby Blues or Something More? is the topic discussed at 6:30 p.m. by health experts at the Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods. Admission is free.

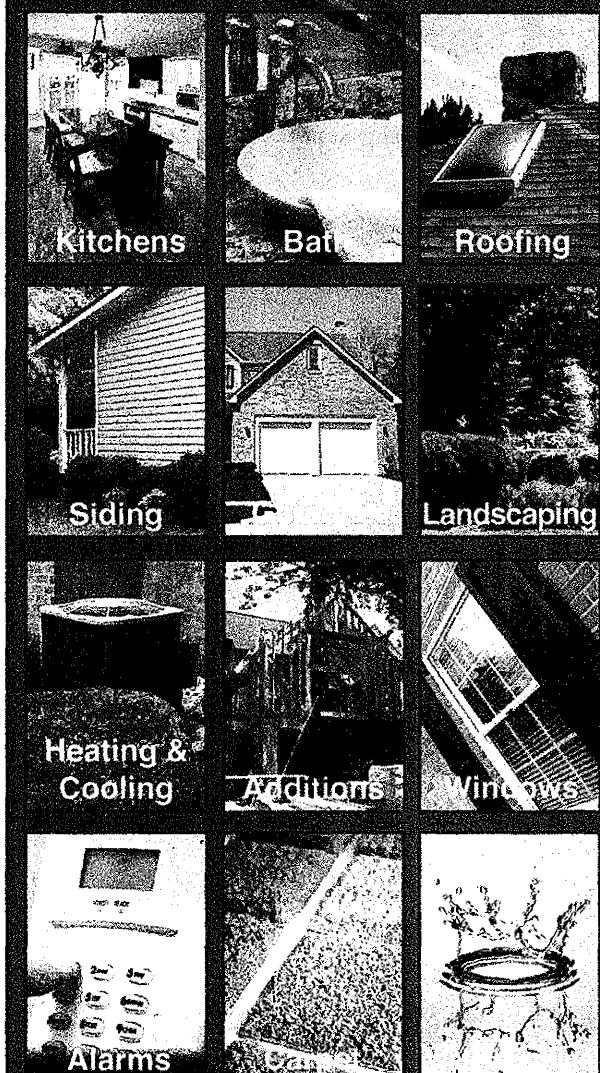
◆ The Grosse Pointe Sportsmen's Club hosts a Michigan Department of Natural Resources representative at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The topic is urban wildlife. The public can attend.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

◆ The Grosse Pointe Theatre presents "Moonlight & Magnolias" at 8 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

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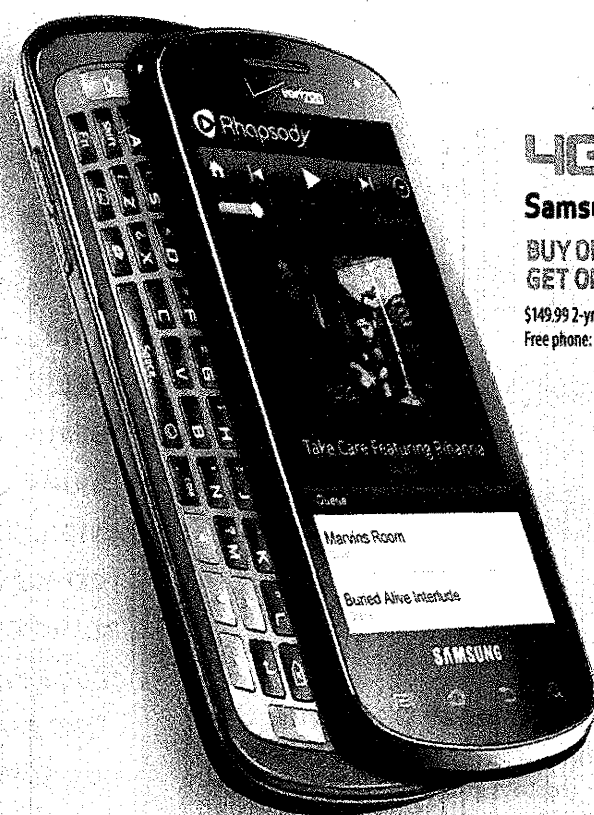
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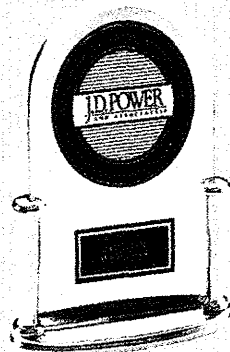
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PUMP:

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Sewage enters the station from a holding tank, or wet well. The nearly 12-foot deep tank is never dry. If it drained completely, the pumps wouldn't start.

"Pumps need water to prime," Chauvin explained.

"If you lose prime, you can't pump," Homminga said. "If the tank is empty, you're pumping air. Air's not good for a pump."

Pipes slope from the plant toward Detroit.

The downward grade allows much of the system to convey sewage by

gravity.

Pump stations along the line lift sewage to another set of pipes, which slope to the next station and so on.

Nine pumps at Kerby station are designed to handle up to 354 million gallons of water per day, combined.

Olympic-size swimming pools — 50-by-25-by-2-meters — hold about 600,000 gallons of water.

The station, operating at full clip, could flush 590 Olympic pools per day. That's one pool every 2.4 minutes.

Pumps are numbered, roughly, in ascending order of capacity.

Pumps 1 through 4, the

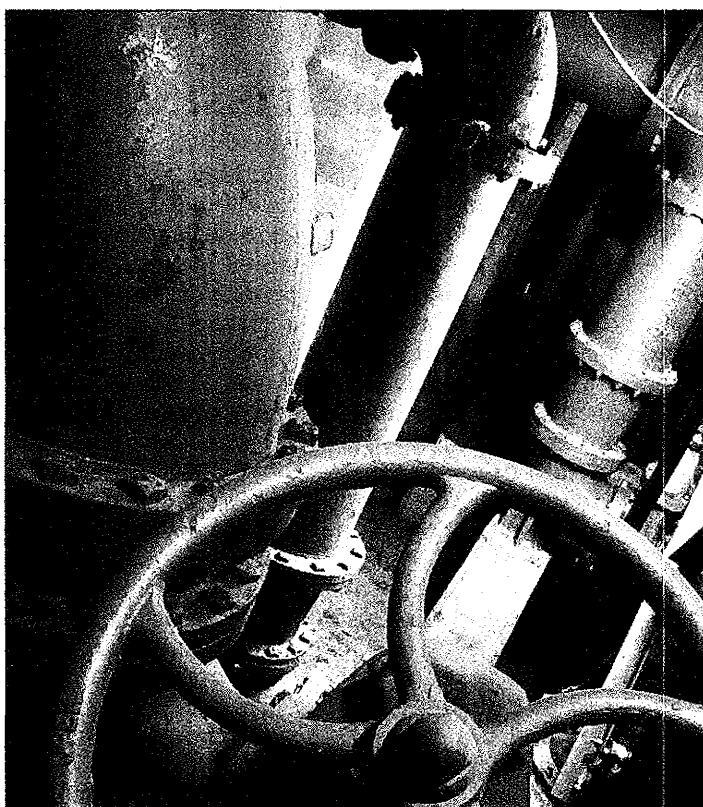
smallest, handle 95 percent of the station's annual flow, Homminga said.

Twin pumps 7 and 8 are the biggest. They sit idle most of the time, needed only for major storms. Their 600 horsepower motors are capable of pumping 75,000 gallons per minute, for a combined 150,000 gpm.

"Roughly 65 percent of the pump station's capacity are these two pumps," Homminga said.

Pump 8 has been used only 10.9 hours since 1994, according to meters.

Pumps 1 and 2, have been used 6,400 and 17,799, hours, respectively, since that time.



Heavy-duty plumbing.

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GRANT:

Agreement will have out clause

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obligate construction of a facility for which there's uncertain consensus and no firm cost estimates.

"We're putting the cart before the horse," said Councilman Louis Theros. "We're asking for money for a project we might not want to do."

The Farms was the last Pointe to meet a March 20 state deadline to pass a resolution affirming participation in the project. Doing so qualified them to share a \$300,000 matching grant for construction of a central dispatch and prisoner holding facility.

Cities needed to submit resolutions independently. If one didn't join in, they'd all be disqualified.

The resolution and grant application were drafted by City of Grosse Pointe authorities and dis-

tributed to the other communities for approval.

The resolution went overboard by presuming construction of a central facility, according to Councilman Pete Waldmeir and others.

He cited the resolution's opening sentence, stating the Michigan treasury department's grant "to implement an all-Grosse Pointe dispatch center."

"It doesn't include, 'if all five Grosse Pointes ultimately determine such,'" Waldmeir said. "It suggests it's a done deal."

In addition, terms of the grant application made it "potentially problematic" for the Farms to back out, said William Burgess, Farms attorney.

Terms seemed definitive for a project that hasn't been vetted, such as: "All five Grosse Pointes would [bold added] create a new intergovernmental

entity or authority to consolidate these operations into one."

Also: "Assuming a January 2012 grant approval, the proposed work plan would be: approve contracts for construction (in by) October 2012; open consolidated dispatch center (on) Dec. 31, 2013."

"It sounds an awful lot like mandatory language," Theros said. "It sounds like a decision has been made."

"There needs to be further exploration," said Shane Reeside, Farms manager. "Nothing's going to happen now other than this would make us eligible for funding, if it's deemed in the best interests of each community individually, and all five communities jointly."

A final decision would be required of each council, he said.

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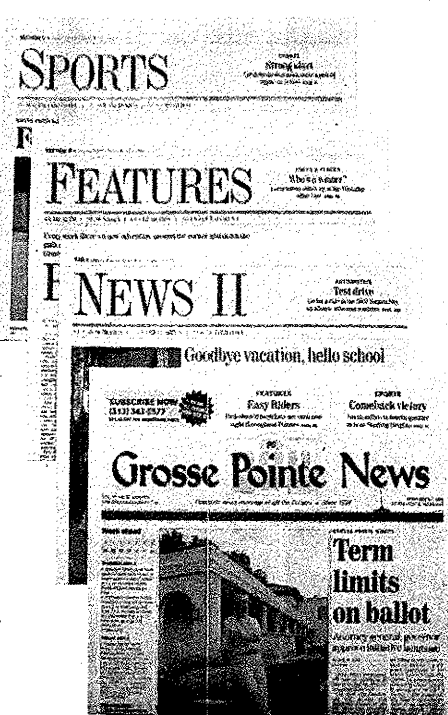
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Grosse Pointe Woods Officer Joseph Provost gives lead fire investigator Sgt. William Nicholson, of Grosse Pointe Shores public safety, a lift to examine the store's damaged and weakened roof.

HILL: Safety first with parking changes

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enforced on the west side of Kercheval between Kenwood and Moran.

New restrictions are for safety, according to Dan Jensen, director of public safety.

"There are school crosswalks at both Lewiston and Moran at Kercheval and views are obstructed by parked vehicles," he said.

A united city council endorsed the change, among others, recommended by the municipal parking and traffic committee.

Parking also was forbidden on the fire hydrant-side of Cloverly between Beaupre and Williams.



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Parking on Kercheval above the Hill is a thing of the past.

The action conforms to a petition, according to Jensen.

Lastly, the council decided to switch on-street parking from the west side of Elm Court to the east side.

"The public safety department recommended this due to the fact that hydrants are on the west side of Elm Court," Jensen said.

—Brad Lindberg

FIRE: Investigators comb through evidence

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Detective Al Gwyn.

Officers from the Farms and Park lent mutual aid.

"There was extensive damage," Poloni said. "Fire was up in the rafters and attic. Adjoining buildings had smoke damage only; no fire or water damage."

Windy, a dog with the Roseville Fire Department trained to detect accelerants, sniffed through burned and soggy rubble the next day.

Debris included Spanish doubloons, pieces of eight and a charred treasure chest decorated with British pennies.

"Obviously, the circum-

stances are suspicious when you get an intrusion alarm and smoke alarm right thereafter," Poloni said.

An investigation into the fire's cause and origin is expected to last about a week. The period is longer than normal, not because of the nature, but due to the number of insurance investigators involved.

"There could be up to five or six insurance companies," said lead investigator, Sgt. William Nicholson of Shores public safety. "There's one company for the row of buildings, one for store furnishings and contents, one for the rare coins and stamps and for the adjoin-

ing businesses."

The various parties try to coordinate investigations so everyone sees the same evidence at the same time.

Thieves have been targeting Coins & Stamps.

"We've had two break-ins in the last three months," said Detective C.J. Lee.

"When we rebuild, we'll have to take that into consideration," Wroblewski said.

The afternoon following the fire, Wroblewski waited outside the store, wondering if anything could be salvaged.

"It's the oldest coin shop in Michigan," he said. "It opened in November 1957."

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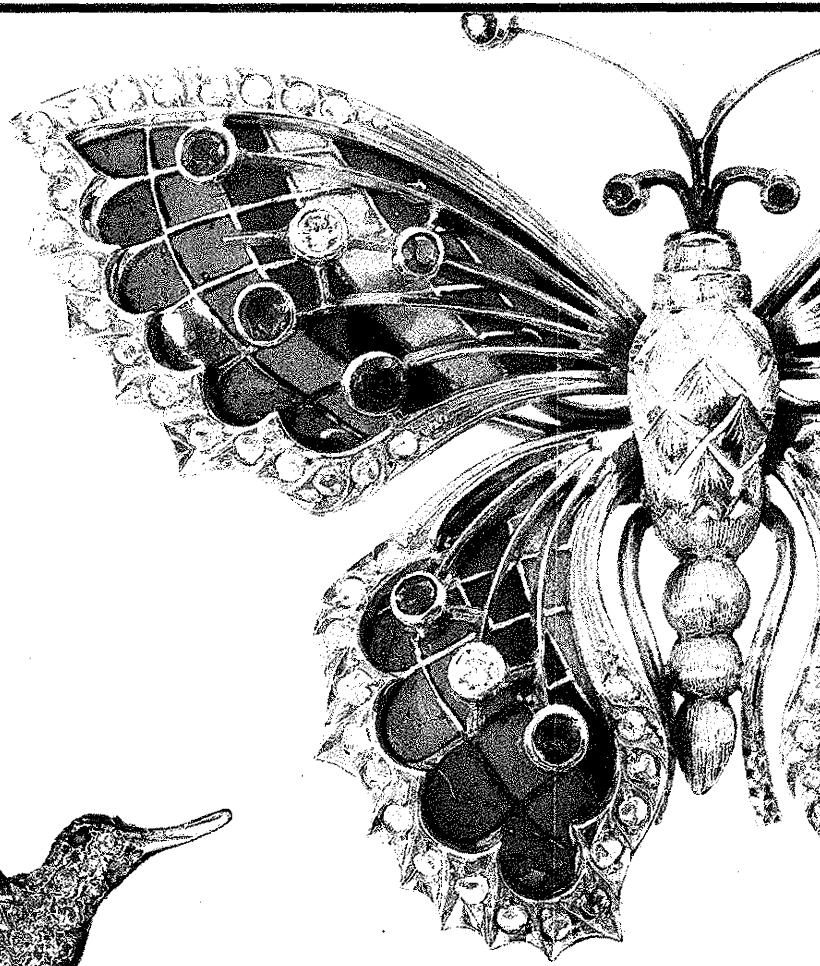
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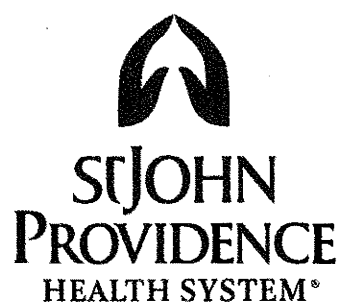
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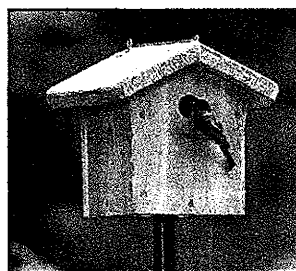


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March reading activities abound

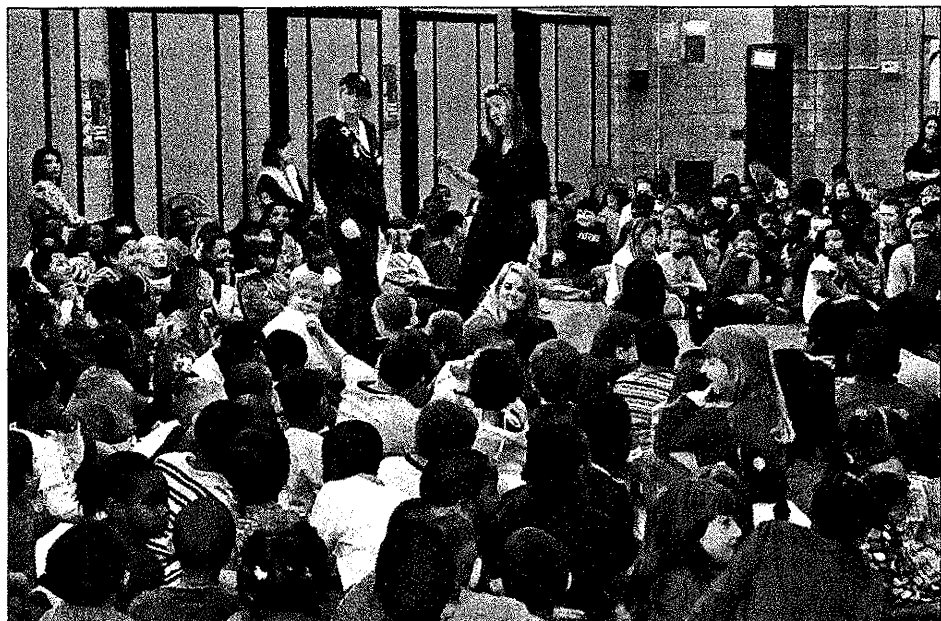


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Poupard Elementary School teachers act out a scene from Andrew Clements' 1996 children's novel, "Frindle." Every Poupard family received a copy.

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

With Poupard Elementary School's one school, one book campaign, Lori Woznicki hopes students experience something similar to the days of old time radio, when a child's imagination wandered along with whatever adventure played out over the airwaves.

"We want students to read, have their parents read to them at home to encourage imagination, increase vocabulary, increase listening comprehension and even attention span," said Woznicki, the school's Title I read-

ing specialist. "And hopefully for a lot of our students who might just word call, for them to picture it, almost like old time radio."

The plan, Woznicki said, is to build a community of readers, as well as a special bond between families and reading. Along with principal Penny Stocks, Woznicki organized daily reading and trivia events and in-class discussions. They created a school-wide reading schedule, encouraging families to keep pace and students to share in and experience the adventure together. The campaign coincides with March reading

month.

"Students can read on their own, but we want this for the families," said Woznicki, who raised funds for the campaign through grants from the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education, Superstar Teacher and the school's Parent-Teacher Organization. She raised enough money to purchase copies of Andrew Clements' 1996 children's novel, "Frindle," for every family, plus staff and support staff.

"I chose this one specifically because it's about kids having power," Woznicki said. "It's about words and how important

words are and word choices and how kids can make a difference."

The school kicked off the campaign with an all-school assembly Thursday, March 1, at which Stocks read a chapter from the book, while teachers acted out the goings-on. It also hosted a special reading workshop dinner for parents later that night.

"You guys are going to be in for such a treat," Stocks said to students during the assembly. "This is going to be one of the best things we've ever done at Poupard."

Scillian at Maire

For the past 15 years, Maire Elementary School has participated in the March of Dimes campaign, with students raising money through parent, teacher or community sponsorships and pledges based on chapters or books read throughout March.

Last year, students read 10,391 books or chapters and raised \$4,016 for the organization whose mission is to improve babies' health by preventing birth defects, premature births and infant mortalities through research, community service, education and advocacy.

"We had around 100 kids participate," said Julie Schuetze, of the school's Reading

Champions program team. "Participation levels go up or down depending on the year. Some kids just read."

To help jumpstart this year's event, the school unveiled the reading posters contest winners, as well as hosted Channel 4 news anchor and chil-

dren's book author Devin Scillian at an assembly Friday, March 2. Scillian read his "Memoirs of a Goldfish," selected as the 2011 Michigan Reads Book, and also spoke of the personal connection between author and read-

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Channel 4 news anchor Devin Scillian reads from his book, "Memoirs of a Goldfish" during Maire Elementary School's March of Dimes assembly.

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South finds ‘link’ for incoming freshmen

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

For some, the transition from middle into high school evokes feelings of anxiety, unease in the unfamiliarity with the student's new surroundings, teachers and classmates. To prevent such feelings from extending deep into the school year and negatively affecting academic performance, Grosse Pointe South High School English and debate teacher Dennis Pascoe is adapting the Link Crew program, an

orientation and transition program for the school's incoming freshmen. Pascoe first learned of and trained for the program as a teacher at Warren DeLaSalle High School. There, the program proved successful in welcoming freshmen into the school community and making their transition comfortable. Pascoe feels similar success is possible at South. "Being a South grad and loving this school I'm at, I believe this program will do wonders for us," said Pascoe, who graduated

in 1998. "Not only in making freshmen feel comfortable in our school, but also making seniors, juniors and sophomores realize, we're not just seniors and juniors; we're not just here, we're not just at the top. We're here to help people and build what South is and what we can do here." Essentially, that's the program's formula — students helping students succeed. It's a year-long mentorship, in which a group of 85 to 90 juniors and seniors engage in monthly activities and

study sessions with their respective advisees. Every two mentors advises up to 10 freshmen. Pascoe selects mentors based on staff recommendations, an application or word of mouth and reserves the right to remove students shirking their duties. "We're looking for a wide variety of students," Pascoe said. "We're not limiting this to the highest academic students. We have people that aren't as successful that need somebody like them to see.

"Because I'm doing all those training days, I get a very good sense of who knows what they're doing, who doesn't know what they're doing, and if those people need to be removed, they will be removed. I have very little tolerance for people who are not able to welcome freshmen into our school." Because of the proximity to the next school year and lack of trained personnel, the Link Crew's initially recognized as a pilot program at South, with the potential to ex-

pand into North in the future. The need at North is less urgent, said Outlaw, as the school already hosts a freshmen first day which includes a mock schedule and series of sessions teaching incoming students about the school, while incorporating team building exercises and scavenger hunts and other acclimation exercises. "I'm very excited about this," Outlaw said. "I think it fits a real need at South high school and across the district."

Fishflies club teams with War Memorial

The Grosse Pointe Fishflies have found a home, as the Grosse Pointe War Memorial announced last week a new sponsorship with the running club. "It was inspiring for us lifelong runners to see how excited these kids were about becoming runners," said War Memorial president Mark Weber who, along with staff, met the club during an event last year. "We knew immediately that we wanted to bring

this group into our family and help them expand. It is a perfect fit with our youth programs and both organizations share a commitment to promoting a healthy active lifestyle among the youth in and around the community." The club, started at Mason Elementary School in April 2010, strives to excite kindergartners to fifth-graders about running at an early age and teach them the correlation between good

health and running, as well as other sports. Since 2010, it has expanded to include eight of nine Grosse Pointe elementary schools and has more than 375 students. With the sponsorship, the club benefits from additional annual community events, each hosted through the War Memorial. Events already scheduled include a 2012 season kickoff and registration, Adopt-A-Vet fun run, guest speakers and more.



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Dressed in their 100-year-old best are, from left, Kieran Rahman, Luca Fermani, Xavier Inge, Chandler Allen, Jane Kuhnlein, Tula Kurshige and Joshua Hattaway.

Waldorf school events

The fourth Wednesday each month, the Detroit Waldorf School presents an open discussion for

parents, focusing on Kim John Payne's book, "Simplicity Parenting: Using the Extraordinary Power of Less to Raise Calmer, Happier, and More Secure Kids." The book club meets 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., the next of which is Wednesday, March 28. For more information about the book club or other goings-on, the school is hosting an open house, Experience Waldorf Tour Open House, at 2 p.m. Sunday,

March 25. In addition to preschool, grades and grounds tours, parents will learn about the Waldorf education's developmental approach and its translation into curriculum and methods in early childhood and elementary education. The school provides childcare for those attending. To RSVP or for further information, contact enrollment and outreach director Charis Calender at (313) 822-0300.

Students celebrate 100 days of school

Students in classrooms across the district recently celebrated the 100th day of school, including Jacqueline Burrell's first-grade class at Defer

Elementary School. In honoring the day, Burrell's students transformed the classroom into a museum filled with 100 items, such as LEGOs,

stickers, crayons, cotton balls and pennies. They also dressed as and adopted the mannerisms of a 100-year-old person.

Middle schools take stand against bullying

The district's three middle schools are each taking a stand against bullying. Brownell, Pierce and Parcels middle schools, throughout the morning Tuesday, March 20, will host children's author Doug Wilhelm at separate school assemblies. Author of "The Revealers" and sequel "True Shoes," as well as

eight others, Wilhelm's books heighten awareness to teen bullying, creating a platform for discussions about making schools safer and promoting empowerment in youths. His visit is courtesy of a grant from the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education. The schools coordinated a series of events throughout March coinciding with Wilhelm's appearance. Pierce drama teacher Michelle Stackpole wrote "True Shoes: The Monologues," a stage adaptation of Wilhelm's latest release, of which each school is enacting. Also at Pierce, Dawn Larsch and Marra Koren, independent folk musicians from Dundas, Ontario, whose songs reveal the pain of bullying, are performing.

At Parcels, students and teachers participated in a weeklong school-wide group reading of "The Revealers," in which each classroom teacher, in consecutive periods, read aloud a chapter from the book and followed with a brief discussion question. Students also engaged in weekly interactive activities designed to enhance the book's empathetic message. Brownell featured its ongoing "Buck-up Broncos" citizenship campaign, educating students on the power of good citizenship and strategies for increasing compassion and assertiveness at school, while also managing bullying, harassment and teasing. The projects represent the district's ongoing efforts to educate and engage students, teachers and administrators in the importance of bullying awareness. Although it already had a policy in place, in December, Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder passed anti-bullying legislation requiring all school districts to adopt a policy.

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- Sign-up Saturdays for ALL new and returning players will be held from 10:00am - 12:00pm on April 14th, 28th and May 12th & 26th at Next Level Fitness located at 21431 Greater Mack in St Clair Shores (8 1/2 & Mack).
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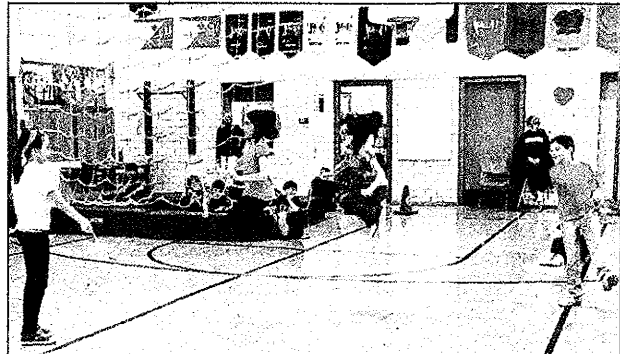
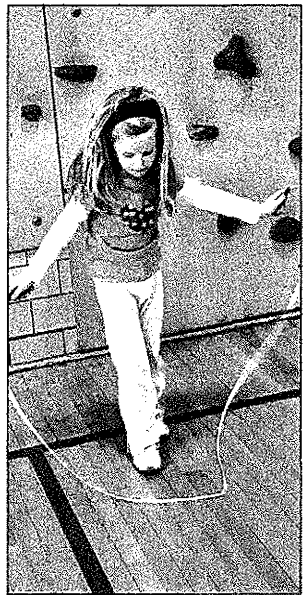
For one week in February, all nine elementary schools participated in the annual Jump Rope for Heart event, an American Heart Association-sponsored fundraiser.

Grosse Pointe public school physical education teachers have participated in the event for more than 15 years, with students jumping rope and completing other activities during their gym classes.

This year, the schools raised a combined \$24,237, all of which benefits association research and programs.

"Thank you to all Grosse Pointe families and community for their support with our annual

Jump Rope for Heart events," said Deborah Raab, elementary physical education department chair.

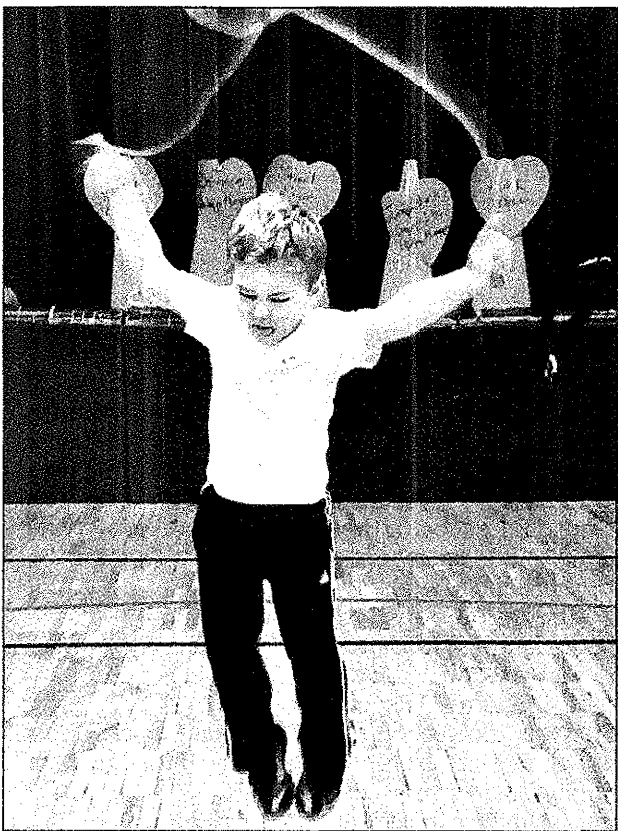


Left, Elise Harr, of Maire Elementary School, adjusts her footing before jumping rope.

Above, Annie Norberg and Sophia Taylor, of Kerby Elementary School, double jump the rope, as Grace Babiarz and Anna Haran twirl it.

Above right, Finn Schudich, of Maire, amazes on-lookers as he hops the rope.

Right, James Michael, of Ferry Elementary School, concentrates hard on learning to jump rope.



Brownell and the beast



Brownell Middle School's "Beauty and the Beast, Jr." cast, in costume, during a recent dress rehearsal.

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

For the first time in school history, Brownell Middle School Productions presents a junior retelling of Belle and the beast's classic journey into love and enchantment with its performance, "Beauty and the Beast, Jr."

In all, the school features six performances, four matinees and two evening shows, with the matinees already sold out. Evening performances are 7 p.m. Thursday, March 29, and Friday, March 30, at Brownell's multi-purpose room. It's the second musical held at the new facil-

ity. Susan Dempsey directs the show alongside her longtime production team — Carolyn Gross (musical director), Dan Vicary (technical director) and Tammy Duffield (producer). The four have collaborated for more than 10 years.

The show marks the school's 11th anniversary in Broadway productions. Because it's a junior version, running time is shorter than the original and songs written in a key better suited for middle school voices, of which there are aplenty.

Production includes a cast of more than 100 students, in what's become a hallmark of the school's

musicals. According to Duffield, Brownell enforces a no-cut policy. Meaning, she assigns roles to all students interested. So while the performance requires only 20 cast members, all students will perform on stage.

"We strongly believe that middle school is the perfect time to explore opportunities, to take a chance, and so participation is encouraged," Duffield said.

"This means we usually end up with nearly 100 students involved in a show that calls for only 20. The challenges include finding just the right spot for each person, managing them on

stage (and off), training and instructing every child, trying to accommodate the countless conflicting schedules, and costuming the lot.

"Frankly, I am always a little surprised how it seems to come together. So many children, so many parts, so many things that could go wrong. But without fail, for over 10 years now, the show goes on and 100 little stars are born."

Ticket prices range between \$8 and \$10 and are available beginning March 19. Senior gold cards are honored.

For tickets or more information, contact Tammy Duffield at tamera.duffield@gp-schools.org.

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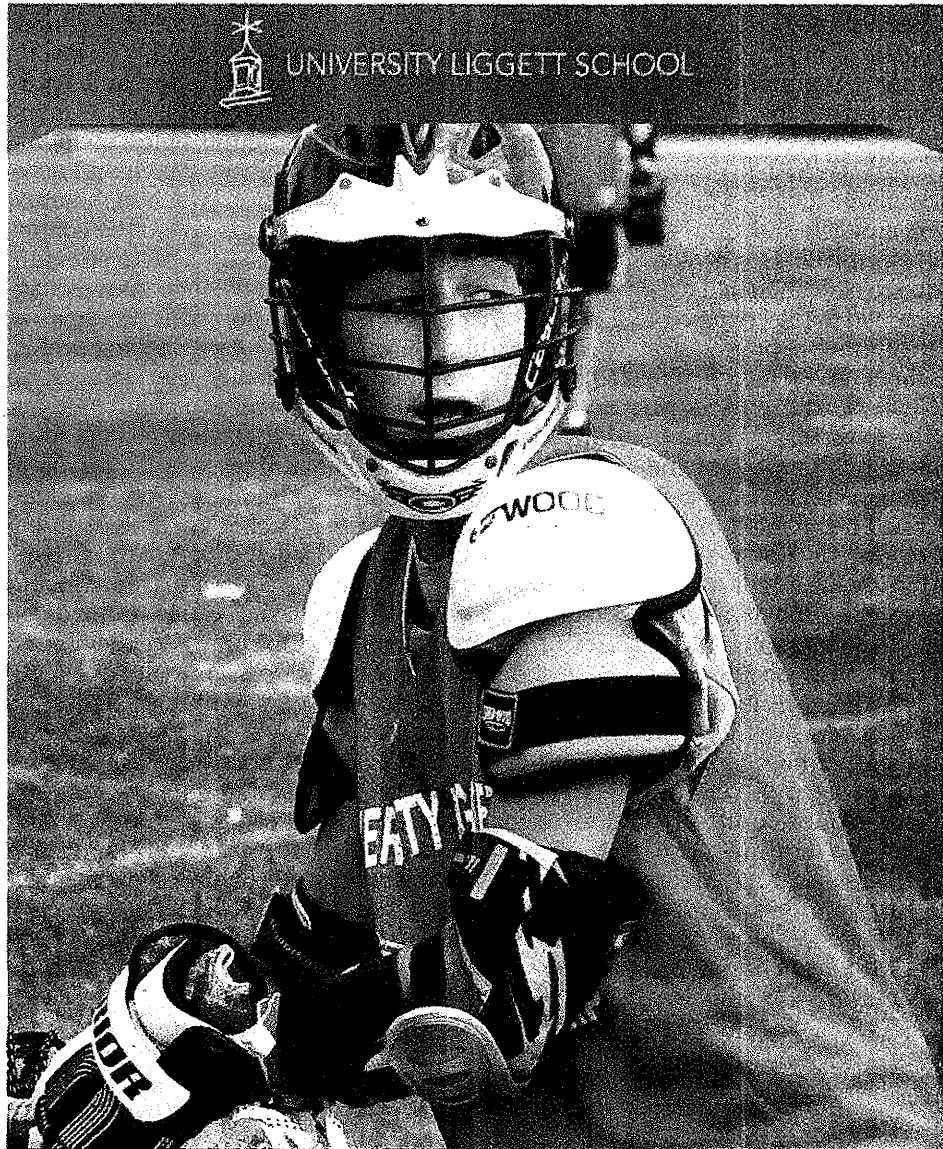
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OBITUARIES

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Sheila Catherine DeJohn

Sheila Catherine DeJohn, 74, of Bend, Ore., passed away peacefully Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2012, surrounded by family. She was predeceased by her adoring husband, David, in April 2009; her brothers, David and Robert and Robert's wife, Jean Leacock. She is survived by her son, Mark DeJohn of Bend; daughter, Lisa DeJohn of Seal Beach, Calif.; sister, Lydia Schaeffer; brother, Gordon Leacock; their families and members of her husband's family.

Mrs. DeJohn was born Sept. 20, 1937, in Detroit, to Robert and Kathleen (nee Maguire) Leacock. She was the second oldest of five children. Her family spent every summer at their cabin in the north woods of Michigan where she developed her lifelong love of nature.

She attended school in Michigan, graduating from Grosse Pointe High School and then attending Hillsdale College to study English and art, ultimately earning a Bachelor of Arts degree. In 1956, she met the love of her life, David DeJohn, on a blind date during her first week at college. They married in December 1959 in Grosse Pointe.

During their 49 years of marriage, the couple shared a love of the outdoors and spent many afternoons exploring the wilderness looking for animals and birds, relaxing and enjoying each other's company while surrounded by nature's beauty.

Mrs. DeJohn's professional life included teaching English and then art in Northville. Her dedication to education and children led to the creation of an alternative progressive school in Plymouth, the New Morning School. She gave up teaching to be a full-time mom and homemaker, but she continued her pursuit of fine art practice and study. Her artistic talent can be seen in her paintings, poetry, photography, handmade cards and jewelry. In addition, she loved gardening and was an avid student of nutrition. She was involved in community groups and programs to nurture all of her passions.

Her family said they will remember Mrs. DeJohn as a kind and beautiful soul. She was

intelligent and a wonderful mother, wife, sister and friend; one who was deeply loved and will be sincerely missed.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. March 17 at the First Presbyterian Church of Bend, 230 Northeast 9th Street, Bend, Ore.

Donations may be made to The Weston A. Price Foundation at westonaprice.org, The High Desert Museum, 59800 S. Highway 97, Bend, OR 97702 or at highdesertmuseum.org, or a nature conservatory of the donor's choice.

Vivian Frances Massa

Vivian Frances Massa, 87, died Monday, March 5, 2012.

Born April 3, 1924, in Pranzalito, a small town in northern Italy, she was deeply rooted in her Italian heritage. When she was 24, she immigrated to the United States by herself.

Although Mrs. Massa lived in Detroit and Grosse Pointe Woods for many years, her family said she spoke fondly of Pranzalito until her final days. She loved life and had music in her heart even when her mind failed her. In spite of her failing health, she found a smile and a song for her family, friends and caregivers until the end.

Mrs. Massa is survived by two daughters; two grandsons and her loving companion, Ron Evans.

Maria Rosa Alvarez

Former City of Grosse Pointe resident Maria Rosa Alvarez, 85, died Friday, March 9, 2012.

She was born Nov. 25, 1926, in Barcelona, Spain, and met her husband, Dr. Julian B. Alvarez, while he was attending medical school in Barcelona. After living in Puerto Rico and France, they moved to Detroit, eventually settling in the City of Grosse Pointe in 1962 and living there for many years. During retirement, they lived in St. Clair Shores.

Mrs. Alvarez was an artist who donated several of her paintings to fundraisers in the community. She was a seamstress and gourmet cook who loved to entertain family and friends. Her

culinary expertise included an array of Spanish dishes. She also enjoyed attending the theater and the symphony.

Through the years, Mrs. Alvarez was involved in volunteering for various community events including her church and Casa Maria family services in Detroit. She was a world traveler, fluent in several languages. She was proud of her beloved Spain and visited relatives there often.

Mrs. Alvarez is survived by her children, Dr. Julian A. (Catherine) Alvarez and Carmen (Dr. James) Stewart; grandchildren, James, Nicole, Alex, Eric and Cristina and her brother, Antonio.

She was predeceased by her husband.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 17, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Boys Hope Girls Hope of Detroit, 19905 Roslyn Road, Detroit, MI 48221.

Joyce Leon

Longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident Joyce Leon, passed away recently after a brief illness.

She was born in Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada, into a large, first-generation Chinese-Canadian family. As a child, she was an accomplished and prize-winning dancer of many different styles, including Chinese dance and acrobatics, which highlighted an extreme, often contortionistic agility, strength, and balance. As a teenager, she spent two years in Montreal dancing professionally. Her interest in travel and culture led her to become one of the first Chinese-Canadian flight attendants for Canadian Pacific Airlines, serving their routes to the Orient.

She married Harold Leon and moved to Detroit where they raised a son and three daughters. Through her influence, the children began to study music at an early age, and as pianists and violinists, performed throughout southern Michigan, often as a family.

Mrs. Leon's experiences with her family created an interest in early childhood development, and she went on to earn a master's degree in education from Wayne State University. She taught home economics at East Detroit High School and retired after 25 years of teaching.

Mrs. Leon's children credit her support and involvement in their music education as a critical factor in their achieve-



Sheila Catherine DeJohn



Vivian Frances Massa



Maria Rosa Alvarez



Joyce Leon



Frank P. McBride Jr.



Harriett Millies

ments. Regular attendance at Detroit Symphony Orchestra concerts, ferrying to lessons and performances, and most of all, her own deeply artistic personality helped to fuel the success of her children, three of whom are professional musicians.

In addition to dancing, Mrs. Leon was an accomplished seamstress who loved designing and sewing clothes, and loved handicrafts of all kinds, baking, traveling, reading and learning in general.

She was predeceased by her husband, Harold, a lawyer well known for his involvement in the celebrated Vincent Chin murder case and who, along with his wife, was a founding member of American Citizens for Justice.

Mrs. Leon is survived by her children, Craig, Stephanie, Suzanne and Kelly and their families, including seven grandchildren.

A private service was held.

Donations may be made to the American Citizens for Justice Inc., P.O. Box 851163, Westland, MI 48185.

Frank P. McBride Jr.

Life-long Grosse Pointe resident Frank P. McBride Jr., 83, died Friday, March 9, 2012.

He was the president and CEO of Frank P. McBride Jr. Inc. Insurance Agency which he started after graduating from Grosse Pointe High School and serving in the U.S. Coast Guard.

For many years, Mr. McBride was the boating and outdoor editor for WJR Radio. He was a Commodore for the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and Mackinac Island Yacht Club, as well as a member of the Bayview Yacht Club, Propeller Club and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association.

Mr. McBride is survived by his loving wife, Jere; brothers-in-law, John (Lynda) and Richard (Katherine) Hopkins; cousin Michael (Dee) Hutchinson and many other loving family and friends.

A memorial gathering will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 22, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

Donations may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207, St. Paul School, 170 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or the charity of the donor's choice.

Gordon MacKenzie

Gordon MacKenzie, best friend and loving husband for 60 years to his dearly departed wife, Marion, father to three boys, Blair, John, and David, and grandfather to beautiful granddaughter Erin, died peacefully Sunday, March 11, 2012, at his home in Naples, Fla.

Younger brother to Margaret and Jean, and son of Clark and Madeline MacKenzie, he graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School and attended the University of Michigan, where he developed a love for jazz and playing the drums, while earning both undergraduate and master's degrees in business administration. He was the sales manager for the college yearbook and a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity.

He was stationed in the Philippines during and at the end of World War II, ultimately attaining the rank of captain in the U.S. Army.

It was love at first sight when he met Marion Wilberding in 1947 in Detroit, and they married two years later. After short stints at the Packard Motor Car Co. and Willys Overland, Mr. MacKenzie joined Ford Motor Co. where he worked for more than 30 years. He moved through numerous sales positions around the country before landing back in Detroit, where he played a key role in introducing the Mustang — one of the highlights of his career — which set an all-time sales record for the company.

Mr. MacKenzie was promoted to vice president of the company in 1973, and made head of sales for Ford of Europe, where he played a key role in introducing the new Ford Fiesta. He and his wife settled into their house in the English village of Ingatestone, Essex, and spent week-

ends making new friends and scouring their new homeland for fun and adventure.

Called back home, Mr. MacKenzie was made a group vice president in 1978, heading up sales in North America. In 1983, he returned for a second call of duty in Europe. Following this last assignment, he returned to the United States and he and his wife split their time between Bingham Farms and Naples, Fla., eventually settling in Naples permanently.

Mr. MacKenzie served on the board of the Founder's Fund which gave out scholarships to deserving high school students. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of the Scottish Rite.

A funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 15, at the Bower Chapel at Moorings Park in Naples.

Donations may be made to the Founders Fund Inc. at The Club at Pelican Bay, 707 Gulf Park Drive, Naples, FL 34108.

Harriett Millies

Former Grosse Pointe resident Harriett Millies, nee Alger, 96, passed away peacefully Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012 in Norwood, Mass.

She was the beloved wife of James C. Millies, who predeceased her; loving mother of Nan Crossland and her husband, Hugh, of Westwood, Mass., Suzanne Millies and her husband, Dale Allen, of Portland, Ore., Jean Millies-Koker and her husband, Ira, of Toledo, Ore., and the late James A. Millies and his wife, Lynne, of Grosse Pointe; cherished grandmother of Wendy, Laura, Sandra, Aimee, Kelly, Carrie, George, Tammy and Marisa and great-grandmother of Andrew, Benjamin, Thomas, Kyle, Lily and Ryan.

She also is survived by her dear sister, Alice Kladnik and her husband, George, of Santa Barbara, Calif., and many nieces and nephews.

Her family said Mrs. Millies will especially be remembered for her warmth, generosity, inspiration, intelligence, love of travel and her pride at graduating from the University of Michigan with high distinction at age 58.

Donations may be made to Road Scholar at roadscholar.org or in care of Ann Simanis, Road Scholar, 11 Avenue de Lafayette, Boston, MA 02111.

A memorial service will be held in Michigan at a future date.



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er.

"When you read a book, you and the writer of that book write it together," Scillian said. "It's a funny thing ... If I bring in a couple hundred copies of a book, say, 'My Side of the Mountain,' and we pass them out and we all go home and read it, we'll all see things a little bit differently. It all means more to us because it's so personal."

Emma Maporano won the poster contest, while Audrey Smihal finished runner up and Imran Mihas and Cameryn Marchetti earned honorable mentions.

"We always get some outstanding ones, but I was really surprised this year at how extra creative," Schuetze said. "It's just another way to get more kids involved because some people might not be as in to reading, but they might be very artistic. And we put the posters up around the school and it helps remind kids, oh yeah, this is March of Dimes; oh yeah, this is reading month."

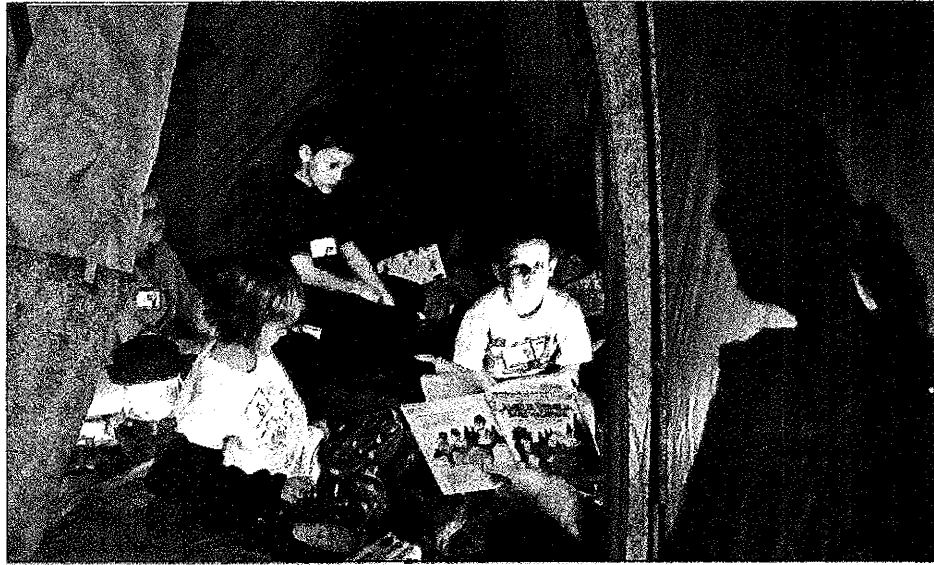
Needing little reminder is third grader Kerrigan Dunham. Last year, Dunham read 1,201 chapters and was the school's top reader.

All participants receive an award certificate and medal.

Other reading events

"American Chillers" author Jonathan Rand visited Monteith Elementary School Friday, March 9, and spoke about the power of imagination in reading and writing. To Rand, "reading is not a thing you do, it's a place you go." He relates book covers to doors and a pencil, when held, to a magic wand.

Afterward, he autographed student copies of his books.



• Similar to Poupard, Trombly Elementary School is participating in the one school, one book program. Every student received a copy of Roald Dahl's "James and the Giant Peach," and principal Walt Fitzpatrick and teachers planned multiple school activities, including daily trivia, art projects and writing activities throughout the month.

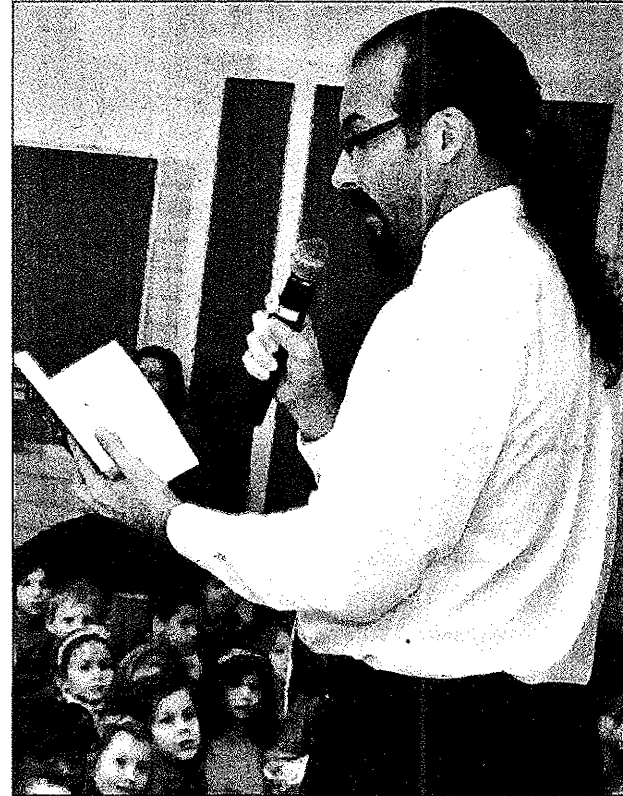
• Kerby Elementary School organized a read-in in the school gym, in which principal Maureen Bur read aloud to students, some of whom were dressed in pajamas. The school also will host children's book author Denise Brennan-Nelson Wednesday, March 21.

• Like Kerby, Defer Elementary School planned a read-in, only, Defer's is at night. During

March reading night, Thursday, March 22, students join fellow students and families dressed in pajamas, eating cookies and drinking milk, while listening to a story. The

school will accept donations for the Best Friends Book Foundation.

• Ferry Elementary School hosted camp read-a-book for first graders Friday, March 9.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Left, Kerby Elementary School principal Maureen Bur reads to kindergartners during the school's read-in.

Above left, Ferry Elementary School students camped out in the school gym, where parents read to them.

Above, "American Chillers" author Jonathan Rand spoke to students at Monteith Elementary School Friday, March 9.

Teachers situated seven tents around the gym and borrowed props from Grosse Pointe North High School's theater department for further authenticity. Parents at each

tent read aloud to students from books focusing on camping or outdoors. Adding to the mood, a CD of nature sounds and birds played in the background.

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Leah Salisbury fixes the hair of her doll, Sunny.

Doll's tea party

Right, Delphine Gallagher shows part of her collection that includes more than 100 dolls to girls during Grosse Pointe Public Library's dolls' tea at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, Saturday, March 10. Gallagher has been collecting dolls for more than 50 years. Below, Charlotte Bayer of Grosse Pointe Park and her doll look over a collection of Madame Alexander dolls. Bottom right, Carsyn and Willow Allen of Harper Woods make crepe paper flowers during the craft portion of the tea party.



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South graduate's short in local film festival

"The Disarticulation of Sarah Danner," a short film by former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Lara Sfire, was featured in the second annual

Uptown Film Festival in Birmingham in early March.

Sfire wrote, directed and produced the 13-minute short which she is making into a full length feature film, said her mother, Connie Sfire. The movie was shot in New York.

Starring Louisa Krause

and David Call, the film shows Sarah Danner and her boyfriend fall apart after a loved one commits suicide. Instead of attending the funeral, they spend the day together exploring their relationship.

Sfire graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1995, attended DePaul University, earned

a bachelor's degree in film from Western Michigan University and a master's degree in cinematography from the University of Florida. Living in New York, she has been making short films, filming music videos, writing scripts, directing, acting and working as a film electric, best boy and gaffer.




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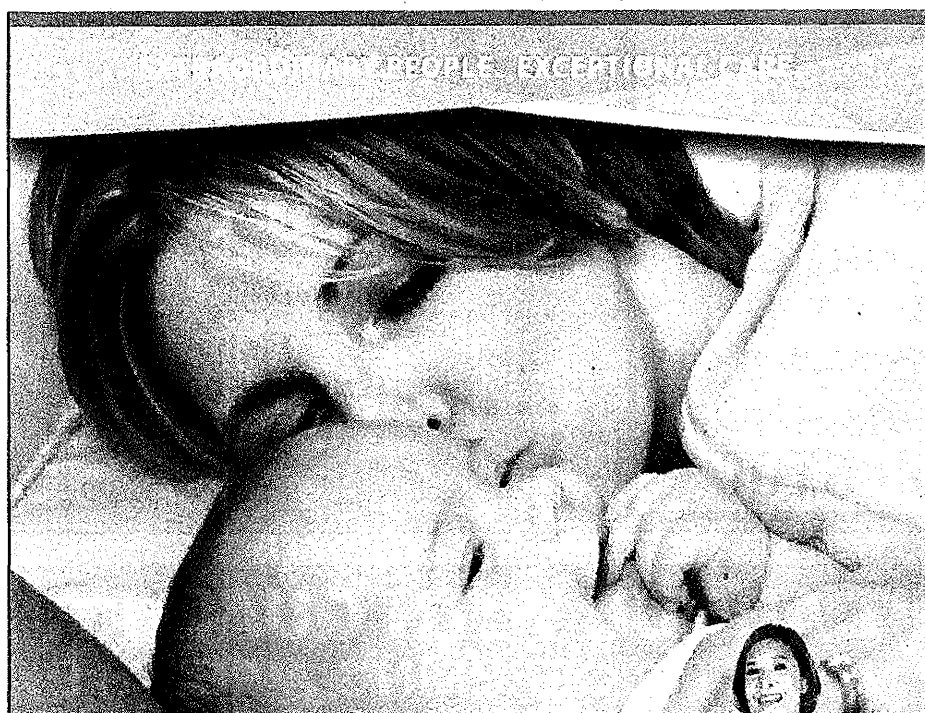
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Public safety awards

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — When seven awards are issued to six individuals, someone gets two.

The distinction goes to Officer Thomas Shimko, recipient of dual citations for outstanding service during 2011.

Shimko and fellow recipients were credited during the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety awards ceremony, Monday, March 12.

"We have a great police department," said Mayor James Farquhar. "They make our city very safe. We're lucky to have them."

Chief Dan Jensen presided.

"I thank the city council, Manager Shane Reeside and, particularly, (Municipal) Judge Matthew Rumora, for giving us the tools and equipment we need to train and do this job properly," Jensen said.

Award categories and recipients were:

♦ **Life savings award**
Saving a life is a public safety officer's highest honor, even without an award.

Yet, Farms Lt. Jack Patterson and Officer Antonino Trupiano received them for resuscitating a woman last November.

She was unresponsive when officers found her on her kitchen floor.

Patterson started ventilation and Trupiano administered shock treatment. No response, both officers began CPR, which Patterson teaches.

Two minutes and another shock later, the woman's pulse returned and she started breathing on her own.

"Lt. Patterson and Officer Trupiano are commended for their lifesaving efforts in response to a medical emergency,"

Jensen said. "They are a testament to the type of training our officers receive on a yearly basis."

♦ **Commendation**
Officer Roger Wierszewski helped a neighboring law enforcement agency solve the case of a man who stabbed a 69-year-old woman in the neck.

Wierszewski conducted his investigation in February, upon learning that New York State Police caught a man driving a car stolen a day earlier in the Farms.

Wierszewski matched him to the stabbing. Extradition ensued.

"Wierszewski is commended for his investigative skills in helping a fellow police agency solve a high-profile case," Jensen said.

♦ **Citation**

Officers were trying to solve 14 larcenies and three stolen vehicles last June when Officer Shimko, on the night shift, came upon two suspicious teenagers walking in a neighborhood near Mack.

Neither gave straight stories about how they obtained various electron-

ics gear, cell phones and loose change in their pockets.

Shimko's roadside investigation led to confessions.

The next month, Shimko caught a man armed with a knife accused of breaking in to a house in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"Shimko is to be commended for quick action," Jensen said.

♦ **Citation**

Detective John Walko received a citation for actions in April leading to the recovery of stolen property.

Walko, in an unmarked car on Mack, witnessed a man exit a car stopped in a traffic lane, reach into the back of a landscaper's truck, remove a leaf blower and speed into Detroit.

In compliance with department rules limiting high-speed pursuits, Walko alerted officers in another jurisdiction. They found the suspect's car and stolen equipment on Detroit's eastside.

"Walko is to be commended for his perceptive actions," Jensen said.

♦ **Director's Merit Award**

For 15 years, Paul Monarch, communications director of the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods public safety radio system, has been working in an office filled with electronic gear in the back of the police station.

"I recognize Paul for his efforts and dedication to keeping our communities, officers and firefighters safe by ensuring the most important element of public safety service: communication," Jensen said.

Monarch soon will oversee network upgrades.

"The system will enable statewide interoperability between city, county, state and federal agencies to assist in providing better public safety services and homeland security," Jensen said.

Chamber honors community's best

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce honored several residents of the Pointes with Pointer of Distinction awards at its annual dinner Tuesday, Jan. 24.

The event, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, featured Ted Everingham as master of ceremonies.

This year's winners include:

♦ **Michael Meyering** of Grosse Pointe Woods, a senior at University Liggett School, received the Youth Award.


Meyering said his greatest achievement has been his successful progress in the Boy Scout program, earning the rank of Eagle Scout this spring. His community service work in-

cludes that through Boy Scouts and work at the Iroquois Avenue Christ Lutheran Church and Clothing Pantry. He also is a student tutor.

Meyering is on the ULS quiz bowl team, a player on the baseball team that won a state title last year, was the starting goalkeeper for the Liggett soccer team the last two years, served as the student commission treasurer and plays bass on the chamber string ensemble.

He also has earned more than a dozen awards for academic achievement as he maintains a 4.05 grade point average.

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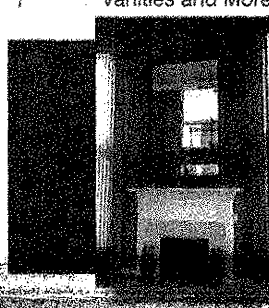
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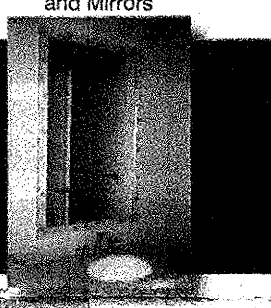
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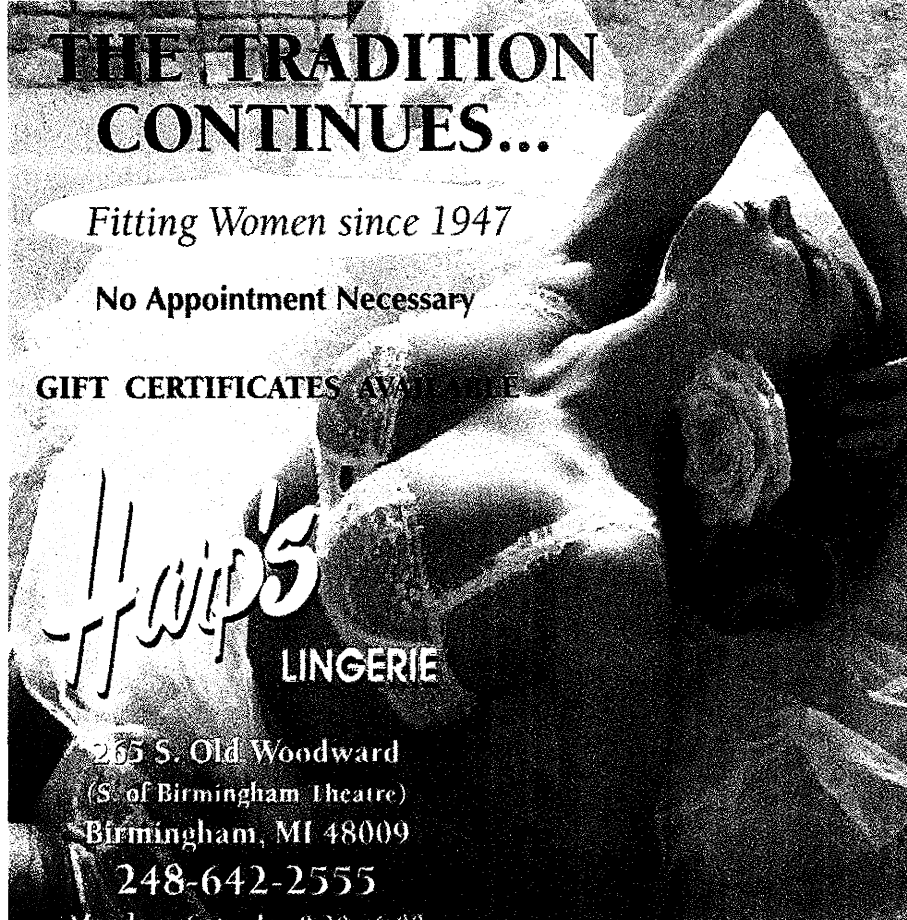
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Main sewer inspection this week

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — It won't be paradise for inspectors paddling the chief river of Grosse Pointe's underworld.

They'll wear protective clothing and breathing apparatus for a three-mile cruise in a row boat

through a 10-foot sewer pipe from the Kerby Road pump station to the area of Jefferson and Ashland in Detroit.

A Farms employee asked to go along.

"That's on my list of jobs I wouldn't want," said Mayor James Farquhar.

The crew will survey the pipe, called the Fox Creek enclosure, for

structural integrity, sediment buildup and things that could have contributed to two rounds of sewer backups into basements last summer in the inland district of the Farms.

A final investigation of the flooding is nearly finished, according to Shane Reside, city manager.

"It was our intent to have it completed earlier,"

he said. "It will address what transpired."

Pipe inspection is scheduled this week, weather permitting.

"We need about 48 hours of dry conditions," Reeside said.

Survey costs will be apportioned to cities using the pipe, include the Pointes, St. Clair Shores, Harper Woods and Detroit.

"There's going to be a little negotiation on how that cost is paid," Reeside said. "It will probably be determined by flows."

Floods prompted Farms officials to approve nearly \$5 million worth of plant upgrades.

Work includes installing a large, permanent generator to power pumps during electrical failures, as happened before one of the floods. A

failure of plant electrical switching equipment was recorded during the other flood.

"Bids for purchase of a generator are due to be received Wednesday," Reside said Monday, March 12.

Another improvement is installation of a new sewage flow meter.

The old meter broke during one of the floods, Reeside said.

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Meyering is the son of Paul and Mary Ellen Meyering.

◆ Grosse Pointe North High School senior Suzanne Vyletel of Grosse Pointe Woods received the Youth Award.

Vyletel is a student and a teacher of dance at Grosse Pointe Dance Center. She teaches Sunday school, volunteers in Grace Community Church's nursery and tutors elementary and middle school students.

With a friend, Vyletel founded Culinary Kids, teaching cooking to children ages 6-10. She also maintains a website for the business.

She is the school yearbook editor, served as a student government officer for four years, is an IMPACT club and WILLOW club member. She has completed a youth group mission trip to Jamaica and has earned

more than a dozen academic and dance awards, locally and nationally.

"My mom has helped me reach goals in many areas of my life and I attribute many of my achievements to her because of how she raised me to have high standards and to set goals for myself," Vyletel said in her presentation to the chamber.

◆ Charles Sorge of Grosse Pointe Farms, a senior at Grosse Pointe South High School, was the third recipient of the chamber's Youth Award.

He has been involved in the community as a baseball coach for Eagle Sports, a volunteer at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe and a student tutor. Sorge has been on the South soccer and baseball teams, a part of the Spanish Club, the Foreign Exchange Club and the Viewpoint Yearbook Club, along with the Interact Club and DECA Club.

He plans to attend the University of Michigan, following in the footsteps of many family members.

"I hope to go to law school after my undergraduate years," Sorge said. "Now that I am close

to finishing my high school years, I can see how important my parents have been in my success."

Sorge also earned more than a dozen academic honors and has a 4.20 grade point average.

◆ Dan Curis of Grosse Pointe Woods, owner operator of the Big Boy and Champs restaurants in the Woods, received the Excellence in Business Award.

Curis said his goal is to own another business on Mack Avenue.

"The city of Grosse Pointe Woods has been very good to me," he said. "(I enjoyed) serving this city for over 33 years at the Big Boy, over 12 years on City Commission, four years at Champs and having my office in town."

Curis and his wife have been married for more than 28 years. Along with his parents, Curis said his wife has been an inspiration to work hard a succeed.

"I really appreciate her strength and wisdom and most of all her love," Curis said in his presentation to the chamber.

◆ Benjamin J. Burns, a City of Grosse Pointe resident, is Wayne State

University's journalism program director. Burns spent more than 30 years in the newspaper business and founded grossepointetoday.com, a non-profit website which serves as a training ground for Wayne State journalism students who learn multi-media and on-line reporting and editing via the site.

While executive editor of The Detroit News, Burns founded the Journalism Institute for Media Diversity at WSU. The scholarship and honors program has sent more than 250 students into media, public service, law and politics.

Burns has served on dozens of boards and charities, including Children's Home of Detroit, Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation board, Services for Older Citizens Board, Grosse Pointe Ecumenical Men's Club Board, Detroit Historical Society Board of Directors, Historical Society of Michigan, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Society of Professional Journalists, Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame and is the campaign chairman of the Grosse Pointe library millage election.

In his written presentation to the chamber, Burns thanked his family for their support.

"I have been blessed to have a wonderful wife and partner, Beverly, who has been my chief editor for more than 37 years," Burns wrote. "I have four wonderful, successful children — Blakely, Bethany, Ben and James. All of my family has supported me and encouraged me in my various projects — writing and otherwise."

◆ Scott Advertising Inc., owned by Mary Conway Scott and her husband Bill Scott, was awarded the New Business Enterprise award.

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Conway Scott is a member of Adcraft Club of Detroit, a board member of the Marquette University Alumni Club of Detroit, the Academy of the Sacred Heart Marketing Committee, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Communications Council and Detroit Regional Chamber. Conway Scott said her passion for her career came from her late grandfather.

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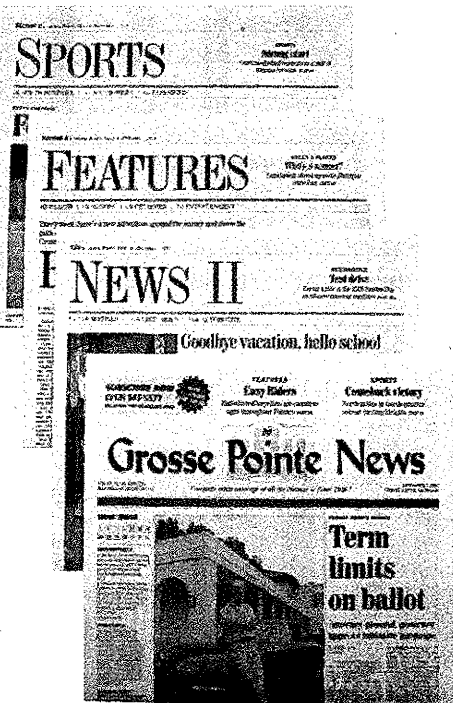
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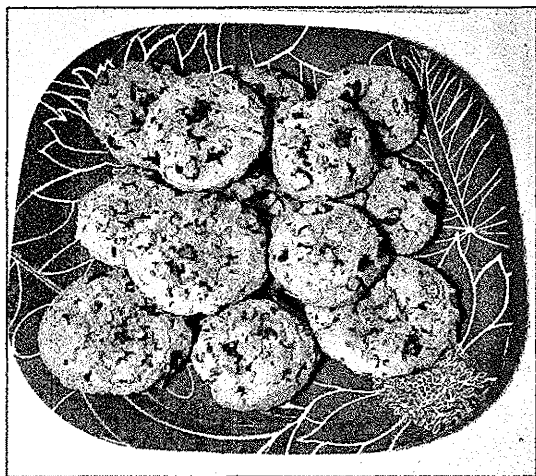
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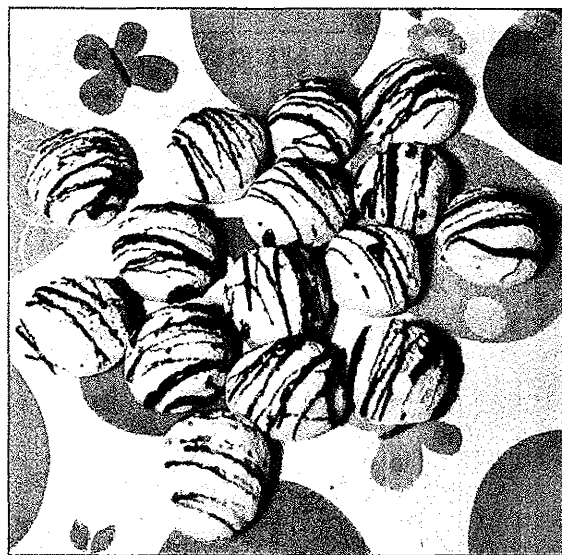
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The cookie challenge



Almond Kiss cookies by Mary Jane Johr of Grosse Pointe Woods came in third. The shortbread cookie had a Hershey kiss in the center.



Top, the winning cookie by Katelyn Gloster. Above, Mountain Dew cookies, by Claire Yeamans and Anna Mellos, both of Grosse Pointe Park, were sprinkled with green sugar. These cookies had a kick of the carbonated beverage. Right, from left, first place winner Katelyn Gloster, third place winner Mary Jane Johr and second place winner Madeline Glasser.



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There was nothing left but cookie crumbs following The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods cookie challenge Sunday, March 11, at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club. Three judges declared Ferry Elementary School fourth-grader Katelyn Gloster's "Chocolate Chip Butterfinger Cookie" the winner based on originality, cookie appearance and taste. Judges, Grosse Pointe Hunt Club chef Frank Chero, Julie Lavigne of The Hill Seafood & Chop House and Grosse Pointe News features editor Ann L. Fouty, professed all seven entries delicious. Above, Sean Burdt, who entered St. Patrick's Day sugar ball cookies, pinky swears with chef Frank Chero to get together to bake more cookies.

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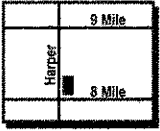
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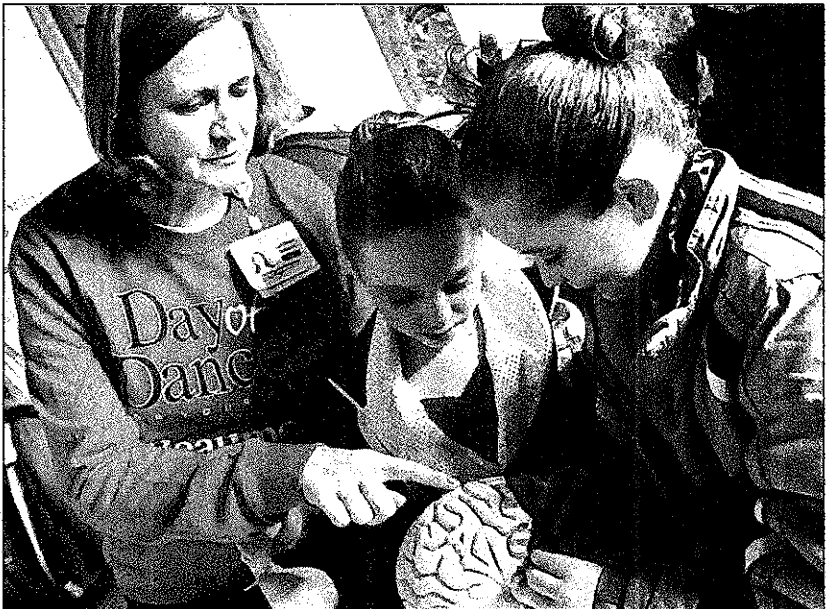
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Amariyah Arndt and her friend, Miya Bowman, receive information about the brain from Cathleen Solecki, a stroke coordinator at Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe during the annual Day of Dance for Your Health. The Saturday, Feb. 25, event included information about simple ways to stay healthy.

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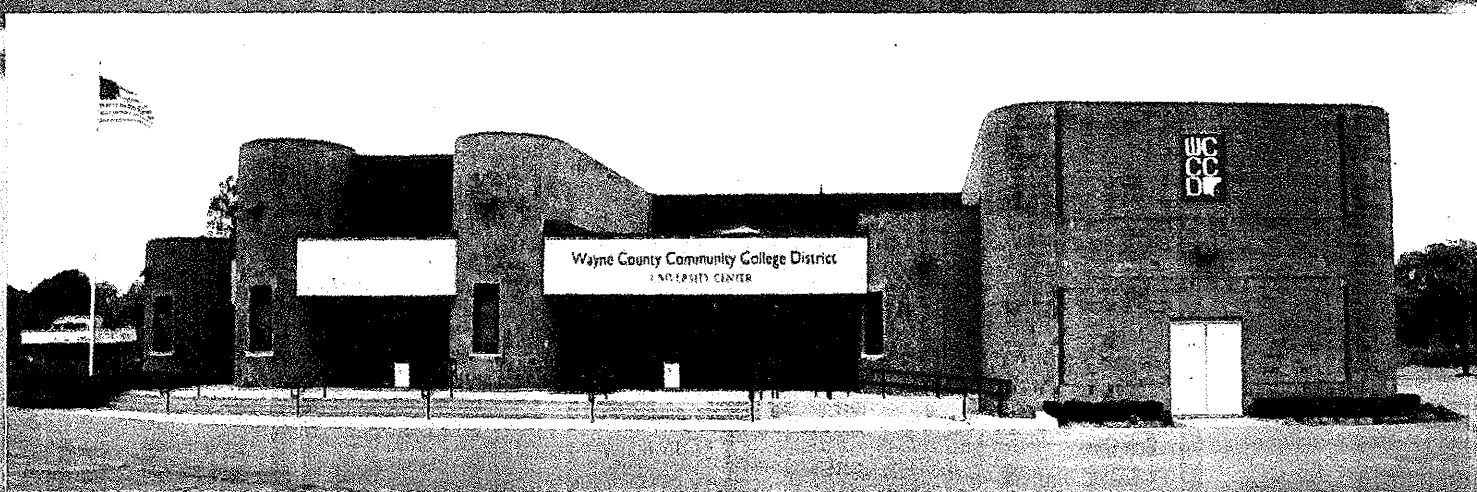
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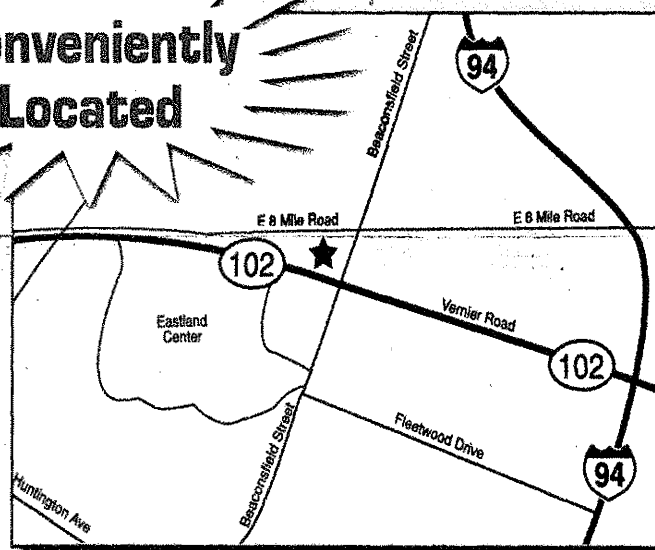


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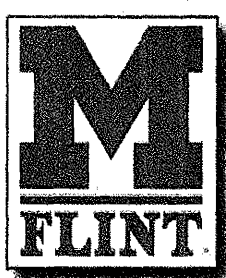


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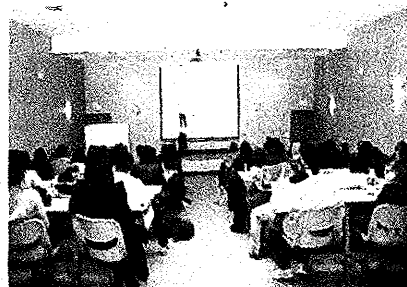
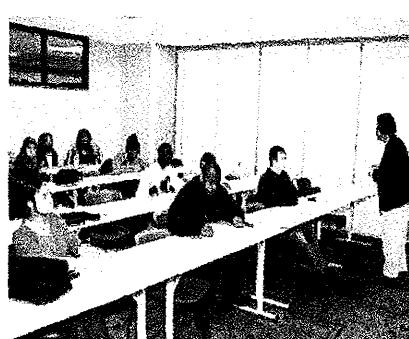


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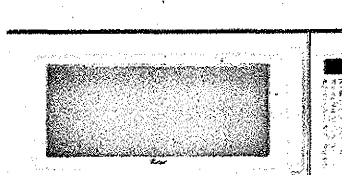
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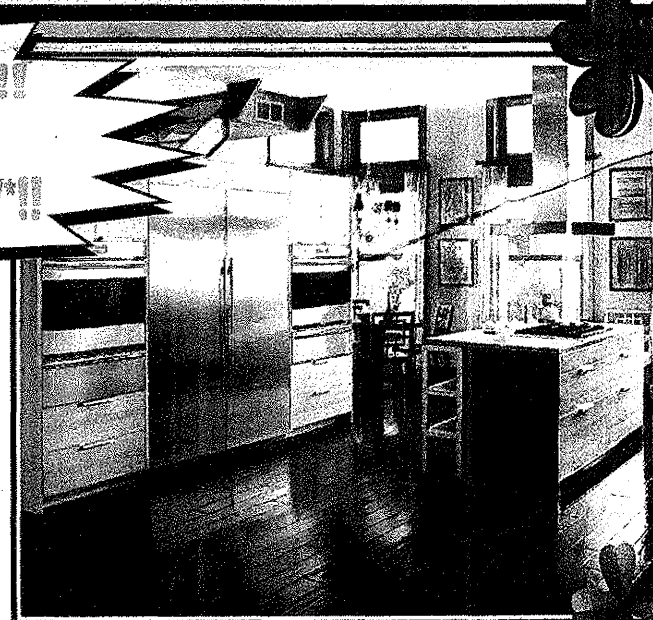
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AUTOS By Jenny King

New engine system for Mazda3 i



The 2012 Mazda3 i is a jewel with only a few flaws. Its best facets include standard-setting fuel economy, contemporary looks, the user-friendly controls, performance and drivability characteristics and value for the money.

The shortcoming is rear-seat roominess. Leg, ankle and head space are sorely lacking.

Mazda says the imported compact sedan is the first application in North America of the company's Skyactiv technologies applied to the 2.0-liter four-cylinder gasoline engine, six-speed manual transmission and six-speed automatic.

Mazda says the new system brings the promise of 40 miles per gallon in highway driving. An option allows the driver to see the number of miles remaining on a tank of gas.

And although the Skyactiv 2.0-liter four develops 155 horsepower, Mazda infuses the updated engine with its famous

zoom-zoom. With a fuel capacity of 14.5 gallons, the sedan has a potential 540-mile range, with a gallon of fuel remaining. City fuel economy for the sedan is 28 mpg. Equipped with the six-speed manual, the EPA-rated fuel economy is 27 city/39 highway.

The Mazda3 i is avail-

able in four-door sedan and five-door hatchback. The base model, which begins at \$15,200, uses the older 2.0-liter 148-horsepower four with five-speed transmission and lower fuel economy.

Standard safety features include dynamic stability and traction control, antilock brakes and

electronic brakeforce distribution. Air bags include seat-mounted side for front seat occupants and two full-length side air curtains. There is a "crushable" brake pedal assembly and an active head rest on the front seats lessen the chances of whiplash in a crash.

Adding to the comfort and enjoyment is a power

sunroof, navigation system, heated front seats with easy-to-use dials and instrumentation.

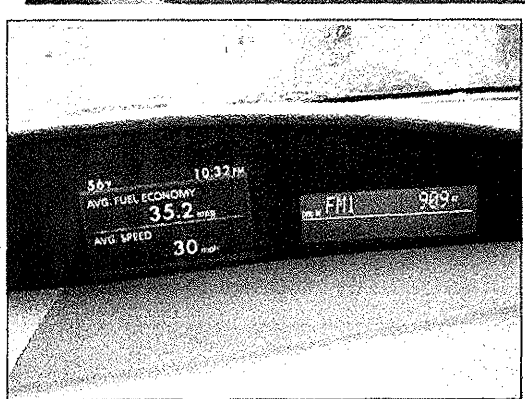
Other options — depending on models — include 17-inch and 18-inch wheels, spoilers and ground effects, sport suspension, upgraded interior trim and a blind spot monitoring system that illuminates an icon on the

outside mirrors as another vehicle is passing. Rain-sensing front windshield wipers, a perimeter alarm, automatic on/off headlights, bi-xenon headlights with auto leveling and a pivoting adaptive front-lighting system are other options.

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



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Mazda added Skyactiv engine and transmission improvements to the 2012 Mazda3 i models. Engine information gives an immediate update on fuel economy and fuel level.

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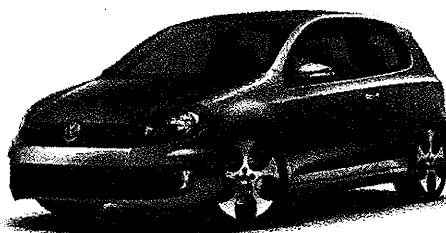


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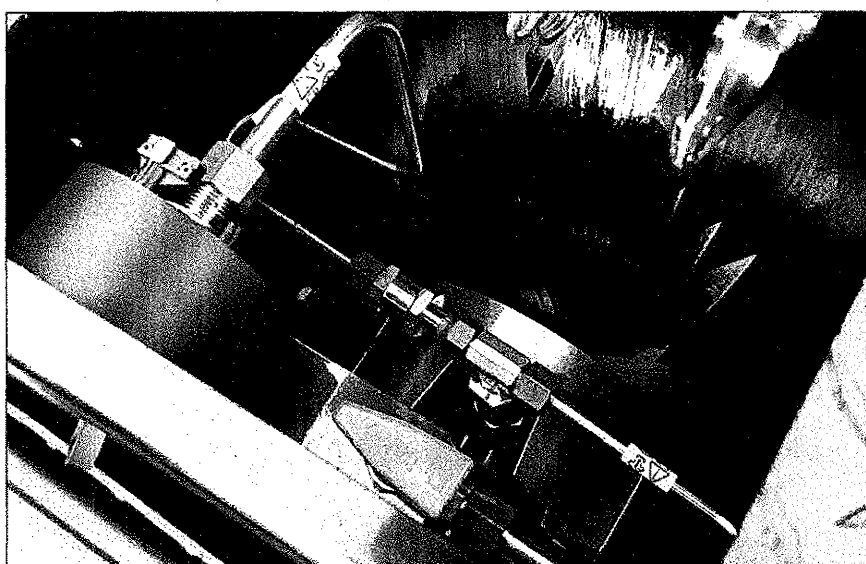
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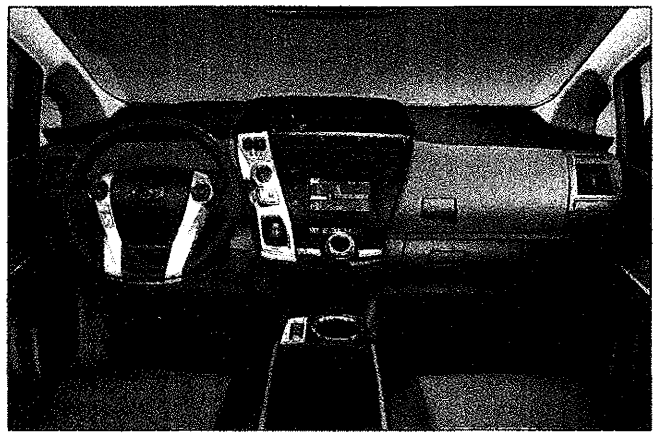
This week, we're driving Toyota's all new Prius V Five, an enhanced, loaded and larger version of the most popular hybrid vehicle in the world — base price: \$29,990; price as tested: \$36,555.

As Prius continues to sell in large numbers, Toyota engineers answered the call of Prius owners and prospective buyers who desire more interior room and superior luggage capacity, resulting in the "V" we drive this week.

Not surprisingly, the most impressive aspect of the "V" is its immediate wagon-style presence. Everyone we spoke to commented on the larger look, and were greatly impressed when they looked even closer.

Inside, you'll find a "lots of room" feel the minute you open V's door. From legroom to headroom to luggage, you'll experience a "no problem" aura. When the rear split seats fold down, you'll encounter spaciousness that will house just about anything you can buy on a trip to the home center. (Yes, it's that big.)

In comparison, the "V" has a much longer wheelbase at 109.4 inches compared to 106.3 inches for the standard size Prius. With the extra wheelbase comes extra weight, in the amount of another



225 or so pounds. This also necessitates the need for larger tires, in this case 17-inchers as compared to the smaller 15-inchers.

A bigger size fuel mileage tradeoff finds an EPA aver-

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2012 Toyota Prius V Five

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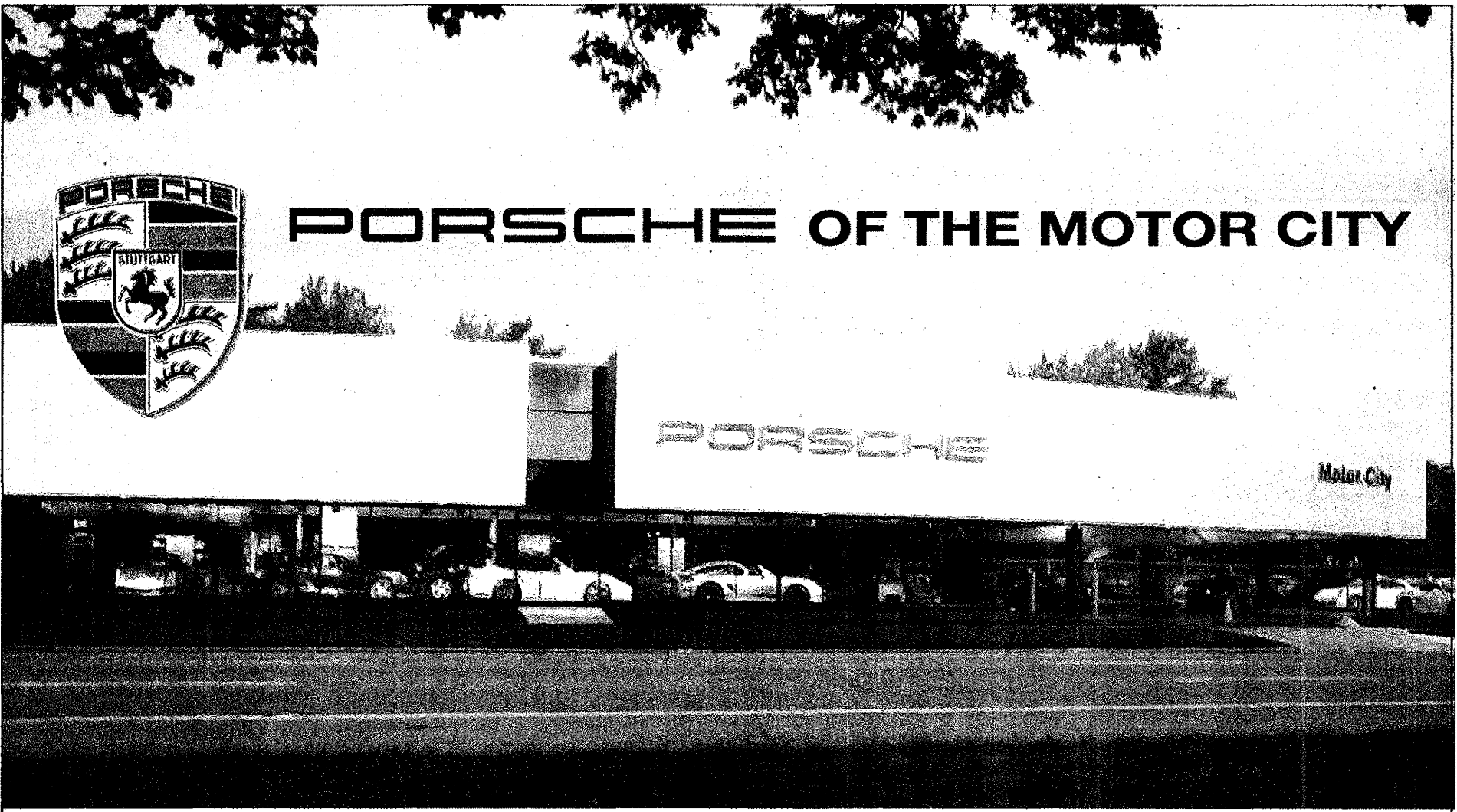
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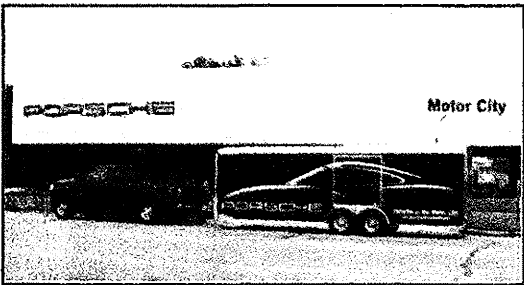
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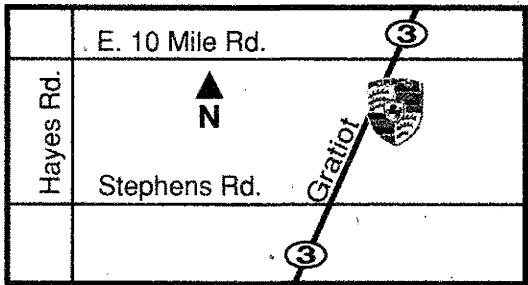
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Forecast for 2012: partly cloudy



Automotive analysts are cautiously optimistic about new car sales in the United States in 2012 and the outlook for the global industry.

Prior to the 2012 North American International Auto Show, market analysts told members of the Society of Automotive Analysts in Detroit the economy is slowly recovering from the 2008 recession and retail sales of light vehicles will be between 13.3 and 13.9 million this calendar year.

Yes, there are issues. Inventories were severely affected by natural disasters in 2011, unemployment continues at a high rate and the European debt crisis is not under

control and could spread.

"The economy constantly gets hit with shocks like political upheavals and weather, but the U.S. is now on a recovery path," said Mustafa Mohatarem, General Motors chief economist, at the NAIAS Outlook Conference held Jan. 8 at Cobo Center. "The U.S. always recovers from recessions. This time will be no different."

Employment is the biggest drag on sales in the U.S., he continued, "and we have a long way to go."

Consumer confidence, however, was up several points in December from July, said Paul Taylor, National Automobile Dealers Association chief economist.

Taylor said unemployment was down slightly at the end of last year, adding that low interest rates and tight supplies of late-model used cars could work to improve new-car sales in the com-

ing months.

The NADA sales prediction for 2012 is 13.9 million light vehicles. Other analysts suggested 13.3 to 13.6 million.

Inventory build-up

When the effects of the natural disasters of 2011 have been overcome and the flow of vehicles and parts from Asia regains momentum, look for increased competition in the U.S., Taylor said.

"There will be intense competition the second half of this year," he predicted. It likely will spur wide use of incentives as the various makes vie to retain customers and attract new ones.

Competition not only will challenge the Detroit Three, it will continue to rearrange market shares to the point the U.S. may more closely resemble Europe, with a half-dozen major players.

"It will be hard for automakers to hold high shares of the market

here," said Brandon Mason of PwC Autofacts. PwC predicts sales of 13.6 million in 2012 and 14.2 million in 2013.

Worldwide production is pegged at 79 million for 2012 and may reach 106 million by 2012, Mason said.

"In 2011 newer markets surpassed mature markets for the first time," he reported. Sales in China were 16.4 million last year.

Risks cloud outlook

It's the unknowns that make analysts especially cautious. Risk factors run the gamut from the unsteady pace of housing in the U.S. to natural disasters and elections here and abroad.

In a recent statement, Timothy Nash and David Fry of Northwood University in Midland stated there will be major changes in Washington and at state and local levels following the November election.

In the meantime, they said, "Congress will agree to short-term deficit reduction measures that will include spending cuts and reductions in tax loopholes. However, Congress and the president will leave a larger debt burden and an ever-growing financial crisis to be dealt with in 2013."

Political changes are coming in China in 2012, said GM's Mohatarem. Economic growth there will continue to be strong but weakening.

"As the Chinese economy becomes more transparent in 2012, the growing Chinese debt burden at the provincial level will pose new concerns for foreign investors," said Nash.

Northwood University forecasts U.S. inflation will average between 1 and 2 percent this year. The Dow Jones Industrial Average will "flirt with 14,000 before ending the year at just below 13,000."

Confident the U.S. Federal Reserve monetary policy will prevent a recession this year, Nash and Fry suggested current fiscal policy in Washington will leave the country "in a precarious financial position" by the end of the year.

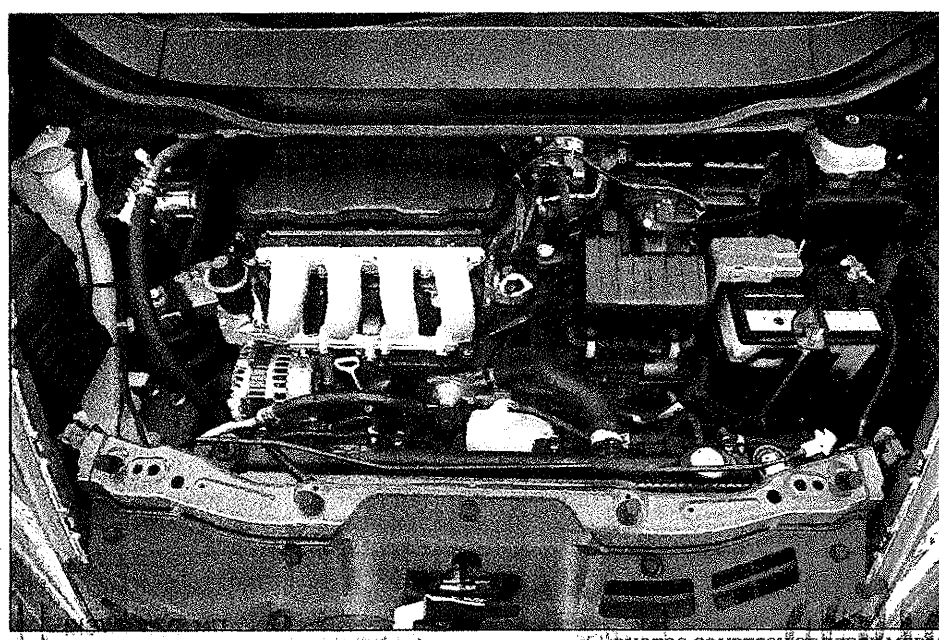
"Whoever occupies 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue and the seats of the U.S. Congress in January of 2013 will have little choice but to introduce stern austerity measures or face the same troubles Europe is facing today."

Sources: Paul Taylor, chief economist, National Automobile Dealers Association;

Mustafa Mohatarem, chief economist, General Motors; Brandon Mason, senior automotive analyst with PwC's Autofacts group, Detroit.

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2012 Honda Fit Sport

The Honda Fit builds on its proven strengths for 2012 with updated styling on Fit Sport, interior upgrades on all models and the addition of new standard and available features. The manufacturer suggested retail price for Fit Sport starts at \$16,910. The 2012 Honda Fit Sport 1.5 liter i-VTEC 4-cylinder engine, left, is tuned to deliver a combination of power and fuel economy. A five-speed manual transmission is standard and a five-speed automatic is available. Steering wheel-mounted paddle shifters on Fit Sport models equipped with the available automatic transmission allow for manual gear selection.

PRIUS V: Hybrid Synergy Drive system

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age fuel mileage drop-off to 44 city and 40 highway, versus the standard Prius 51 city and 48 highway. Still, this decline in fuel mileage is a fair exchange for the added interior room and cargo capacity, which rivals or exceeds other mid-size cars.

Further, consumers must not be misled by our model V "Five's" price, where a final bottom line of \$36,555 is quite high yet includes every bell and whistle Toyota offers, including an optional \$5,580 Advanced Technology package that I must admit is very impressive. For 2012, the entry level Prius V Two is available for an attractive \$26,400, and then graduates to models V Three (\$27,165), and then the top line V Five model nomenclature. (Does this mean they forgot the Four?)

The nucleus of the great fuel mileage lies in Toyota's Hybrid Synergy Drive system, featuring gas-electric synchronization and a "full-electric" mode when traveling less than 35 mph. There's also an "economy" ECO mode that combines the power of the gas engine and electric motor while minimizing fuel consumption via throttle opening control and air conditioner restriction.

Under the hood sits a proven 1.8-liter 96-horse 13 to 1 compression 4-cylinder gas engine that works in tandem with the battery motor, producing a peak of 80 internal combustion horsepower and

a Hybrid net combined output of 134 horsepower. As for acceleration, expect to see 60 MPH in about 10.5 seconds, some 1.25-seconds slower than the smaller Prius model. A continuously variable transmission delivers power to the tires and works flawlessly.

Prius V Five features standard air conditioning, XM Radio, remote keyless entry, push button start, Star Safety with 4-wheel disc brakes with ABS, electronic brakeforce, vehicle stability, brake assist, rear spoiler, advanced air bag system, LED headlamps, navigation with 6.1-inch touch screen display, cruise, tilt, heated seats and all the powers. The suspension is a McPherson strut up front and a torsion beam design out back.

The dashboard allows monitoring all of the electric-gas power distribution on a touch-panel display monitor, while our high tech option adds many distinctive additions that would take too much space to explain. However, your Toyota dealer is waiting, and he or she will be glad to go over each and every item.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 109.4-inches, 11.9-gallon fuel tank, 3,274-pound curb weight, and 34.3 cubic feet of cargo space with back seats up, which is way more than the 22 available in the standard Prius.

Toyota's Prius V Five offers one of the best overall vehicles in this smaller wagon/minivan cluster, and its new size should attract potential Prius buyers that heretofore did not shop a Toyota store.

Likes: Size, economy, return on investment, interior room, build.

Dislikes: Expensive options, rear visibility.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated automotive columnist.

Macomb committee named

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The road to Macomb County has a few stops along the way.

"No. 1, is there a legal chance of doing it? No. 2, what would be the impact of the school district?" said Dr. Robert Lee, one of six Grosse Pointe Shores residents appointed to an ad hoc committee investigating the chances of the city switching to Macomb County.

The prior Shores city

council approved creation of the committee in August.

The present council approved its membership this month.

In addition to Lee, other appointees are Shores residents Gloria Anton, Gerard Miserendino, City Clerk Bruce Nichols, Burnie Pemberton and Roger Stock.

Councilman Dan Schulte is council liaison.

The group's official name includes its rallying cry: the Move-to-Macomb ad hoc Advisory

Committee.

Most of the Shores is in Wayne County. The city's north end is in Macomb County, where Schulte noted property taxes are lower.

"A lot of investigation is going to be required before there can be any definitive recommendation," Lee said. "Dan's done a fair amount of background work already. It's worth pursuing."

The ad hoc committee is unpaid. Another stop along the way is the polls. Wayne County voters

must approve the switch and, by doing so, agree to forego Shores property tax revenues.

On the other hand, Macomb may have to pay for maintenance of the section of Lake St. Clair breakwall currently in Wayne County.

"It may be a hard sell at the polls," Lee said. "Given what's happened recently with all the waste, fraud and abuse which has scandalized Wayne County, it would not be wise not to investigate this possibility."

Canned

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

HARPER WOODS — Raleigh the police dog found a burglary suspect last week hiding where some crime victims think criminals ought to be — in a garbage can.

"We wouldn't have got him without the dog," said Sgt. Michael Almeranti, Raleigh's handler.

Almeranti, a City of Grosse Pointe officer, was on patrol shortly after midnight Wednesday, March 7, when asked by Harper Woods for mutual aid.

They needed help finding a man fleeing a house fire.

"I think it was a home invasion in which the house was started on fire," Almeranti said.

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CANNED: Success means it's time for a treat

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Harper Woods police pursued the suspect driving from the scene southbound on Balfour at a high rate of speed.

The suspect crossed Moross into Detroit, smashed into a backyard and bailed out.

A female passenger stayed with the car, according to police.

Police learned the suspect was a middle-aged Detroit man either armed

or wanted for violating parole on a weapons charge, Almeranti said.

"We started our track on (the 11400 block of) McKinney," he said. "Raleigh started going southbound along the front of houses."

The search was interrupted by a resident's Akita charging Raleigh.

"We grabbed the dog to protect Raleigh," Almeranti said.

At about mid-block, Raleigh tugged Almeranti up a driveway to a large,

black garbage can.

"He started sniffing it, scratching and barking at it," Almeranti said. "When the lid was raised, the perpetrator was crouching down inside the can. He was dragged out and taken into custody by Harper Woods police."

Raleigh, trained to think tracking suspects is a game, wanted a treat. Almeranti let him play with his toy ball.

"Back at the station, I gave him a biscuit," Almeranti said.

Hear all about it

Nolan Finley, editor of the Detroit News editorial page, speaks at the Eastside Republican Club Forum, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 20.

The forum is free and open to the public.

"We look forward to hearing Mr. Finley's insights on the local, state and national political scene," said club Chair Jenny Nolan. "Finley is wise and funny and doesn't pull his punches."

Finley has been in his current job nearly 12 years.

He directs the News' editorial position. He also writes a column in the Sunday edition.

Finley started at the paper as a copy boy while studying journalism at Wayne State University.

As a reporter, he covered Detroit city hall during the Coleman Young administration. He also held various

editing positions on the city, state and metro desks, plus business editor.

As deputy managing editor, Finley directed the newsroom.

Finley co-stars in the "Am I Right" show on public television, an exchange of views and ideas with Debbie Dingell representing the other side. He is a frequent panel member of "Flashpoint" on WDIV-TV, Channel 4.

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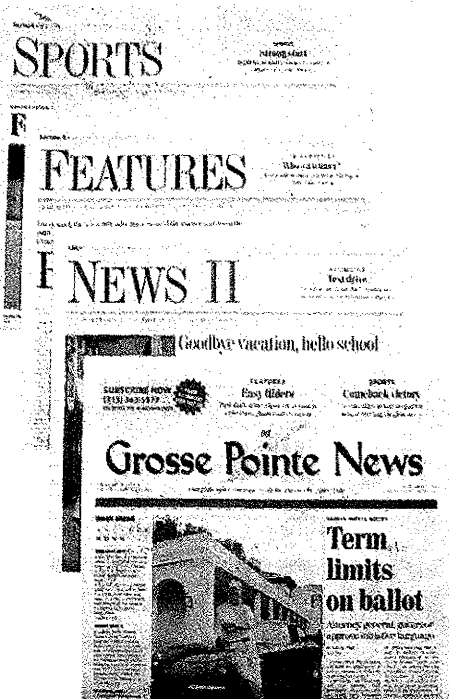
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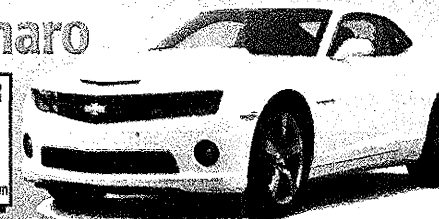


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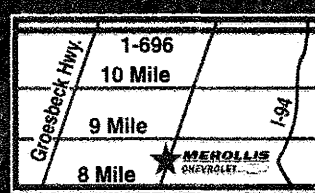
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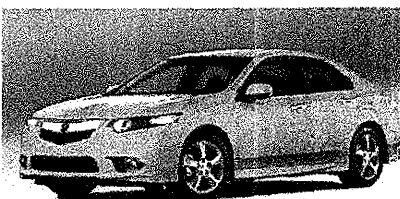
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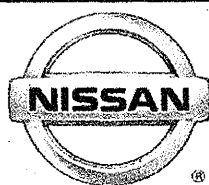
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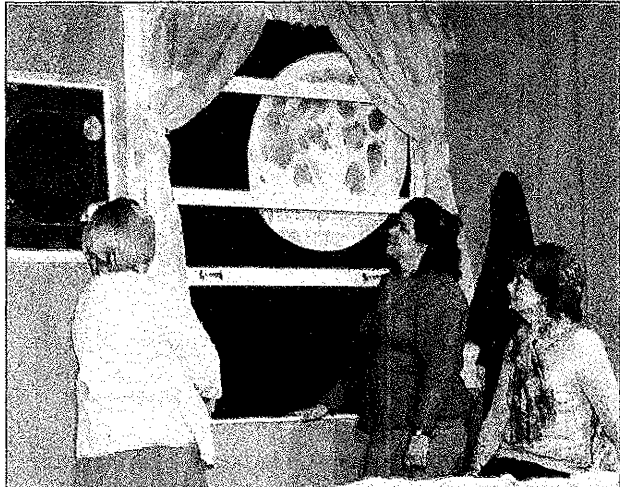
Drama is the heart and soul of the all-female member Theatre Arts Club.

"This is an expressive (art) that has been around since the beginning of time. It is a creative outlet," said Izzy Donnelly, TAC's 2012 president and script committee chairwoman. "This is not mommy time or wife time but me time."

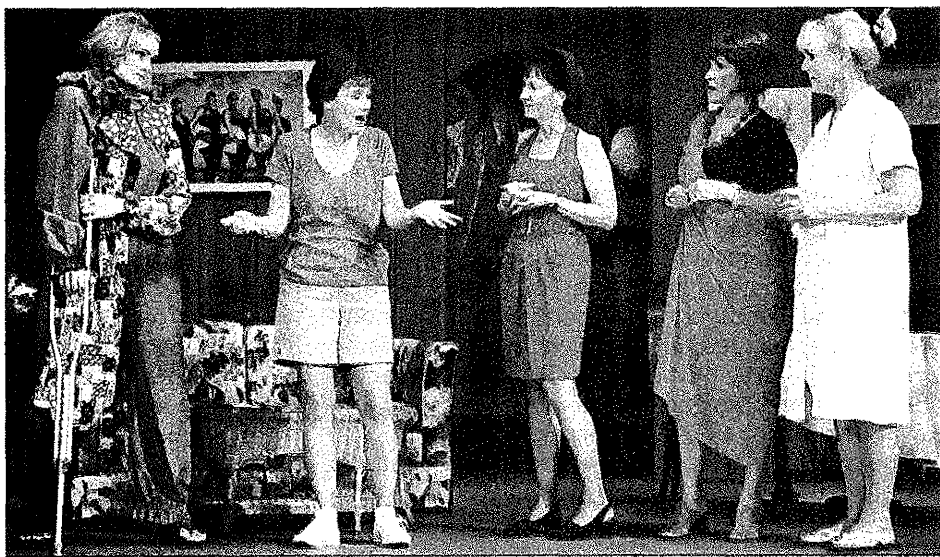
Created 102 years ago by local women, TAC provides both a creative outlet for women and raises money to help pay college tuition for an aspiring female thespian.

The women who founded and maintained the early efforts of TAC were "the wives, the sisters, daughters and aunts of the Players (an all-male's theater group) who would go to each others homes. These were well-to-do women. They were wives of huge auto barons," Donnelly said.

These early 20th century women, attired in choice dresses, heels, gloves and hats, gathered to recite poetry, write plays and stories and put on stage productions, al-



The March 2011 production of "Moonlight and Valentino" with cast members, from left, Izzy Donnelly, MaryLynn Bertetto and Anne Maters.



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Top left, from left, Anne Maters and MaryLynn Bertetto in "Moonlight and Valentino." Top right, TAC member, Mrs. Henry B. Joy on stage in 1947. Above, the March 2010 production of "The Dixie Swim Club" with performers, from left, Anne Maters, Donna Ridella, Pat Vintevoghel, D.J. Haska and Monica Quinn.

ways in the afternoon so as not to interfere with evening family time.

"They were educated. They were creative and expressing themselves in all kinds of artistic ways, just as their husbands did. They performed whatever plays they wrote," said Monica Quinn, past president. "The membership was big. The women weren't working. This was a way to express themselves without forgoing family time."

In the mid-1930s or 1940s, poetry readings were phased out, said Quinn of Grosse Pointe Woods and a TAC mem-


ber since 1980. She is also the organization's historian.

"It doesn't mean they stopped doing it but (in the archives) you see more and more playbills. The purpose (of TAC) is to foster amateur theater."

Despite the ranks thinning when women, en masse, entered the work force first during World War II and then in the 1960s, TAC continued to stage performances.

"It's lasted this long because women need this kind of outlet. Women need something that is

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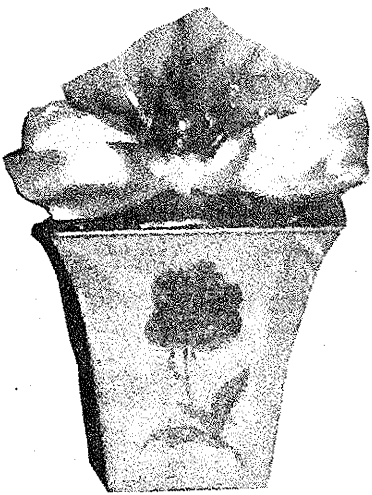
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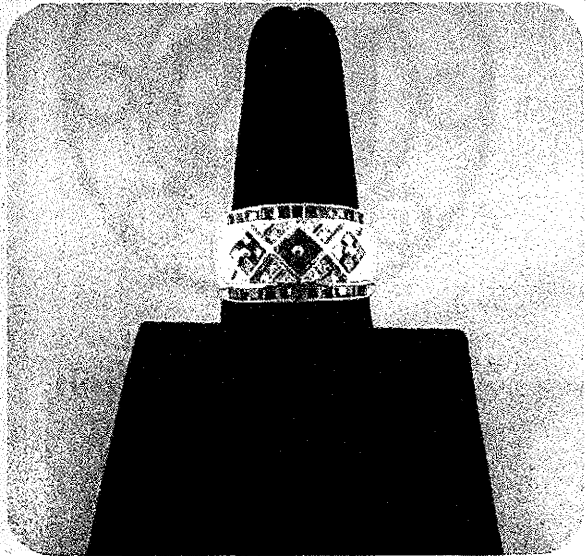
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The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club luncheon is noon Wednesday, March 21, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The program is provided by Grosse Pointe Theatre members. The cost is \$5 for guests who must call Sue Plath at (313) 884-5081 by Saturday, March 17, for reservations. During the club's February meeting, past presidents were honored, including, from left, Marilyn Richardson, Pam Zimmer, Janet McConkey, Jean Buhler, Joyce Cook and Mary Ann Schwartz. Not pictured are Fran Ahee, Ann Gerow and Pat Willson.

Spirit of Women

An educational series for mothers and daughters, is held from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 18, in the Connelly Auditorium, Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, 468 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe. The event focuses on leadership principles and cultural conceptions of women, is led by women's health nurse practitioner and designed for girls ages 12 to 15.

The cost is \$15 per person. To register, or for more information, visit beaumont.edu/spirit-of-women, or call 800-633-3777.

◆ The movie "Calendar Girls," is shown at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. with wine and hors d'oeuvres in the ballroom.

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Family Center

Rojo Mexican Bistro, 24026 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, donates a portion of its Monday, March 19, and Monday, March 26, proceeds to The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods.

◆ The Family Center in partnership with instructor Jill Wrubel offers a three-week free stress-busting class beginning at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, April 3 and 10, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Attendees should bring an exercise mat and journal.

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◆ Registration is open for The Family Center Circle of Friends' Artist Challenge, Friday, April 13, at Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Preconstructed, original LEGO creations are displayed from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at Barnes. There are five categories ranging from kindergarten through adults.

To download registration forms, visit familycenterweb.org. Entry forms must be postmarked by Friday, April 13. Entry fee is \$15. And awards ceremony is 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 21.

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

Vision support group

The Friends of Vision Support Group for the Visually Impaired meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, March 19, and Wednesday, March 21, at Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

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Monday, March 19, at St. Lucy Catholic Church, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

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Rotary club

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe meets at noon Monday, March 19, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Lunch costs \$15 and the public can attend.

Sheila O'Hara discusses the Moross Greenway Project, a planned effort to redesign and reforest Moross Road median from Mack to I-94.

Sunrise Rotary

The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary club meets at 7 a.m. Tuesday, March 20, at the Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. The speaker is Michigan State Trooper Sarah Krebs, sketch artist for missing persons cases.

Ask the Experts

The March 21 Ask the Experts presentation is "Bluer Than Blue - Is it the Baby Blues or Something More?" from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Admission is free to any of the presentations sponsored by the Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods.

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Mayors for Meals

Services for Older Citizens hosts a coffee hour with the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods mayors at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 21, at SOC, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The mayors are bringing awareness to the national campaign, March for Meal, and in particular SOC's Meals on Wheels. The six men will deliver meals to residents to show the need for volunteers.

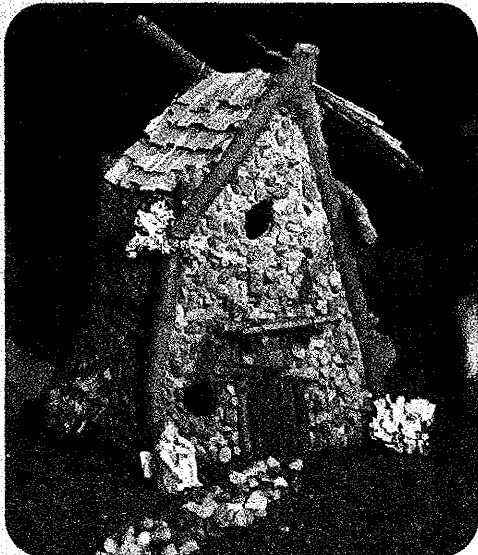
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Tau Beta's 2012 Spring Market is April 26-28 at the Grosse Pointe Little Club, 6 Berkshire Place, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The event begins with a preview party and raffle from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 26. Preview party guests can view the items and are served cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

Raffle items include a Neiman Marcus Prada package worth \$2,500, including a tote, wallet and bag, a hot air balloon ride and lunch at a The Huntsman Club, a David Yurman necklace donated by Ahee Jewelers, a Nieman Marcus Prada package worth \$2,500 and a suite at the Tigers game. Raffle tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100.

More than 22 specialty boutiques from across the country offer both con-

temporary and classic jewelry, clothing, garden and home accents are on site. Some 12 new vendors join the event. They include Spice Merchant of Ann Arbor;

Sarah Oliver handbags of California; Sara Campbell clothing of Boston, and others. Returning vendors include Clara Williams, Before & After and Rungolee.

For a complete list, visit facebook.com/TBSpringMarket.

Spring market shopping days are 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, April 27, and 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, April 28. Lunch is available at the Grosse Pointe Club in the Tau Beta Café.

Tickets, costing \$5, can be purchased in advance or at the door. The public is invited.



Tau Beta's 2012 Spring Market steering committee: seated, left to right, Connie Demkowicz, Patty Illitch, co-chairwomen Barb Kennedy and Vicki Liggett, Chris Wardwell and Patsy Gotfredson; standing, left to right, Tuppy Gravel, Wendy Jennings, Sue Griffin, Hillary Schmidt, Lil Rinke, Tina Griffin, Muffy Milligan, Gioconda McMillan, Libby Schudel, Lindsay Cotton, Molly Diemer. Other committee members not pictured are Patti Therios, Pat West, Barbara Fisher, Sue Gilbride, Hillary Rivard, Amie Sweeney, Mary Beth Oles, Mary Farley and Cathy Crane.

"The momentum continues to build as we look forward to Spring Market in its ninth year," says Tau Beta President Mary

Farley.

Proceeds benefit the Tau Beta Center for Discovery, a multi-media resource center and library at the Children's Center in Detroit. The organization also provides funds and volunteers to

staff the center that annually serves more than 3,500 children and families through various programs including a summer camp, mentoring programs, tennis and soccer clinics, resource fairs, Thanksgiving dinners,

Christmas presents to families in need and baby baskets for the early teenage parent program.

For more information or to purchase advance tickets for the preview party or raffle, visit taubeta.org.

Local Interlochen students appear at Fisher Music Hall

Two Grosse Pointe girls will participate in the national concert tour celebrating Interlochen Arts Academy 50th anniversary appearing at the Max M. Fisher Music Hall, Thursday, March 22.

Abigail Robinson of Grosse Pointe Park and Morgan Lorkowski of Grosse Pointe Woods are both music majors and in their first year at the academy.

Lorkowski is a senior, minoring in vocal music and is the daughter of Mark and Alison Lorkowski, and said she chose to attend Interlochen because of its reputation and focus on the arts.

"It has been a unique experience living and studying with kids from all round the world," Lorkowski said. You have an incredible amount of freedom to express yourself personally and artistically."

Robinson, a junior is also minoring in vocal music as a soprano. Her parents are Roger and Margaret Robinson.

Marking the anniversary the academy's orchestra, band and choir perform at 7 p.m. at the Detroit venue and perform in New York, Chicago and Washington, D.C.

The local performance is free and seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The program on the Orchestra Hall stage features "Asphalt Cocktail"



Morgan Lorkowski




Abigail Robinson

by composer John Mackey, an orchestral ode to Detroit techno titled "Warehouse Medicine,"

and the a capella choral work "Past Life Melodies"

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PASTOR'S CORNER

By Rev. Peter Henry

Is it true?

God welcomes questions

Probably the most boring question you can ask about religion is whether or not the whole thing is "true." This is how atheist Alain de Botton, author of "Religion for Atheists," begins a recent CNN religion blog post. No doubt many Christian preachers will address this very question on Easter Sunday as they preach about the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth.

The question, "Is it true?" lies at the heart of recent critiques of religion by prominent atheists.

I do not mind reading and hearing negative assessments of religion, in general, or of the Christian religion, in particular. Whether their criticisms are direct, by thinkers such as our own local Wayne State professor Ronald Aronson, or indirect, as in the work of Philip Pullman in "His Dark Materials" series of books for young adults. Atheists have questions and critiques that are often well deserved and worth considering. Believers do well, in response, to ask "What can we learn?"

Botton's work, therefore, is a refreshing turn in the atheist/believer conversation because rather than asking, "Is it true," Botton is also asking, "What can we learn?" In fact, his work involves an affirmation of what religion can provide and, in many instances, provide well. In his blog post, which necessarily involves generalizations, he writes atheists can be "interested in the way religions deliver sermons, promote morality, engender a spirit of community, make use of art and architecture, inspire travels, train minds and encourage gratitude at the beauty of spring."

Those of us who are in a religion believe it is more than these things, of course. For instance, in addition to the particular tenets of faith, which we pass on to successive generations, we find in our houses of worship people who are willing to serve others in such a way that lives are changed for the better. They do this for members of their local faith communities, immediate neighbors and people they will never meet.

So to Botton and others who seek some of those things which religion does well, come and see. Visit one of our local communities of faith, be it Buddhist,

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CHURCH EVENTS

Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical breakfast begins at 6:45 a.m. Friday, March 16, with coffee at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A buffet breakfast is served at 7:15 a.m. followed at 7:45 a.m. by the speaker, the Rev. Jack Ziegler, Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church's minister.

The event ends at 8:15 a.m. Men of all faiths can attend. For more information, call Eric Lindquist at (313) 530-8656.

Star of the Sea

Meleny Woy and Pennie Lott speak about forgiveness at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 17, at Our Lady Star of the Sea, 475 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Woy, en route to school, lost control of her car. It fishtailed, crossed the centerline and collided with Lott's husband's car. He died upon impact.

Woy was convicted of negligent homicide and sentenced to 600 hours of community service. Lott and Woy connected through a program that brings victims and offenders together in healing and public service. The two became friends and speak about forgiveness.

Admission is free.

For more information, call (313) 884-5554.

♦ The church hosts "Genesis," a Lenten journey of faith, Thursdays, March 15, 22 and 29 at the church.

The event begins with fellowship at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., the video "Catholicism," at 7:30 p.m. and discussion from 8 to 9 p.m.

Free child care is offered.

For more information, e-mail GenesisofFaith@comcast.net or call the parish office at (313) 884-5554.

St. Peter

St. Peter the Apostle Church, 19851 Anita, Harper Woods, sponsors a pancake breakfast with sausage, fruit and beverages from 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, March 18.

Adult tickets cost \$5. For more information, call (586) 776-2471.

Music in the Woods

The modern harp quartet performs at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 18, in St. Michael's Episcopal Church's Music in the Woods. The suggested donation is \$10.

The quartet of Anne Berge, Linda Cleaver, Maurice Draughn and John Wickey play compositions in "Suite Francaises."

Christ Church

Bill Wylie-Kellermann leads a two-part series, Purple Perspectives: What Would Jesus Say to Us Today? Tuesday, March 20 and 27. The event begins with holy Eucharist at 5:30 p.m., followed by Lenten soup supper from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

For more information, visit christchurchgp.org or call (313) 885-4841.

♦ Biblical scholar, author and theologian Marcus J. Borg lectures March 16 to 18.

His free opening lecture is at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 16, and the topic

is "Two Visions of Christianity Today," seeking points of commonality in American churches' views of the Bible, Christian tradition, life and what it means to be a Christian.

Talks continue at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 17, with "Telling the Story of Jesus Today" and the second topic at 10:30 a.m. explores the historical-metaphysical approach to the study of Jesus.

Borg preaches at 9 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday, March 18, and leads the 10:15 a.m. adult forum in a discussion of "Salvation: Here and Now? Then and There?"

Copies of Borg's books are available from the church's bookstore beginning at \$9. He will sign copies of his books Friday night and at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

♦ The church's professional core choir sings at the 4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 18, evensong service.

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

Mariners' Church

Mariners' Church organist Kevin J. Bylsma accompanies sopranos Emily E. Benner and Jane S. Rodgers at 12:35 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at the church, 170 Jefferson, Detroit.

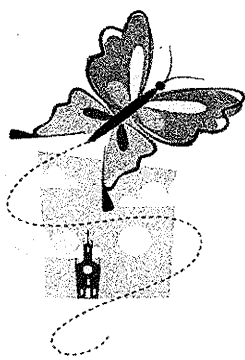
Crop walk

The 2012 Crop walk is hosted by Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, Sunday, May 6. Registration is at noon and the walk begins at 1 p.m.

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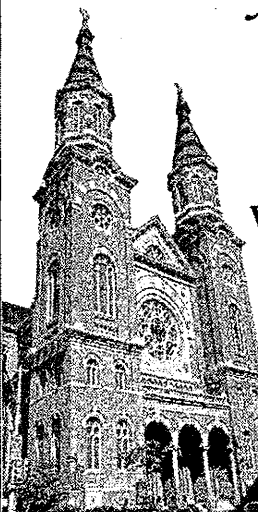
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ASK THE EXPERTS By Jennifer McMann Buska and Pamela Dzialak Moffitt

Handling postpartum depression



Q. My wife delivered our third baby two months ago and she is very emotional. How do I know if her crying is more than the "baby blues?"

A. Baby blues, which affects almost 80 percent of new mothers, usually begins one or two days after delivery and lasts two to three weeks. Baby blues rarely require treatment other than rest and support from family and friends.

Postpartum depression, on the other hand,

occurs gradually and can begin anytime in the first year after delivery. PPD occurs in 15 to 20 percent of mothers and can become chronic without treatment. Treatment options include: support, education, psychotherapy, medication and alternative therapies. If your wife exhibits any of the following symptoms, see that she seeks medical attention immediately.

PPD symptoms include: Excessive worry or anxiety; irritability; feeling overwhelmed or unable to cope; sadness; uneasiness around baby or lack of feelings toward the baby; a change in appetite or sleep; having trouble focusing; feelings

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Buska and Moffitt present "Bluer than Blue: Is it Baby Blues or Something More?" 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 21 Barnes Early Childhood Center 20090 Morningside Grosse Pointe Woods Free admission Reserve a seat at familycenter-web.org or (313) 432-3832.

of failure and guilt; and losing interest or pleasure in activities once enjoyed.

Q. Sometimes my wife is so sad and overwhelmed, I feel helpless. What can I say to reassure her I love and support her

and maybe make her feel better?

A. Many times, all your wife wants is for you to listen. Shoshana Bennett and Pec Indman's award winning book, "Beyond the Blues," stresses to husbands and those supporting women with PPD, that "they did not cause the PPD and they cannot take it away." Women

with PPD don't expect you or anyone to "fix it." Try not to take it personally and reassure your wife with words of empathy and encouragement such as:

We will get through this, it is temporary
— I am here for you.
— I'm sorry you are suffering, it must feel awful.
— This is not your fault.
While some feel it may

help to remind a woman she has much to be happy about, it can make women with PPD feel worse. Remember, if a woman with PPD could "snap out of it," she would. Instructing a woman with PPD to relax and think positively only increases her anxiety. Bennett and Indman

See EMOTIONS, page 7B

CAREGIVING By Terri Murphy

Dividing up duties

When you are faced with a parent who needs your help, you are thrust into the role of a caregiver. You're likely to discover you need help, too. Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a village to care for an aging parent. If you try to do it alone, you will quickly find yourself stressed out and resentful. You need to engage your family members, friends and community services to create a caregiving team.

Hold meetings

Gather your siblings and other key relatives together to create a care plan for your loved one. Involve the parent in all discussions. They are more likely to accept the changes in their life if they feel they have some control over the decisions. Do not wait until there is a crisis such as a hospital stay or a fall to discuss a care plan. Stepping in early on can prevent a crisis down the road. The first thing you need to figure out is what finances are available for outside help. Also decide what each family member

can contribute to the care plan. Make sure everyone gets an opportunity to voice his or her concerns. Put the plan in writing and review your plan every few months.

If a friend or relative asks, "Is there anything I can do," have a list of tasks to be done and ask what they might be able to do to help out with something. Maybe they can help out with transportation to doctor's appointments, errands or grocery shopping. Also, never underestimate the power of companionship. Set up a rotating visitation schedule. Not only does this provide much needed companionship, it helps to identify areas where your loved one might be struggling.

Communication

Use the Internet to communicate with your "team." Start a family Facebook.

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HEALTH POINT By Anne Stewart

Sleep like a baby

Most parents do not need to be told how to protect their child. It's what some might call having a "mother's instinct," a mom's natural inclination to respond and protect their baby.

However, there are about 4,500 reasons why parents should listen closely when it comes to

providing a safe sleeping environment for infants. This is the number of infant deaths each year in the U.S. caused by sudden infant death syndrome.

Anne Stewart, R.N., director of Nursing, Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe, says while the cause of SIDS is still unknown, safe sleep practices can reduce the risk of infant death with every

baby under the age of 1 year.

Stewart shares the following tips to ensure new parents are aware of the safest sleep practices and environments for infants:

◆ Always place infants, or babies who are under 1 year, to sleep during naps and at nighttime on their backs. Research supports

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HEALTH POINT By Tom Davis, M.D.

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Although aortic stenosis isn't common, it can be devastating for patients whose lifestyle is severely affected by symptoms of

the disease.

A physician can often feel a vibration or movements when placing their hand over the person's heart. They also can hear a heart murmur, click or other abnormal sound through a stethoscope, and follow up with other diagnostic tests.

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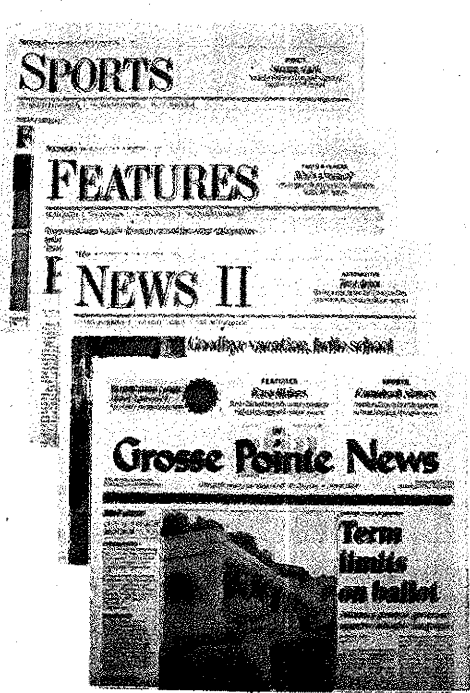
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Author addresses faith to Memorial Church audience

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Before author Anne Lamott addresses the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church audience Sunday, May 6, she suggests reading her book, "Some Assembly Required: A Journal of My Son's First Son," to acquire insight.

"It's a book about faith, being a mother and grandmother," she said in a phone interview last month. "Faith is the center of my life. Life is about faith. It is the fabric of every life."

She also hopes readers recognize themselves in the book — becoming a grandmother, watching her son become a father.

A resident of Marin County, Calif., she wrote

the book with her son, Sam, about the first year of his son's, Jax, life.

It was Lamott's editor who suggested the topic for her.

"My son was enthusiastic," she said. "Then I plunged in."

Following the year of journaling and watching her grandson grow, it took her six months to write the book as a sequel to an earlier book about Sam's youth.

Memorial Church's Rev. Peter J.M. Henry said he is pleased to have her come to tell her story not only to Grosse Pointers but to guests from outside the metro area, who are invited.

"She has an incredibly interesting way she tells a story. She tells her story

Anne Lamott

"Some Assembly Required: A Journal of My Son's First Son" 6 p.m.

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with honesty, the way things are. Her (story) is one that life is not always

upward and onward."

Ironically, Lamott was raised an atheist and maintained that view until nearly 30 years ago she joined St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, near her home. She is a recovering alcoholic and former drug user.

Henry correlates Lamott's former life to Detroit. Each had to cope with various difficulties that took its toll but making efforts to change and improve.

He points out how Lamott's life was turned around with "God's participation," so Detroit can turn around and how Memorial Church members are encouraging that turn around locally with through financially supporting outreach projects

and hands-on project such as Habitat for Humanity, Gleaners Community Food Bank and Crossroads of Michigan.

He also hopes attendees will come away with a sense things can get better and the role the community is playing in the future.

"Her voice resonates with the community," he said. "There are signs of hope. That is her story."

From her life experiences, Lamott writes what she calls, a "true story, an inspirational story. Some parts are serious. Some you laugh and sometimes you laugh hard. My stuff tends to be pretty funny."

"I have been doing this my whole life," she said of

writing. "This is what I do for my life, my spirit."

The author of seven novels and five non-fiction works, Lamott comes by her writing talent naturally.

"My father was a writer. I grew up with the gift. I was able to do it with joy and not much strain," she said.

Lamott, 58, has written for newspapers and magazines, with her first novel being published 30 years ago.

When she is not writing or promoting her books, Lamott said she tends to be a homebody, walking her two dogs through the hills around her house.

"I live a simple life," she said.

Books can be ordered through Barnes & Noble.

Praising the Lord through music

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Margaret Rees Baker praises the Lord through song and teaching.

Baker is music director at Grosse Pointe Woods

Presbyterian Church teaching kindergartners through fifth graders in vocal and hand chime music and music reading.

"I take it seriously and we have fun," she said. "We are praising the Lord

through music."

Hired in January as the music director to the elementary-aged choir, she is teaching them to worship the Lord through song. She has been directing children's choirs since 2003, most recently two children's choirs at Lutheran Church of the Master in Troy.

While singing is the primary form of music Baker is teaching, the Grosse Pointe Farms resident is also teaching the choir how to read music and perform songs using hand bells.

"With young children you teach by ear and encourage reading music," Baker said.

This is one segment of the Wednesday evening

programs created for all ages by the Rev. Jim Rizer.

A Bible study is held for adults and Andrew Herbruck directs the middle school and high school students' contemporary band and choir. All this is preceded by a home cooked meal for a nominal charge, she said.

A professional soloist, Baker has her choir perform a two- to four-minute selection once a month. Their first presentation, under Baker's direction, was Sunday, Feb. 12. They used the hand chimes Sunday, March 11. The choir is to sing on Palm Sunday, April 1, and again on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13. In



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Margaret Rees Baker directs the elementary-aged choir at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church.

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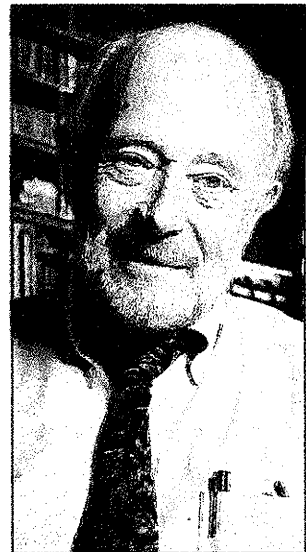
By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Jesus scholar and author Marcus J. Borg would like attendees to his lecture at Christ Church Grosse Pointe as a way of seeing Christianity that takes the Bible seriously.

"The Bible and Jesus are not very much about an afterlife and what you must believe or do to get there. The Bible and Jesus are about transformation of ourselves and the world."

That transformation or journey is the theme of his message this weekend.

"A major theme of Lent is journeying with Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem. In the New Testament, the story of that journey becomes a major metaphor



Marcus Borg

PASTOR'S CORNER: Turn to faith

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Muslim, Jewish or Christian. At least in our tradition, despite taking an offering, which is never compulsory, there is no charge, you don't have to believe to sit there in the pew and other than a polite note to say "Thank you for joining us," we won't track you down and have you sit through any spiels. I have no doubt that on any given Sunday in our congregation there are people all along the spectrum of faith and off of it. We are not alone, I am sure, and for a God who welcomes our questions and desire for community and support, I give thanks. For in such communities, great good can be done for our world.

Peter Henry is the minister at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

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BABY: Best sleep methods

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that healthy babies are much safer on their back than on the stomach. There is no evidence that aspiration or choking is more common while sleeping in this position.

- ◆ Keep the crib free of blankets or other stuffed objects like pillows, crib bumpers or stuffed animals.
- ◆ Infants should never sleep in the same bed or on a couch with a parent.

Many of the deaths thought to be SIDS related were actually a result of suffocation from sharing adult beds or being in an unsafe sleep environment.

- ◆ Do not smoke near an infant's sleeping area.
- ◆ Avoid soft mattresses or other surfaces.
- ◆ Dress the child lightly and keep the room at a comfortable temperature to avoid overheating during sleep.

"One of the greatest challenges for nurses," Stewart says, "is educating new parents about safe sleep practices. Parents need to be prepared to give solid reasons to counter the advice that they may receive from others. Nothing is more convincing than the data that proves infants are more likely to die if they are exposed to unsafe sleeping conditions."

Stewart suggests parents and caregivers should take an active part in teaching friends and family members about

safe sleep practices. Those in the community can also help by contacting store managers when they see cribs displayed with bumper pads and quilts inside them. Stores should be encouraged to place these types of accessories on the outside.

Since 1994, Beaumont and other organizations across the country have been educating new parents and the community the safest way to put babies to sleep is on their backs. As a result, infant deaths have decreased by 50 percent.

EMOTIONS: Seek support

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stress it's important for the people supporting women with PPD to seek support for themselves as well.

Are there any community resources available for women struggling with PPD?

Yes, Beaumont Health System, in collaboration with the Tree of Hope Foundation, offers free support groups. Support groups are facilitated by licensed professionals with special training in postpartum adjustment issues. Women and their support persons are welcome to attend. Visit the Beaumont Children's Hospital website at beaumont.edu for a complete list of Parenting Program support groups and to download a free Postpartum Adjustment Resource Directory.

Buszka, R.N., has a specialty in women's health from Wayne State University. She can be reached at (248) 995-5457

or at Jennifer.McMccann-Buszka@beaumont.edu. Moffitt is president of Tree of Hope Foundation, a non-profit organization promoting education and awareness of postpartum-related mood disorders and provides support to families struggling with a postpartum mood disorder. She can be reached at 877-HOPE-311 or at pmoffitt@treeofhopefoundation.org.

The Family Center, a 501(c) 3, non-profit organization, serves as the community's centralized hub for information, resources and referral for families and professionals. To view more Ask The Experts articles, visit familycenterweb.org. E-mail questions to fo@familycenterweb.org. To volunteer or contribute, visit familycenterweb.org, call (313) 432-3832 or write 20090 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

STUDY: Valve replacement

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sis who are at high risk, or are ineligible, for open heart surgery.

The non-surgical valve replacement procedure, known as transcatheter aortic valve implantation, is similar to a heart catheterization and balloon angioplasty. An artificial aortic heart valve attached to a wire frame is guided by catheter (thin, flexible tube) to the heart. Once in the proper position in the heart, the wire frame expands, allowing the new aortic valve to open, deploying the new valve inside the diseased aortic valve without open-heart surgery or surgical removal of the patient's original valve.

About 100,000 Americans, most of them more than 70 years old, are diagnosed with severe aortic stenosis each year, but one-third of patients, because of age or frail health, are considered too high-risk for traditional surgery.

When the aortic valve narrows it does not open or close properly, making the heart work harder to pump

blood throughout the body. Eventually, this extra work weakens the heart and limits the amount of blood it can pump, which may lead to heart failure and increased risk for sudden cardiac death.

The clinical trial will involve more than 1,300 patients at up to 44 hospitals in the United States. St. John Hospital has begun enrolling patients in the study. New clinical data presented recently at the European Society of Cardiology Congress 2011 demonstrated positive long-term performance for the CoreValve System.

The study monitored patients through four years — the longest follow-up in a published study of any transcatheter aortic valve implantation system to date — and found the CoreValve System maintained its structural integrity and led to positive clinical outcomes.

St. John Hospital and the St. John Providence Heart and Vascular Care Center of Excellence, is involved in heart and vascular research and treatment, and home to the W. Warren Shelden Heart and Circulatory Center.

Interested patients should call 855-98-VALVE to learn more.

Davis, interventional cardiologist at St. John, is principal investigator for this study.

BORG: Enlightening talk

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for what it means to follow Jesus, to be a disciple, to be a Christian. It means the path of following Jesus to Jerusalem, death and resurrection. Lent is about participating in that journey," he said in an e-mail.

Borg is the primary speaker at 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 16, and at 9 and 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 17, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe. He also delivers the 9 and 11:15 a.m. sermons and leads the 10:15 to 11 a.m., adult forum Sunday, March 18.

Friday's topic is "Two Visions of Christianity Today." The 9 a.m. Saturday topic is "Telling the Story of Jesus Today" and the 10:30 a.m. topic is "The Passion of Jesus: God, the Way and the Kingdom" with the message, ethics and activity of the historical Jesus. His

Sunday presentation is "Salvation: Here and now? Then and There?"

Borg is the canon theologian at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland, Ore.

"My sermon," he said, "will be about the meaning of Lent as 'following Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem.' It suggests that Lent is not very much about believing in Jesus — it's about participating in the journey, the way, that we see in him."

Leading up to his

Sunday sermon, Borg said his Friday night discussion describes "the tension in American Christianity between two very different ways of seeing Christianity, the Bible and what it means to be Christian. Though these two visions of Christianity share some things in common, they are also so different they sometimes seem like two different religions both using the same language."

Both Saturday lectures are about Jesus, he said.

"The first describes different ways the story of Jesus is told in American Christianity, the different forms of Christianity each

generates, and then a more historical way of telling his story. The second lecture describes what Jesus was passionate about: God, the Way and the kingdom of God."

Borg signs books following his Friday evening talk and at 8:15 a.m. Saturday.

Books are available at the church office, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, visit christchurchgp.org or call (313) 885-4841.

SINGING: Lifelong love of music

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August, she leads the musical portion of vacation Bible school.

There are always challenges when working with children. Baker sees hers as teaching movements to accompany the song and "keeping the boys interested is a challenge."

With 15 children under her tutelage, Baker said, "The children are excited to come. It's a social experience."

Baker is classically trained and has been singing in churches since the age of 16. A native of Royal Oak, she was named the International Young Singer of the Year in Wales, Great Britain, and was grand concert finalist in Vienna, Austria.

Singing makes up so much of her life and working with children in a religious setting is a natural talent she has honed.

"I hopefully set a good example ... being a good Christian using music, a love for the Lord and a lifelong love of music," she said.

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The Lake House, 26701 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores, hosts Evonne Schott from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 21. She discusses her story of her spouse's brain cancer diagnosis and how it affected her life.

She discusses caregivers responsibilities and dealing with grief.

For more information, call (586) 777-7761 or visit MiLakeHouse.org.

Women's Connection

Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe hosts Margaret O'Rourke-Kelly Thursday, March 22, at Blossom Heath Inn, 24800 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, who answers the question "Who in the World was Dora Stockman?"

Kelly graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in theater studies and has a master's degree from both MSU and University of Michigan. She also holds a Ph.D. from Walden University.

Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 6:30 p.m.

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

Ford House

Artist Carole Harris discusses "Improvisational Art" from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

The cost is \$25; members pay \$20. For reservations, visit fordhouse.org or call (313) 884-4222.

Garden Center

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center presents speaker Jerome Raska of Blumz Thursday, March 22, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Refreshments are served at 7 p.m. and the program on floral arrangements begins at

7:30 p.m.

Admission is free. Reservations must be made by March 20 by calling (313) 881-7511, ext. 206 or visiting gpgardencentr@warmemorial.org.

Cystic fibrosis

A fundraiser, "Volley For a Cure for Cystic Fibrosis," is from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at Wimbledon Racquet Club, 20250 E. Nine Mile, St. Clair Shores.

The cost is \$50. Checks can be sent to the Gloria and Thomas Kitchen Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 361163, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

For more information, visit kitchenfoundation.org or call Stephanie Kitchen Listman at (313) 701-4787.

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at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 18, at the Lake Shore Presbyterian Church, 27801 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Donations are accepted.

Chamber music

The Grosse Pointe Chamber Music concert begins at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 25, in the

Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The program includes music by Telemann, Schumann, Balentine and Grosse Pointe composer Wesley Fishwick.

The \$12 tickets can be purchased at the door.

For more information, call (586) 945-6830.

Charity skate

The ninth annual Charity Skate is Saturday, April 21, at City Sports Center, 3401 E. Lafayette, Detroit.

Children can skate beginning at 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. A children's pizza party begins at 12:15 p.m. The Grosse Pointe Chill skate is at 1 p.m. and a skills competition takes place at 2 p.m. Old Devils skate at 3 p.m. and seniors can skate at either 4 p.m. or 5 p.m. The dinner and auction at Sinbad's restaurant begins at 7 p.m.

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What makes you laugh?

Bloopers. Seeing things that happened on TV. My children make me laugh. My 10-year-old great-grand-nephew. He is a born comedian. He can tell a joke like you can't believe. My resolution last year was I

was going to make someone laugh. If I haven't, I will call someone and I will be laughing by the end. I like to make people laugh.

When you watch the sun set, what comes to mind?

Hawaii, the beautiful sunset. They have the most beautiful sunsets.

What's the most important characteristic about your best friend?

I have a lot of best friends. I don't let toxic people in my life. I have great friends, some are 25 years younger and they take me traveling. My AMVETS sisters are my friends. I have a lot who have passed away. My best friend was my husband. There was never a dull moment. He was from Scotland and came here when he was 4 years old. He, Daniel, became an accountant.

What does confidence mean to you?

You've got to know your strength. You have to believe in yourself. You had to trust in God to show you the way to keep you safe. I was a very shy child, I'm not shy any more. As I get older I don't care what I say.

SOC's schedule for March and April

Services for Older Citizens, Henry Ford Medical Center - Cottage, 159 Kercheval, south wing, third floor, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers bingo, movies, lunches and parties in March and April. Lunch is served at 11 a.m. and bingo is played at 10 a.m. and noon.

Spring is in the air bingo — Tuesday, March 20.

Rick Steves' Vienna — 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 21. The 30-minute film shows the palace of Maria Theresa and the Hapsburg crown jewels.

Cookies R Us bingo — Tuesday, March 27.

Lunch and a movie — 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 28. The cost to see "Annie's Point," an 87-minute film and eat a pizza lunch is \$4. For reservations, call (313) 882-9600.

Jet setting jewels bingo — Tuesday, April 3.

Coping with stress and loss — 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 4. Rebecca Lee Palen, oncology social worker and certified grief counselor at Van Elslander Cancer Center, St. John Hospital and Medical Center, discusses strategies for coping with grief and stress.

Spa bingo — Tuesday, April 10.

Birthday celebration — 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 11. Those with a birthday in April receive a piece of cake with a candle, a photo and the birthday song is sung in three languages. The cost is \$3.

Glaucoma — 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 11. Dr. David Goldman, of Henry Ford Ophthalmology - Grosse Pointe discusses the causes, the symptoms, how it is detected, treated and who is at risk of glaucoma.

It's so easy being green bingo — Tuesday, April 17.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

South Sea breezes

Members of the Pi'ilani Wahines Ohana Polynesian dancers performed for Services for Older Citizens attendees bringing in thoughts of soft tropical weather.

What to do with excess stuff — 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 18. Education coordinator for LocalMotionGreen Melissa Sargent discusses how to responsibly dispose of expired medications, lawn chemicals, electronics, shoes and paper.

April showers bring May flowers bingo — Tuesday, April 24.

Lunch and movie — 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 25. The movie, "Moneyball," is shown after a pizza lunch. The cost is \$4. For reservations, call (313) 882-9600.

Trips

SOC offers a variety of trips in March and April.

Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts department — 11 a.m. Thursday, March 22. Tour the college's Livonia facility and eat at the American Harvest Restaurant were students run the kitchen! Lunch is on your own. The cost is \$19 for residents and \$22 for non-residents.

Stations of the Cross —

11:45 a.m. Thursday, March 29. The Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit offers the Stations of the Living Cross. The cost is \$33 for residents and \$36 for non-residents.

Meadow Brook Theater — 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 4. Lunch is at Kruse & Muer. Participants go to Meadowbrook Theatre to see "Spreading It Around." This comedy tells the story of when the

members of a gated retirement community in Florida decide to share their wealth with a needy community member until their children show up to put a stop to the spending of their inheritance. The cost is \$54 and non-residents pay \$57.

MJR Cinema — 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 18. An Academy Award winning film is shown at the Sterling Heights theater. Attendees can choose a movie between 12:30 and 1:20 p.m. Lunch is at Big Boy Restaurant. The cost of the movie and lunch are on your own. The trip costs \$12 and non-residents pay \$15.

Grosse Pointe South High School — 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 25. A production of "The Phantom of the Opera" is staged. Residents pay \$12 and non-residents pay \$15.

DSO: A Tribute to Elvis — 9:45 a.m. Friday, April 27. Kraig Parker, an Elvis tribute artist, joins the DSO for a new production. Residents pay \$51 and non-residents pay \$54.

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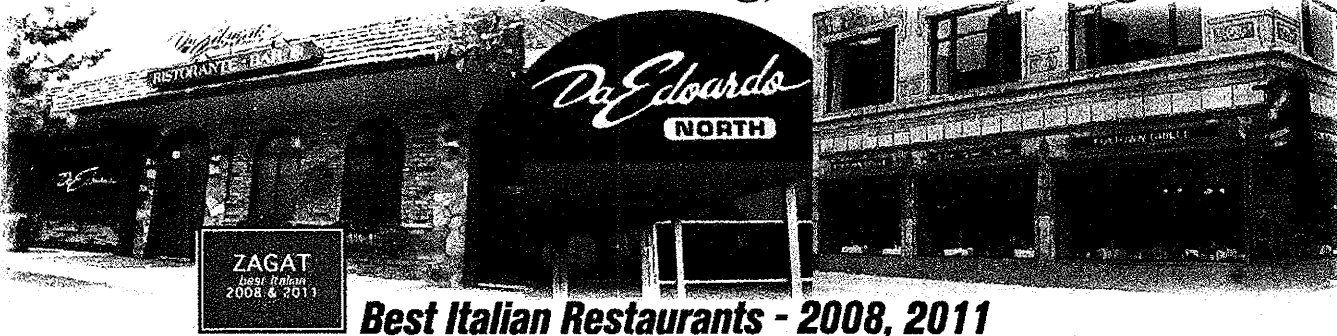
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THEATRE: Need to perform

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theirs," Donnelly said.

Staging twice-a-year performances to provide a \$2,600 scholarship to a female Wayne State University drama major, women's theater enthusiastically and passionately survives in the 43 members who use the men's building, Players Theater on Jefferson in Detroit.

"We rent the space for a week," Donnelly said of the site. "The costs include clean-up, a parking guard and for the set material. We get our own clothes, (some) from the Grosse Pointe Theatre."

Donation tickets to TAC's next performance, "The Cemetery Club" by Ivan Menchell, can be purchased online at

theatreartsclub.com, performed March 23 to 25 at the Players Theatre. Three Jewish widows, who are lifelong friends, meet monthly in the cemetery where they talk to each other and their dead husbands. The three main characters are portrayed by Donnelly, D.J. Haska and Marianne Sharder.

"It's heartwarming and family-oriented. We go to the cemetery two or three times and are in Ida's (one of the widows) living room," Donnelly said of the production's settings. "It's all Jewish. It's a delightful play. Generally, we get scripts of all women. It is tricky and we have to have subject mat-

ter appropriate for the family."

But then the members are a family of sorts — a theatrical family, an inter-generational family.

Quinn said, "I am in love with this group. I love the history, the continuity. I love my daughter and granddaughters being involved. I loved being with my mother-in-law, Marge Locke, who inspired me to join the club. We help new members learn. We are fostering new actresses, making them comfortable. I like working with people, to get to know people in a different way. Working together to put on a show gets intense. There is a different basis of friendship, a lasting friendship. We become trusted sisters," she said.

In fact, Quinn got her friend, Donnelly, involved.

Donnelly explained, "She called me one night and said she was going to the Players tonight, taking her mother and grandson."

Prior to the evening's presentation, a try-out invitation was extended for the female version of the "Odd Couple."

"I had been in the arts. I was a music teacher at the (Grosse Pointe) Academy. I got Olive, the female equivalent to Oscar. I had more than 400 lines. After three weeks I asked, 'what am I doing?' I've been hooked ever since," she said.

Women are involved in every aspect of a performance from being on stage to behind the scenes, from costumes and makeup to set creations and serving light refreshments during performance nights. And some rope their husbands into helping in the sound and lighting booth.

"We wear many hats,"



Above, Barbara Busby was the first Eva Woodbridge Victor scholarship winner. Right, a playbill from the first performance of the 1915-16 season, May 24-25, 1915.

Donnelly said.

Show time

The playhouse accommodates 160, all seated at round tables. The atmosphere is relaxed or as Donnelly describes it, "It's divine. It's kind of bohemian."

Productions are non-musical.

"We are weak with singers and lean toward drama," Donnelly said. "We did a musical for our 100th anniversary. It's a wonderful group of gals. We love dressing up and playing. We help each other with makeup and hair. Everybody helps everyone."

Assistance can come in the form of providing helpful hints on memorizing lines. For example, a fellow performer suggested Donnelly recite her lines into a tape recorder. She listens to the lines and repeats them over and over. She also highlights her lines script for easy access.

"There are different methods of learning lines. They find their rhythm," Donnelly said.

Before setting foot on stage with perfected lines for their two-night performances, the women go to one another's houses to practice and block sets.

It takes about eight weeks to pull the play together, beginning with an



audition. When they get to the theater, the set building begins on Sunday and is completed by Wednesday because lights and sound have to be timed perfectly for opening night.

"Wednesday is full run. Thursday is dress rehearsal," Donnelly said. "Friday is always a great audience night. They are more vibrant. Saturday is not as vocal."

She goes on enthusiastically, "It's a wonderful thing to have this creativity. It makes life happier. There is tension but the show goes on. There is synergy. It is a creative outlet. We have a need to perform and get out of ourselves and have a break."

As much as TAC members enjoy putting on twice-a-year comedies and dramas, they are also focused on their goal of fundraising.

Once a year, since 1953, a Wayne State University female aspiring drama student is awarded \$2,600 for her senior year's tuition through the Eva Woodbridge Victor Scholarship. WSU's theater department submits three names of deserving

juniors for the TAC scholarship committee to interview. One is selected.

According to Quinn, founding TAC member Victor bequeathed a significant amount of money to the nonprofit TAC for the scholarship. Members continued to raise funds during a single event.

"They had one event, an afternoon tea. They would drop checks into a bowl," Quinn said.

As the years went by, the amounts placed in the bowl decreased and by the 1990s new financial avenues had to be explored. The "Cemetery Club" is this year's fundraiser.

"Local amateur (theater) is a very special experience," Donnelly said. "We are not doing it for money. We love the whole experience. It's creating, it's like a sculpture. We show our talents as individuals. When someone sees a show, they say 'thank you.' It is something beyond us. We have the need to perform and get out of ourselves and have a break. It takes a lot of patience to listen to each other, a lot of bravery and you feel like a million bucks."

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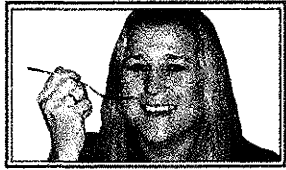
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Annie's Reuben spread goes with St. Patrick's Day



You've got to love America. We rarely go more than five weeks without a dedicated reason to party.

This St. Patrick's Day I'm bringing the spread to the party that combines all the flavors of a Reuben sandwich — corned beef, sauerkraut, cheese and thousand island dressing served piping hot from the oven. Yummy.

Christine's Reuben Spread

3 2-oz. packages thin sliced corned beef, roughly chopped
1 14-oz. can sauerkraut, drained
1 1/2 cups shredded Swiss cheese
1 1/2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese
1 cup thousand island dressing
fresh chopped (or dried) parsley for garnish, optional
toasted party rye bread, crackers or fresh vegetables
Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
In a large bowl toss chopped corned beef with drained sauerkraut, Swiss and cheddar

cheeses. Stir in thousand island dressing and mix well.

Turn mixture into a greased 2 quart baking dish. Sprinkle with fresh chopped parsley, if desired.

Bake at 350 degree for 35 minutes until bubbling and browning around edges and on top.

Serve straight from oven with toasted party rye, crackers or fresh veggies.

You can prepare spread with mayonnaise instead of the dressing, if you wish, or go with a half of cup of each.

Share the flavors of St. Patrick's Day with this oven-baked take on the classic Reuben.

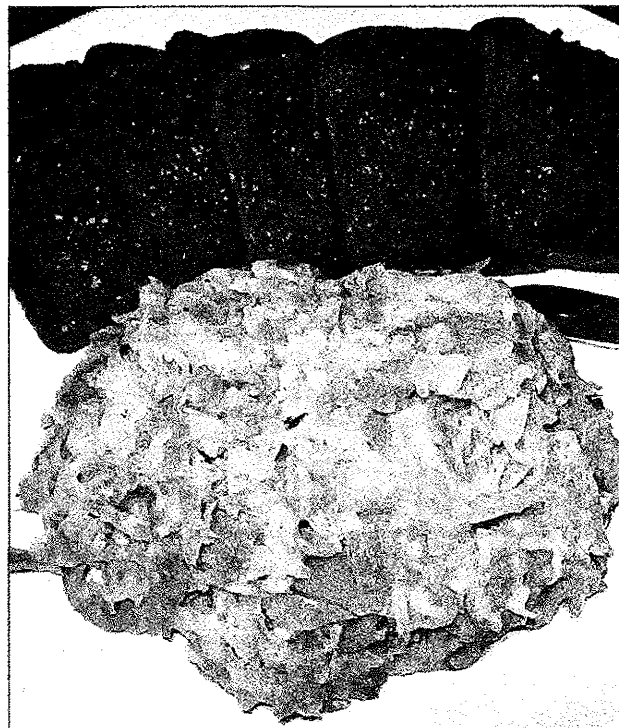


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Change up St. Patrick's Day fare with this Reuben spread.



Safety patrol

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Sean Maloney, center, serves as the AAA sponsor for the newest AAA Safety Patrol program at Gompers Elementary/Middle School in Detroit. Sixth graders Devione Miller, left, and Oneasha Redd are among the 26 new safety patrollers at the school. Maloney is senior vice president strategic planning and integration for AAA Michigan/The Auto Club Group. A former safety patroller himself, Maloney offers support to the new patrollers.

CAREGIVING: Involve entire family

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page to keep everyone up to speed.

Put a family schedule online. It's the easiest way to communicate to let your family and friends know what's going on without getting signals crossed or spinning your wheels.

Legal issues

This is the time to take a close look at legal issues.

Does your parent have a will, a living will and powers of attorney for health care and finances? If not, it is essential to get them now and for the parent and the siblings to agree on who is handling finances, whose name or names will be on bank accounts and who will be signing legal documents or checks in the event of an emergency.

Know where to get your hands on all of their legal documents, including their house deed and in-

surance policies.

Review how bills are being paid and whether a better system is needed.

Identify community resources

Contact the local community center, local area agency on aging and church to find out what services are offered to older people and their families. Many community-based services offer free services, including regular telephone calls, help around the house and volunteers to make friendly visits.

If you try to do everything on your own, you will quickly find yourself overwhelmed, stressed and resentful. Often times, your family and friends do not realize you need help. You need to know it is OK to reach out and ask.

If you find family and friends cannot give you

the amount of support needed, hiring someone to come in when you cannot be there will give you the respite needed.

The person you hire will only be a stranger for a short time. Once your loved one is comfortable with that person, he or she will look forward to their visits as much as they do someone they have known for years.

Murphy is a certified senior advisor and the owner of Home Helpers, a local senior home care agency. She can be reached at (313) 881-4600 or at tmurphy@homehelpers-mi.com or visit homehelpers-mi.com.

MUSIC: 50th anniversary

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by Sarah Hopkins.

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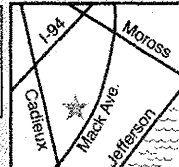
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HOCKEY AND SWIMMING

State champion trifecta

Knights blank Houghton

By John McTaggart
 Special Writer

It was clear, after the final seconds of play Saturday afternoon in the boys' hockey state title game, University Liggett was the state's top Division 3 team.

And, as those last seconds ticked off the clock, a decisive 3-0 victory of

Houghton High made it official — the Knights are state champions.

"I think we've played cleaner hockey than we played this weekend," head coach Robb McIntyre admitted. "But I think it showed that we have an extremely deep team and they worked very hard."

"I had visions heading in here of playing perfect, but I think we played tight at times. But we had to understand that no matter what went

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PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Liggett junior Manny Counsman, right, scores a goal in the Knights' semifinal win over Chelsea

South's Jackson wins gold

By Bob St. John
 Sports Editor

More than two dozen participants from the three Grosse Pointe high schools competed in last weekend's Division 2 and 3 swimming state championship meets.

Grosse Pointe South finished eighth with 101 points and Grosse Pointe North was ninth with 96 points in the Division 2 meet at Holland Aquatic Center, while University Liggett tied for 24th with 16 points in the Division 3 meet at Oakland University Aquatic Center.

The story of the finals was South sophomore Patrick Jackson winning a gold medal in the 100-yard butterfly, posting a time of 51.75. Jackson also made All-State with the gold-medal finish under the tutelage of head coach Eric Gunderson.

In addition, Jackson and his teammates in the 200-yard medley relay team, senior Luke Hessburg, freshman

Devlin Francis and sophomore Nicholas Yoo, earned All-State honors, finishing sixth with a time of 1:37.89.

North head coach Mike O'Connor and his 200-yard medley relay squad of junior Matthew Leone and seniors Christian Mellos, Justin Rakowicz and Peter Shea also earned All-State honors by placing seventh with a time of 1:38.54.

In the second event, the 200-yard freestyle, Rakowicz was 10th with a time of 1:44.53 and Shea finished 23rd at 1:48.62 for the Norsemen.

Mellos was All-State in the 200-yard IM, finishing sixth with a time of 1:57.81. Hessburg placed ninth with a time of 1:57.04 for the Blue Devils, and in the 50-yard freestyle, Yoo was 28th with a time of 22.62.

Others in the 50-freestyle were Francis and sophomore John Martin for the Blue Devils and Leone for the Norsemen, finishing 36th at 22.95, 39th at 23.16 and 44th at 23.89, respectively.

North senior James McNelis finished his high school career on a positive note, taking fourth in

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South defeats North

By Bob St. John
 Sports Editor

The anticipation for this game has been growing for a decade.

The match-up, Grosse Pointe North, the No. 1 seed, against Grosse Pointe South, the No. 2 seed, for a state championship, materialized after both teams won semifinal games Wednesday, March

7, at Eddie Edgar Arena.

Could North pull off its first-ever state title by beating the defending state champ and arch rival Grosse Pointe South for a third time this season?

The Norsemen beat the Blue Devils 3-1 in December and 3-2 in overtime a couple of weeks ago, but this time the stakes were much higher.

"The girls have to give it their best effort and not leave anything behind," North head coach Joe

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South senior Claire Boyle scored an insurance goal late in the third period to help the Blue Devils beat Grosse Pointe North.

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Girls basketball

LIGGETT

Knights make it back-to-back titles

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's girls' basketball team took another step toward making a second straight appearance in the Class C state title game.

Last week the Knights blasted their way past Detroit Consortium, 63-29, claiming a second consecutive regional championship. The game was played at Auburn Hills Oakland Christian.

"We want to push the ball up the floor, play pressure defense and rebound and the girls did that against Consortium," head coach Joe LaMagno said. "It was a back-and-forth game in the first quarter, but then our defense started to create a lot of turnovers our girls were turning into easy points.

"After that, I think we wore them down. It's another step toward our goal."

Senior Madison Ristovski and freshman Lola Ristovski each had 12 points to lead the Knights, which improved to 21-4 overall.

"Everyone got involved one way or another," LaMagno said. "Haleigh (Ristovski) had only a couple of points, but she was huge on the boards with 12 and blocked seven shots.

"Our guards put a ton of pressure on the ball and forced bad passes our girls picked off. We made sure to pressure the ball whenever we could."

The Knights had a double-digit halftime lead

and a big third quarter put the game out of reach.

Last week's 51-33 regional semifinal win against a top-10 ranked Flint Hamady had the feel of a state championship game.

Liggett, led by Miss Basketball recipient Madison Ristovski, squared off against Flint Hamady, who entered the game 21-2 and winners of two (2009, 2010) of the last three Class C state championships.

"This was a big game," LaMagno said. "They're a very good team with a lot of tradition.

"It's a tradition of winning girls basketball games. I mean, they're a very good team. We have a lot of respect for them, but we were up for this game.

"We knew we couldn't come in here and clown around."

There was no clowning around.

The Lady Knights jumped out to a 21-7 lead in the opening quarter and simply never looked back, taking a 32-15 advantage into the break before spending much of the second half playing keep-away from the Hawks.

At times they controlled the ball on offense for more than two minute stretches.

"Madison is an incredible ball handler," LaMagno admitted. "But we have more than just her who can handle the ball.

"That really helped us in the second half."

Sophomore Bre

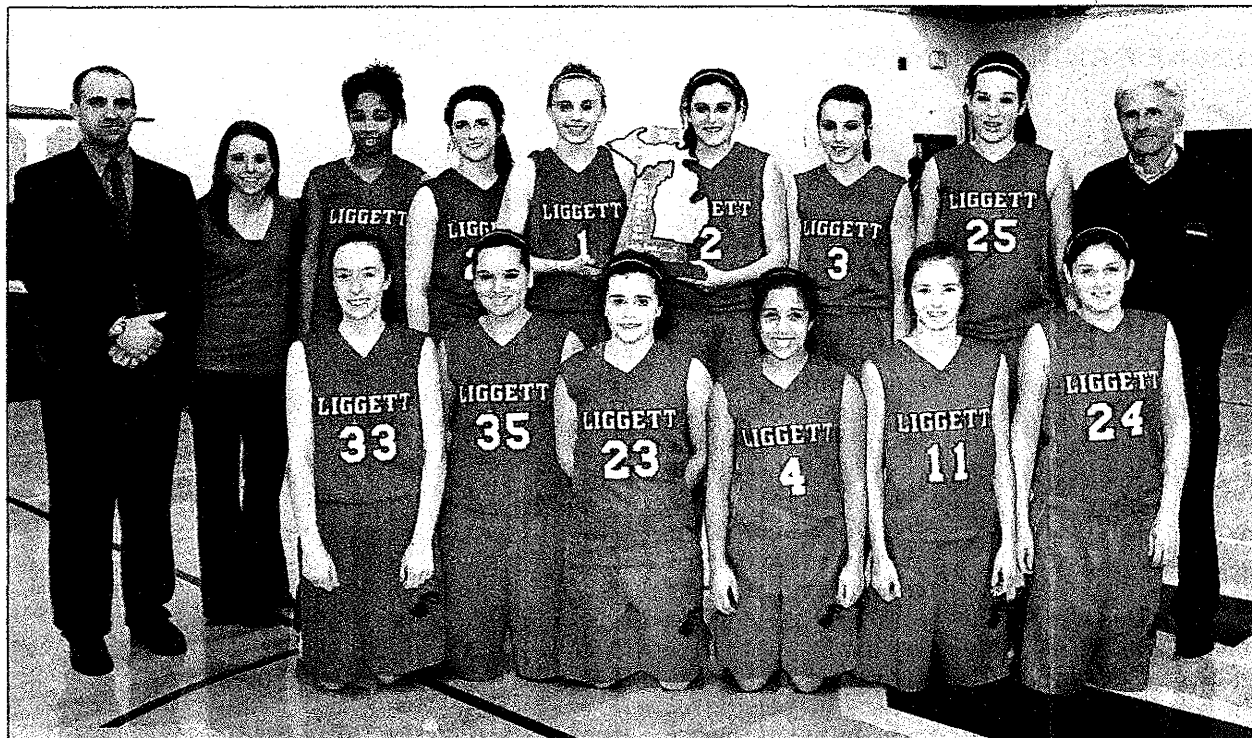


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Head coach Joe LaMagno, standing far left, and his Liggett girls basketball players and assistant coaches won a second straight regional crown.

Andrews (15 points), Lola Ristovski (18 points) and Haleigh Ristovski (10 rebounds) moved the ball between Hamady defenders and, along with Madison Ristovski (11 points and 11 assists), simply put on a clinic in stall basketball in the closing two quarters of play, a very difficult task for many high school teams.

"We practice that," LaMagno explained. "We really practice that and it paid off for us tonight. We keep the ball out of their hands and there's less chance for them to get back in the game.

"It's not that tough of a strategy, but you have to be able to do it. We did our job tonight."

John McTaggart contributed to this story.

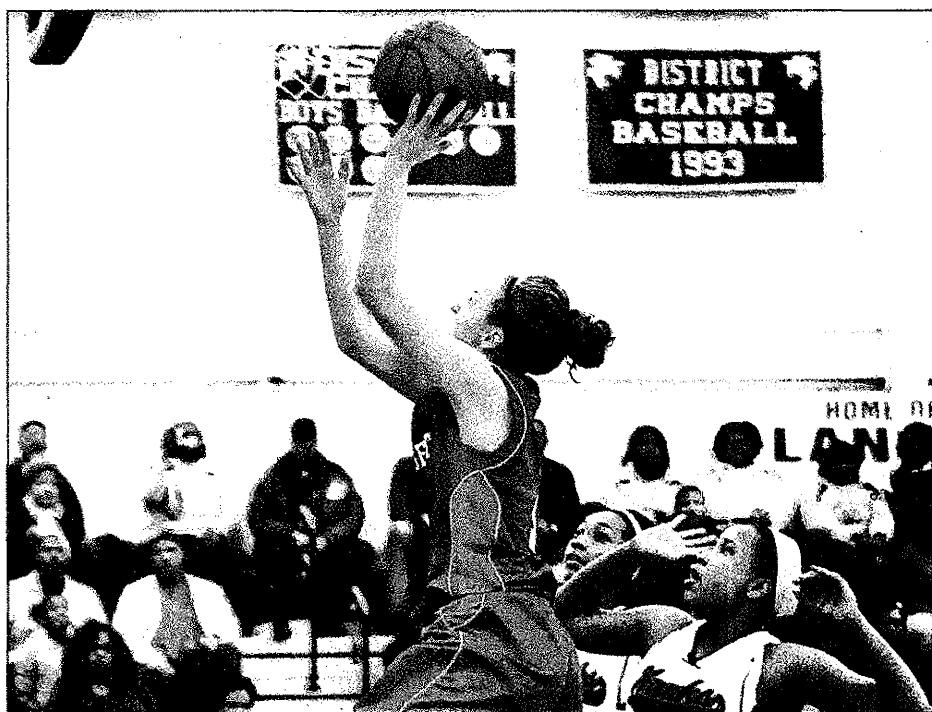


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Senior Madison Ristovski, who was named 2012 Miss Basketball Monday afternoon, drives through the lane to score two points in the Knights' regional semifinal win over Flint Hamady.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils stomp MAC foes in regional

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

Grosse Pointe South cruised into the Class A state quarterfinals last Thursday evening with a 69-48 victory over Chippewa Valley in the regional championship game at Henry Ford II High School.

South junior Claire DeBoer led the Blue Devils with 21 points and 14 rebounds, while freshman guard Cierra Rice poured in 15 points and grabbed 11 rebounds.

"You have to give Chippewa Valley a lot of credit," head coach Kevin Richards said. "They

came in here ready for our full-court pressure. We lost (Tiffany) Misch early on, and she's a phenomenal player. The effort that she put in the other night really kind of tired her out I think. She was hitting early on, but I think our pressure kind of wore on her as the game went on."

Misch finished the game with 30 points, 14 of which came in the opening quarter, a quarter that saw South trailing 17-15.

A 15-1 run, however, in the second quarter pushed the Blue Devils into the lead and it was a lead the squad would never relinquish.

South's pressure defense, particularly in the half-court, was simply too much for Chippewa Valley to handle. The defensive effort has been the spark for the Blue Devils all season.

But, the offensive prowess the squad showed against Chippewa Valley might have been the real story of Thursday night's championship contest.

DeBoer, Rice and Caitlin Moore (19 points) are expected to carry the load offensively. However, the squad's second-quarter surge came with Moore and DeBoer on the bench for much of the

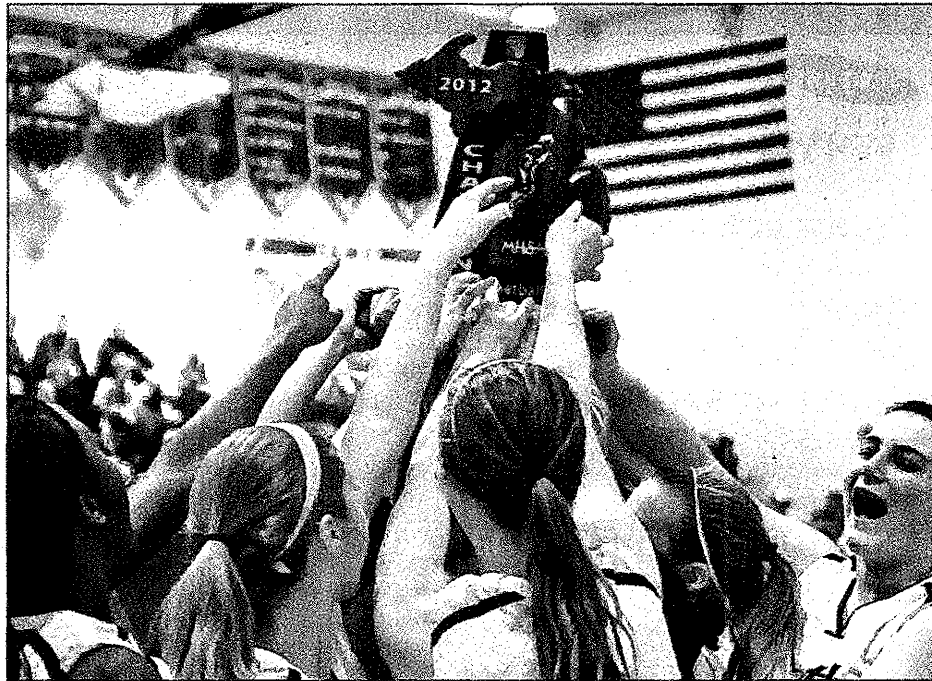


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The victory is nice, according to Richards, but the goal from the beginning of the season was to earn a spot in the state's final four and make the trip to the Breslin Center to play for a state championship.

Should South get by Waterford Kettering in the quarterfinals, the squad will make the trip to Breslin for the state semifinals March 16 at 1 p.m.

South won its regional semifinal 56-45 over Macomb Area Conference Red Division champion Romeo.

It looked eerily similar to the game at Warren Cousino in which the Blue Devils built a comfortable double-digit lead, only to fall apart and lose by double digits.

The Blue Devils' pressure defense picked apart

Romeo's shaky offense, which turned the ball over a dozen times in the first half.

DeBoer had easy pickings against Romeo's 6-foot, 4-inch Lauren Bright, spinning and weaving her way to eight first-quarter points.

The Blue Devils had a 17-10 first-quarter lead and extended it to 31-22 at the half. The lead was 31-17, but the Bulldogs ended the half with five straight points to shave the deficit.

Unfortunately for Richards, his squad came out flat and the Bulldogs took advantage with a 17-5 run to take a 39-36 lead. Richards called a timeout and the Bulldogs fans were on their feet.

The timeout paid off as the Blue Devils scored the quarter's final basket to cut the deficit to 39-38 and they pulled out the

full-court press. In an instant, the one-point deficit turned into a five-point advantage, 44-39, as Romeo turnovers allowed Rice and Brown to put South ahead.

The run continued as Romeo's guards continued to turn the ball over, allowing the Blue Devils to totally take command of the game, leading 51-39 on Brown's layup.

The Bulldogs fouled throughout the final four minutes of the game and the Blue Devils made enough to keep the lead in double digits.

Brown scored a career-high 21 points, followed by DeBoer with 13 points and 15 rebounds, and Moore had 10 points. Rice finished with nine.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 21-3 overall.

Sports Editor Bob St. John contributed to this story.

Boys hockey

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Late goal sinks Norsemen in title game

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

A goal off the blade of Brighton's Chet Daavettilla with 92 seconds left in the third period broke a 3-3 tie and at the same time broke the heart of Grosse Pointe North players and fans, sending the Norsemen to a 4-3 loss in the Division 1 boys' hockey finals.

"We're disappointed with the outcome of the game," head coach Scott Lock explained. "But I'm proud of my guys. They worked really hard. It was just one of those games where I don't think we got a lot of puck luck."

The puck didn't seem to bounce North's way as two of Brighton's three goals didn't even reach the back of the net, instead just trickling over the line for the tally.

That said, Lock admits that's part of the game.

"We've seen a lot of them," Lock admits. "They got a lot of good bounces tonight and we didn't seem to get it. It was just one of those games. The bounces didn't go our way. They worked hard for those bounces, and I think we made too many mistakes in the beginning of the game, but I thought we



PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

North's Jack Stander and his teammates lost a tough Division 1 state championship game to Brighton.

worked hard and carried the play for most of the game. We just couldn't finish at times."

North senior Joe Aluia was responsible for each of the team's goals against Brighton, scoring in each of the three peri-

ods.

"Tonight he was fantastic," Lock said of his senior co-captain. "He's been one of the guys who has been our heart-and-soul all year long, especially in the playoffs. He could've had, probably,

two or three more goals if he would've had some luck on his side. He was great.

"I thought he was going to get us over the top even. Right after we tied it up we had all the chances again."

North played from behind for much of the game, trailing 2-1 after the opening period and 3-2 after the second.

Aluia's tally in the third, however, at the 8:22 mark, knotted the score at 3-3.

"Puck luck," or whatever fans choose to call it, worked against the Norsemen at the 13:28 mark of the third, when Daavettilla scored on a shot that deflected off a skate and past the line into the net.

"We just didn't get it done tonight," Lock said.

North finishes the year 15-15 overall.

The Norsemen went into the second week of the state playoffs with a 13-14 record, but beat Livonia Churchill 3-0 in the quarterfinals and East Kentwood 6-3 in the semifinals to stand 15-14 heading into the state championship game.

Against Churchill, Aluia and junior Jack Stander scored in the second period, while senior Joe Giordano tallied an empty-net goal in the final minute to seal the deal.

Senior goalie Chip Wujek stopped all 20 shots to earn another shutout and he earned the win against East Kentwood.

Six different players scored in the semifinal contest at Compuware Sports Arena.

Seniors J.P. Lucchese, Anthony Saleh, Aluia, Giordano and Julian Quinlan, and junior Jeff Herron, scored goals.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils' season ends with title loss

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

Grosse Pointe South's boys' hockey team came into the Division 2 final riding high after a victory over Hartland, 11-6, in the quarterfinals and an overtime thriller over Port Huron Northern, 3-2, in the semifinals.

Senior goalie C.J. Schebil had arguably been one of the hottest goaltenders in the state heading into Saturday morning's showdown against top-ranked Brother Rice.

In the title game, the Warriors were relentless on the offensive end, peppering the Blue Devils senior with 38 shots, 30 of which came in the opening two periods.

"We played a lot of great teams during the season like Trenton and (Grosse Pointe) North," Schebil said. "But it seemed like every single one of them tonight was fast and every single one of them had a fast shot. It was tough. The shots were coming from everywhere."

South held their own against one of the states top teams, regardless of division, carrying a 1-1 score into the first intermission. A goal from junior Jake Corden (assist from junior Maxwell Corden) knotted the score at one-all after the first period.

"To have an even score after the first period was great," head coach Jamie Bufalino said. "But we wouldn't say there was any five minutes where we outplayed them today. We lost to a great team."

A pair of goals from Brother Rice in the second period, the first coming at the 7:08 mark and the second at the 12:17 mark, widened the gap to 3-1 after two periods.

South came out strong in the final 15 minutes, however, with two excellent scoring chances early in the third period, both of which were turned away by Warriors

'We played a lot of great teams during the season like Trenton and (Grosse Pointe) North.'

C.J. SCHEBIL,
South senior goalie

goalie Jack Bowman.

"We harped on the boys to create some different opportunities," Bufalino explained. "We finally got those opportunities and their goalie came up huge. That was definitely hard for us."

South was outshot, 38-17, in the contest and wrapped up the 2011-2012 season 22-6-1.

Senior Geoff Welsher was the hero, scoring the winning goal with 50.1 seconds left in overtime to lift South to a 3-2 semifinal victory over Port Huron Northern.

The Huskies turned the puck over in their zone and Welsher made them pay, shooting the puck over goalie Matt Fernandez's shoulder for the game-winner.

The goal was unassisted.

The Huskies forced overtime by scoring a power-play goal at the 13:45 mark of the third period.

The Blue Devils were whistled for a penalty late in the second period and whistled for another penalty during the delayed penalty.

This gave Northern two straight 5-on-3 advantages. The Blue Devils killed off the first one, but the Huskies' Austin Ainsworth scored on the second power-play.

Sophomore Andrew Bigam scored an unassisted power-play goal at the 13:36 mark of the second period to give South a 2-1 lead.

Neither team mounted much of an offensive attack as most of the play took place in the neutral zone.

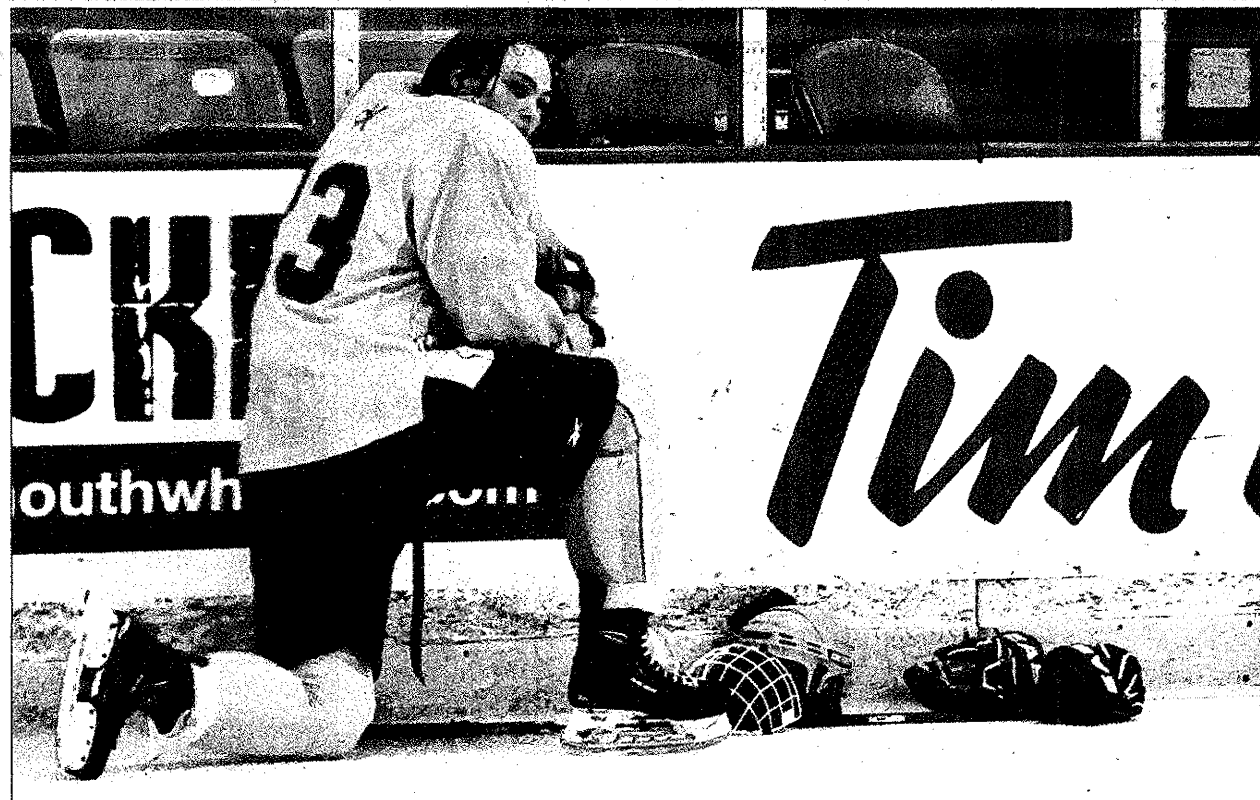


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South senior Cam Gibson takes a moment to reflect on what could have been after the Blue Devils lost to Brother Rice in the Division 2 state championship game.

In the first period, Northern scored at the 5:44 mark to take a 1-0 lead, but the Blue Devils tied it 1-1 with a goal 23 seconds later as Max Corden tallied with senior Cam Gibson and sophomore Andrew Hyde netting assists.

The Blue Devils outshot the Huskies 34-27 as Schebil earned another victory, stopping 25-of-27 shots.

The Huskies had a golden opportunity to tie the game at the 12:00 mark of the second period, but Jimmy Radatz missed a penalty shot wide right.

South endured a penalty-filled quarterfinal game to outlast Hartland 11-6 to move to the Frozen Four.

Cimmarrusti had the hat trick, while Gibson and Jake Corden had two goals apiece to lead the Blue Devils' offensive explosion.

In total, 33 penalties were called with South netting 16 and Hartland 17.

Sports Editor Bob St. John contributed to this story.

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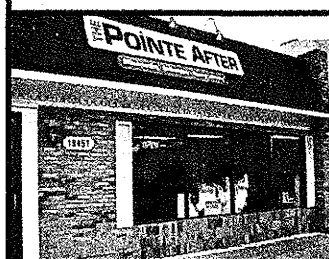
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Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNITED

Team performs admirably in finals

The Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team concluded its season last weekend with a trip to the state team finals in Grand Rapids.

Grosse Pointe started on the vault in its first rotation where Ashley Krynski scored an 8.4, Aubryn Samaroo an 8.575, Sarah Fentin an 8.60, Madi Kaiser an 8.65 and Emma Abessinio had a team-high 8.850.

Moving to the uneven bars, Samaroo started the team off well with a 7.925, followed by Krynski and Fentin with 8.275 and 8.2. Kaiser then scored an 8.4 for a clean routine and Abessinio ended the rotation with another team high of 8.8 on the event.

In the third rotation, the balance beam, high scores of 8.825 were posted by Abessinio and an 8.950 from Kaiser boosted the team's average on the event.

Grosse Pointe finished on floor, performing with confidence to earn their highest scores of the

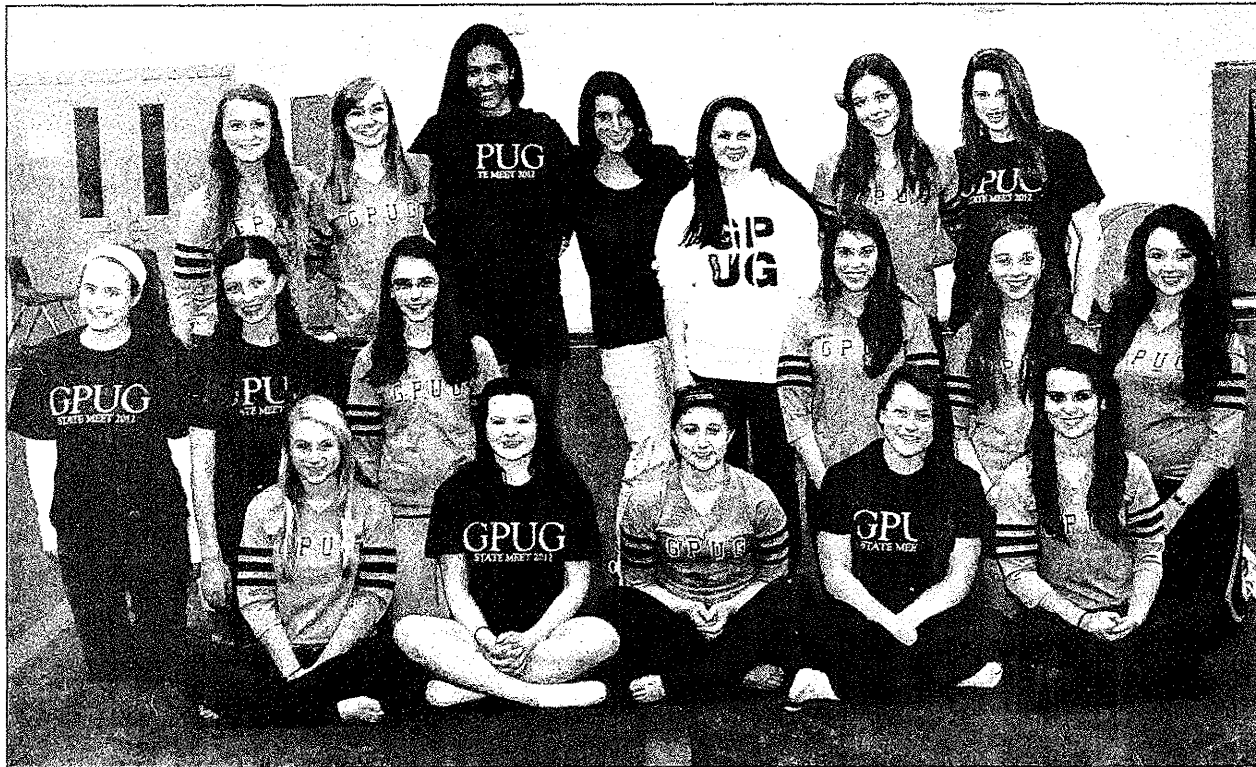


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Grosse Pointe United gymnasts before heading off to the state finals at Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills High School.

meet. Krynski began with an 8.7 for an energy-filled routine, followed by Fentin with an 8.8, then Kaiser with a 9.075.

Samaroo made the

crowd gasp with her high-flying dance and difficult tumbling for a 9.150, and then Abessinio scored a 9.3, the team's highest score of the meet, for a

clean and precise routine. Grosse Pointe finished the meet with 138.050 points for 11th place and was pleased to improve by nearly four points

from last year's state meet.

Grand Ledge took the state title for the fifth consecutive year, and last year's runner up Canton

finished second again, followed by host Kenowa Hills-Grandville in third.

In Saturday's individual state finals, Grosse Pointe was represented by Abessinio on the uneven bars, where she placed 13th with an 8.8, and floor exercise, where she placed 31st.

Despite having the difficult draw of first in the entire meet on the balance beam, Kaiser hit her entire routine perfectly and came in 12th on the event with an 8.925 and finished 29th on the uneven bars with an 8.275.

"All of the girls did a great job at the state meet where the competition was incredibly tough this year," head coach Courtney Law said. "It is not easy to make it to states in any year, much less in back-to-back seasons like this team accomplished. Our seniors have been great leaders and competitors and they will really be missed next year."

YOUTH HOCKEY

Bulldogs roll to title

Coached by Grosse Pointer Robb McIntyre, the Grosse Pointe Bulldogs have achieved a great deal of success in the last month, paralleling the achievements of his University Liggett boys' hockey team.

Several weeks ago, the Bulldogs stormed through the district championship to qualify for the state finals in Bay City.

The Bulldogs have simultaneously experienced similar success in the Little Caesar's play-offs, benefitting from outstanding scoring performances by forwards Marshall Vyletel, Sam Knoblauch, Mac Welscher and Logan Genuwine. The Bulldog's stingy goal-

tending by Alex Grimm and Harrison Griffin, combined with their high-velocity cycling offense, propelled them to last week's Michigan semifinal for the ranked division against Novi.

Welscher scored in the opening minutes against Novi, with an assist from Jonathan Theros.

Six minutes later, Theros scored and this time he was assisted by Welscher and Zach Pearson.

The defense kept Novi at bay during the first period with standout play coming from defensive leaders Zach Kaiser, Harrison Wujek, Griffin Brooks and J.P. Navetta. Later in the game, it was

the defensive play of Jack Flynn and Andrew Tomasi that would hold off surging Novi.

After Novi cut the Bulldogs lead to 2-1, the power line of Vyletel, Knoblauch and Genuwine struck back. Genuwine completed the scoring rush.

C.J. Ramsdell, Brett Abdelnour and Mac Cimmarrusti were unable to convert on a number of scoring opportunities, but did an excellent job of eliminating many of the Wildcats' opportunities to climb back into the game.

Coming up for the Bulldogs is the Little Caesar's Michigan Championship March 18 in Melvindale.

YOUTH HOCKEY



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District champs

The Grosse Pointe Mite Team Carson, named after former Grosse Pointer and National Hockey League great Jimmy Carson, became the first Grosse Pointe Mite squad to win the District No. 3 championship. Team Carson defeated the Fraser North Stars 4-2 in the title game. Team members are, front row from left, Marcus Kosmas, Liam Mathieson, Erin Murphy, Harry Wright and Angelo Profeta; middle row from left, Campbell Marchal, Effie Hodges, Johnny Williamson, Alec Leonard, Cameron Buhler, Will Fannon and Miles Wujek; and back row from left, coaches Sean Patrick Murphy, Biz Williamson and Yogi Patterson.

GOLF UPDATES

Pointer makes nationals

John Bailey (Davisburg), Marv Epperson (Metamora), Kurt Hesse (Farmington Hills) and Dave Rozema (Grosse Pointer) enjoyed a chance of a lifetime when they competed as a foursome at Pinehurst

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More golf

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The CITY OF GROSSE POINTE Board of Review will meet at 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, Michigan on March 6th, 19th and 20th 2012. The Board will organize and review assessments on Tuesday, March 6th. The Board will hear protests from aggrieved property owners by appointment on Monday, March 19th from 9 am to 12 Noon and 2 pm to 9 pm and Tuesday, March 20th from 9 am to 12 Noon and 2pm to 5 pm. Appointments may be made by calling the City offices at 313-885-5800 from 8:30 am to 5 pm. Appeals made by mail must be postmarked by March 20, 2012 and received by March 23, 2012.

The tentative ratios and estimated multipliers necessary to compute individual state equalized values are as follows:

CLASS	RATIO	MULTIPLIER
Commercial	49.94	1.0000
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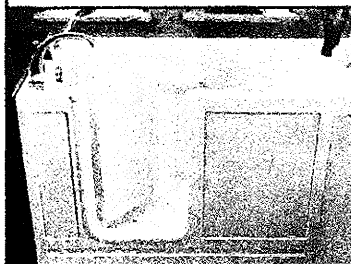
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Boys basketball

NORTH & SOUTH

Denby ousts Norsemen, Blue Devils

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

The entire season was a bit of an enigma for the Grosse Pointe North boys' basketball team, and last Friday's district final was an excellent example of this.

The team fell to Detroit Denby in the deciding game and, at times, looked brilliant. Other times, however, the team struggled. The outcome was a season-ending loss for the Norsemen.

"You have to give credit to them," North coach Matt Lockhart said. "It seemed like every time we got to within three or four we would make a mistake. I mean, we had momentum. We played a great third quarter. We came out after halftime and we played the right way."

North's third-quarter comeback, after trailing 28-14 at the break, was sparked by increased intensity and defense.

The result was a 17-8 advantage for the Norsemen in the quarter and a Denby lead that stood at only five points, 36-31.

The lead was trimmed to even less at moments throughout the third quarter, including trailing by only three points, 29-26, with just under three minutes remaining in the third.

The Tars pulled away, however, in the final quarter of the game, pushing the lead back to as many as 10 points, 48-38, in the closing minutes before settling on a 53-44 victory.

Dondre Young led the Norsemen with 15 points.

The loss brings the season to an end for North and leaves the coach disappointed and down about how it ended.

"They played a heck of a game," Lockhart said of the Tars. "They really did. I don't take anything away from Denby. I just

feel bad for the eight seniors on our team. I would have really liked to see us win this game for them. I really would have liked to have seen that."

North earned its spot in the title game thanks to a 49-46 victory over a familiar foe, Eastpointe East Detroit.

Once again, the enigma that is North basketball was on display.

In the first half, the squad was nothing short of brilliant, enforcing its will on what looked to be an overmatched Shamrocks squad.

North used this momentum and superior ability to cruise to a 32-20 halftime lead.

Then, the other version of Grosse Pointe North arrived, allowing East Detroit to get back in the contest through a series of unforced errors and missteps on both ends of the floor.

North held on, however, converting when it needed to down the

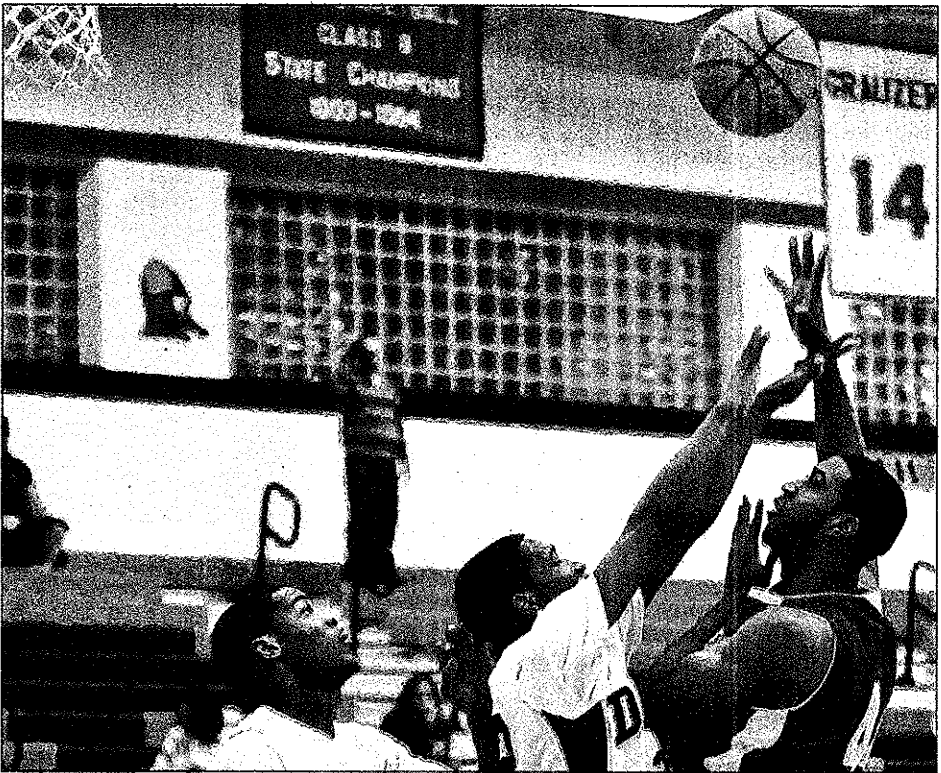


PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

North senior Dondre Young played well in his final high school basketball game, scoring 15 points.

stretch and surviving to play in Friday's final against Denby.

The Tars earned their spot in the title game thanks to a 50-43 victory over Grosse Pointe South in the night's other semi-final showdown.

Timothy Kramer paced the Blue Devils, who finished 7-15 overall, with 13 points while Kevin Reck added 10 points in the loss.

LIGGETT

Knights done in finale

By Bob St. John
Special Writer

A 69-61 loss to Madison Heights Madison in a Class C boys district basketball final last Friday night may have brought the Knights season to a close, but not before they cruised past Warren Collegiate, 68-46 in the district opener last Monday night, then routed Detroit Winans Academy in the district semifinal, 61-18, last Wednesday evening to earn their spot in the title

game.

The lopsided victories certainly showcased what the squad was capable of this season, as well as featured what fans might expect from the young Knights in 2012-2013.

"We got to work on some things," head coach Sidney Johnson said after the team's semifinal victory. "That's a good thing. This time of year, the goal is always to win the game and stay alive. But, in this game we're able to get everybody in the game, work on a few things and

win the game."

Liggett jumped out to an 8-0 lead early in the first quarter and simply never looked back, taking a 38-16 lead into the break and holding Winans Academy to just six points in the closing two quarters of play.

Junior Eric Ewing led all scorers in the semifinal with 20 points and paced the Knights with 21 points in the title game. He also had 23 points in the play-off opener.

The Knights wrapped up the season 12-11.

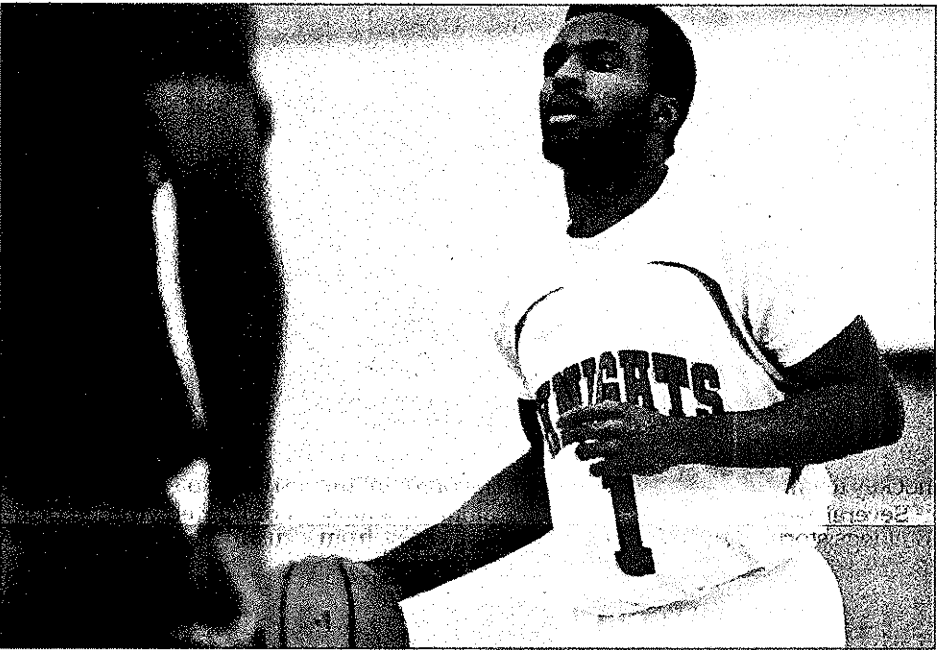


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Liggett junior Eric Ewing scored 20 or more points in each of the Knights' three district tournament games.

YOUTH HOCKEY

Grosse Pointe Bruins win tournament title

The Grosse Pointe Pee-Wee Bruins hockey team won the Michigan District No. 3 tournament with a 5-1 win over the Mount Clemens Puck-Hogs in the championship game in Fraser.

This is the first time in history a 'house league' team from the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association has ever won the Michigan District Tournament.

The Bruins started the tournament with a dominating 9-0 victory over the St. Clair Shores Penguins.

The second round of the tournament saw the Bruins face a tough Summit Plastics Northstars team that had beaten the boys earlier in the year. This hard fought contest resulted in a 4-2 Bruins victory and set up a third-round match-up with another regular season rival, the Puck-Hogs.

The Bruins out-skated the Puck-Hogs and advanced, but had to wait to see which team would



PHOTO COURTESY OF C.J. RUFFING

Grosse Pointe Bruins coaches and players celebrate after winning the District No. 3 championship.

come out of the elimination bracket in the double-elimination tournament.

The Puck-Hogs powered through the lower bracket and were fired up for the rematch when the two rivals faced each other again in the title game.

The Bruins were playing for the championship and the Puck-Hogs needed a win to stay alive.

The physical play was back and forth the entire game with a late third period goal making the difference for the Puck-Hogs in their 2-1 win.

The Puck-Hogs victory set up Monday's winner-take-all championship game.

The game started where the last one ended with both teams skating hard and fighting for every loose puck.

The first period ended in a 1-1 tie with Alex Strehlke scoring the Bruins goal. It was the third time he had scored the team's first goal. The Bruins outscored the Puck-Hogs 4-0 in the remaining two periods, including a rocket slap shot from John Schulte that found the back of the net from the blue line and a hat-trick from Brennon Baudeloque.

The Bruins District Tournament win was another well-rounded team effort with 12 of 14 players earning an assist or scoring a goal, solid defense and strong goaltending from Brian Wenz.

The Bruins advanced to the state finals played last weekend, also in Fraser. They won three games and finished third.

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS: PRINTING OF CITY NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR: Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 3, 2012, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for printing of City Newsletter and Calendar. Copies of the specifications and bid sheets may be obtained from the City Clerk. The City of Grosse Pointe Woods reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

Lisa K. Hathaway
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 3/15/2012

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Review of the City of Harper Woods will be holding public meetings at 19617 Harper Avenue on Monday, March 26th, 2012 from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Tuesday, March 27th, 2012 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to consider appeals on property assessment. Property owners may obtain a Petition to the Board of Review in the Assessor's office or on line at www.harperwoodscty.org.

Residents who are unable to attend this meeting may submit their appeal by letter to the Assessor's office at 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225 on or before March 27th at 6:00 p.m. For information please call 313.343.2526.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
LESLIE M. FRANK
Acting City Clerk

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City of **Grosse Pointe Farms**, Michigan

BOARD OF REVIEW

Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the 2012 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012
From 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
and
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
and
MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012
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.
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1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

Hearings will be scheduled by appointment. Please contact City of Grosse Pointe Farms at (313) 640-1618. You may also petition the Board in writing through the mail if you cannot make the hearing dates. These letters **HAVE TO BE IN THE OFFICE BY THURSDAY, MARCH 15th.**

TIMOTHY E. O'DONNELL
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on we had the ability to come back. We had the ability to win the first period, second or third. We found different ways to win all year long. We just had to be prepared for anything."

It took the Knights a while to get going, however, in the title game, playing a fast-paced first period to a 0-0 draw with the Gremlins.

"I thought they were great," McIntyre said of the Houghton squad. "I thought they came out extremely hard and really never faltered. My plan was to go out there and wear them down. That really never hap-

pened."

Despite Houghton's relentless pressure, Liggett got on the board in the second period when junior Manny Counsman found the back of the net early in the period (2:16).

Counsman got his second goal in the period at the 13:19 mark, putting the Knights up 2-0 heading into the final 15 minutes.

"They're a really physical team," Liggett senior Jake Hodges said. "In the first period it was really hard to get anything out and get anything to the net against them. Before the second period we got into the locker room and decided what we needed to do and it worked out."

Liggett's two second-period goals were enough as Knights freshman goalie Lucas Soyka was a rock between the pipes, turning away all 30 Gremlins shots in the



PHOTOS BY JOHN MCTAGGART

University Liggett players hoist the Division 3 state championship trophy after beating Houghton 3-0 in the title game.

victory.

Junior Jacob Soyka, however, added an insurance goal in the third period (7:37) for the Knights, and secured the squad's state title triumph.

The Knights wrapped up the 2011-2012 campaign 25-3 overall and Division 3 state championships.

Liggett advanced to the title game with a 5-1 victory over Chelsea in the semifinal at Compuware Sports Arena.

The Knights trailed 1-0 before erupting for five unanswered goals to cruise into the finals.

"We wanted to score early, but Chelsea is the one who scored first," McIntyre said. "I wasn't planning on the power-play being a big key, but it was today."

"We really don't practice the power play, but instead we focus on being the best in 5-on-5 situations."

"We're extremely

skilled and we use that to our advantage by putting pressure on the opposing team's defense."

Chelsea couldn't keep up with the Knights' speedsters as they outshot the Bulldogs 35-17.

They tied it 1-1 when sophomore Vincent Scarfone scored on the power play at the 8:05 mark. Auk and Counsman assisted.

The Knights took the lead for good when sophomore Jake Jerome scored with only 24 seconds left in the opening period. Sophomore William Yates and senior Austin Petitpren had assists.

McIntyre's squad put two more goals on the board in the second period.

Counsman had a power-play goal at the 10:38 mark with Auk assisting and freshman Lordanthony Grissom put the Knights up three goals with another power-

er-play tally with only 7.2 seconds left on the clock. Auk and freshman Josh Soyka drew assists.

Yates put an exclamation mark on the victory, scoring another power-play goal at the 4:10 mark with Jake Soyka and freshman Mason Demsey assisting.

The Knights played nearly the entire final five minutes with a two-man advantage after Chelsea had three players ejected due to flagrant penalties.

Senior Joe Davenport earned the win, stopping 16-of-17 shots.

In the quarterfinal game played at Troy Sports Center, Liggett blanked Marysville 4-0.

Auk had two goals, while junior Cam Marchese and Counsman also scored as the Knights' Luke Soyka posted the shutout in net.

Sports Editor Bob St. John contributed to this story.



Freshman goalie Luke Soyka rejoices when the final horn sounded in the title game victory over Houghton.

SOUTH:
Beat rival
in final

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Lucchese said. "This is for the state championship against a group of girls who have big-game experience. They have been down this road before and we haven't."

"We will be ready to go," Provenzano said. "We know what we have to do to win this game, so we have to go out and get it done."

As it turned out, the third time was the charm for Grosse Pointe South.

The Blue Devils won another straight state championship, beating Grosse Pointe North 4-1.

"I told the girls to get aggressive and play our game," Provenzano said. "We didn't play well in the first period, but we got it going in the second and played our best in the third period."

"The girls worked hard and they believed in our system. Winning another state championship is wonderful and it goes to show what a team of hard workers can do."

The Norsemen grabbed a 1-0 lead when junior C.J. McCarthy scored a power-play goal midway through the first period. Senior Jen Cusmano drew the lone assist.

Cusmano went down with a hip injury during the early stages of the second period. After that, the Norsemen's offensive cohesiveness changed and slowed down, dramatically.

"We fought hard, but once Jen (Cusmano) went down with that injury, our game kind of went down with her," Lucchese said. "I tip my hat to South. They're a good team and so are we, but we just did-



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South players and coaches celebrate at center ice after accepting the state championship trophy.

n't play well in the final two periods."

The Blue Devils tied it 1-1 when senior Claire Boyle scored late in the second period. Sophomore Tenley Shield and senior Melissa Klinger assisted.

For the first two periods, it was a defensive-minded game with North senior goalie Emma Huellmantel and South junior goalie Anastasia Diamond making key saves to keep it a 1-1 game.

Neither team got the offense going until the third period when the Blue Devils put their game in second gear. The extra burst had the Norsemen on their heels the entire period.

It took the Blue Devils only 29 seconds to take the lead for good when senior Marissa Monforton scored on a shot sailing

over Huellmantel's left shoulder.

The goal that broke the Norsemen's back came at the 4:40 mark when Klinger scored, assisted by Shield and junior Darian Dempsey. Boyle put an exclamation mark on the state championship, scoring a goal with 56 seconds left.

She skated through two defensemen and broke in on Huellmantel all alone. She faked her out and slid the puck into the open end of the net and let out a shout of jubilation.

Dempsey and Monforton had the assists.

South outshot North 26-17, including 11-5 in the third period.

"It came down to who wanted it more in the third period," Boyle said. "Marissa's goal really gave us a lot of momentum and we played well

after that. This is a team championship and I can't be any prouder of my teammates and coaches. This is a great way to end my high school career."

Grosse Pointe South finished its championship season 18-4-1 and Grosse Pointe North ended its year 21-4.

For Provenzano, his two-year playoff record improved to 6-0 overall.

In the first state semifinal, South came out slow before beating Ann Arbor 7-2 behind a pair of hat tricks from Boyle and Shield.

"I told the girls they had to start playing their game and be more aggressive instead of playing without energy," Provenzano said.

The Blue Devils led 1-0 on Boyle's first goal at the 9:22 mark of the first period. Klinger assisted.

Pioneer came right back a minute later, scor-

ing the tying goal. It was a 1-1 game after the first period and Boyle's second tally at the 5:11 mark of the second period made it a 2-1 game heading into the final 15 minutes.

Monforton and Shield had the assists.

Provenzano's message was heard loud and clear as the Blue Devils scored just 30 seconds into the third period. Shield scored with Marissa and senior Cara Monforton assisting.

A little more than two minutes later, Shield scored again with Boyle and Cara Monforton assisting and then Marissa Monforton tallied at the 10:21 mark, turning the game into a rout.

Dempsey drew the lone assist as the Blue Devils made it a 5-1 game.

Shield and Boyle completed their hat tricks, scoring goals at the 7:27

and 5:20 marks of the third period. Juniors Samantha Taylor and Lindsey Makos assisted Shield's goal, while freshman Ellie Flom and junior Allison Daudlin assisted Boyle's goal.

South beat Northville 6-1 in its quarterfinal game.

North's road to the finals started with a 5-4 victory over Port Huron in the quarterfinals.

In their semifinal game, fans weren't even settled in their seats before Ladywood put two goals on the board. The Blazers scored at eight and 37 seconds into the first period, taking a 2-0 lead.

They scored again at the 10:36 mark to put the Norsemen in a 3-0 hole.

North roared back, scoring seven unanswered goals to eventually pull out an 8-4 win over Ladywood, setting up the all-Grosse Pointe championship.

Junior Sara Villani scored at the 9:21 mark of the first period with Cusmano assisting, and 25 seconds later, Cusmano scored with McCarthy assisting, making it a 3-2 game.

Junior Julia Henderson scored at the 7:39 mark, tying it 3-3. Junior Bryn Moody and senior Melissa Mermiges assisted.

In the second period, junior Katie Bowles, McCarthy and Villani scored to give the Norsemen a 6-3 lead. Henderson assisted on the first goal, while Cusmano and Villani assisted on McCarthy's tally.

Villani's goal was unassisted.

Mermiges scored early in the third period with junior Natalie Skorupski and Bowles assisting. That officially took the air out of the Blazers' sails.

Bowles capped the scoring with a goal at the 3:29 mark with Skorupski and Henderson assisting.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils JV wins championship

Grosse Pointe South's boys' junior varsity hockey team won the Great Lakes Prep Hockey League Green Conference championship Saturday, March 3, beating Anchor Bay 4-2.

Sophomore Breck Hanson scored an unassisted goal at the 5:28 mark of the first period, giving the Blue Devils a 1-0 lead.

The Tars tied it with 39 seconds left in the opening period, but junior Alex Newell tallied midway through the second stanza with Hanson adding an assist.

Just 59 seconds later, the Blue Devils made it a 3-1 game when junior captain Jeffrey Craig scored an unassisted goal.

The Tars crept back within a goal with 5:04 left in the second period. That would be the closest the game would be as the Blue Devils added an insurance goal with five minutes left in the game when freshman Jacob Stone scored.

In net, junior Will Newell stopped 21-of-23



PHOTO COURTESY OF KEITH NEWELL

Members of the Grosse Pointe South boys junior varsity hockey team are, top row from left, coach Dave Pulis, Noah Erickson, Henry Solem, Breck Hanson, Tyler Wells, Jacob Stone, A.J. Peleman, Jared Yinger, Casey Livingston, Max Mager, Jeffrey Craig, Alex Newell, Max Warren, Alec Hughes, Chandler Wahl, Tyler Demery, Mac Carroll and Adam Mlynarek; and bottom row from left, Max Crow, Will Newell and Trent Maghielse.

shots to earn the championship.

It wasn't easy, but South won its semifinal 3-2 in a shoot-out over Howell.

Howell scored first and it was a 1-0 game through two periods. Just 2:10 into the third period, sophomore Noah Erickson tied the game with Alex

Newell assisting.

Junior Adam Mlynarek tallied the go-ahead goal with junior Max Mager assisting nearly two minutes later, giving the Blue Devils a 2-1 lead.

Howell tied it with 10 minutes left and it turned into a defensive struggle from that point. Neither team scored in overtime,

setting up a shoot out to see who advanced to the championship game.

In the shoot out Will Newell stopped every shot and made 26 saves to earn the victory. Craig scored on the first attempt in the shoot out.

In the postseason's prior games, South beat Anchor Bay 3-2, lost 3-2

to Wyandotte, beat Howell 3-1, tied Hartland 2-2, beat L'Anse Creuse North 7-1 and beat Grand Blanc 8-2 to earn a spot in the Final Four.

In the regular season, the Blue Devils finished 11-3-2 and ended the season 17-4-3 under head coach Dave Pulis.

Team members are

Erickson, Mager, Alex Newell, Jacob Stone, Chandler Wahl, Alec Hughes, Max Warren, Jared Yinger, Max Crow, Henry Solem, Tyler Demery, Craig, Mlynarek, Casey Livingston, Robert Carroll, A.J. Peleman, Hanson, Tyler Wells, Trent Maghielse and Will Newell.

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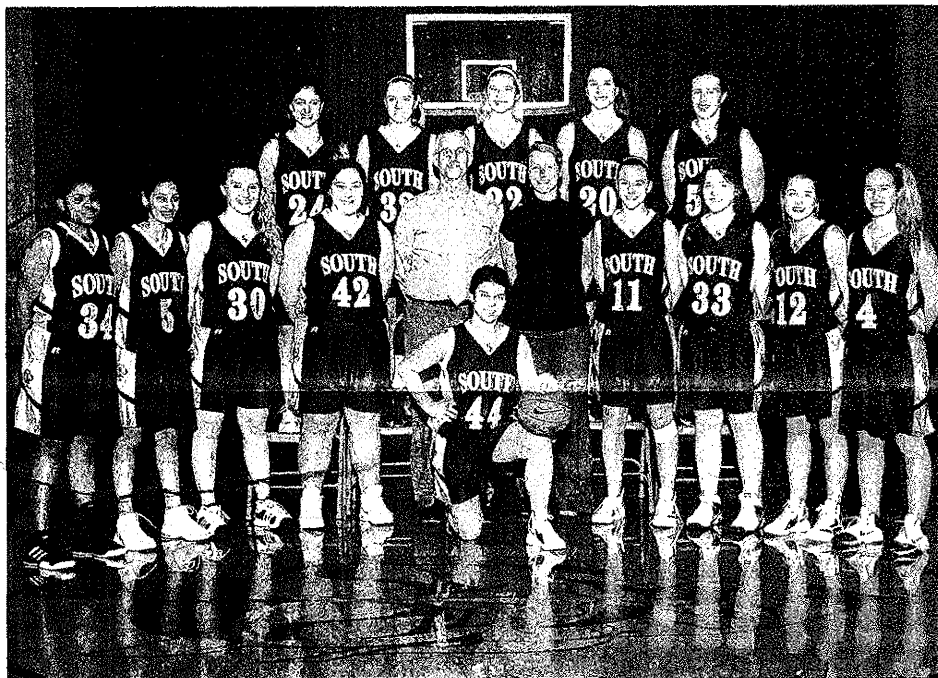


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Perfection

The Grosse Pointe South girls' junior varsity team finished the season a perfect 17-0 under coaches Peltó and Caldwell. Pictured above are, kneeling, Francesca Aliotti; middle row from left, Sasha Monroe, Shivangi Sharma, Paulina Perakis, Elizabeth Steinhauer, Kaitlin Kish, Allison Shimmel, Lily Pendy and Aynsle Fritz; and back row from left, Alexa Scheppeler, Carly Ventimiglia, Cydney Webb, Danielle Ventimiglia and Shannon Novak. The Blue Devils beat, in order, Grosse Pointe North (27-14), Ann Arbor Huron (27-15), Birmingham Marian (35-28), Fraser (32-24), Warren Fitzgerald (51-11), Utica (36-18), L'Anse Creuse (50-23), Utica Eisenhower (41-17), Warren Cousino (43-23), Chippewa Valley (40-25), St. Clair (34-21), Fitzgerald (43-11), Utica (46-30), L'Anse Creuse (38-24), Eisenhower (44-29), Cousino (34-24) and St. Clair (52-34).

SWIM: Several earn honor

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diving with 438.30 points to earn All-State. South senior Ben Cornillie made the semifinals, placing 18th with 220.70 points.

Yoo placed ninth in the 100-butterfly with a time of 53.07 and Francis was tied for 28th with a time of 55.73 for the Blue Devils.

North's Rakowicz earned another All-State honors in the 500-yard freestyle, placing fifth with a time of 4:43.39. Teammate Shea was 17th with a time of 4:56.26.

South's 200-yard freestyle relay team of junior Frank Cusumano, junior C.J. Stafford, freshman Tyler Leggat and

Martin placed 23rd with a time of 1:33.75.

Jackson once again had a solid swim. This time he placed ninth in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 54.27 and Leone was 26th at 59.74.

Hessburg and Mellos took home All-State honors in the 100-yard breaststroke, finishing third and fourth with times of 58.52 and 58.84, respectively. Hessburg's time was a school record.

In the final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay, South's foursome of Yoo, Francis, Jackson and Hessburg took 11th with a time of 3:17.05 and North's group of Rakowicz, sophomore Patrick Turnbull, Shea and Mellos placed 13th at 3:18.94.

Dexter won the Division 2 state title with 320 points, followed by Birmingham Groves with

298.5, Birmingham Seaholm with 254 and Holland with 200.

Liggett head coach Ryan Gunderson watched freshman Chris Cornell finish 15th in the 200-individual medley with a time of 2:06.27 and junior Connor Borrego 40th with a time of 2:12.33.

Cornell earned All-State honors in the 100-yard breaststroke, finishing fifth with a time of 1:00.10.

"It was a great experience and I was very happy with the swims and proud of all of their hard work this season," Gunderson said.

The Division 3 meet was one of the closest in years as St. Joseph edged Grand Rapids Christian by only five points, 250-245. East Grand Rapids was third with 228 points and Hamilton was fourth with 213.5.

YOUTH BASEBALL

South to host camp

Grosse Pointe South hosts the 18th annual Baseball Instructional Camp from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 24, in the high school gymnasium.

Participants learn hitting, pitching, infield, outfield, catching and sliding techniques. The camp is open to boys and girls in grades second through eighth. Coaches may observe, take notes or videotape.

Players should bring

their own equipment and Grosse Pointe South is not responsible for lost or stolen articles.

Players should report to the main gym 15 minutes ahead of the scheduled start time in proper baseball attire, including baseball glove, shorts or sweats and tennis shoes.

The cost is \$60 per player and coaches attend free.

Make checks payable to GPS Dugout Club and

send to Dan Griesbaum, Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe, MI 48236.

There is no registration at the door and no refunds once the camp has started. Players must have parental permission to participate.

For further information, call Griesbaum at (313) 884-7834 or e-mail at Dan.griesbaum@gp-schools.org.

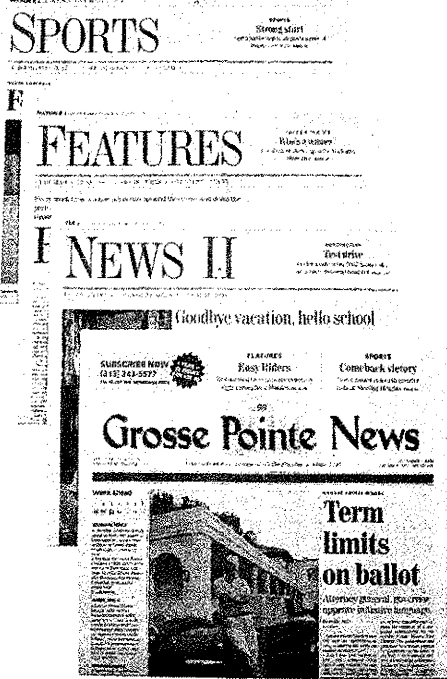
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855 Woods Lane, Grosse Pointe Woods. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 bath 2,737 sq. ft. colonial. Center island kitchen with granite countertops, large 18' x 18' family room, also 1st floor. Laundry. Asking \$269,000. 313-881-5338

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Announcements

100 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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102 LOST & FOUND

ROLEX lost, ladies. Village area, March 1. 313-378-4605.

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MR. Pruitt's Tutoring. Math, physics, stats, ACT/ SAT/ GRE. Any age. (586)350-0087

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MACHINE shop: Are you retired? Are you a Lathe hand? Do you want to work? Answer this ad! Reply, P.O.Box 01090, C/O Grosse Pointe News, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe, MI. 48236

201 HELP WANTED BABYSITTER

CHILD care after school from 3:30 to 5:30; Monday- Friday. Grosse Pointe Park area. Call Casey, 248-763-5934

TO PLACE AN AD

CALL 313-882-6900 ext 1

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100 ANNOUNCEMENTS

202 HELP WANTED CLERICAL/OFFICE

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*Exclusive Success Systems Training & Coaching Programs
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210 HELP WANTED RESTAURANT

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300 SITUATIONS WANTED BABYSITTERS

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Friday, March 16th 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 17th 8:00 a.m. to auction start.
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Solution time: 25 mins.

406 ESTATE SALES

1913 Allard, Grosse Pointe Woods. Friday, Saturday, 10am-3pm. Furniture, antiques, paintings, porcelain figurines, glassware, carpets, stove, refrigerator, miscellaneous.

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408 FURNITURE

THIS End Up couch/ coffee table, chair and ottoman, couch white with blue & green flowers, chair blue plaid to match, nonsmoking home, \$300. (313)622-2596.

409 GARAGE/YARD/ RUMMAGE SALE

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413 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

WANTED- Guitars, banjos, mandolins and ukes. Local collector paying top cash! 313-886-4522. Fax your ads 24 hours 313-343-5569

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844 Beaconsfield. 2 bedroom duplex. Modern, clean & spacious. All appliances, central air, deck, off-street parking, non smoking, no pets. \$800. (313)417-3714

AVAILABLE April 1. Beautiful 2 bedroom lower, near Village; bath with shower and Jacuzzi. Hardwood floors, gourmet kitchen. Fireplace, sunken den. Private patio/yard. Washer/dryer. Garage. \$1,250, includes water landscaping, snow removal. 313-434-0000

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700 APTS/FLATS/DUPLEX POINTS/HARPER WOODS

BEAUTIFUL 5 bedroom, 3 bath upper, near Village. Cathedral ceilings living room/ fireplace, dining room with adjacent screened porch, gourmet kitchen/ built-ins, hardwood floors. Washer/ dryer. Attached garage. No pets/ no smoking. \$1,500/ month, including water, snow removal, landscaping. 313-434-0000

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701 APTS/FLATS/DUPLEX DETROIT/WAYNE COUNTY

CADIEUX Morang, nice 1 bedroom apartment, \$450, heat/ water included. 313-243-4661

702 APTS/FLATS/DUPLEX S.C.S./MACOMB COUNTY

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JEFFERSON/ 9 Mile Road- 2 bedroom or 1 bedroom/ den condo with living room, dining room, kitchen, large pantry, 1.5 baths, quiet complex; beautiful courtyard; washer/ dryer, carport. U pick new paint/ blinds. \$825/ month + security; includes heat/ water. No smokers/ no pets. Credit Check. 313-720-5715

ONE and two bedroom apartments- St. Clair Shores, East-pointe, Harper Woods. Well maintained, air conditioning, coin laundry and storage. \$595- \$695. The Blake Company, 313-881-6882. No pets/ no smoking.

**703 APTS/FLATS/HOME
WANTED TO RENT**

FORMER Grosse Pointers seek furnished accommodations for all or part of summer 2012. (561)369-1863

MATURE Grosse Pointe Park resident desires to rent (as a tenant.) Lower flat in 2 family, Park or City. (313)331-5331

704 HOUSES-RENT

RELIABLE experienced retired couple, available to house/ pet sit, no cost. (Former Grosse Pointers), Month of August. If interested, call Karen. References on request. (941)626-5112

705 HOUSES FOR RENT POINTS/HARPER WOODS

\$950. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. Near park, school, shopping. Double garage. (313)881-9687

1221 Fairholme, Grosse Pointe Woods. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, first floor master bedroom, formal dining room, large kitchen with eating area. All appliances, hardwood floors, sun porch. 2 car attached garage, corner lot. Immaculate. \$1,800 per month. (586)792-3990

1305 Nottingham, Grosse Pointe Park. Large 3 bedroom updated, appliances, yard, garage, sunporch. \$1,250, monthly. 313-802-0182

GROSSE Pointe and East side homes, 2-6 bedrooms, appliances, basement, yard, garage. Foreclosures, short sales & land contracts available. Call for details, 586-541-4005.

705 HOUSES FOR RENT POINTS/HARPER WOODS

GROSSE Pointe Woods, 4 bedroom colonial, \$1,350. no smoking, no pets. (313)884-7127

706 HOUSES FOR RENT DETROIT/WAYNE COUNTY

CLEAN and pretty, near St John's (Chandler Park/ Radnor)! 2bedroom/ 1 bath. 900 sq. ft. Fenced yard, pets welcome. All appliances. \$600. + utilities. 313-244-5563

EAST English Village, great neighborhood, 1 bedroom home, all appliances, \$450/ month, plus utilities. 2 bedroom home, all appliances, \$700, plus utilities. (313)410-2100

709 TOWNHOUSES/ CONDOS FOR RENT

137 Muir Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, 2 bedroom, air, 1 car garage. 1 year lease. 1 1/2 months security deposit. \$875/ month. No pets. Available January 1. (586)596-2084

EDGEWOOD Terrace condo, St. Clair Shores. Quiet community. Second floor, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New: kitchen cabinets, floor, carpet. \$650/ month, plus security, includes heat/ water. Credit check. No pets. (313)864-4666

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HARPER Woods condo; 2 Bedroom; 1 bath carpeted; private storage/ laundry; \$650/ month includes water; (313)499-5572

716 OFFICE/COMMERCIAL FOR RENT

EXCLUSIVE Village-Excellent location. Professionally decorated. Perfect for private office for manufacturers rep, insurance agent, etc. Parking/ utilities included; \$375/ month. (313)882-3222

JEFFERSON, 15005-Offices to rent. Internet and utilities included. \$195 and up. (313)824-7900

716 OFFICE/COMMERCIAL FOR RENT

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716 OFFICE/COMMERCIAL FOR RENT

PROFESSIONAL OFFICE BUILDING For sale or lease, desirable St. Clair Shores location at Nine Mile and Jefferson, well-kept building, perfect for attorney, insurance, general office use. Plenty of parking, 1,680 square feet, 2 bathrooms. Price and/or lease rates negotiable. (313)884-6322

DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

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907 BASEMENT WATERPROOFING

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CHIMNEY repair, tuck pointing, porch repair, all masonry/ lime stone restoration, paver/ slate. European Construction and Restoration, LLC. 586-610-4887.

Fax your ads 24 hours
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911 BRICK/BLOCK WORK

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JAMES Kleiner Family business since 1959. All masonry. Expert tuckpointing. Licensed. Insured. MC/ Visa. Senior/ VA discount. 313-885-2097, 586-466-1000

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Building Quality. Wanted: A few good customers. Licensed & insured. John, 586-946-5738

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**36 MONTH
 LEASE**
\$159⁰⁰*/MO.

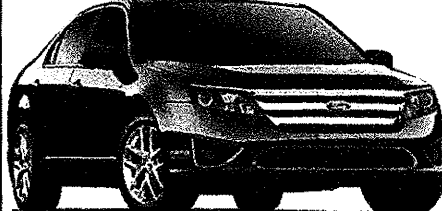
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MSRP **\$18,490⁰⁰**
 A/Z PLAN DISCOUNT PRICE **\$17,517⁶⁴***
 LESS FORD FACTORY MATCHING DOWN PYMT **— \$250⁰⁰**

**Payment based on 36 month lease through Ford Motor Credit. \$2882.15 due at lease signing. 10,500 miles allowed per year. A/Z Plan pricing. 0% security deposit, plus tax, title and license fees. With approved credit at Ford Motor Credit. Must take delivery by 3/30/2012. Not all customers will qualify.

2012 FORD FUSION SEL

BLUE FLAME METALLIC, CHARCOAL BLK LEATHER SEATS,
 GROUP 302A, 2.5L I4 ENGINE, 6-SPEED AUTO TRANSMISSION



**36 MONTH
 LEASE**
\$179⁰⁰*/MO.

STK# L2875

MSRP **\$29,160⁰⁰**
 A/Z PLAN DISCOUNT PRICE **\$25,046¹²***
 LESS FORD FACTORY MATCHING DOWN PYMT **— \$500⁰⁰**
 LESS FORD FACTORY RCL RENEWAL **— \$500⁰⁰**
 LESS FORD FACTORY CUSTOMER CASH **— \$250⁰⁰**

**Payment based on 36 month lease through Ford Motor Credit. \$2969.94 due at lease signing. 10,500 miles allowed per year. A/Z Plan pricing. 0% security deposit, plus tax, title and license fees. With approved credit at Ford Motor Credit. Must take delivery by 3/30/2012. Not all customers will qualify.

2012 FORD ESCAPE LIMITED FWD

WHITE SUEDE, CHARCOAL BLK LEATHER SEATS, GROUP 302A,
 2.5L I4 ENGINE, 6-SPEED AUTO TRANSMISSION



**36 MONTH
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\$199⁰⁰*/MO.

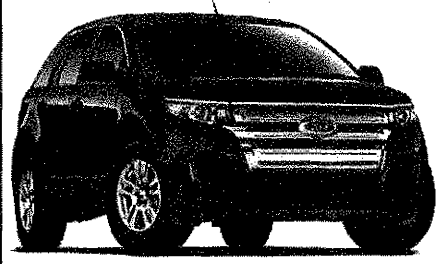
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MSRP **\$30,335⁰⁰**
 A/Z PLAN DISCOUNT PRICE **\$26,986¹²***
 LESS FORD FACTORY MATCHING DOWN PYMT **— \$500⁰⁰**
 LESS FORD FACTORY RCL RENEWAL **— \$500⁰⁰**
 LESS FORD FACTORY CUSTOMER CASH **— \$1000⁰⁰**

**Payment based on 36 month lease through Ford Motor Credit. \$2421.20 due at lease signing. 10,500 miles allowed per year. A/Z Plan pricing. 0% security deposit, plus tax, title and license fees. With approved credit at Ford Motor Credit. Must take delivery by 3/30/2012. Not all customers will qualify.

2012 FORD EDGE FWD-SE

CINNAMON METALLIC, BLACK CLOTH, GROUP 101A, 3.5L TI-VCT
 V6 ENGINE, 6-SPEED SELECT SHIFT TRANSMISSION



**36 MONTH
 LEASE**
\$229⁰⁰*/MO.

STK# L2933

MSRP **\$29,265⁰⁰**
 A/Z PLAN DISCOUNT PRICE **\$27,204¹⁵***
 LESS FORD FACTORY MATCHING DOWN PYMT **— \$500⁰⁰**
 LESS FORD FACTORY RCL RENEWAL **— \$500⁰⁰**
 LESS FORD FACTORY TRADE-IN ASSISTANCE BONUS **— \$500⁰⁰**

**Payment based on 36 month lease through Ford Motor Credit. \$2447.14 due at lease signing. 10,500 miles allowed per year. A/Z Plan pricing. 0% security deposit, plus tax, title and license fees. With approved credit at Ford Motor Credit. Must take delivery by 3/30/2012. Not all customers will qualify.

2012 FORD TAURUS FWD SEL

TUXEDO BLACK METALLIC, LT STONE CLOTH SEATING, GROUP
 200A, 3.5L TI-VCT V6 ENGINE, 6-SPEED AUTO TRANSMISSION



**36 MONTH
 LEASE**
\$259⁰⁰*/MO.

STK# L2306

MSRP **\$28,550⁰⁰**
 A/Z PLAN DISCOUNT PRICE **\$25,967⁹³***
 LESS FORD FACTORY MATCHING DOWN PYMT **— \$500⁰⁰**
 LESS FORD FACTORY RCL RENEWAL **— \$500⁰⁰**

**Payment based on 36 month lease through Ford Motor Credit. \$1854.81 due at lease signing. 10,500 miles allowed per year. A/Z Plan pricing. 0% security deposit, plus tax, title and license fees. With approved credit at Ford Motor Credit. Must take delivery by 3/30/2012. Not all customers will qualify.

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 GROUP 202A, 3.7L TI-VCT V6 ENGINE, 6-SPEED AUTO TRANSMISSION



**36 MONTH
 LEASE**
\$299⁰⁰*/MO.

STK# L2967

MSRP **\$32,225⁰⁰**
 A/Z PLAN DISCOUNT PRICE **\$29,035⁴⁴***
 LESS FORD FACTORY MATCHING DOWN PYMT **— \$500⁰⁰**
 LESS FORD FACTORY RCL RENEWAL **— \$500⁰⁰**

**Payment based on 36 month lease through Ford Motor Credit. \$1680.36 due at lease signing. 10,500 miles allowed per year. A/Z Plan pricing. 0% security deposit, plus tax, title and license fees. With approved credit at Ford Motor Credit. Must take delivery by 3/30/2012. Not all customers will qualify.

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After graduating from Grosse Pointe North, Suzanne attended and graduated from Michigan State University (Go Sparty!).

Suzanne's parents are Richard and Marianna Sterr, who you may recall, owned and operated Carl Sterr Menswear in Grosse Pointe Farms for over 40 years.

Suzanne enjoys gardening, traveling, cooking and taking her two Labs (Cruiser and Dewey) for long walks. She is the proud mother of three, David, Elizabeth and Dallas, and has been happily married to John Clem for over 21 years.

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