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◆ Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce holds a business after hours meeting from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Art Center, 16900 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

◆ Grosse Pointe Farms residents can join an Easter egg hunt at 10 a.m. at Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore. The Easter Bunny is available for photos.

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Easter egg hunt begins at 11 a.m. in Lake Front Park, 23000 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Tickets cost \$4. The Easter Bunny is available for photos.

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Easter egg hunt begins at 10 a.m. at Osius Municipal Park, 800 Lakeshore.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Palm Sunday

MONDAY, APRIL 2

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

◆ Grosse Pointe Park residents can participate in the annual egg scramble at 4:30 p.m. in Windmill Pointe Park. Mr. Bunny is available for photos. Tickets cost \$5 and are available at the park's outside gate house.



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DIA paints the town

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Glenda Constante's morning walk to a corner newsstand in Grosse Pointe Park led downtown to the Detroit Institute of Arts.

"I thought, 'What's this?'" she said.

She did a double take last

week at the painting, "Café Scene in Paris."

A copy of the DIA-owned work by Henri Gervex hangs from the facade of Janet's Lunch near news boxes at the corner of Kercheval and Maryland.

That same day, Mark Weber and his daughter, Marjorie, of the Farms, were walking to lunch in the Village when they

came face-to-face with Vincent van Gogh's "Portrait of Postman Roulin," another of the museum's best-known holdings, at the corner of Kercheval and Notre Dame.

It was as though Constante and the Webers were inside the Detroit Institute of Arts. Rather, they were outside.

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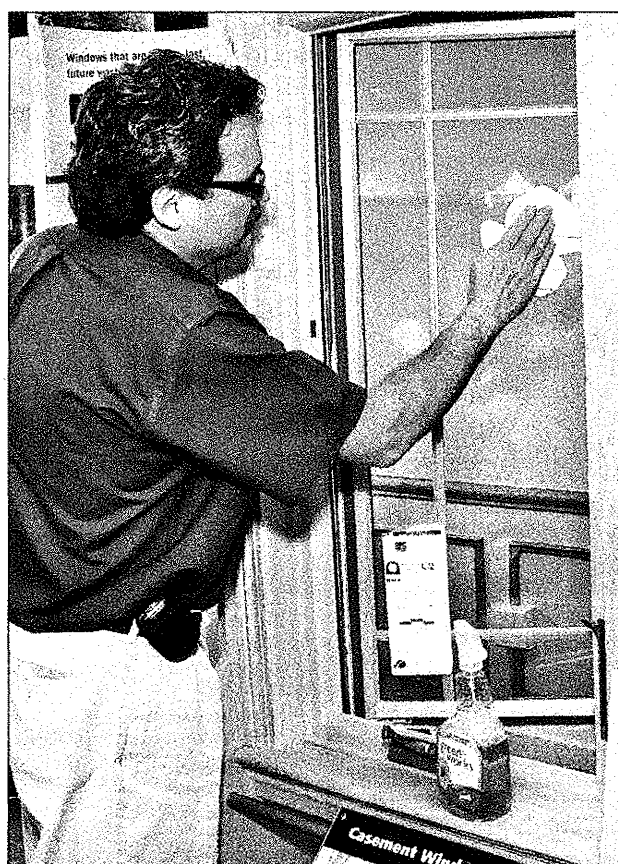
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Glenda Constante welcomes a "Café Scene in Paris" to Grosse Pointe Park.



Expo success

The Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors held its annual Home & Garden Expo at the War Memorial Saturday, March 24. Above, Denise Reilly of Chesterfield Township and Maureen Bentley of Grosse Pointe Woods, with her daughter, Mary, talk to Sandy Gray of Grosse Pointe Moving and Storage. At right, Sarah Harper and Dan Scheltema, of Sterling Heights, talk to Realtor Kathy Young, who helped at the Grosse Pointe Florists booth.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Chuck D'Luge with Renewal by Andersen shows how easy it is to clean casement windows. Above, Chace Wakefield, Board of Realtors president, welcomes Dave Horman of Famous Maintenance to the expo.

To-do list starts with budget

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Topping the to-do list of interim manager Mark Wollenweber is:

- ◆ drafting next fiscal year's budget,
- ◆ correcting problems with the public safety dispatch telephone system,
- ◆ rebidding contracts for legal, engineering and insurance services,
- ◆ convincing residents to conserve water within limits of a new contract with Detroit and
- ◆ melding with his employees.

The last is accomplished. "The staff's been wonderful to work with," Wollenweber said.

Matters are being addressed concurrently. All the while, the search continues for a permanent replacement.

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Pact extension approved

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Council members once again extended the city's tolling agreement regarding alleged over-billed water purchases by the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The extension gives municipal and club representatives extra time to consider "an entirely new theory of liability," according to Mark McInerney, Grosse Pointe Shores city attorney.

The new theory came at a Thursday, March, 15, meeting at the club attended by McInerney and Shores council members Kay Felt, Robert Gesell and Dan Schulte.

"We met with several representatives of the yacht club who asked for the opportunity to explain their claim to us,"

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Firebombed business burgled

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Someone has it in for the Coins & Stamps store on Mack.

A week after the business was firebombed March 7, it was broken into Monday, March 12.

Both attacks were at night.

Evidence in the form of footprints, smudged soot and a set of collectible coins where they shouldn't be indicate a burglar climbed a wooden fence to the roof and broke into the gutted store through plywood covering holes

eaten by the fire or cut by firefighters trying to extinguish flames in the rafters.

Investigation is being handled by Detective Christopher Lee.

A man lawfully cleaning fire debris inside the property discovered the break-in Tuesday, March

12. He noticed sunlight coming through the roof.

"He found (a) patch over a ventilation hole in the roof was pried off," Lee said.

Close looks revealed "shoe scrapings" and marking in the void between the ceiling and roof decking.

"The decking had several fresh breaks on the underside that were not affected by smoke in the same manner as the rest of the decking," Lee said. "A 1982 mint set (of coins) was found on the roof near the hole."

Investigators found an open filing cabinet and

plastic containers that held complete sets of quarter sets strewn about the floor, Lee said.

"(The repairman said) the store was not in this condition prior to locking it the night before," Lee said.

The business is in the 17600 block of Mack.

DIA: 10 pieces throughout the Pointes

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In fact, they were both — Inside|Out.

As will be thousands of Pointers over the next couple of months. They'll encounter 10 framed, weather-resistant reproductions from the DIA displayed as random acts of culture in public places throughout the five sister cities.

Works were installed early last week.

"It adds class to the corner," said Constante, a Park resident, of the casual café scene.

"I feel lucky Grosse Pointe got the van Gogh," said Marjorie Weber, visiting family during a break in doctoral research of spiders at Cornell University.

"It's marvelous for people walking down the street to, all of a sudden, see the 'Postman,' which we saw recently at the DIA," said Weber, president of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

This is the third year the DIA is championing its collection through Inside|Out. Reproductions appear in 16 suburbs, from Wyandotte to Clarkston.

Last year, the Pointes

Inside|Out spots

City of Grosse Pointe

◆ Kercheval Place, 17028 Kercheval: "Eleonora of Toledo and Her Son," by Agnolo Bronzino.

◆ Village Grill at the McCourt Building, 16930 Kercheval: "Portrait of Postman Roulin," by Vincent van Gogh.

Grosse Pointe Farms

◆ The Hill Seafood & Chophouse, 123 Kercheval: "Luncheon with Figures in Masquerade Dress," by Jean Francois de Troy.

◆ Grosse Pointe Public Library Central Branch, 10 Kercheval: "Reeds and Cranes," by Suzuki Kiitsu.

Grosse Pointe Park

◆ The Sprout House, 15233 Kercheval: "Indian Summer," by Jasper Francis Cropsey.

◆ Janet's Lunch, 15033 Kercheval: "Café Scene in Paris," by Henri Gervex.

Grosse Pointe Shores

◆ Edsel & Eleonor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore: "Flowers in a Glass Vase," by Rachel Ruysch.

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building, 795 Lakeshore: "The Fisherman's Wedding Party," by Thomas Moran.

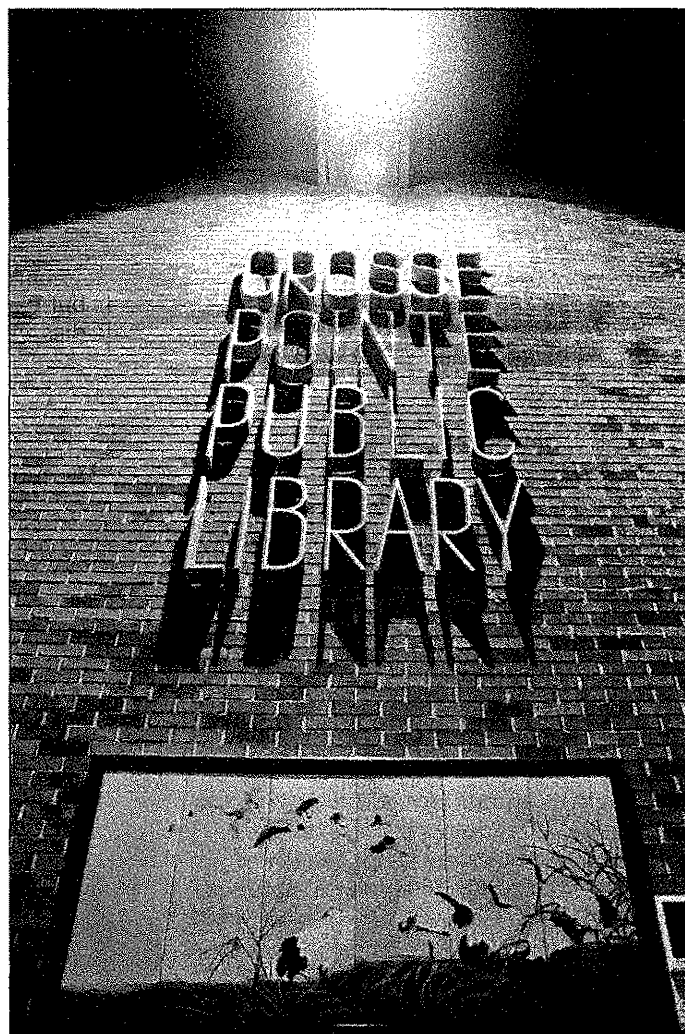
Grosse Pointe Woods

◆ Grosse Pointe Public Library Woods Branch, 20680 Mack: "The Merry-makers," by Carolus-Duran.

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Offices and Ghesquiere Park, 20025 Mack: "Colonel John Montross," by John Singleton Copley.



Mark Weber and his daughter, Marjorie, recently saw Vincent van Gogh's "Portrait of Postman Roulin" at the Detroit Institute of Arts. They're happy to see a reproduction in the Village.



"Reeds and Cranes" is reproduced outside the Central branch library.

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hosted two works. This year, each Pointe has two.

"To be given 10 pieces is such an honor," said Amy DeBrunner, director of the Grosse Pointe ART Center in the Village. "That says a lot about Grosse Pointe's importance to the DIA."

Many original works in

the series were donated to or acquired by the museum with support of Pointe residents.

"Postman" was a gift in 1996 from Mr. and Mrs. Walter Buhl Ford II.

A who's who of Pointe heritage facilitated the DIA's acquisition of "Luncheon with Figures in Masquerade Dress," by Jean-Francois de Troy. A copy hangs outside The Hill Seafood & Chophouse in the Farms.

The 1725 painting was a Founder Society purchase in memory of Eleanor Clay Ford, Benson and Edith Ford

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Ford II Fund, William and Martha Ford Fund, Elizabeth, Allan and Warren Shelden Fund, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Macauley Jr. Fund, Edsel and Eleanor Ford Fund and the New Endowment Fund, according to the DIA.

Inside|Out 2012, sponsored by the Knight Foundation, launches officially April 1.

DeBrunner said the ART Center is linking special events to the exhibition.

An origami workshop is Tuesday, April 17, at the central branch library, outside of which hangs "Reeds and Cranes," by Suzuki Kiitsu.

"We're gearing it toward children — how to do origami cranes," DeBrunner said.

The workshop is conducted by Nobuko Yamasaki, a Japan native living in Grosse Pointe Woods. She currently is teaching woodblock printing at the center.

The center also plans tours of Inside|Out.

"We're doing a bicycle tour, possibly a trolley tour and three dog walks related to visiting the works of art," DeBrunner said.

Dog walks include stops at area pet stores for canine treats, she said.

For more information about Grosse Pointe ART Center events, visit grossepointeartcenter.org.

The Detroit Institute of Arts is holding an Inside|Out photo contest. Visit dia.org/insideout for details.



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The 1937 Cord and 1931 Duesenberg are why houses have two-car garages.

Life with cars

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

DEARBORN — A showroom of automotive history is firing on all cylinders at The Henry Ford.

The metaphor doesn't make perfect sense, but America's fascination with the automobile does.

Without cars, where would we be?

A lot closer to home than now, on average.

Or, at least, than you were today — when you drove to work, shopped, or socialized; when you got a medical checkup, ferried your children to school or sports.

When you hit the road to let it all hang out.

For Pat Wright, cars started as an adventure and became a career.

At age 16, he put his father's gold and white 1957 Dodge Custom Royal 400, with spinner hub caps, on its side during a midnight fling on an Upper Peninsula ore road.

"How could you do this? How could you do this?" his father kept asking.

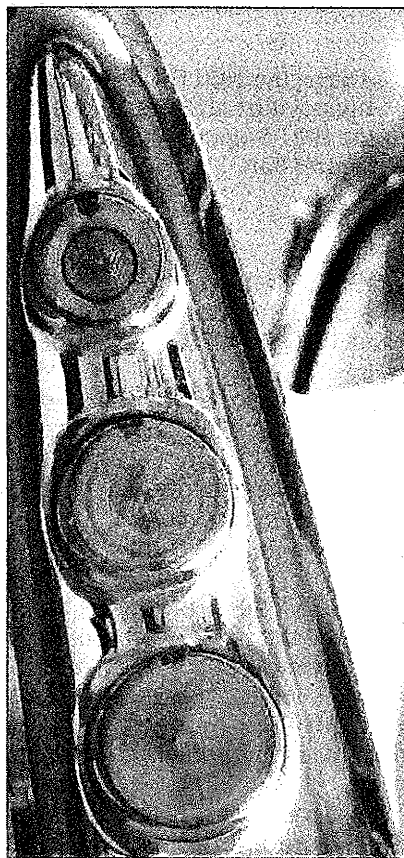
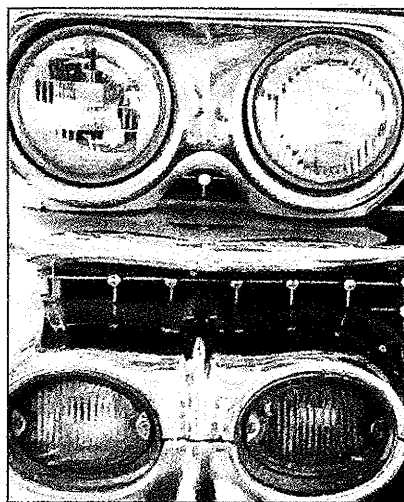
"(I) used my job bagging groceries at a local Wrigley's Supermarket to cover the \$100 deductible from our insurance policy," said Wright, executive director of the Racing For Kids motorsports charity based in Grosse Pointe Farms. "Dad never let me forget about that one."

Later, as bureau chief for Business Week Magazine, Wright tested cars for the auto beat.

One weekend past midnight, Wright was stopped at a red light on Woodward and 13 Mile in a charreusse and white, big-block Chevy Camaro.

"A guy in a Dodge Charger pulled up next to me and revved his engine, which is a sure-fire challenge to drag," Wright said.

As they waited for the light to change, a Boss Mustang and, he thinks, an Oldsmobile 442, joined



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

Top, the 1959 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz had four headlights per side. Above, three taillights made an otherwise understated 1957 DeSoto Fireflite fin stand out.

the lineup.

"All engines were revving," Wright said.

The light turned green.

"It was furious," Wright said. "Breathless, I was the first to pull up at 90 or 95 mph and saw nothing but taillights of the other three cars disappear in the distance."

New display

Stories, more than cars, are told at The Henry Ford's revamped, 130-vehicle installation, "Driving America, the World's Premier Automotive Exhibition."

"The overall theme of the exhibit has changed," said Matt Anderson, museum curator of transportation. "Now, it makes an effort to look at the automobile from the perspective of the user — drivers rather than designers, manufacturers and engineers."

The heart of the display is a timeline of automotive evolution, a long ramp of cars curving through the center of the 80,000-square-foot exhibit. It starts with the 1865 Roper, the oldest surviving American "steam velocipede," and goes to the 2002 Prius.

Exhibition highlights depend on personal perspective.

For some, it may be a 1931 Bugatti Type 41 Royale. The car is one of only six built. It has a 779-cubic-inch, straight-8 engine, weighs

Park removed from FEMA flood plain

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Park homeowners living near Lake St. Clair were surprised to learn their houses were once again considered to be in a flood plain area. The designation forces homeowners to purchase flood insurance to satisfy mortgage regulations.

Many residents called City Manager Dale Krajniak, who quickly untangled a web of bureaucratic verbiage, government acronyms and just plain confusion, and was able to deliver good news to the residents.

"The mortgage companies are in error," he said.

The confusion, Krajniak told members of the Park city council at a meeting March 26, was caused by the Federal Emergency Management Agency notifying lending institutions that it had "revalidated 1998 flood plains," which in fact had removed most of Grosse Pointe Park from the flood plain area.

That 1998 revalidation was issued with regard to a 1978 flood plain map that had placed much of the area of the Park south

of Jefferson into a flood plain area, which required home owners to purchase flood insurance.

"About 900 homes were affected then," Krajniak said.

"But in 1998, FEMA 'revalidated' the flood plain map and the vast majority of those houses were removed from the flood plain, and flood insurance was no longer required."

With that flood insurance costing homeowners between \$600 and \$1,000 per year, the fact that it was no longer needed came as good news.

"It really could be considered a tax," said Mayor Palmer Heenan, "and we did not consider it fair. We never had a claim filed when it was required, so we worked with the government in seeing to it that it was removed. We were persistent and aggressive in our determination to have it removed, and we prevailed."

Krajniak said the city has documentation that the insurance is no longer required, and any homeowners who've received a letter from the mortgage company indicating otherwise should contact his office.

DTE to upgrade lighting in Park

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

DTE Energy is set to replace up to one-third of the street lights in Grosse Pointe Park.

For residents plagued by outages that can keep their streets in the dark for weeks, the new lights can't come soon enough.

According to City Manager Dale Krajniak, the new lights are part of a "planned replacement" program that DTE is conducting in several locations, including Hamtramck, Dearborn and the Grosse Pointes.

"DTE is investing \$5 million in improving street lighting in a number of cities," he explained, "and the new lights are being installed at no cost to the cities."

The new lights are high

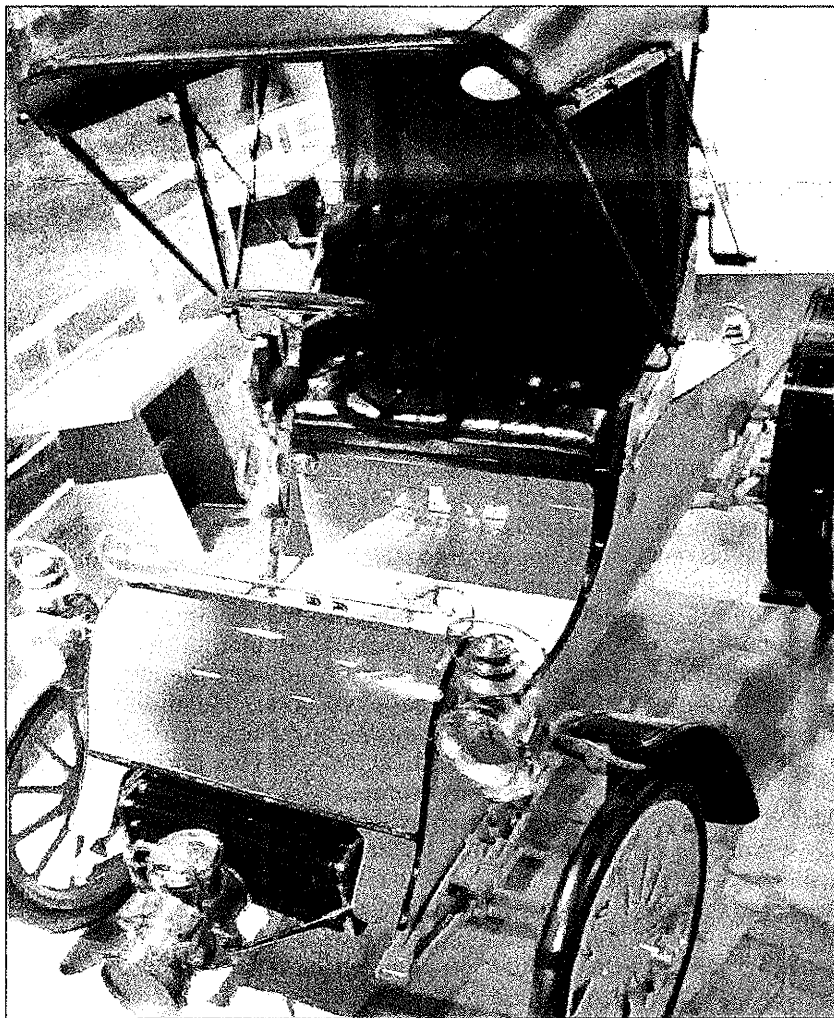
pressure sodium lamps, a design that is becoming the light of choice for outdoor lighting. They will replace the existing mercury vapor lamps, and are expected to save the city nearly \$20,000 annually.

Another benefit is that the new lights will not operate as a "series," as the old lights did, meaning that if one light went out, all the lights on that series went out as well.

DTE offered the Park the option of installing LED lights, but the cost was prohibitive.

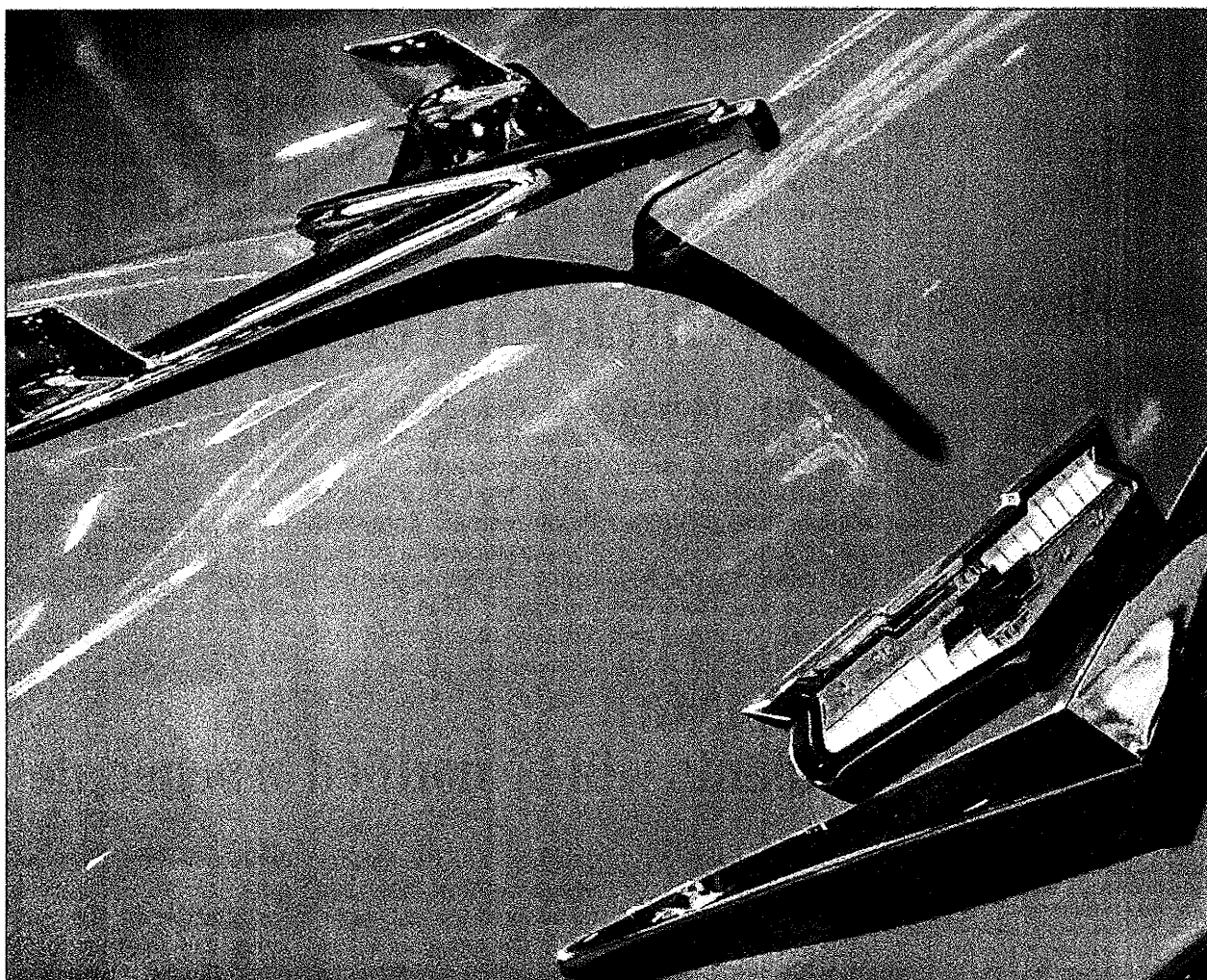
"We were looking at over a \$100,000 capital outlay," Krajniak said, "which just didn't make sense at this time. However, DTE assured us that LED lights will be available down the road if

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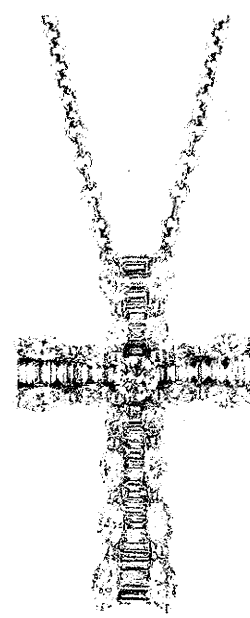
Henry Ford contracted with the Dodge Brothers to help build his 1903 Ford Model A runabout.

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GUEST OPINION By Dr. Jeffrey A. Singer

Medical ethics

For the past several years, the medical profession has been undergoing a disturbing transformation. The process was begun by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in an effort to control exploding Medicare costs, and was accelerated by the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010. As a surgeon in practice for more than 30 years, I have witnessed this transformation firsthand.

For centuries, my predecessors and I have been inculcated with what has come to be called the "Hippocratic Ethic." This tradition holds I am ethically required to use the best of my knowledge to recommend to my patient what I consider to be in my patient's best interests — without regard to the interests of the third-party payer, government or anyone else.

But gradually the medical profession has been forced to give up this approach for what I like to call a "veterinary ethic," one that places the interests of the payer ahead of the patient.

Several factors in combination are bringing this ethical approach to my profession.

Since the mid-1980s, Medicare has imposed price controls on health care providers. Over the years, to accommodate increasing Medicare utilization, physician payments have steadily dropped.

Meanwhile, the regulatory burden on physicians has increased. In the last few years, CMS required all providers to adopt electronic health records or face economic sanctions from Medicare.

In 2009, as part of the so-called stimulus bill, the Federal Commission for the Coordination of Comparative Effectiveness Research was created. Its mission is to collect the data culled from all electronic health records and make recommendations regarding the comparative effectiveness of drugs, procedures and therapies. In rendering advice, the FCCER will essentially answer the following question: What is the most cost-effective way of allocating a fixed amount of resources among a population of roughly 310 million people? With this same question in mind, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, a committee that reports to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, concluded in 2009 that mammogram screenings should not be recommended to women under age 50. This caused an uproar among private health care providers and breast cancer advocacy groups, and the task force soon backed down.

In 2010 the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act established an Independent Payment Advisory Board. Beginning in 2014, the 15 presidential appointees on this board will determine what therapies, procedures, tests and medications will be covered by Medicare, using advice provided by the FCCER. Such determinations will then be used to design the coverage packages for the non-Medicare insurance offered through the government-run exchanges. The decisions of the IPAB are not subject to congressional oversight or judicial review.

In an effort to control costs now, CMS has developed practice guidelines and protocols for physicians to follow. Committees of health care academics and statisticians developed these guidelines using data from large population samples.

These protocols govern the therapeutic decisions made by the health care practitioner — right down to the preoperative antibiotics a surgeon may order. Despite the fact several recent peer-reviewed studies concluded the protocols have had no positive effect, CMS imposes financial penalties on hospitals that fail to get protocol compliance from their medical staff.

Medical students and residents are being trained to follow federally-derived protocols and guidelines as a normal part of medical practice. As a result, this new generation of doctors will be less inclined to challenge the recommendations of federal task forces and agencies. Some academics also worry "teaching to the protocol" might discourage independent thinking and the use of intuitive knowledge, two traits essential to the practice of good medicine.

In addition, decreased reimbursements and increased regulatory demands on physicians have led many to sell their practices to hospitals. The New England Journal of Medicine estimates 50 percent of the nation's doctors are now hospital employees.

When the physician's primary obligation is to satisfy the wishes of the payer, how can patients be truly confident in their doctors' decisions?

The medical profession must decide which ethical doctrine to follow: Are doctors to be agents of their patients or agents of the state? All of us should dread the latter choice — because we will all be patients some day.

Jeffrey Singer practices general surgery in Phoenix and is treasurer of the U.S. Health Freedom Coalition.

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LETTERS

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Poupard school

To the Editor:

As a parent of two children in the Grosse Pointe school district, I wanted to express some concern over inaccuracies about one of the fine elementary schools in our district.

At various times in and around the area, I have heard several inaccurate statements being made about Poupard Elementary School. I actually heard those same things before my child started attending the school, and continue to hear them after he has started to attend.

After college, my wife and I chose to live in the district for the great schools here. So some of these comments were unsettling to us. Most of these comments revolve around the "lower" standardized testing, or the school is not up to the standards of the other Grosse Pointe schools.

This is emphatically not true, and anyone who espouses these sentiments has not set one foot into the school.

The staff and educators at Poupard are amazing. They put in tremendous amounts of work and personal time into preparing the children. They also face obstacles other schools in the district do

not have to deal with, but they do not complain or make excuses.

The staff truly cares about the individual needs of the children and focuses on helping them to obtain positive results.

People often look at standardized tests taken in the fall and assume the school is not doing their job. When in reality, they have a high number of children who transfer into the district at that time, and have only been given a month or so of instruction to catch up to the level of the other children.

Over the course of the year, these same kids make great improvements, but this is not reflected in the limited information given to the public. They only see the standings at the start of the race, not the finish. When you watch the children partake in the tremendous school-wide reading programs, you cannot help but be impressed by the programs in place and how the kids grow.

I have experienced this first hand, as my child actually transferred into Poupard from another Grosse Pointe school that does not get nearly the negative feedback Poupard faces. This has been one of our biggest blessings, as he has improved light years after he

started attending Poupard.

The entire staff develops a personal relationship with each student, and it has shown by the growth in my child.

So the next time you are about town and hear someone making ill-informed comments about Poupard, I would ask you tell that person to please come to the school for just one day.

They will undoubtedly be impressed by the phenomenal staff and administrators there, and would find out Poupard Elementary School is truly one of the great places to learn in Grosse Pointe.

DANE WINBIGLER
Harper Woods

Tax increase

To The Editor:

Our friends and neighbors in Grosse Pointe Woods will be wise to keep their eyes open and a tight grip on their purse strings when they are asked to pass a 3.6 mill real estate tax increase called a "Headlee Override" next Nov. 6.

The increase will give the Woods' leadership a blank check to spend millions, however they choose, for years to come.

Millions? If the Headlee Override proposal succeeds, all Woods' taxpayers will be required to cough up an additional \$400 per \$100,000 of taxable value on top of their already high taxes. That's 3.6 mill from the override added to the .04 mills that is remaining to be levied legally.

The city treasurer says the override will produce \$2.1 million in added taxes the first year alone. That's a lot of money. For what?

No matter what the Woods' leadership promis-

es, there is no legal requirement for them to use a nickel of this massive windfall to pave residential streets or to enhance public safety.

By law, Headlee Override tax money all goes into the city's general fund. It cannot be "earmarked" for any specific projects. Not for roads, not for public safety. The leadership can promise anything they like, but they cannot be held to their word.

We, the undersigned, are long-time citizen taxpayers in the Woods. We served on the Woods' city council for a combined total of 16 years and voluntarily declined to seek reelection precisely because of this sort of loose and misleading fiscal double-talk.

Like you, we want to have all of our residential roads fixed, not just Mack and the high-profile thoroughfares. We want to continue to have state-of-the-art police and fire protection.

The city's leadership can design specific millage proposals to finance specific goals without overriding Headlee limits that were put in place to protect taxpayers from reckless spenders.

They can write ballot language that will guarantee millage money is dedicated to street repair and public safety — only — and not just dumped into some vast money pit to subsidize more lavish salaries, perks and pleasures.

A Headlee Override campaign is a classic political "bait-and-switch" con job.

LISA PINKOS HOWLE
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Grosse Pointe Woods

I SAY By Karen Fontanive

Enjoy the good while it's good

Why did it have to happen? We knew it was going to end badly. Not the Red Wings record-setting, home-win streak, followed by a less than mediocre win-loss record, or University of Detroit Mercy, University of Michigan and Michigan State University basketball teams all earning trips to the NCAA tournament only to make early exits.

I'm talking about the weather. Why, oh why, did we have to have such wonderful warm, sunny weather in March — and for two weeks? It's not right — and can only lead to something bad.

Dogwoods, forsythia, crocus, hyacinth, daffodils, weeping cherries, azaleas, magnolia — all in full bloom before the calendar even said spring arrived?

It's like a Stephen King novel. Yeah, everything looks peachy keen on the surface, but something, something bad is lurking below.

It's been a treat to see all the beautiful flowers in bloom at this unusual time. They seem extra glorious. It's been nice to laugh at the resi-

dents of California who "suffered" through 50 degree weather when we were basking in 80.

It's been fun to thumb our noses at all the "snow birds" who missed Michigan's spring time because they didn't come back soon enough.

It's been a pleasure taking the dog for a walk in the balmy weather rather than shove him out the back door to do his "duty."

It's been great the spring high school sports actually got their try-outs and some practice in without any cancellations.

But what is going to happen now? Was that it for spring? Will we be wrapped in blankets watching our daughters swing away at fuzzy yellow balls and see our children's breath as they run around the baseball, track and soccer fields?

What will Mother's Day be like? Mother's Day has always been the official yes-spring-is-here-and-summer-is-around-the-corner day.

What will it be like this year? All the trees, shrubs and flowers that should be in bloom then, are now. Everything that's ready to pop out — tulips, bleeding hearts, lilies — will probably be stunted by the

freeze expected tonight, the day I write this.

But the really bad something lurking below I fear, gasp, is bugs.

What will this unseasonably early spring do for the bugs? I've already seen my first "roly-poly." I've seen my, horrors, first big black ant in the driveway, and, brace yourself, I've seen my first fly. And a friend of mine, who knows my intense disdain for slugs, called to say she already saw one.

Can fishflies and mosquitoes be far behind?

Is this that part of the Stephen King novel where swarms of black flies and mosquitoes force us indoors, ruining our picnics, never to truly enjoy our brief, Michigan summer?

For all of you who basked in the warmth of our March weather, who flaunted our good fortune at the expense of others and even "laid out" to get a head-start on that summer tan, take heed.

Buy a fly swatter, bug spray and salt (for those pesky slugs) and get out your stomping shoes.

It's bound to be that kind of summer.

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Dems meet Saturday

The Grosse Pointe Democratic Club will hold a general membership meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 31, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church Annex, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.

Featured speakers

include Congressman Gary Peters, D — Oakland County; and state Rep. Tim Bledsoe, D — City of Grosse Pointe.

The agenda includes a presentation by Jocelyn Benson about the corporate accountability amendment, plus discus-

sion of the May 5 Democratic Caucus.

The meeting will be open to the public, but only members may vote.

Look for the GP Dems Annual Picnic June 7th.

For more club information, visit gpdems.com and Facebook.

LIST: Interim manager tackles job

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ment of former manager Brian Vick. He resigned last month after more than three years with the city.

Wollenweber, contracted for up to four months as interim manager, began work last week.

"There are things we have to get done quickly, including a budget calendar," he said.

"The challenges are our drop in revenue," said Mayor Ted Kedzierski.

Legal

The three-member finance committee, chaired by Councilman Bruce Bisballe, chose six legal firms for Wollenweber to solicit competitive bids.

The six were top-rated among 49 firms vying for contracts about a year ago.

"I don't think it is a productive use of our time to quote 49 more firms," Bisballe said. "So, we're going to start with the first six (and) see what their quotes are."

If we have consensus from the finance committee to the council, we'll go from there.

The final decision rests with the council.

If more bids are needed, the council will choose from remaining candidates.

"We're determining the methodology to approach it on a first-cut basis," Bisballe said.

Dispatch

Calls on the non-emergency telephone line to the public safety department are hard for dispatchers to hear.

Although callers on the

emergency 911 line are heard clearly, callers on the regular line aren't.

Both types of calls are routed to the Grosse Pointe Farms dispatch center, which the former Shores administration contracted a three-year deal to handle Shores' duties.

The arrangement saves personnel costs.

As a result, staffing the Shores dispatch center is limited mainly to normal daytime business hours, excluding lunchtime.

"(Shores Chief John Schulte) feels during the time we don't have staff at the front desk, he feels hampered that residents cannot easily reach him, and feels out of touch," said Councilwoman Kay Felt.

Problems may stem from the phone system's age or lightning damage.

A new, full-service system costs \$20,000 to \$25,000, according to Bisballe.

"The guts of the system seem antiquated," Wollenweber said. "We'll get technical expertise from AT&T as to what can be done."

Water

If the Shores draws more water than contracted to buy from Detroit, high penalties result.

A prevention campaign will include notices in municipal water bills.

A proposed notice asks residents to irrigate lawns during non-peak hours, 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.

"It was supposed to go on (recent bills)," Wollenweber said. "Somehow, the communication didn't get down to the right person."

It is important that we do not exceed our peak factors with Detroit."

Shores officials also plan to request sprinkler companies to reprogram systems owned by Shores customers.

"The right time to set our sprinklers to come on is after 11 p.m. and be finished by 5 a.m.," Wollenweber said.



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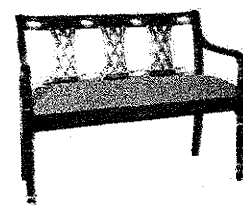
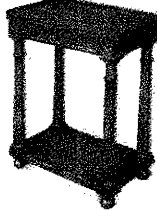
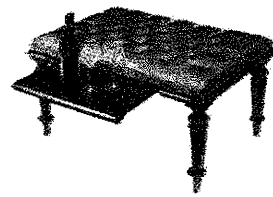
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PACT: New info presented

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McInerney said. "They made extensive presentations. It's different than what they talked about in the past."

The tolling extension gives the city more time to "evaluate a whole bunch of new facts," he said.

"Both sides want to get this resolved and behind them as soon as they possibly can," McInerney said. "It remains our hope to work something out with the yacht club."

The tolling agreement suspends the statute of limitations on the club's claim of being overbilled on municipal water purchases.

Suspension stops the clock on limitations, giving the club and city more time to verify, debunk or settle the claim without rushing a decision in order to meet the statutory deadline.

Club officials claim the city overcharged it almost \$1 million for nearly a decade's worth of water purchases, starting in late 2000.

Former City Manager Brian Vick entered into the original tolling agreement March 12, 2010, with club General

Manager Tom Trainor. Vick bound the city, but didn't inform the council until four months later.

Vick calculated, but did not endorse, a reduced liability of \$500,000, he said before resigning last month.

The tolling agreement has been extended numerous times. The latest, for 120 days, was approved unanimously in closed session Tuesday, March 20.

Shores officials won't discuss in public merits of the club's claim nor how the city could repay a sum roughly equal to its forecasted deficit the next fiscal year.

They cite McInerney's advice that the matter qualifies as pending litigation. As such, it may be kept private under attorney-client privilege, they've said.

Prior to last week's closed session, McInerney referred to the dispute as "the yacht club situation," not pending litigation.

The original \$1 million claim wasn't noted in last year's municipal audit.

The claim didn't represent pending litigation or a potential liability, Shores officials told auditors at the time.

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Grosse Pointe Public School System half-day kindergarten teacher Elizabeth Lucido high fives Ava Clara for completing an ABCs word puzzle.

Half-day kindergarten still viable option for parents

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

For Denise Legghio and her daughter Ava Clara, a half-day kindergarten program provided the perfect balance for the four-year-old's educational maturation and academic advancement.

"It has been one of the most fantastic, perfect... like a shoe you find that fits exactly like it's supposed to fit," Legghio said. "(Ava Clara) wakes up every day wanting to jump in her clothes and jump in the car and go to

school. At five years old, that's a great indicator she's really happy."

As most Michigan public school districts turn to all-day only programming, a result of lawmakers' recent revisions to the state School Aid Act that cuts per-pupil funding in half for half-day kindergarten while granting full funding to all-day programs, the Grosse Pointe Public School System still maintains a half-day classroom at Ferry Elementary School for younger students like

Ava Clara, who aren't necessarily ready for the transition to six or seven hours a day, five days a week.

"I could tell Ava Clara wasn't ready for a full day," Legghio said. "It was such a big transition — in preschool, we have three days a week for three hours a day, and to switch over to five days, a full day..."

The half-day classroom follows a similar curriculum to its all-day counterpart, said half-day kindergarten teacher Elizabeth Lucido. Both

include daily specials, such as art, music, gym, library and computer. And both have "choice time," during which students develop social skills through painting, creation stations, restaurants, building, cars and other activities.

The main difference is all-day programs have rest periods, recess and in-class activities, or extensions of the typical curriculum; whereas, the half-day program, more limited in class time, suggests incorporating family-oriented extension activities into the home.

"I'm very pleased that Grosse Pointe is showing that we do believe in meeting every child's needs by offering families both options of half-day and all-day kindergarten," said Lucido, a GPPSS teacher of 14 years, which includes stints in first and second grades, as well as kindergarten. "I know what a tough decision it can be to make the choice between the two programs, but in the end, parents know their children best and they need to decide what works best for their child and their family."

And while some children make the transition from preschool to all-day kindergarten without a hitch, others like Ava Clara are learning just the same, in half the time.

"I'm finding she's blossoming and growing and

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Board approves Head Start

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Principal Penny Stocks had plenty reason to celebrate.

For nearly a year and a half, Stocks had researched and planned and campaigned for a Head Start program at Poupard Elementary School. And at the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education's Monday, March 26 regular meeting, it all came to fruition.

By a 6-0 vote — with board president Judy Gafa absent due to illness — the board approved the authorization of superintendent Tom Harwood to sign a contract with the Wayne Regional Education Service Agency for a collaborative partnership with the Head Start program at Poupard.

"I look at this as a victory for the families in the community that will benefit from Head Start," Stocks said. "Head Start is an early intervention program that works. With the recent economic problems in Michigan, more families are finding themselves in difficult financial situations and this program will help the entire family."

The board initially rejected the federally funded early intervention program in July, citing administrative policy, lack of clarity in the program's goings-on and its short- and long-term sustainability at the school as the major concerns. Monday, those same members applauded the administration's due diligence in clarifying the issues.

"I think a lot of the issues and concerns I had last year at this time, because it did not seem to be a well-baked plan, with the amount of information brought forward have been addressed," trustee Tom Jakubiec said.

"Last year, there were a lot of unanswered questions," trustee Cindy Pangborn added. "Not only have those questions from last year been answered, but some of the very deep concerns were worked out. Last year, it was a separation of Poupard as a school in our system, not the entire system. The way this is now, all Grosse Pointe children are eligible."

Jakubiec added a request for bi-monthly reports updating actively enrolled residents, the number of late

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South art students in the spotlight



By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Each artwork a student features for display in his exhibit, senior Margaux Forster explained, grants further access into his identity.

"You're opening up and putting it on a board," said the Advanced Placement photography student and 2012 National Scholastic Art and Writing gold medal winner.

"You get a piece of who they are."

Forster is one of many art students "opening up" to the public during Grosse Pointe South High School's annual Art Fest. Her work, as well as several others — including Alijah Dillard, Ella Calas, Alex Pizzimenti and Zoe Davis, still among others — fills "walls" positioned within South's multipurpose room, home to the art fest for a second straight year.

Celebrating its 29th year, the show started Wednesday, March 28, and runs until Saturday, March 31. It's open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and features a

collection of student pieces in photography, drawing and painting, metals, computer graphics and sculpture.

At its core, the show provides art students a medium for spotlighting their work — and a chance to compete for various prizes and awards, including the coveted Principal's Purchase Award, which grants the selected piece entry into the school's permanent collection.

But it also allows community members access into South's thriving art curriculum, and recognizes students who are otherwise hidden in the shadows.

"This is work we do in the classroom and it doesn't get as much recognition as something like sports does," said Dillard, a senior participating in his first art fest exhibit. "No one really knows about it."

Aside from the student exhibits, the show also features a silent auction and raffle. For the silent auction, current and former students donated artwork; among them, sculptures from 2011 graduate Melissa Bryan whose

mixed media piece, "Devin," is one of 30 artworks selected for the Advanced Placement Studio Art National



Top, Advanced Placement drawing student Alex Pizzimenti poses alongside her self portrait. Pizzimenti cites Pablo Picasso as an influence on her work. Above, South's art students believe Zoe Davis' piece will have the most impact on Art Fest audiences.

Student Exhibit. Silent auction bidding opens during the event.

Raffle prizes include: an Aveda Spa package; \$100 gift certificate to Jumps Restaurant; a single photo session with professional photographer Dana Kaiser; four tickets to South's upcoming musical "The Phantom of the Opera"; a vase from Pewabic Pottery; original art; a Colors in Clay painting party; and 30 cupcakes from Ethel's Edibles.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20, with all profits supporting South's art supply fund.

For more information, contact Suzy Fishback via e-mail at suzyfishback@aol.com.



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Andre Spivey II of Detroit, dressed as the 13th President of the United States, Millard Fillmore, discusses his time in office with Liggett's Head of Lower School, Sheila Chaps, during the fourth grade's Meet the Presidents day.

Liggett students become presidents

Nearly 40 students dressed as presidents filled University Liggett School's studio in the Manoogian Arts Wing Wednesday, Feb. 22, for Liggett's annual Meet the Presidents Day.

Honoring the national holiday, celebrated two days prior, the project is incorporated into the fourth-grade curriculum. Students study presidential duties and research history, personal life and accomplishments before, during and after their assigned president's elected terms. They create a poster board-type display and, in art class, design a "bronze" bust of the president.

The final requirement is a PowerPoint presentation, followed by a question-and-answer session with other students, parents, teachers and staff.

Kerby moms seeking vendors for annual sale

As its annual Mom 2 Mom sale nears, Kerby Elementary School's Parent Teacher Organization is seeking people interested in renting a table for the event.

An 8-foot table is \$20. Sellers may add a rack space for \$3.

Money raised benefits the current fourth grade's 2013 promotion activities and expenses, as well as the PTO, which plans its own table to sell

donated clothing, sports equipment, bikes, furniture and small and large toys.

The event is 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at Kerby's gymnasium, with early bird entry (\$3) 9 to 10 a.m. and regular entry (\$1) thereafter.

To rent a table or for more information, contact Katie Jordan at (313) 418-1061 or kerbymom2mom@gmail.com.

New award honors North alumni

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Since Grosse Pointe North High School opened in 1968, thousands of students have graduated, garnering extraordinary achievements and making myriad contributions in their lives, careers, communities, nation or world.

It's in recognizing these alumni, inspiring North's present student body and promoting community awareness to past students' successes that Ben Walker and Judi Preston established the Distinguished Alumni Award.

"I've been thinking about this for a long

time," said Preston, a North attendance paro. "You know how something will just haunt you in the back of your head? And I just thought, they should do something about this."

The award honors alumni, living or deceased, at least five years removed from graduation who've received professional honors and awards, affiliations or publications; succeeded and achieved in their careers or personal lives; or were involved in civic, community, national or world issues, events or concerns.

To select among nominees, Preston and Walker organized a Distinguished Alumni Selection

Committee, consisting of Preston, Walker, Susan Walton, Allen Dickinson, Sarah Flynn, Corinne Dickinson, Renee Dwaihy, Sandra Shortt and Thomas Gauerke. Together, they chartered committee bylaws and award criteria, approaching the distinction with sincerity and substance.

"It wasn't just sit around, have a cup of coffee and decide on some folks," said Walker, a former North teacher and principal at Grosse Pointe South High School. "We put a whole process into place that could hopefully be used for years to come."

"This has really been a serious process ... we developed a criteria and

whole nominating process. I think we can really say we have a lot of integrity in the process."

The committee will honor its inaugural class — Carly Piper (2001), Sandra Joseph (1986), John Ahee (1982), Bill Babcock (1981), Hans Stricker (1980) and Major General Robert Brown (1977) — during a formal community reception 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, May 14, at North's library.

Courtesy of grants and donations from North's parent club and athletic boosters club, each recipient receives a specially designed crystal award and his photograph displayed in the school's temporary alumni show-

case. Provided the committee generates further funding, Preston hopes to establish permanence with the showcase.

"Our long-term goal has been to generate enough money to have a permanent, state-of-the-art showcase in the next year or two," Preston said. "We are taking ideas from students and have staff looking at other permanent showcases at other schools. We want it to be a living honor that will be able to be current and active, in addition to permanent images and names of honorees."

Prior to the evening reception, the six recipients and their families are honored at a special student

assembly at the school. The daytime assembly is limited to students and staff only.

"Now that we've put all this together and have our first class, we encourage people to go on our website and nominate people," Preston said. "We want people coming to say, this is my son, or this is my brother, or this is my friend. And he doesn't have to be the richest man in the world either."

For more information about the Distinguished Alumni Award, or to nominate an alum, visit the committee's website via the alumni tab on North's website, gpschools.schoolwires.net/gpnorth.



Mason Elementary School's student council with the gift-wrapped books.

Mason gives gift of reading

With the proceeds from its Valentine's Day guessing jar, Mason Elementary School's student council purchased and donated more than 50 books to children at St. John Hospital and Medical Center's pediatrics unit.

The purchase, made by council supervisors Ryan Francis and Gina Ventimiglia, coincides with national reading month.

For a more personalized effect, student council members added

greeting cards and gift wrappings with each book.

"I also think that our students learned the importance of giving and how fortunate they are to not only be healthy, but to have so many great resources available to them to help them continue to grow and learn," Ventimiglia said.

"It was wonderful to see the spirit of giving and gift of reading being passed on from one child

to another."

Mason held its Valentine's Day guessing jar Friday, Feb. 10, at lunch.

It was a quarter per guess, with students guesstimating the number of candies in the jar. First and second places split the jar.

"Due to the well-received books from St. John Hospital," Ventimiglia said, "this is something we would like to do every year."

— A.J. Hakim

HEAD START: program begins operation for the 2012-2013 school year

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pick-ups and an account of all funds transferred to the district and the reasons for transfers.

"Those are the three pieces of information I'm requesting, so we can do a good job analyzing this program to make sure it's doing what it's intended to do," Jakubiec said.

The program, which accommodates 20 families from Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods, operates during typical school hours without interference to Poupard's regular classes.

With its approval, Head Start begins at Poupard for the 2012-2013 school year.

"I think of the Head Start preschool program not as having an at-risk population, but as having a population of children with great possibility," Stocks said. "I'm so proud to be an educator

in the Grosse Pointe district where the education of ALL children is important to everyone."

Board briefs

•Monday's meeting was a night of recognitions, as the board honored several Grosse Pointe North and South athletics teams for their successful runs to either a state championship or state runner-up.

It also highlighted Brownell, Pierce and Parcels middle school staff and seventh-graders for their performance in Michigan Educational Assessment Program testing. In the writing portion, Brownell students ranked second among 884 middle and junior high schools, Pierce ranked 51 and Parcels 123.

Monteith Elementary School teacher Cheri Trefney's first graders also performed two selec-

tions from their musical, "Leader in Me."

•State Representative Tim Bledsoe, D — Grosse Pointe, provided a legislative update, raising awareness to current and upcoming legislation regarding Michigan Public School Employee Retirement System, allowing cyber schools, the K-12 budget proposal and its inclusion of schools of choice as a best practice and the possible revisions to the kindergarten date, from five years old as of Dec. 1 to Sept. 1.

•The board approved its district goals, with treasurer Brendan Walsh acknowledging them as the best since he joined the board.

It also approved policy revisions regarding technology use and safety, and Plante Moran provided an assessment of the district's current technology.



Students from Defer Elementary School teacher Michelle Denison's third-grade class collected cereal boxes for donation to a local food pantry.

Sharing the love

Defer Elementary School teacher Michelle Denison's third-grade students shared the love Valentine's Day, collecting and donating cereal boxes to a local food pantry.

The pantry serves both Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe residents.

A departure from the norm, students elected for cereal boxes rather than canned goods.

They decided not all children and families visiting the pantry want canned goods and that cereal proved a viable alternative.

Half Day: apply now

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every curriculum covered in the full day is happening here," Legghio said. "So, it's been a perfect balance for my child."

For more information on the half-day program, or to enroll a child for the 2012-2013 school year, call the administration offices at (313) 432-3082. Administration is currently accepting enrollment applications.



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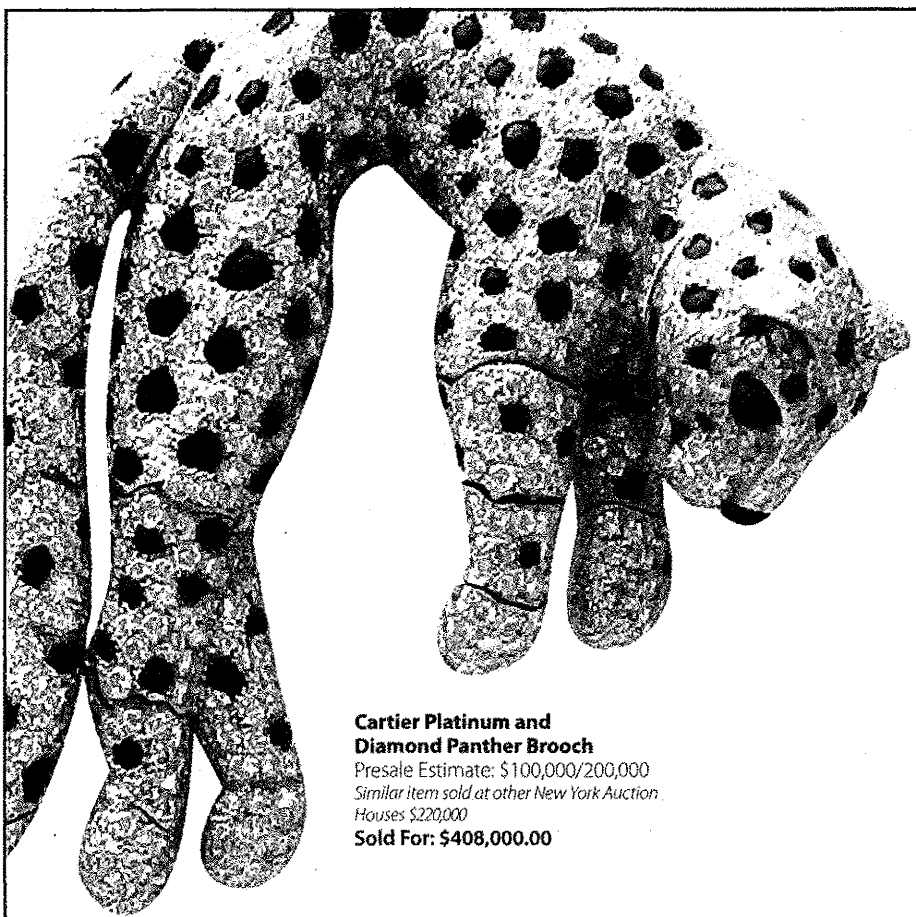
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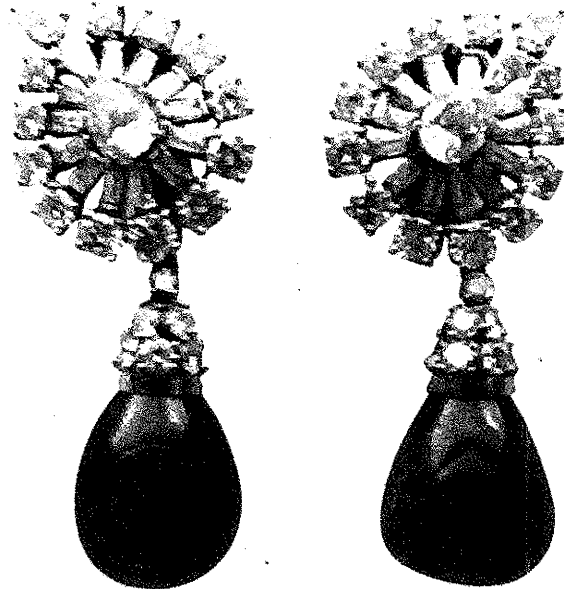
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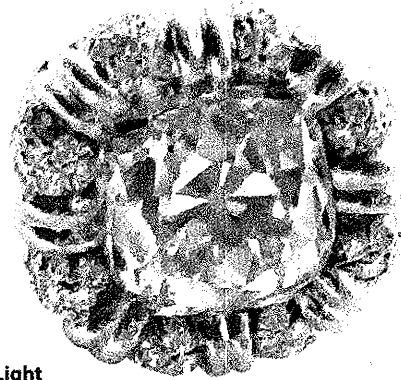
Denise Legghio and daughter, Ava Clara, pick out an Easter basket for their eggs. With assistance from parent volunteers, half-day kindergarten students prepared decorated eggs filled with soil and grass seed. This week, the kindergartners hand-delivered their eggs to residents at Sunrise Senior Living. They also sang and ate cookies and punch.



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OBITUARIES

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Lee Davis Zosel

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Lee Davis, 58, passed away Thursday, March 22, 2012, after a courageous struggle with cancer.

She was born in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, the eldest of three children of Harold Bruce Davis and Elizabeth Eva (nee Timm) Davis currently of Naples, Fla., and graduated with honors from Grosse Pointe South High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in German literature and a Master of Business Administration degree from Wayne State University. Her career with General Motors Corporation spanned 32 years and included assignments in the United States, Canada and South Korea.

Lee loved traveling with her husband of 33 years, Frederick Zosel. Together they visited 45 countries. She was an ardent walker, avid reader and active curler at the Detroit Curling Club.

Through Rotary International, she and her husband housed and helped six foreign exchange students from Russia, Germany, France, Finland, Thailand and Italy.

Her family said "Aunt Lee's" greatest pleasure was doting on her nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, she is survived by her sisters, Kelie (Ron) McMillan and Alex (Eric Head) Davis

and many nieces and nephews.

Donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan at hom.org.

Aurelia E. Verbeke

Former longtime Grosse Pointe Park resident Aurelia E. Verbeke, 103, passed away peacefully Tuesday, March 20, 2012. She was lovingly cared for by the staff of Regent Street in West Bloomfield.

She was the devoted wife of Frank G. for 72 years, whom she married in Christ Church Grosse Pointe, and lived in Grosse Pointe Park for 47 years before moving to Timber Pines, Fla.

She was the beloved mother of Frank G. (DeAna) Verbeke Jr. of La Mesa, Calif., and Aurelia E. (Alvin) Michaels of West Bloomfield; grandmother of Kerri Lynn (Peter) Kapich, Frank (Marlyn) Verbeke III, Linda (Brian Bullock) Michaels and Andrew (Renee) Michaels M.D. and great-grandmother of Alexander Kapich, Rachel, Matthew, Katherine, Ryan and Joseph Michaels.

She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe, and lifetime member of The Detroit Garden Club. She also served as a Girl Scout troop leader, and was an avid gardener and talented seamstress.

Donations may be made to The Detroit

Garden Center, 1900 E. Jefferson Ave., No. 227, Detroit, MI 48207 or at detroitgardencenters.org or Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at jdrf.org.

Kiki Ann Herfert

Kiki Ann Herfert, 70, died Friday, March 23, 2012.

She was the loving mother of Eric (Marie) Herfert and Laura (Michael) Spanski, beloved grandmother of Richard Reece and sister of C.J. (Jerry) Blevins.

Mrs. Herfert graduated from Denby High School and Wayne State University. She was a chiropractic advocate-speaker. She was also a patron of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society and belonged to the Garden Club of Michigan and the Grosse Pointe Classical Music League.

A memorial service will be held at noon Saturday, March 31 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Richard P. Kost

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Richard P. Kost, 71, of Siesta Key, Fla., passed away at home Sunday, March 25, 2012, with his family at his side, after a long battle with cancer. He was the loving husband of Stephanie Sumner Kost; proud father of Robert



Lee Davis Zosel

(Lori) Kost and Stephen (Beth) Kost and adoring grandfather of Samantha, Zoe and Charles Kost. He also is survived by his brother, Norman Kost and his sister-in-law, Mary McKay Sumner (Barry Thorpe).

Born July 26, 1940, in Detroit, he moved to Grosse Pointe Farms at an early age and attended school there. He attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, earning a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and a Master of Business Administration degree with a concentration in investment management.

Upon graduation, Mr. Kost joined NBD Bank in the investment division and worked there 35 years directing investment strategy and economic research. He was instrumental in creating and managing the bank's international equity fund. He retired in 1999. He was a Chartered Financial Analyst and a past president of the Investment Analyst Society of Detroit.

Mr. Kost was an avid golfer and happy in his retirement pursuing investment management and a quest for life-long learning. He was active in The Longview Society, Prismatic Club of Detroit and Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, as well as a member of The Field Club.

A Mass celebrating his life will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 30, at St. Michael the Archangel on Siesta Key, 5394 Midnight



Aurelia E. Verbeke

Pass Road, Sarasota, Fla. Donations may be made in Mr. Kost's name to the Suncoast Communities Blood Bank, 1760 Mound Street, Sarasota, Florida 34236.

Sheila Marie Wilson

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Sheila Marie Wilson, 60, died Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2011, at the Florida Holmes Regional Medical Center in Melbourne, Fla., after a brief battle with cancer.

She was born Nov. 19, 1951, in Grosse Pointe, to Harold and Bernice Doubles. She graduated from St. Paul High School and studied mathematical theory at Michigan State University.

Mrs. Wilson was a self-employed photographer and graphic designer specializing in wildlife, nature and special events.

She was known for creating whimsical Christmas cards for friends and family. She also volunteered her time as a professional photographer for the American Cancer Society of Brevard County, Fla.

Mrs. Wilson was born and raised in Grosse Pointe Farms. She met her husband, Edward Clark Wilson, while in high school and joined him in Florida in 1981. They enjoyed life together



Kiki Ann Herfert



Sheila Marie Wilson

until his death in 2004.

Mrs. Wilson had many lifelong friends who enjoyed visiting her in Florida where she always made them feel welcome at her home.

Mrs. Wilson is survived by her husband, Mike McMorrow; sister, Mary Ann Doubles (John Guthrie); brothers, Michael (Kathleen) Doubles and Bruce (Lynda) Doubles; nieces and nephews, Brian (Allison) Doubles, Christopher Doubles, Elizabeth (Nicholas) Squires, Laura (Lucas) Hayman.

She also is survived by her father and his wife, Nore.

She was predeceased by her mother and her brother, Timothy Doubles.

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PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Katie Glovac, 2010 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2011 semester at Michigan State University. She is the daughter of Jim and Barb Glovac of Grosse Pointe Woods.

John W. Beckius of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2011 semester at the University of Wyoming.

The following students were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2011 se-

mester at Northern Michigan University: Jacob D. Hoerler, Mary C. Hudock, Carolyn A. Hume and Roger T. Vandenbussche, all of the City of Grosse Pointe; Cora A. Smith of Grosse Pointe Farms; Brian M. Auty of Grosse Pointe Park; Kailey M. Sickmiller of Grosse Pointe Shores and Krista M. Blair, Brendan A. Franklin and Andrew J. Tomaszewski, all of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The following students were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2011 se-

mester at The College of Wooster: Charlotte Klein and Stephanie McShane, both of the City of Grosse Pointe and Bridget Hillyer and Shelby Stone, both of Grosse Pointe Park.

Margaret O'Brien of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2011 semester at Alma College.

Olyvia Brown of Harper Woods was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2011 semester at Alma College. She is a 2010 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

Michael W. Cunningham of Grosse Pointe Park was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2011 semester at Niagara University.

Katelynn Pickelhaupt of Grosse Pointe Woods graduated in December 2011 with a Bachelor of Science degree from Central Michigan University.

Erin Marie Gideon earned a 4.0 for the fall 2011 and winter 2012 semesters at DePaul University. The 2010 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School is the daughter of Jennifer and Larry Gideon of the City of Grosse Pointe.

The following area students were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2011 semester at Central Michigan University: Jodi H. Austin, Claire Elizabeth Hamill, Kaley Sheldon and Kelsey Nicole Stanton, all of Grosse Pointe Farms; Kara Lynn Motschall, Kathryn Hathaway Repicky and Daika Maria Stone, all of Grosse Pointe Park; Nicholas James Coates and Alexa Gabrielle Materna, both of Grosse Pointe Shores and Elissa M. Bogosian, Rachel Joan Curran, Kelly Renee Fox, Zachary Good, Melinda Marie Janson, Harry Sellars and Jack Joseph Smith, all of Grosse Pointe Woods.

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Above, John Podeszwa checks out what Moveable Feast has to offer, with Jennifer Witt and Ann Marie Meikle representing the company. At right, Diana Muccioli models for Boutique Bellissima. Below left, Chocolate Bar Cafe's Lisa Corbin watches Jann Hight enjoy a sampling of dessert.



At left, Barb Gentry of Barb's Bridal. Above, Passport Pizza served up some snacks.

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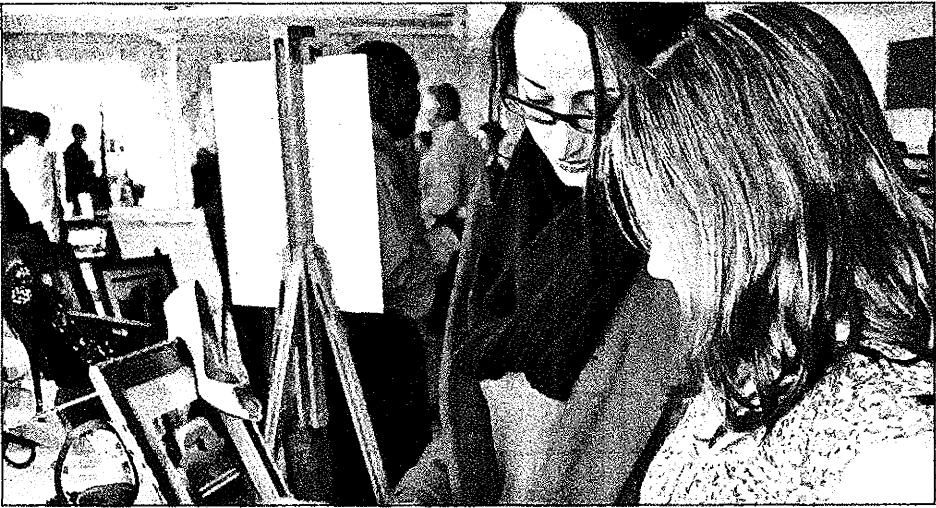
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Above, attendees had a nice selection of photographers to talk to. At right, Pat Brinker of The League Shop in Grosse Pointe Farms.



Above, Hannah Brunner and Samantha McLeal look at shoes from the Village Shoe Inn. At left, one of dozens of displays available for weddings and parties featured at the show.

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Chrysler and Fiat find ad hot buttons



Chrysler plans new and seductive television ads.

Chrysler-Fiat marketing chief Olivier Francois didn't explain how he and Chrysler lured rapper Eminem into starring in its two-minute commercial "Imported from Detroit" that aired during the 2011 Super Bowl.

It put Chrysler on the map for raising brand awareness and for setting a new tone for the corporation's future ads.

Addressing the Automotive Press Association in Detroit in early March, Francois said it never hurts to ask top stars when you have decided what you need

and who you want to represent your product.

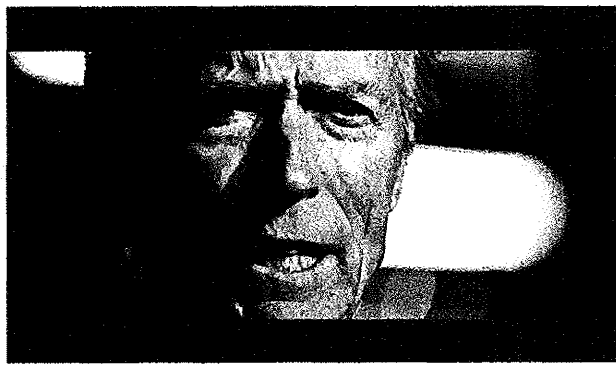
He said a Super Bowl commercial two minutes in length was itself unusual in 2011. But, he said, Chrysler figured that would be more effective than doing several shorter ads.

When it came to planning Chrysler's 2012 Super Bowl marketing, many said it would be impossible to top the success of the 2011 effort.

Never say never, he indicated, showing the popular-if-controversial two-minute Chrysler ad aired in February featuring actor Clint Eastwood.

"Halftime in America" told many what they already knew: people are out of work and they are hurting.

"People in Detroit almost lost everything," said Francois. The 2012 Chrysler ad stated, "Our second half is about to



Actor Clint Eastwood appeared in Chrysler's 2012 Super Bowl "Halftime in America" ad with growling affirmation Detroit is leading the way into more prosperous times.

begin."

"Eastwood commands respect," Francois said, later brushing aside reporters' questions about the possible political interpretation of the effort.

As for Fiat, new and seductive television ads with their Italian flavor and featuring the likes of singer/actor Jennifer Lopez have served to raise awareness of the Fiat 500 significantly. Francois said Fiat name

recognition was only about 8 percent prior to the 2011 North American introduction of the 500 coupe.

The official debut, he said, only nudged Fiat name recognition up to 9 percent. But the fast-paced J. Lo commercial more than tripled that to 30 percent.

Celebrities like Jennifer Hudson and Charlie Sheen have also been recruited by the automaker.



Pop singer Jennifer Lopez ignited interest in the Fiat 500 when she appeared in an ad for the newcomer to the North American market.

Sheen, in a video for the Fiat 500 Abarth performance model tells viewers, "I love being under house arrest," as he screams around a house and slams on the brakes.

Francois suggested Sheen "has a bit of the scorpion in him." The scorpion is a badge worn by the 500 Abarth.

"People are excited to have Fiat back in the country," Francois said.

Marketing work in progress includes differ-

entiating Chrysler from Dodge vehicles and preparing to import the Lancia and, later, Alfa Romeo.

Francois said Chrysler and Dodge attract different buyers, with Dodge intenders likely to be younger and less affluent. Will Lancia and Chrysler models compete for the same customers?

"Their DNA is similar," he said. "The key is design."

— Jenny King

TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

2012 Camry XLE gives luxury, more



We recently drove the newly designed 2012

Camry XLE, Toyota's top line version of the best-selling car in America for 13 of the last 14 years —

base price: \$29,845; price as tested: \$32,546.

Featuring seating for five and a choice of 4-cylinder, V6 or Hybrid/gas models, Camry prices start at \$21,955 for the entry level "L" all the way to our XLE's \$29,845.

Our high-end tester came standard with Toyota's 3.5-liter V6 that develops 268 horses and is coupled to a 6-speed automatic transmission. The acceleration is brisk, and

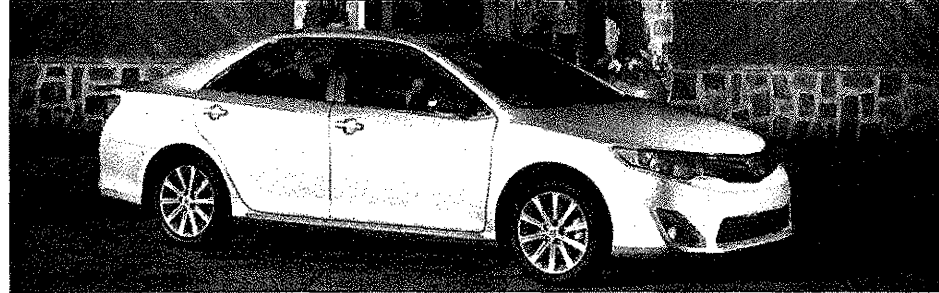


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2012 Toyota Camry XLE

feels like a muscle car from the 1960s. Camry's new pattern

features a sportier front end and new "L"-shaped tail lamps. The 2012 of-

fers consumers the reliable performance that vaults this car past the

competition is its time-tested formula of looks, reliability, trade-in value and uncompromised safety. The biggest upgrade comes in the safety department where 10 air bags are now standard equipment on all new Camry models.

Camry for 2012 offers an available \$500 "Blind Spot Monitor" option that generates electronic dri-

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XLE: Luxury, mileage

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ver alerts when vehicles in the driver's blind spot appear on Camry's left or right side.

Camry's XLE drivetrain features the aforementioned V6 featuring 24 valves and variable timing that allows the engine to operate on 4-cylinders in cruising situations.

When coupled to the "fuel mileage friendly" 6-speed automatic, you'll enjoy impressive 21 city and 30 highway EPA ratings. All 2012 Camrys shed some gross weight, thanks to smaller 17-gallon fuel tanks compared to 18.5 for the 2011s. The smaller fuel tank move is one of several 2012 "lighter" component exercises that results in better fuel mileage and .4 cubic feet more cargo space.

In addition to the 10 standard air bags, all Camry's come with Toyota's Star Safety System that includes traction control, ABS 4-wheel disc brakes, electronic brake force distribution and brake assist. Projector beam headlamps and daytime running lamps also add to the safety features, along with whiplash reducing special front seats.

XLE's amenities are extensive, including dual-zone air, 17-inch tires and alloy wheels, integrated backup camera, cruise, all the powers, 60/40 fold down rear seat, heated outside mirrors, power driver seat with lumbar, leather trim, wood trimmed door and window controls, heated seats, tilt and telescopic wheel, keyless entry, rear defogger, Entune multimedia system and sliding power moonroof.

On the highway, Camry



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2012 Toyota Camry XLE interior.

is easy to drive and behaves well in all situations. The front-drive Camry traverses in bad weather gracefully and delivers excellent handling. The interior is roomy and luxurious, especially for rear seat passengers.

Other options on our tester include a display navigation with JBL 10-speaker stereo upgrade and all the high tech additions for \$650, carpet and mat package for \$225, Safety Connect system for \$450, cargo net for \$49

and \$67 for wheel locks.

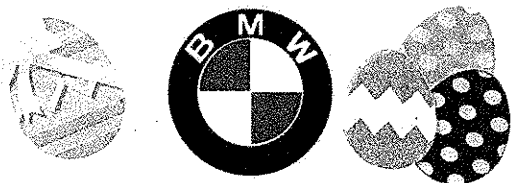
Important numbers include a wheelbase of 109.3 inches, 3,395-pound curb weight, 6.1 inch ground clearance, 17-gallon fuel tank and 15.4 cubic feet of cargo space.

Likes: XLE luxury, 6-cylinder, spirited acceleration, reliability, back seat room, fuel economy.

Dislikes: XLE price almost matches high-end Avalon, which starts at \$33,195.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated automotive columnist.

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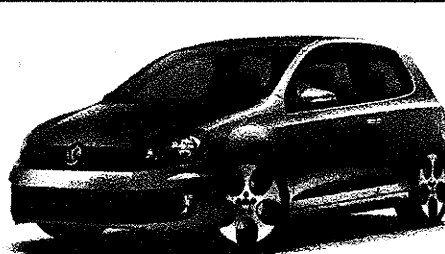
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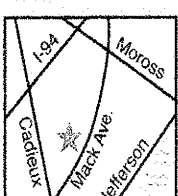


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The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Education is looking at education from preschool to adults.

Picture the possibilities

By A.J. Hakim
 Staff Writer

For its third annual spring gala, the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education is picturing the possibilities, from preschool to adult students with special needs and everything between.

"It's the broad spectrum," said Karen Lawrence, foundation administrator. "The full potential; the whole spectrum of children."

The gala, scheduled Saturday, April 21, at Dr. Alexander and Carol Ajlouni's home, is the foundation's primary fundraising event, attracting more than 200 people each of the past two years. In both instances, the event sold out and provided the backdrop for the foundation's latest campaign unveilings.

During its inaugural gala in 2010, the foundation revealed its technology campaign and last year its pillars of excellence campaign.

With its technology campaign, the GPFPE raised more than \$830,000, resulting in the installation of SMART boards in every classroom, as well as integration of other technologies and staff developments.

Its pillars of excellence campaign is an ongoing, specialized method for donors, in which they select among several pillars, or curriculum areas, from which to donate. Pillars include: math and science, reading, language arts and foreign language, social studies, fine and performing arts, athletics, health and extra curricu-

lar and special subjects and interests.

At last year's gala, the foundation raised about \$30,000 for its pillars campaign and \$43,700 total.

"We're so excited to bring the community together to raise funds for extraordinary possibilities in our district," GPFPE director Christie Scoggin said. "There are many different learners at many different levels and the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education envisions pushing each student by funding programs that'll enrich their educational experience. Just picture the possibilities."

This year's gala features a cocktail reception, strolling dinner, courtesy of Andiamo Trattoria and live auction. Auction items include: a weeklong stay in a Colorado home; a personalized Detroit Zoo tour; fine wine gift basket and Tigers Den tickets.

Proceeds from the gala continue funding a variety of educational experiences and programs for all Grosse Pointe Public School System students.

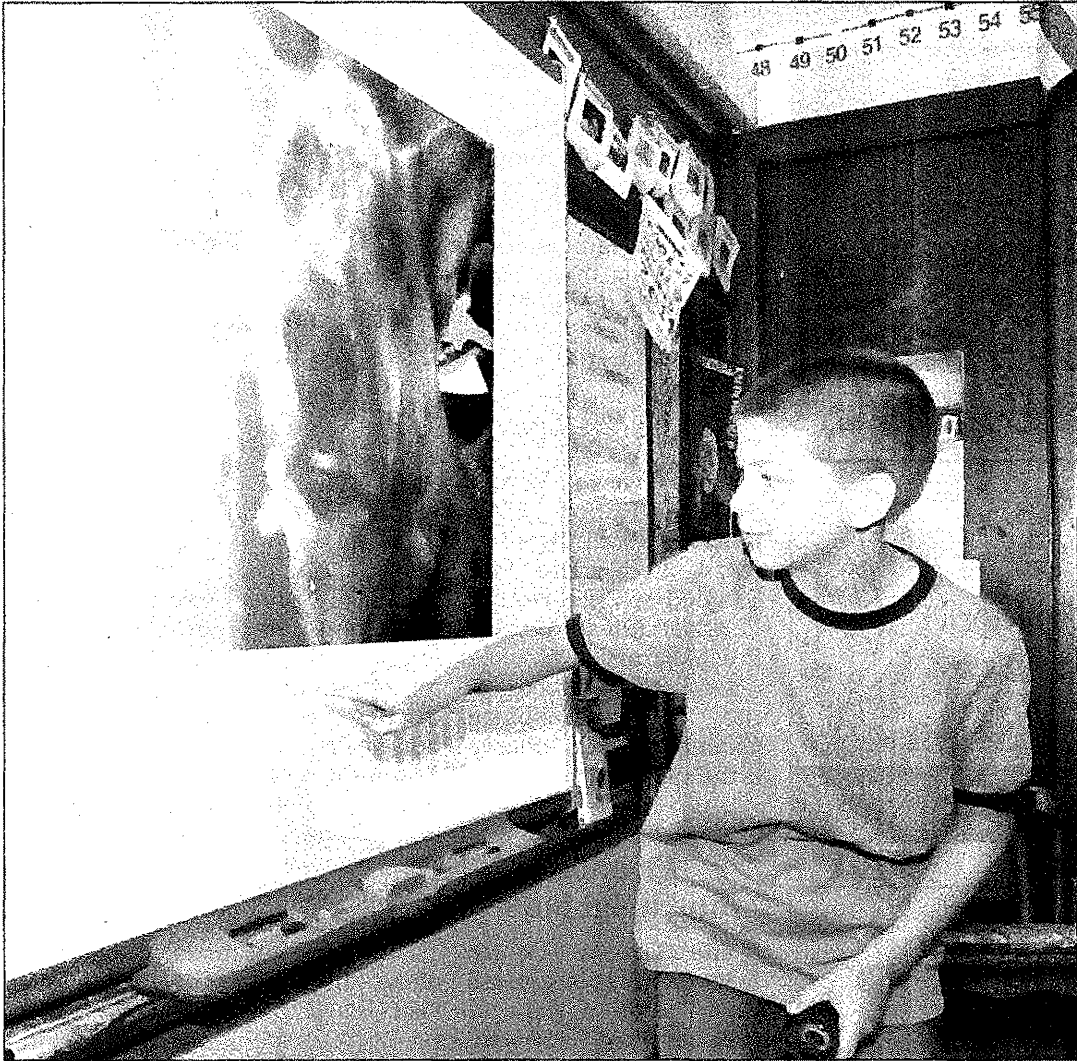
The foundation is an in-

dependent non-profit organization dedicated to providing funding to support and enhance academic experiences and enrichment programs for the GPPSS' students and staff. Through grants, the foundation distributes funds district-wide for initiatives in math, science, reading, writing, classroom technology, foreign language, the arts and more.

For the spring gala, valet parking is available and cocktail attire required. Space is limited.

For more information, or to purchase tickets,

contact Karen Lawrence Karen.lawrence@gpschools.org at (313) 432-3058 or gpschools.org.



The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education's inaugural spring gala in 2010 launched the classroom technology campaign, sparked by a donation and challenge from the John A. and Marlene L. Boli Foundation. Above right, money raised from the campaign helped purchase SMART boards, digital projectors, document cameras, sound systems and more in classrooms across the district. Pictured, from Susan Howey's 2011 fourth grade class, Jeevan Telang, presents his presentation to classmates. For the spring gala, valet parking is available and cocktail attire required. Space is limited. For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact Karen Lawrence at (313) 432-3058 or Karen.lawrence@gpschools.org.

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Among the "Hairspray" cast are from left, Motormouth Maybelle, played by Doretha Dorsey of Detroit; Tracy Turnblad, played by Catherine Flores of Warren; Edna Turnblad, played by Dennis Wickline of St. Clair Shores; and Wilber Turnblad, played by Don Ross of Warren.

'Hairspray' closes GPT season

Grosse Pointe Theatre closes its 64th season with the musical "Hairspray."

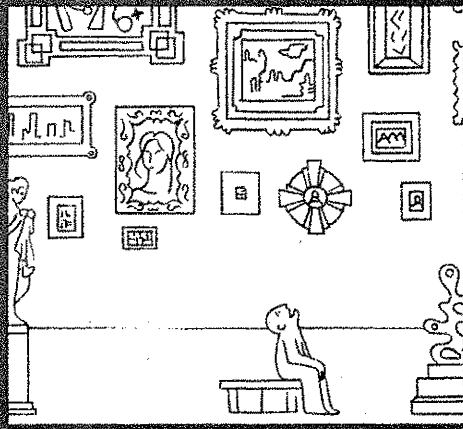
Ten performances are slated between May 6 and 20, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Fries Auditorium. Show times are 8 p.m. week nights and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. There is a Ladies Night Out Wednesday, May 9, sponsored by the Spirit of Women at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

The evening begins at 5:30 with food and beverages. The performance follows at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$45. Parking is free.

Tickets for other performances are \$24. For reservations, call (313) 881-4004 or visit gpt.org.

The story takes place in 1962 Baltimore. Teenager Tracy Turnblad, a happy-go-lucky, pleasantly plump high school student, loves to dance and wear hairstyles of the

times. Her one desire is to dance on the popular Corny Collins Show. When her dream comes true, Tracy is transformed from an unpopular teen to sudden star, but she must use her newfound influence to vanquish the reigning teen queen, Amber Von Tussle, win the affections of heartthrob Link Larkin, and integrate a television network — all without denting her 'do.



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Family Sundays

Joe Reilly's environmentally-themed songs and stories for young audiences help celebrate Earth Day this month. 2 p.m., Rivera Court

Sunday Music Bar

Multi-instrumentalist Ara Topouzian performs Armenian and Middle Eastern music on the *kanun*, a laptop harp. 1 and 3 p.m., Kresge Court

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Rotary

The Rotary of Grosse Pointe meets at noon Monday, April 2, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Lunch costs \$15 and the public can attend.

Hour Detroit managing editor George Bulanda's topic is "The Way it Was." He highlights Detroit's sites of the past.

The Rotarians literacy book drive is from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 11 and 25, at the Grosse

Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Enter at the rear of the building.

For more information about the organization visit grossepointerotary.org.

Vision support

Friends of Vision Support Group for the Visually Impaired meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, April 2, and Wednesday, April 4, at

the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, and from 1 to 2:15 p.m. Monday, April 2, at St. Lucy Catholic Church, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

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

Library

National park ranger David Kronk discusses the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch, 20680 Mack. He will have Junior Ranger badges and other children's items.

The program is free. For reservations, visit gp.lib.mi.us or call (313) 343-2074, ext. 222.

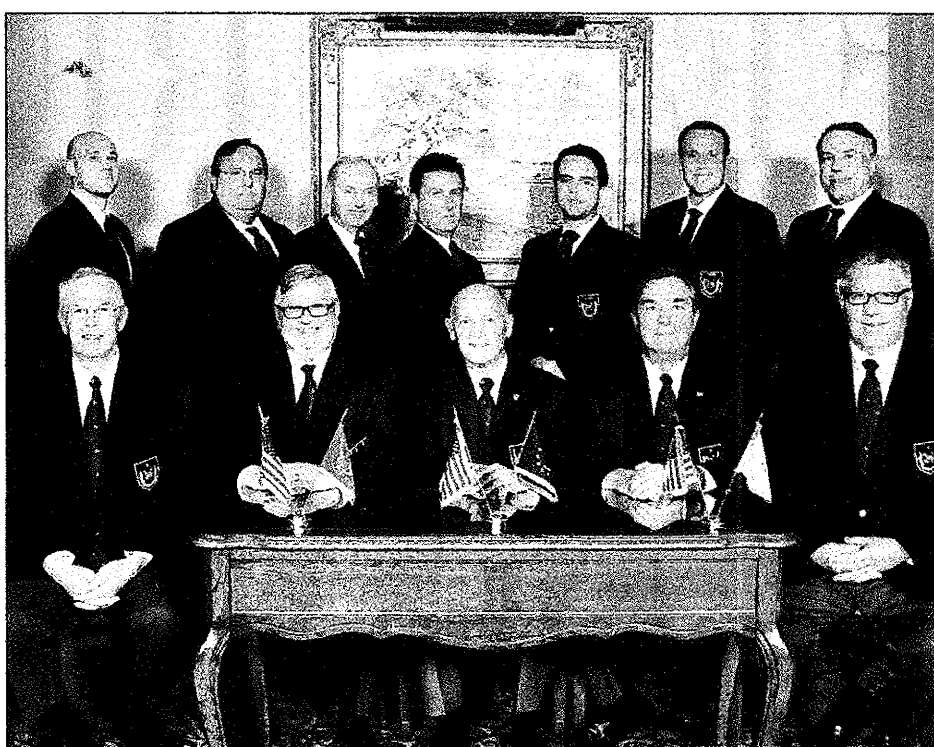
Sunrise Rotary

The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m. Tuesday, April 3, at The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Jennifer Boettcher of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce is the speaker.

Friends and neighbors

The Grosse Pointe Friends & Neighbors Club holds a general meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 5, at the Grosse Pointe



2012 board

The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club officers and board of directors for 2011-2012 are, in front from left, treasurer Kevin B. Granger, vice commodore William C. Vogel, Jr., commodore Ronald A. Schaupeter, rear commodore James N. Martin, secretary Thomas L. Lauzon; in the back row, from left, Sean M. Schotthoefer, Blaise A. Klenow, Timothy J. Robson, Robert D. Galeota Jr., Joseph P. Schaden, Graham C. Korneffel and Gary H. Gonzalez. Ronald Schaupeter is the club's 79th commodore and has been a member since 1970. For more information about the club visit gpyc.org.

War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Lunch is served a noon a meeting and program follow. The speaker, attorney Thomas Keating, discusses the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and includes historical facts and current theories of the case.

For reservations, e-mail GPFNC@comcast.net by Saturday, March 31.

For more information about the organization, visit GPFNC.com.

Grannie Nannies

The Grannie Nannies meet at 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 6, at Big Boy Restaurant, 20710 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Meet grandmothers who enjoy spending time with their grandchildren.

For more information, call (313) 882-9600.

Ford House

Two Easter celebrations are set for the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. The first, bunny brunch and hunt, is 10 a.m. Saturday, April 7. The second is a bunny lunch

and hunt at 1 p.m., also Saturday, April 7.

Both event includes a chance to take a photo with the Easter Bunny, petting rabbits and chickens and an egg hunt.

Tickets cost \$17 and the event is recommended for children aged 2 to 8.

An Easter brunch is available for Sunday, April 8. Adult tickets for the meal and tour are \$34 and children's tickets cost \$19; adults pay \$26 and children pay \$14 for the brunch only.

To make reservations, call (313) 884-4222.

SOC tea

Services for Older Citizens host "April Showers Make May Flowers" afternoon tea from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Refreshments and entertainment are provided by Home Instead Senior Care.

Dan Berjen provides the music.

For reservations, call (313) 882-9600. The cost is \$5.

Parking is in the city lot behind the church. Enter through the double doors facing the lot. A parking ticket is stamped at the tea for free parking.

Soroptimist

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe hosts a play, "Body & Sold," at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

It tells the stories of young men and women who left home and were seduced, lured or kidnapped into a life of violence and prostitution. The play has graphic content and strong language and recommended for those more than 15 years of age.

Admission is \$5 except for those 15 to 18 years, who are admitted free.

For reservations e-mail the club's president, Mary Ellen Burke at meb650@aol.com by Thursday, April 12.

For more information about the play, contact Mary Parsigian at mmparsigian@gmail.com.

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Good Friday Services | April 6 | Childcare available
12:15 pm Remember the passion and the death of Christ on the cross.
7:30 pm Tenebrae Service of Shadows

Easter Sunday | April 8 | Childcare available at 9 and 11
6:45 am As the sun rises, celebrate outside by the Lake that Christ is Risen! Followed by a continental breakfast.
9:00 | 11:00 am Worship with Communion: Raised with Christ —Together

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CHURCH EVENTS

Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's ecumenical breakfast begins at 6:45 a.m. Friday, March 30, 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, Clark Durant from the Cornerstone Schools. 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

Our Lady Star of the Sea holds a fish fry Friday, March 30, in the parish center on the corner of Morningside and Fairfield, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Featured on the dine-in menu are fried beer-battered fish, baked cod loin or fried shrimp, macaroni and cheese, French or sweet potato fries, salad, roll and beverage. The cost is \$10 for those 13 years and older and \$5 for children 4 to 12 years.

◆ The Lenten series, "Genesis," begins with fellowship at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 29, followed by a 6:30 p.m. dinner, the video is shown at 7:30 p.m. and discussion is from 8 to 9 p.m.

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

For reservations, e-mail Genesisoffaith@comcast.net, or call the church office at (313) 884-5554.

First English

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church's Sunday school students are supporting the "Buck-a-Chick" program in which church members and the community can donate \$1 to provide a chick to an impoverished family.

Donations are being collected by the Board of Parish Education, F.E.E.L.C., 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

◆ The Rev. Walter A. Schmidt

leads the 9:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday Bible classes discussing Philip Yancey's book, "What's So Amazing About Grace?"

Sessions are in the lounge. The book costs \$10.

For more information, call the church at (313) 884-5040.

◆ Palm Sunday, April 1, begins with a 9:30 a.m. contemporary service and offers Holy Communion. The traditional procession of the palms is at 11 a.m., and includes Holy Communion. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m.

The day's study is "The Triumphant Entry."

◆ Maundy Thursday, April 5, service begins at 7 p.m. with the study, "The Last Supper."

◆ Good Friday, April 6, services are at 1 p.m. with "The Death of Jesus" and "The Way of the Cross: The 15 Stations," at 7 p.m. This includes interpretative readings. Four church members

provide the dramatic readings and Good News Singers offer an anthem.

◆ "The Resurrection of our Lord," Easter Sunday, April 8, begins with a 7 a.m. sunrise service. The contemporary service is at 9 a.m. and the festival worship is at 11 a.m. with Holy Communion.

For more information, call the church office at (313) 884-5040.

Christ Church

The Men and Boys choir of Christ Church sing at the 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 1, Evensong service.

◆ "The St. Matthew Passion" by Johann Sebastian Bach is performed at the 7 p.m. Good Friday, April 6, service. The chorale, soloist and orchestra perform the music. A free will

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7 pm - Tenebrae
Maundy Thursday, April 5, 2012
7 pm - Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing & Stripping of the Altar
Good Friday, April 6, 2012
12 Noon - Good Friday Liturgy
2:30 pm - Children's Stations of the Cross
7 pm - The Christ Church Chorale presents
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Holy Saturday, April 7, 2012
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April 5 - Maundy Thursday
Tenebrae service, 7:30 p.m.
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Bonbrisco-Westerman

John and Peggy Bonbrisco of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Molly Bonbrisco, to Jake Westerman, son of George and Nancy Westerman of Clinton Township. An August wedding at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial is planned.

Bonbrisco graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. She is a registered nurse in the neonatal ICU at St. John Hospital & Medical Center.

Westerman graduated from Mount Clemens High School and attended Wayne State University, majoring in computer science. He is with SQL Developer in Warren.

Finkenstaedt-Levy

Mike and Susan Finkenstaedt of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Catherine Caulkins Finkenstaedt, to Brent Jeffrey Levy, son of Andy and Robyn Levy of Denver. A June wedding is planned.

Finkenstaedt is a 2001 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in sports management and communication from the University of Michigan. She is pursuing a Master of Arts degree in speech-language pathology at the University of Northern Colorado.

Levy graduated from Colorado Academy in 2001 and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in geography from Middlebury College. He is pursuing a medical degree at the University of Colorado, specializing in emergency medicine.

Geik-Dillon

Wayne and Nancy Geik of Troy have announced the engagement of their daughter, Julia Geik, to Shaun Dillon, son of Gary and Lorraine Dillon of Grosse Pointe Farms. A September wedding is planned.

Geik graduated from Troy High School in 2002 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 2006 from the University of Virginia. She earned a Master of Science degree in 2008 from Western Michigan University and is a physician assistant with St. John Providence Health System.

Dillon graduated from University Liggett School in 1998 and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 2002 from Princeton University. He earned a Master of Fine Arts degree in English in 2004 from the University of Notre Dame and is the vice president of Dillon Energy Services and vice president of Alumalight.

Lecznar-Joyce

John and Mary Lecznar of Bloomfield Hills have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kellie Christine Lecznar, to Brendan Turney Joyce, son of James and Susan Joyce of Grosse Pointe Park and Sheila Turney of Chicago. An April wedding is planned.

Lecznar graduated from Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School in 1999, the University of Michigan in 2003 and the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in 2006. She is a partner with Secrest Wardle.

Joyce graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1988 and from the University of Michigan in 2002. He earned a Master of Arts degree in economics from Wayne State University in 2004 and a Master of Business Administration degree in 2005 from WSU. He is director of FTI Consulting.

McLellan-Thinnes

Melinda and John McLellan of Chicago, formerly of Grosse Pointe Park, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Alexandra Kathrene McLellan, to Connor Fitzgerald Thinnes, son of Aileen Fitzgerald of Rocky River, Ohio, and the late Michael Thinnes. A September wedding is planned.

McLellan earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications from

Albion College and is an associate in client services with Grosvenor Capital Management, L.P.

Thinnes graduated from Ohio University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in marketing, management and business prelaw. He is a sales representative with CDC Software.

Noethen-Heintz

Richard and Susan Noethen of Grosse Pointe have announced the engagement of their daughter, Erin Marie Noethen, to Todd McKinley Heintz, son of Michael and Margo Heintz of Mount Pleasant. A fall wedding is planned.

Noethen is a 2000 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and a 2004 Michigan State University Eli Broad School of Business graduate. She earned a Master of Business Administration from the University of Michigan and is the director of sales and marketing for the music venue in Aspen, Colo.

Heintz is a 2000 graduate of the Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart Academy and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in commercial recreation and tourism in 2004 from MSU. He is with Destination Resorts and manager of the Artisan Restaurant in Snowmass, Colo.

Robson-Stewart

Tim and Margy Robson of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Caitlin Gavin Robson, to Gregory Frederick Stewart, son of Gregory and Nancy Stewart of Basking Ridge, N.J. An August wedding is planned.

Robson graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 2003. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in finance and minoring in accounting, from Georgetown University and is an associate in investment banking with JPMorgan, New York.

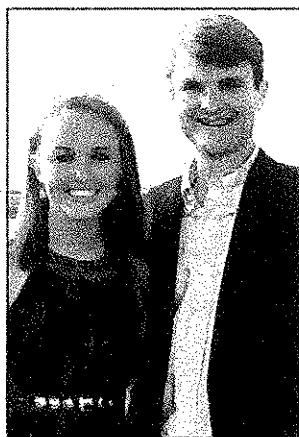
Stewart graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in finance. He is an associate in in-



Jake Westerman and Molly Bonbrisco



Kellie Christine Lecznar and Brendan Turney Joyce



Caitlin Gavin Robson and Gregory Frederick Stewart

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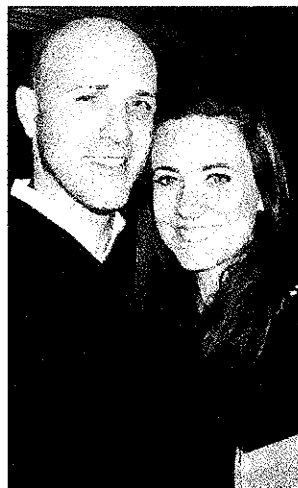
Carlino-Vandelinder

Dr. and Mrs. George Carlino of St. Clair Shores have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lynn Carlino, to David Vandelinder, son of Robert Vandelinder of Warren and Joan Howe of Troy. A June wedding is planned.

Carlino graduated from Our Lady Star of the Sea High School and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan. She earned a juris doctorate degree from the University of Detroit School of Law and a Master of Laws degree in corporate and finance law from Wayne State University. She is an attorney and Associate Dean



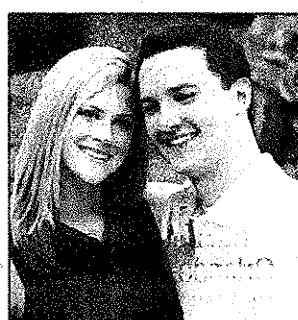
Brent Jeffrey Levy and Catherine Caulkins Finkenstaedt



Connor Fitzgerald Thinnes and Alexandra Kathrene McLellan



Lynn Carlino and David Vandelinder



Michelle Grace Skladd and Shane Thomas Mallon

of Business at Baker College in Clinton Township.

Vandelinder earned a law enforcement degree from Macomb Community College and is a police officer with the city of Warren.

Kotwick-Engert

Mike and Cheryl Kotwick of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their son, Edmond (Ted) Kotwick, to Mirjam Engert of Munich, Germany. An August wedding in Grosse Pointe Farms is planned.

Kotwick graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 2003 and earned bachelor degrees in philosophy and history from the University of Michigan. He received a Board of Trustees Fellowship from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., with which he earned a master's degree in philosophy. Kotwick was also awarded the Ryan Doctoral Fellowship to pursue a doctorate in philosophy at the Catholic University of America.

Engert earned bachelor degrees in Greek, Latin and German philology in 2008 at the Ludwig-Maximilians-University in Munich and her master's degree in the same subjects in 2010. She is pursuing a doctorate in classical philology, while teaching at the university.

Skladd-Mallon

Jack Skladd of Macomb has announced the engagement of his daughter, Michelle Grace Skladd, to Shane Thomas Mallon, son of Paul and



Shaun Dillon and Julia Geik



Erin Marie Noethen and Todd McKinley Heintz



Edmond (Ted) Kotwick and Mirjam Engert



Sarah Elizabeth Zygmuntowicz and William James Kraus III

Nancy Mallon of Grosse Pointe Woods. Skladd is the daughter of the late Christine Skladd.

An April wedding is planned. Skladd graduated from Eisenhower High School in 2006 and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in advertising from Michigan State University in 2010. She is project manager at the advertising agency Leo Burnett Detroit.

Mallon graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 2005 and earned a bachelor's degree in biochemistry in 2009 from MSU. He is a medical student at Wayne State University.

Zygmuntowicz-Kraus

Michael Zygmuntowicz of St. Clair Shores and Victoria Les of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Zygmuntowicz to William James Kraus III, son of William and Rebecca Kraus of Grosse Pointe Woods. A July wedding is planned.

Zygmuntowicz is a 2002 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School and a 2007 honors graduate of Indiana University, Bloomington, majoring in German and minoring in business management. She is a real estate property manager in Chicago and owner of Red Door Properties and Management LLC.

Kraus is a 2002 North graduate, a 2005 University of Michigan graduate and a 2009 University of Michigan Law School graduate. He is a third year associate with the law firm Katten, Munchin and Rosenman LLP, Chicago.

EVENTS: Palm Sunday

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offering is accepted.

Historic Trinity

Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, 1345 Gratiot, Detroit, holds a procession of the palms at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, April 1. Children lead the procession from Eastern Market to the church.

Holy week services begin with Holy Communion at noon, Thursday, April 5, with the Rev. Gary Headapohl giving the sermon. Holy Communion is also served at the 7 p.m. service.

Good Friday, April 6, services are at noon, 12:45 p.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. Candlelight Tenebrae service is at 7 p.m.

Easter celebrations are at 7:25, 7:30, 9 and 11 a.m., Sunday, April 8.

Easter breakfast is served from 8 to 11 a.m.

For more information, call (313) 567-3100.

PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Marianna Gronek

Our wounded hearts

Have you ever said to yourself, "What did I ever do to deserve this?" or, its variant, "I wonder what she did to deserve that?" Have you ever noticed it doesn't seem to matter if you believe in God — or not, or if you try to live by the Golden Rule — or not, bad stuff still happens? In the midst of pain, do you ever struggle with believing in a God that is supposed to be all-loving, all-good, and all-powerful? Have you ever struggled to find God's presence in your suffering and woundedness?

I have.

In the last few days, I've found myself asking where was God when the tornadoes touched down in Dexter? Where is God when our loved ones die violently? In the darkness of our suffering, even the most faithful among us, including Jesus on the cross, find ourselves asking, "where is God in our pain?"

Let me offer you a paradigm of the cross that has helped many to see God in a new light, as a companion in our suffering.

For me, God was on a cross, nails piercing the Divine wrists and ankles, a sword thrust through the very side of God, piercing the heart that loves completely — even in the pain of betrayal and rejection. Alfred North Whitehead calls God the "fellow sufferer who understands."

In the years immediately following the death and resurrection of Jesus, it was understood the Divine suffered with Jesus' followers through their ordeals and sometimes martyrdom; giving them the hope and courage they needed to endure by standing beside them in a real-time way. Individually or collectively, the Divine experiences pain, suffers it, and though things may never be the same again, out of the brokenness helps people rebuild their lives.

Because faith, done in real-time, reflects our personal and communal lives and contains both the pain of struggle and the balm of healing, during the season of Lent we are asked to give up our woundedness so we might be ready to enter into a new life alongside Jesus, fresh out of the tomb. Healing our wounds allows us to lead lives fully present to the divine moment, done in real-time, and it has the power to change the world.

But, it takes a beginning. If God is with us in our suffering, as I fully believe, let me share with you a practice of healing and forgiveness we recently experienced during Sunday worship.

First, find a quiet place to settle and be still; take a couple of deep breaths; then take a moment to reflect on the wounds you might be carrying.

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WEDDINGS

Francis - Johnson

Peggy Lynn Francis of Manhattan married Jeffrey Whatley Johnson of Manhattan Sept. 24, 2011, at the Central United Methodist Church in Detroit. The bride is the daughter of William and Susan Francis of Grosse Pointe Park. The groom is the son of Sally Johnson of Seattle and the late Will Johnson.

The Rev. Barbara Lewis-Lakin performed the 4 p.m. ceremony which was followed by a reception at the Country Club of Detroit.

The bride wore a strapless gown of white mikado silk. She wore her maternal grandmother's cathedral length lace-trimmed veil and her mother's pearl necklace. She carried a bouquet of long-stem white calla lilies.

The bride's sister, Anna Francis, of Bethesda, Md., served as matron of honor.

Serving as bridesmaids were the bride's childhood friends Mary Lubera of Grosse Pointe Farms and Gretchen Richter of Portland, Ore.; the bride's friend Jennifer Price of Washington, D.C.; and the groom's sister, Jill Cunningham, of Seattle.

Flower girls were the bride's nieces, Harper and Quinn Barnowski of Bethesda and Kate Cunningham of Seattle, the groom's niece.

Attendants wore strapless navy blue floor length dresses and carried small bouquets of calla lilies.

Paul Boesen of Falls Church, Va., served as his friend's best man.

Ushers and groomsmen were Bill Wanger of Chicago, the groom's friend; John Falskow of Tacoma, Wash., the groom's cousin, Peter Gertmenian of San Marino, Calif., the groom's friend; and the groom's cousin, Thomas Falskow of Anchorage, Alaska.

The groom's nephew, Will Cunningham of Seattle, was the ring bearer.

The bride's mother chose a purple silk chiffon tea length Frascara designed dress, accented with a family heirloom brooch.

The groom's mother wore a light green silk suit.

Trumpet soloist was John Falskow. Readers were Jack Falskow of

Tacoma and Amanda Ault of Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, the bride's childhood friend.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Michigan and Master of Business Administration from the London Business School. She is an investment professional with a private Manhattan investment firm.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from Claremont McKenna College and Master of Business Administration from Harvard Business School. He is a managing director with a private Manhattan equity firm.

The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and live in Manhattan.

Allen - Russell

Emily Marie Allen of West Columbia, S.C., married Mark Sinclair Russell of West Columbia, Feb. 11, 2012, at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Lexington, S.C. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Allen Sr. of Lexington. The groom is the son of Nancy Russell of Grosse Pointe Park and Richard Russell of Grosse Pointe Shores.

The Revs. Dennis R. Bolton and Patrick W. Riddle officiated at the ceremony which was followed by a reception at Wintergreen Woods in Lexington.

Rachel McKeever of Orlando, Fla., served as matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were Hazel Bergmann of Prosperity, S.C., April Blake of Cayce, S.C., and Nikki Gillis of Columbia. Meridith Hope Allen of



Mrs. and Mrs. Jeffrey Whatley Johnson

Tampa, Fla., served as flower girl.

Best man was Matthew O'Hara of Nashville, Tenn.

Groomsmen and ushers were Daniel Flores of Summerville, S.C., Brian Russell of Noblesville, Ind., and John Russell of Chicago.

The bride graduated from Columbia College with a degree in business administration.

The groom earned accounting and management science degrees from University of South Carolina.

They reside in Columbia.

Martin - O'Harra

Rachel Lois Martin of Mt. Pleasant, S.C., married Robert Daniel O'Harra, of Mt. Pleasant, Dec. 3, 2011, in St. Mary of the Annunciation, Charleston, S.C. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Patrick Martin of Grosse Pointe Woods. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stone O'Harra of Isle of Palms, S.C.

Deacon Jerome Remkiewicz performed the ceremony which was followed by a reception at the William Aiken House in Charleston.

The bride wore a one-shoulder Rosa Clara designed gown and her sister's veil.



Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sinclair Russell

Alyson Runco of Charleston served as her friend's maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were her sisters, Rebecca Waldmeir and Elizabeth Firestone; and her friends, Elizabeth Glanden and Kelley Elder.

The groom's father served as his best man.

Ushers and groomsmen were the groom's brother, David O'Harra; and his friends, Trent Tinker, Michael Honeycutt and Steven Toniolo.

Reader during the ceremony was Daniel Martin, the bride's brother.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Daniel O'Harra

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in corporate communications from the College of Charleston.

She is a corporate event planner at Benefitfocus in Charleston.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in corporate communications from the College of Charleston and is a systems analyst with The Medical University of South Carolina.

The couple honeymooned in Playa Flamingo Costa Rica and reside in Mt. Pleasant.

G. P. War Memorial in wedding resource guide

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial is named a 2012 winner in The Knot Best of Weddings, a special section in The Knot Detroit magazine and on detroit.theknot.com.

Weddings from The Knot is a wedding resource for brides. It provides a "by brides for brides" guide to the top wedding professionals across the country.

Wedding receptions are held in the Fries Ballroom or in the Alger House. Photos are taken on the lake front lawn or in the gardens.

Food and beverage manager Chad Harbin said many brides and their families are looking for suggestions when planning a wedding.

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HEARTS: God understands

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Second, close your eyes and take a moment to visualize placing those wounds into the broken and loving hands of Jesus. Most importantly, resist the urge to take them back. Leave them in his hands to be healed and forgiven.

God understands our woundedness because God suffers the pain with us. Where is God in our woundedness? Right here. God has gathered us from the four corners of the earth and made us into a family of brothers and sisters, modeling diverse companionship, sacred living, shared resources, and healing for our wounds.

Gronek is minister at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Please join us in observing the solemnity of Holy Week and the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord in all its richness at Assumption Grotto Parish

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 5

(No morning Masses)

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Procession with Blessed *Sacrament & Adoration until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6

(No morning Masses)

12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. • Tre Ore Services
• Solemn Liturgy with sung Passion according to Saint John; Veneration of the Cross; Holy Communion
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Prayers
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 7

(No morning Masses and no 4:00 p.m. Mass)

1:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter foods and baskets
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8, MASSES

6:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m. Traditional Latin Orchestral Mass by Joseph Haydn (Heiligmesse) and *Easter Cantata movements (#66, 134) by J.S. Bach
12:00 noon

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 15, MASSES

6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.

12:00 noon Traditional Latin Orchestral Mass by Joseph Haydn (Heiligmesse) and *Easter Cantata movements (#66, 134) by J.S. Bach

CONFESSIONS (5 opportunities)

Thursday, April 5: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday, April 6: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 7: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Note: There will not be confessions Saturday evening or on Easter Sunday morning.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Yesterday's Headlines

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

1962

50 years ago this week

◆ **POLICE HALT ROCKETEERS' EXPERIMENTS:** Two budding scientists were told by City police to perform their rocket experiments under "controlled" conditions after their moonshot was mistaken for a home-made bomb.

A Michigan Bell Telephone Co. employee approached a City police officer and informed him that something resembling a homemade bomb had been placed at the end of Stratford Place. The "bomb" was a peculiar-looking, cylindrical object with a wick attached.

◆ **LAKE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ASK SCHOOL DISTRICT CHANGE:** Residents of the smallest township in Michigan, Lake Township, will meet with

Wayne County and Macomb County Boards of Education officials to discuss the residents' petition of a transfer from the South Lake School District to the Grosse Pointe School District.

Affected is about one-third of Grosse Pointe Shores village land, which extends into Macomb County.

◆ **YOUTH ADMITS STRIPPING CARS:** City police cleared up a series of thefts involving head and tail light assemblies.

The culprit, a 15-year-old boy, admitted taking the outside rear view mirror and tail light lens from a '61 Ford Falcon and the tail light assembly from a '59 Ford.

The boy returned the missing articles, as well as several car aerials which he had also taken, but which had not been reported missing.



FROM THE MARCH 26, 1987, ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1987: Possum

Susanne Toledo, 10, and brother Alex take a closer, but cautious look at an uninvited guest. The Toledos found this furry possum under the hood of the family station wagon at their Lothrop Road home in the Farms.

1987

25 years ago this week

◆ **FLOOD COMMITTEE SAYS EARTH**

BERMS ARE THE ANSWER: Earthen berms about four feet high erected in six locations along the lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Park would probably remove the city from the flood plain and, at the same time, provide protection against flooding.

That was the finding, and recommendation, of the Park's Flood Plain Study Committee.

Nearly half of the city is located within the flood plain, and includes 975 of the 4,138 properties in Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ **PROPERTY AS-**

SESSMENTS, SEVS UP THROUGHOUT THE POINTES: County sales studies over the last two years have shown an increase in the selling price of homes in the Grosse Pointes, which has had the resulting effect of raising assessments and

state equalized valuations.

Hikes in residential assessments or SEVs for 1987 range from a high of 10.43 percent in the City to 5 percent in the Shores.

—Compiled by Karen Fontanive

George Bernard Shaw's

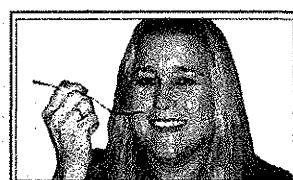
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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Serve super guacamole with meat



My husband and I are trying to learn more toward "super foods" in our quest for overall good health. The avocado is one such food. I turned avocado into guacamole taquero (taco shop guacamole). The recipe was created by a chef who grew up in Mexico City. More like a

green salsa then guacamole, this flavorful condiment is loaded with fresh ingredients and can be prepared in a snap. Really.

Taco Shop Guacamole
(adapted from Saveur magazine)

1/2 lb. tomatillos, husked, rinsed and coarsely chopped
1.66 oz. package fresh cilantro, leaves only
2 serrano chilies, seeded and chopped
2 garlic cloves, chopped
3 scallions, white and green parts, chopped
2 ripe avocados, pitted and peeled
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
1 teaspoon kosher salt (preferably)

Place all ingredients in bowl of a large food processor. Pulse until completely smooth,

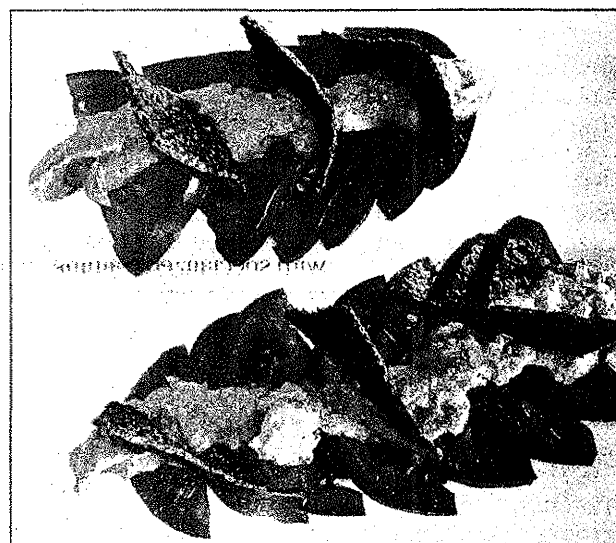


PHOTO BY TONY SCHERIFF

This flavorful condiment is loaded with fresh ingredients.

scraping down sides of bowl.

This yummy green salsa is perfect over a taco or on the side with chicken, beef or seafood.

The flavor screams fresh from all the raw ingredients that are packed

inside. If you really like it hot don't seed the serrano chilies.

I'm serving guacamole taquero over lightly-salted sliced beef steak tomatoes with blue corn chips. Healthy, delicious and super.

Grosse Pointe War Memorial's

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April 2 to April 8

Featured Guests & Topics

8:30 am Vitality Plus (Aerobics)
9:00 am Musical Storytime
9:30 am Pointes of Horticulture
10:00 am Shine a Light
10:30 am Things to Do at the War Memorial
11:00 am Out of the Ordinary
11:30 am Senior Men's Club

12:00 pm Economic Club of Detroit
1:00 pm Glory
1:30 pm Great Lakes Log
2:00 pm The John Prost Show
2:30 pm Aging Well in America
3:00 pm Things to Do at the War Memorial
3:30 pm Art & Design
4:00 pm Vitality Plus (Tone)
4:30 pm Musical Storytime
5:00 pm In a Heartbeat
5:30 pm Glory
6:00 pm Aging Well in America
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7:00 pm Vitality Plus (Step/Kick Boxing)
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Shine a Light
Sharon Maier and Ann Honto SOC

Things to Do at the War Memorial
Learn to Juggle, Basic Computer Repair, CardioCore and Babysitter's Training

Out of the Ordinary
Umesh and Rashmi Rohatgi Philanthropists

Senior Men's Club
George Khoury
Israeli/Palestinian Issue

Economic Club of Detroit
James Nicholson, Doug Rothwell and Bruce Katz
Business Leaders for Michigan

Glory
Joseph Mengden, Part I

Great Lakes Log
John H. Hartig
Burning Rivers

The John Prost Show
Tim Killeen and Rev. Samer Azar
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Services for Older Citizens offers senior yoga at 10 a.m. Mondays and Fridays at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The cost is \$4. The first class is free.

Attendees must bring a mat to the hour-long session. Walk-ins can attend.

Valade

The Valade Healing Arts Center offers a group workshop, "Shrink Your Stomach" with medical hypnotherapy, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, April 11, 18 and 25. The cost is \$180.

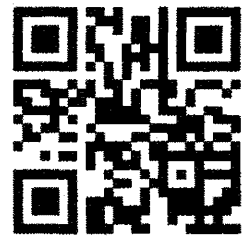
The class is lead by Cheryl Beshada, a certified medical hypnotherapist. The classes include three hypnosis CDs, stress management and a workshop manual.

To pre-register by Tuesday, April 10, call (313) 647-3320.

Schedule subject to change without notice.
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ASK THE EXPERTS By Christine Yeskey

Getting stuck on words



Q. My child repeats words over and over and tends to get "stuck" on certain words and sounds. Is this normal?

A. What you may be describing is called a fluency disorder or stuttering. Children who have difficulty speaking fluently may repeat parts of words, whole words, entire phrases or use fillers ("um") more often. They may also exhibit long pauses between words or sentences and move their bodies unnaturally (secondary behaviors) in an effort to get the words out. While all children and adults have normal dysfluencies, or difficulty getting words out, it is not normal to have dysfluencies on a regular ba-

sis. Children who stutter are often bullied by their peers and have poor self-esteem. It is very important children who demonstrate these characteristics be evaluated by a speech-language pathologist. Treatment for fluency disorders can address the dysfluencies, secondary behaviors, and self-esteem or bullying issues that may arise.

Q. My 3-year-old spends a lot of time playing alone and only wants to play with certain toys. Is this normal?

A. While it's normal for 3-year-olds to enjoy playing alone and to have a toy preference, this behavior may be a sign your child is having difficulty related to his or her social skills (pragmatic language). At age 3, children should be playing side-by-side with other children and enjoying simple game play, includ-

ing taking turns. Children at this age may also prefer to play with favorite toys, but should enjoy learning to play with new toys and will talk about a variety of toys. If you are noticing your child is having difficulty with these things, a visit to his or her pediatrician or a speech-language pathologist is recommended. These professionals will determine if your child is meeting his or her developmental milestones.

Yeskey earned her Bachelor of Science at Central Michigan University and her Master of Arts at Michigan State University. She is certified by the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association, is a member of the Michigan Speech-Language-Hearing Association, and is a member of The Family Center's Association of Professionals. Yeskey has worked in both school

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HEALTH POINT By Robert Veneri M.D.

Get life-saving screening

The sunshine and warm March weather may be a great conversation piece this year, but there's a more important topic to discuss this month — a type of cancer that is preventable with regular screening.

Colorectal cancer (cancer of the colon and rectum) is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States. According to the American Cancer Society, almost 150,000 new cases of colorectal cancer were diagnosed, and about 50,000 people died from the disease last year.

Despite these statistics, unlike some cancers, colorectal cancer is highly preventable and can be detected through proper screening. Almost 40 percent of Americans who are at risk for colon cancer are not getting screened. In fact, it's estimated as many as 60 percent of colorectal cancer deaths could be prevented if all men and women more than 50 years old were screened.

Don't wait until you have symptoms to get screened. Colorectal cancer often has no symptoms until the disease has progressed beyond its earliest stages. Ask your physician about a change in bowel habits such as diarrhea, constipation, narrowing of stools, blood in stools, and cramping or stomach pain. Most colorectal cancers begin as a polyp, which is a tissue growth that starts in the lining of the colon or rectum. Identifying and removing a polyp early in its development may prevent it from becoming cancerous.

The risk of colorectal cancer increases with age. Men and women, 50 and older, are at an increased risk for developing colorectal cancer and should be screened at least every 10 years. Some people at higher risk, such as those with a personal or family history of colorectal cancer should have a screening colonoscopy at an age earlier than 50.

A colonoscopy is an outpatient procedure in which the inside of the large intestine (colon and

rectum) is examined. Colonoscopy remains the gold standard for colorectal cancer screening and is a very safe and effective procedure when performed by a physician with specialized training in gastrointestinal diseases. A colonoscopy is the most effective method of screening for colorectal cancer because it allows both diagnosis and treatment, at the same time. A colonoscopy is done while the patient is under sedation and is usually painless. The prep is generally more uncomfortable than the procedure. If the patient is educated about what to expect and is given a few helpful tips, the inconvenience of the prep becomes insignificant, compared to the benefit of the procedure.

Colorectal cancer screening costs are covered by Medicare and

most commercial health insurance plans, usually starting at age 50. Ask your health care provider how often you should be screened.

To lower the risk of colorectal cancer:

- ◆ Get a colorectal cancer screening beginning at age fifty
- ◆ Eat a low fat, high fiber diet
- ◆ Drink alcohol moderately
- ◆ Quit using tobacco
- ◆ Exercise for at least 20 minutes three to four times a week

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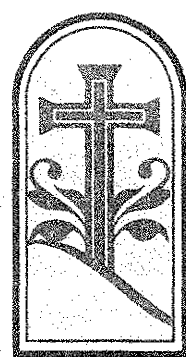
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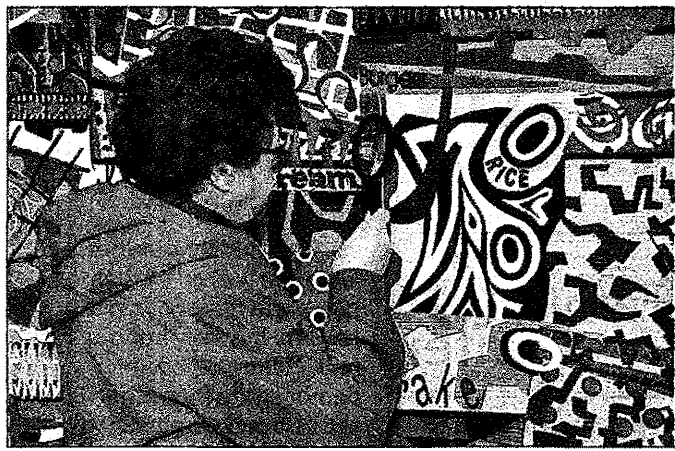


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Shirlee Wyman Harris of Commerce Township and Carolyn Silverstein of Franklin gaze at a clear quilt with writing on both sides created by a correction pen and created by Allie Kay of Ireland. Behind the women are three quilts titled Making the World a Safer Place.

Quilt art

Right, Jackie Yost of St. Clair Shores uses a magnifying glass for an examination of the quilt's stitching at the Quilt Art: International Expressions at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. This quilter used monofilament thread alongside white thread. The clear thread grabs the light and creates a glistening effects through it appears invisible.



Faith-based programs created

Serving and engaging the area's youth through faith-based programs are priorities of Meg Wilson, the newly appointed director of youth and children's ministry at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church.

Wilson has served in youth ministry for several years along with working for social service agencies, and said she has witnessed changes in youth ministry in the last 10 years.

"Youth and their families have become increasingly busy, and making time for church activities can be challenging," Wilson said. "It is imperative we offer opportunities that are engaging and genuine. Families need to be in a caring environment where they are able to explore their faith and connect with people who share similar concerns and dreams. I have a real passion for creating faith based programs that are both relevant and fun."

Using the church's Sunday school newly formatted program for children ages 4-years-old to fifth grade is one tool Wilson is using as a method of introducing and reinforcing the



Meg Wilson

Christian faith. The program in which children learn biblical stories of faith through hands on activities, such as the arts, games, science, cooking and computers. A special emphasis is on learning the Gospel by doing child-friendly mission projects.

Following middle-school age students' confirmation, high school students meet weekly and participate in special events in Teen Haven. They can participate in community service projects, game night, Winter Jam at EMU, coffee after school in the village and a group dinner and recreation night.

It is Wilson who coordinates these youth-generated ideas.

Monthly community-

wide evenings for high school students, Fifth Quarter, showcases live bands and a place to play video and computer games. GPCC also sponsors the annual Battle of the Bands, for local high school musicians.

"The church has made serving youth and children a priority which makes it an exciting place to be," Wilson said.

"She is dedicated to the youth and children of our community. Her desire is to meet the needs of youth who live in our area, not just the kids or youth who come to our programs," said the Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver of the growing program.

He added the focus of the GPCC ministry is to build connections through education, missions, worship and social programs.

"Everyone is able to discover who God is calling them to be through learning, serving and recreation with each other. An emphasis on serving those in need, allows children and youth to see that they can make a differ-

ence," she said.

According to Yeager-Stiver, Wilson has been drawn to this calling having taken youth on 11 home repair mission trips, serving in Liberia and Africa, seeing the effects of poverty and oppression, both overseas and across the United States. It influenced Wilson's decision to attend the Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit, to pursue a Master of Divinity degree.

"When youth are able to build a strong faith foundation it becomes one of the tools they can draw upon to address issues in their own life," she said. "Faith also creates a compassion for actively seeking social justice around the globe."

She is a full time student at Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit where she is pursuing a Masters in Divinity. She and her husband, Jim, have three grown daughters.

For more information, visit gpcong.org. Wilson's e-mail is meg@gpcong.org.

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If you've been diagnosed with colorectal cancer, call 866-246-4673 to schedule a consultation.

During March, get a free, at-home screening kit from St. John Providence Health System by calling the hospital's health connect at 866-501-3627 to have a kit sent to you. This kit is not a replacement for a colonoscopy, but can be used to give information about your colon health.

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St. Clare's eighth grade girls basketball team wins championship PAGE 2C

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Ristovski wins Miss Basketball

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

When University Liggett senior Madison Ristovski was in elementary school, she was already dribbling a basketball with her dominant right hand, as well as her left.

With the urging of her father, Loren Ristovski, Madison took to the court with a hunger to not just learn the game, but thoroughly digest it.

She focused, learned and mastered the game through countless hours of hard work.

All the hard work paid off as she was named the recipient of the 2012 Miss Basketball award Monday, March 12.

In front of family, friends and coaches, she accepted the prestigious award, naming her the best female basketball player in the state.

"All the other candidates are exceptional basketball players and friends of mine," Ristovski said. "I would be happy if one of them won it, too. I'm grateful to win the award."

She is the 31st recipient of the Miss Basketball Award, presented by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan in conjunction with the Detroit Free Press.

She received nearly twice as many first-place

votes as her nearest competitor and finished with 1,333 points in voting. Following Ristovski was Detroit Cass Tech's Branda Agée with 850 points, Inkster's Kelsey Mitchell with 808, Detroit Pershing's Caprice Dennis with 793 and Detroit Country Day's Aerial Powers with 698.

Ristovski, a 5-foot, 10-inch point guard, made an immediate impact to the sport at Liggett. Before she arrived as a freshman, the Knights won only one game. However, she helped turn the program into a winner.

Her first year, the Knights had a winning record and lost in a district title game, and her sophomore season, the squad made it to the regional finals before losing.

Last year, she helped the Knights play in the Class C state championship game, a loss to St. Ignace.

She worked hard in the summer, taking thousands of shots and getting herself into tip-top shape with the help of her father and tutor, Loren, and sisters, Haleigh, a junior, and Lola, a freshman.

The hard work paid off as she averaged 21 points, eight assists, six rebounds and four steals per game for the Knights. She could have averaged

30 or more points per game, but as defenders collapsed on her, she would just dish off to a teammate who would make the open jumper.

"We're a tight group and friends," Ristovski said of her teammates. "I told them before the season started this would be a memorable season."

Ristovski leads by example and is the first to high-five a teammate. She is just as popular in school and has a solid 3.14 grade point average.

"I love school and I know this experience will help me get a degree at Michigan," she said.

In the fall, she signed a letter-of-intent to play her college basketball for the University of Michigan, which made the NCAA Tournament under head coach Kevin Borseth.

Now that her high school career is finished, Ristovski took a week off to recharge her battery and is now in full gear, preparing for her college career.

"I'm a little nervous because the girls playing college basketball are bigger, stronger, faster and jump higher, but with hard work, I will be ready to play with them next year," she said.

Ristovski graduates in early June and starts U-M later that month with summer classes. Her fall classes start in



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Madison Ristovski, No. 1, flies through the air to score two of her more than 2,000 career points for University Liggett's girls' basketball team.

September and official Wolverine women's basketball team, which will start the season. They're going to be young, but very talented.

TRACK & FIELD

South runners excel at indoor meets



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE ZARANAK

South's state-record setting distance medley relay team of, from left, Hannah Meier, Ersula Farrow, Kelsie Schwartz and Haley Meier, are again favorites to earn All-State status.

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' track and field team enjoyed a state championship spring last season, thanks to a blend of talented runners and a dedicated head coach.

South won the Division 1 title by the slimmest of margins. Head coach Steve Zaranek and the Blue Devils finished with 54 points to 50 for Detroit Cass Tech and Ann Arbor Huron.

This winter, several of the Blue Devils' runners competed in indoor track events.

Juniors Hannah and Haley Meier competed at the national (by invitation only) Brooks PR Championships at the University of Washington and three of the girls — Ersula Farrow, Aubryn Samaroo and Kelsie Schwartz — qualified for and competed in the MIT-CA state indoor track championships.

In addition, the distance medley relay team of Haley Meier, Farrow, Schwartz and Hannah Meier set a new state record. With the spring season ready to start, the Meier twins are ranked No. 1 and No. 2 in the nation in the mile. Hannah is ranked No. 1 in the nation in the two-mile and Haley is ranked No. 5.

In the Brooks PR Championship mile run, Hannah Meier won in a meet-record time of 4:43.2. The time not only set a meet record but is the sixth fastest high school mile time ever run in the United States.

Haley Meier placed third overall in the national "by invitation only" event featuring 18 of the country's fastest mile runners.

Her time was 4:48.1. The Meier twins teamed up with Farrow and Schwartz at Grand Valley State University to run the distance medley relay.

They ran the event in 11:57, becoming the first DMR team in Michigan ever to break the 12-minute barrier. The previous state record was 12:05.

In the MITCA indoor track and field state championship meet, junior Aubryn Samaroo cleared 5-feet, 5-inches in the high jump to take the state championship title.

This height equaled South's oldest school record set in 1981. Farrow also earned a state title by running the 1,600-run in 5:05 to defeat the entire field of outstanding distance runners.

Farrow is coming off an All-State cross country season, while Schwartz, another South All-State cross country runner, ran a career-best time of 11:01 in the 3,200-run to place sixth.

In addition, Hannah Meier broke the meet record at the New Balance Indoor High School Championships in New York City the week-end of March 10.

Her time of 4:42 established herself as the No. 1 mile runner in the country. Her time was also the fourth fastest high school indoor mile time in history (1 thru 3 were all run in the early 70s).

Plus, South's distance medley relay team of junior Haley Meier, freshman Farrow, sophomore Schwartz and junior Hannah Meier came close to setting an all-time national record in this relay and is the No. 1-ranked distance relay squad in the nation.

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Sure, defined arms and a strong backside are one desired look, but the Holy Grail is a "six-pack." A six-pack stomach is elusive, but if you keep your goals realistic, it is possible to capture.

A common misconception is that you have to do a million sit-ups and crunches to get this look. While TV infomercials might have you believe this, remember those ads are just trying to sell you something.

The truth is that the most effective route to a chiseled midsection takes time, diet and cardiovascular exercises. That's it.

What's keeping you – and most everyone else – from flaunting a six-pack is a layer of subcutaneous fat around your

midsection. If you want to see your six-pack, shed this fat. For many, that's easier said than done.

The first step to make this happen is through diet. Eat foods high in protein and fiber and low in fat, sodium, sugar and cholesterol. A safe dieting tip is to eat whole foods like fruits, vegetables and nuts.

Likewise, load up on lean meat such as fish and poultry.

Still, with a diet in order, that doesn't mean a six-pack will magically appear. To really notice defined abs you must drop overall body fat to about 10 percent.

For some people, this number might be harder to reach and diet alone won't do it, so you must add exercise to the mix. Focus on calorie-burning exercises in your workouts.

Yes, there's a time for strength training your

abdominal muscles, but that alone won't bring about a six-pack. Here's something to think about: Overtraining your midsection might actually make your stomach bigger; if you want bigger biceps you train them hard and often. Your abdominal muscles are no different and they will respond the same way.

Keep workouts fast paced. Strive to burn as many calories as you can. This means waste no time when you're in the gym. Try circuit training. Use full-body movements to optimize workouts. Likewise, be sure to get in daily bouts of vigorous cardiovascular exercises like running, rowing, cycling, swimming and stair climbing — all great ways to shed weight.

Remember to work hard. If you're not sweating, you're not doing enough to grow that six-pack. And while you're

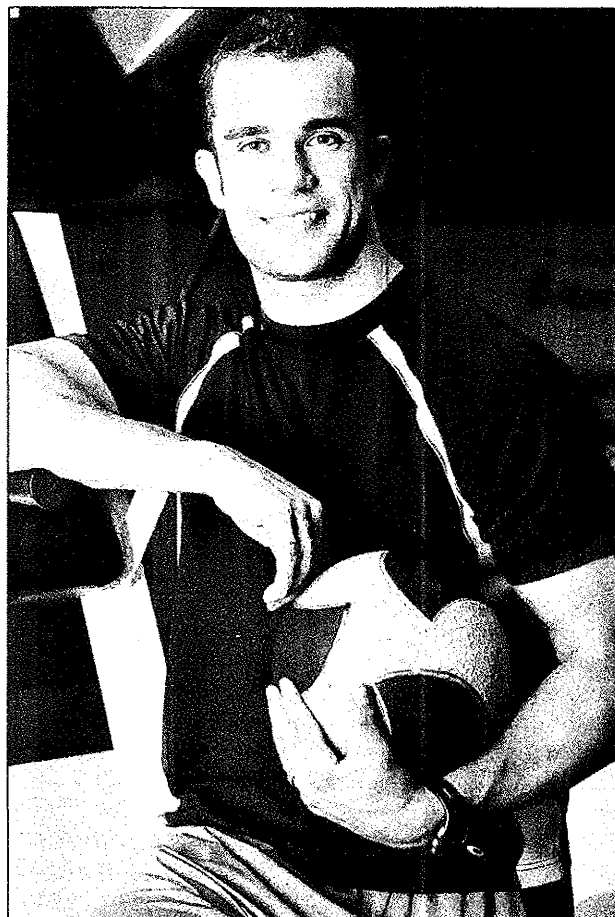
doing this, remember it's going to take time.

Few people give themselves enough time to drop the weight covering their stomachs. Could this be the result of get-fit-quick schemes that boast it's possible to get that dream stomach in a matter of days?

If it sounds too good to be true, it is. Don't buy in to these pie-in-the-sky claims as they provide unrealistic expectations. Too often I must break the news to hurried clients that a revitalized figure in a matter of weeks before a cruise is not sufficient time to make a big difference.

Realistically, depending on your initial level of fitness, it takes your body – and your regimen – time for that six-pack to materialize. How much effort and dedication are you willing to put to exercise and dieting habits? For many, attaining the body they want takes months, if not years. And it takes a lifetime to sustain.

Anything that has you eating healthy and work-



Mike Hackett

ing out is fantastic.

But remember: Don't get discouraged if that six-pack doesn't come as easy as you'd hoped. Make realistic goals. Be

diligent in your approach. That beach body of yours is a project in the making.

Just stay with it. And live well.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SEAN BRUCE

The team, front row from left: Lauren Valentini, Julia Roarty, Alicia Norman, Arianna Barnes and Morgan Williams; back row from left: coach Joe Beldyga, Kendall Graves, Katharine Kuhnlein, Juliana Berkowski, Benna Ames, Destiny Pitts, Alana Crawford, Aliya Grandison and coach Sean Bruce.

Falcons fly to the top

St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School's eighth grade girls basketball squad, the Falcons, last won a Catholic Youth Organization title in 1980.

The present team ended the drought March 10 by winning the title for the first time in 32 years.

"In the final at Divine Child, St. Clare defeated previously unbeaten Novi St. James 41-32," said coach Sean Bruce.

Falcon teammates attend St. Clare and Pierce Middle School, he added.

The girls soared through the playoffs over Royal Oak Shrine, Bloomfield Hills St. Hugo, Our Lady Star of the Sea and St. Paul.

"St. Clare's average margin of victory in the playoffs was 14 points," Bruce said. "The team finished with a record of 17-4."

AHL champions



PHOTO COURTESY OF TERRY OLSEN

For an 11th consecutive year, Grosse Pointe's AHL hockey team won the league championship. The 2012 champions are pictured, from left, John Quinlan, John Ferguson, Terry Olsen (general manager), Henry Krause (coach), John Ivkov, Rick Graham, Dan Miller and Dr. Larry Krause. Not pictured are Jeff Kraus, Bill Campbell, Frank Lucido and Kevin Daudlin.

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Fielder signing sends fans to frenzy

By Bob St. John
Sports Columnist

The Detroit Tigers made one of the loudest noises during the off-season, signing free-agent first baseman Prince Fielder to a nine-year deal worth \$214 million.

The addition of the all-star caliber Fielder pushes Miguel Cabrera to his original position, third base, and puts light-hitting Brandon Inge on the bench.

This ups the ante for the Tigers and owner Mike Ilitch. They were already the odds-on favorites to win the American League Central Division and now they're one of the favorites to win the World Series.

The Tigers' last trip to the Fall Classic was in 2006 when they lost in five games to the St. Louis Cardinals.

They won the Central Division last season and upset the New York Yankees in the American League Division Series, winning a dramatic game five in New York.

The season ended with a loss to the Texas Rangers in the American League Championship Series.

Tigers' President, CEO and General Manager Dave Dombrowski orchestrated another small move this winter, signing relief pitcher Octavio Dotel to pitch in front of All-Star closer Jose Valverde.

On paper, the Tigers look like this in the infield: Fielder at first, Ramon Santiago or Ryan Raburn at second, Jhonny Peralta at shortstop, Cabrera at third and All-Star Alex Avila catching.

In the outfield, Brennan Boesch is in right with Austin Jackson in center and Delmon Young in left. Others who might see time in the outfield are Andy Dirks, Don Kelly and Raburn.

The offense should be solid from top to bottom, even though the team lost designated hitter and backup catcher Victor Martinez to a season-ending knee injury.

He will be back in 2013, but now he will go under the knife to fix the problem and rehab to be ready for next season.

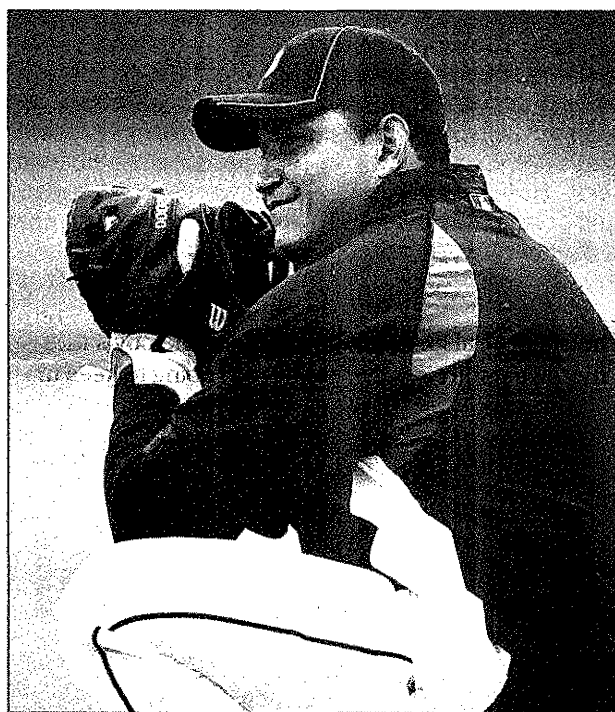
The offense will not miss a beat, thanks to the addition of Fielder. If Jackson improves his hitting from last summer, look out because the offense can really be explosive.

The starting pitching

ranks in the top five or so in Major League Baseball. Cy Young and Most Valuable Player honoree Justin Verlander is the ace,

the Angels' pitching staff is very talented. They also signed baseball's best hitter, Albert Pujols.

Some of the top players



PHOTOS BY PAUL KANIA

Detroit third baseman Miguel Cabrera should improve his offensive statistics from last year with Prince Fielder hitting behind him in the lineup.

followed by Doug Fister, Max Scherzer and Rick Porcello.

The No. 5 starter is between Jacob Turner and Andrew Oliver, or they might trade for that pitcher.

The bullpen is just as solid with Valverde the closer. In front of him are Joaquin Benoit, Dotel, Phil Coke, Daniel Schlereth, Collin Balester, Duane Below and Al Albuquerque.

On paper, the Tigers have far too much firepower for any team to contend in the Central Division. The Chicago White Sox are rebuilding and the Minnesota Twins stink. Kansas City have some young, talented players on offense, but its pitching is horrible.

Cleveland has a decent team, but the Indians will be lucky to finish within 15 games of Detroit in the final standings.

However, getting to the World Series will be much more difficult than last year due to several very good teams standing in the Tigers' way.

In the AL East, New York will battle Tampa Bay and Boston for the division title. One will win and the other two will pursue the wild card spot.

In the AL West, defending division champ Texas added a great pitcher after losing ace C.J. Wilson to rival Los Angeles Angels.

Texas has a powerful offense to go with decent pitching, including newcomer Yu Darvish, while

offense led by MVP candidate Justin Upton.

San Francisco has a fantastic pitching staff, led by Cy Young candidate Tim Lincecum, but the offense might be a little weak, and the others — Colorado, Los Angeles Dodgers and San Diego — will be looking up in the standings by the All-Star break.

This should be a great summer for baseball. In Interleague play this summer, the Tigers host Pittsburgh, Colorado and St. Louis, and travel to Cincinnati, Chicago and Pittsburgh.

Detroit opens the 2012 season at home with a 1:05 start against Boston. Look for Verlander to duel lefty Jon Lester. Hopefully the cold weather is gone and a standing-room only crowd can watch a victory under sunny, warm conditions.

Here are my predictions: Detroit gets the No. 1 seed and home-field advantage with a 98-64 record, followed by Cleveland at 83-79, Kansas City at 79-83, Chicago at 75-87 and Minnesota at 65-97.

New York wins the AL East at 96-66, followed by Tampa Bay at 93-69, Boston at 88-74, Toronto at 84-78 and Baltimore at 62-100.

Los Angeles wins the AL West at 95-67, followed by Texas at 94-68, Seattle at 72-90 and Oakland at 61-101.

Playoff teams are Detroit, New York, Los Angeles and Texas, who beats Tampa Bay in a one-game playoff.

In the National League, Philly gets the No. 1 seed and home-field advantage at 98-64, followed by Miami at 88-74, Atlanta at 87-75, Washington at 82-80 and New York at 60-102.

St. Louis beats Milwaukee by two games in the NL Central with Cincy staying close, but fading in the final few weeks.

What about St. Louis at 91-71, followed by Milwaukee at 89-73, Cincy at 82-80, Pittsburgh at 75-87, Chicago at 73-89 and Houston at 58-104.

Arizona wins the NL West again at 95-67, followed by San Francisco at 92-70, Colorado at 79-83, Los Angeles at 77-85 and San Diego at 75-87.

Playoff teams are Philly, St. Louis, Arizona and San Francisco.

Fans, sit back and enjoy the 2012 Detroit Tigers and the MLB season. Baseball fever is back.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Conversion

Someone during the night of Tuesday, March 20, removed the catalytic converter from a vehicle parked in the carport of a residence in the 16800 block of St. Paul.

Caught on bike

A shoplifter on a bicycle couldn't out-pedal a City officer on bike patrol in the Village shortly before 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 20.

The suspect, a 45-year-old Detroit man, was caught on westbound Kercheval in possession of more than \$100 worth of personal care products stolen from a drug store chain in the central business district, police said.

Recovered items included razor blades, lotion and antiperspirant.

Drunk at wheel

At 2:08 a.m. Monday, March 19, a 26-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man registered a .205 percent blood alcohol level and was arrested for drunken driving on eastbound Mack near Rivard, according to police.

—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

No sale

A man and female teenager were arrested last weekend for possession with the intent to sell marijuana.

They were caught a

few minutes before 11 p.m. Saturday, March 24, in the lobby of a business at Mack and Moross.

Employees told police the suspects were "harassing" customers and possibly shoplifting.

The suspects, a 19-year-old woman and 31-year-old man, of Detroit, each possessed four individually packaged bags of marijuana totaling less than 2 grams, police said.

The man was wanted in Oakland County on a \$10,500 warrant for child neglect.

Stop calling

During the evening of Saturday, March 24, police visited the eastside Detroit house of a 7-year-old female telephone pest.

"(She) has been calling 911 nonstop for the past few weeks," said an officer.

The girl's father took the telephone away from her, police said.

Caught leaving

A "scruffy white male in his mid 20s" was prevented last weekend from shoplifting a \$60 bottle of Patron Silver tequila from a market in the 18300 block of Mack, according to police.

At about 2 p.m. Friday, March 23, a 19-year-old male clerk intercepted the suspect trying to exit the store with the bottle under his black hooded sweatshirt, police said.

The unknown suspect fled in a dark pickup truck, the clerk told police.

The suspect also yielded his sweatshirt and a backpack containing keys and cell phone without a battery, police said.

Self medicating

A 32-year-old Hazel Park man was arrested shortly before 3 a.m. Thursday, March 22, for possession of marijuana and controlled substances.

The arrest stemmed from a traffic stop on eastbound Mack at Allard. Officers said the man had 1.7 grams of marijuana and \$358 cash. He also had a pill bottle containing Xanax, Vicodin and Soma, but no prescriptions, according to police.

"(He) stated he bought the pills on the street because he suffers from anxiety, but there weren't any doctors that would prescribe them to him," said the arresting officer.

Police pulled over the man for operating a car with high beams on, plus running a red light from northbound Moross to Mack.

"The driver's eyes were red and glassy," said the arresting officer. "He had slurred speech."

The driver registered a .079 percent blood alcohol level. The amount is .001 percent under the state legal limit to operate a motor vehicle.

Text evidence

Shortly before 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, the father of a 14-year-old Grosse Pointe Park girl asked Farms police to meet him at a residence in the 400 block of Kerby.

The residence is home to a 14-year-old male friend of the girl, whom the father suspected of sending his daughter a text message about drug paraphernalia.

The father told police he intercepted the boy's message, "I'm going to keep ur pipe."

Responding officers reported recovering a box containing narcotic

residue, a bottle of eye drops and a pipe case without a pipe.

The boy said the girl gave him the pipe. The girl denied ownership. The boy retrieved it from a tool box in his garage.

Flees scene

A 57-year-old Detroit man was arrested shortly after 5 p.m. Monday, March 19, for leaving the scene of a traffic wreck, eluding police and drunken driving.

The man is accused of running his white 2002 Cadillac STS into the rear of a woman's Ford Taurus car stopped for a red light on eastbound Mack and Cadieux.

An off-duty Farms lieutenant, in a nearby store, heard the impact and saw the man speed from the area.

"The female driver of the other vehicle was standing in the roadway yelling something to the Cadillac as it sped away," said the lieutenant.

Officers from the Farms and City of Grosse Pointe pursued the man onto northbound Moross. He was arrested upon making a U-turn and parking in the driveway of a house in the 22110 block.

His car had a crumpled hood. Broken headlights hung by wires from their sockets.

Officers said they found two vials of marijuana in the glove box.

—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

'All over the road'

A 51-year-old Farms man was arrested at 10:34 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, for driving drunk on eastbound Lakeshore.

The man admitted consuming scotch and registered a .15 percent blood alcohol level, police said.

A motorist from St. Clair Shores alerted officers to the suspect.

The witness said the suspect was driving a silver 2011 Chevrolet Malibu "all over the road," according to police.

"(I) observed the vehicle wandering in its lane" and nearly strike a curb, said the arresting officer.

The man failed a series of field sobriety tests, including reciting the alphabet and counting backwards.

"He slurred multiple letters and was unable to recite in order," said the officer.

Wrong way

A man driving a black Dodge pickup truck the wrong way on North Duval was violating a suspended operator's license, according to police.

An officer arrested the man, a 21-year-old Auburn Hills resident, at 12:52 a.m. Tuesday, March 20, in the 1100 block of eastbound Lakeshore.

68 mph

At 4:53 a.m., Sunday, March 18, police caught a 23-year-old Westland man driving 68 mph on southbound Lakeshore near Clairview.

The man registered a .162 percent blood alco-

hol level and was arrested for drunken driving, police said.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Noise complaint

A Sunningdale resident called police at 11:30 p.m. Thursday, March 22, to complain of excessive noise coming from the loading dock area of a grocery store on Mack. Police agreed and a ticket was issued.

Taxing threat

A representative of a brokerage firm on Mack notified police Wednesday, March 21, that a client had made threats against employees after the client was notified the Internal Revenue Service placed a lien on his brokerage account.

—Kathy

Ryan

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

Grosse Pointe Park

iPad gone

An Apple iPad was taken from a school classroom sometime overnight Wednesday, March 21.

—Kathy

Ryan

If you have information on this or any other crime, contact Grosse Pointe Park public safety at (313) 822-7400.

Officers lauded

By Brad Lindberg

Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Seven public safety officers received awards this month for actions last year trying to save a life and catching burglars.

Chief's citation

Lt. Eddie Tujaka, a 25-year department veteran, earned a chief's citation for risking personal safety Oct. 4, 2011, to pull a helpless MichCon employee from the bottom of a six-foot hole filled with natural gas.

The 50-year-old utility employee from Roseville became overcome and unconscious trying to repair a high-pressure natural gas leak in the 400 block of Moran in Grosse Pointe Farms. Tujaka, monitoring the police radio, overheard the report and was first on scene.

"Lt. Tujaka, without hesitation, removed his gun belt and electrical devices, put on a self-contained breathing apparatus and entered the hole," said Stephen Poloni, City public safety director.

With help from two Farms officers, Tujaka remained with the victim during transport to St. John Hospital and Medical Center. He performed CPR until relieved by doctors. The man was declared dead.

"The quick response and outstanding performance of a difficult task involving personal risk to the officer's safety is to be

commended," Poloni said.

Unit citation

Coordinated actions by six officers and the department K9 rated a unit citation for catching two burglars of an apartment in the 900 block of Neff.

Teaming to make the arrests were Sgt. Tony Railing, Sgt. Michael Almeranti and K9 Raleigh. Officers Matthew Wallis, Justin Stromeyer, Greg Burks and Detective Christopher Lee.

Almeranti and Wallis were first on scene. The suspects were gone, but Wallis entered the apart-

ment, awoke the resident and learned a television and purse were taken.

"Almeranti and Raleigh tracked the subjects to a home directly across the street," Poloni said. "Railing, Stromeyer and Burks assisted in the search. They interviewed witnesses who observed two subjects enter the home."

Officers made the arrests and recovered the stolen property.

"The alertness and quick response of the entire unit is to be commended and recognized with this citation," Poloni said.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS - 2012 TREE REMOVAL. 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 17, 2012, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing City tree removal services for 2012. Copies of specifications and bid sheets may be obtained from the City Clerk. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

Lisa K. Hathaway
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 3/29/2012

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

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175 Irvine Lane
425 Kerby Road
276 Lake Shore Road

Plans are available at City Hall for review. Written comments will be accepted till noon, on Friday, April 13, 2012, or you may appear at the above scheduled date and time.

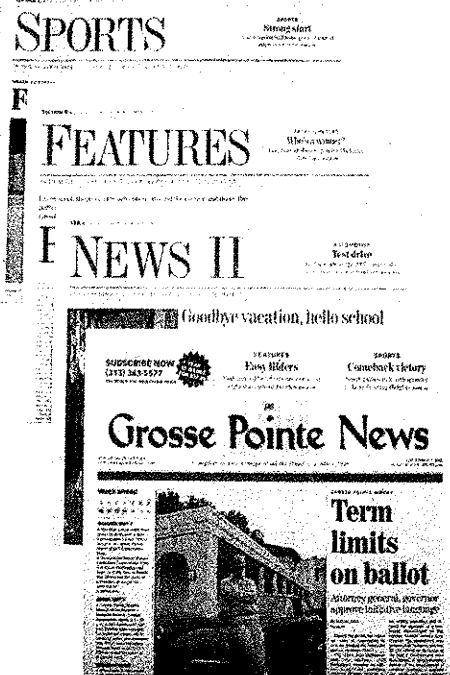
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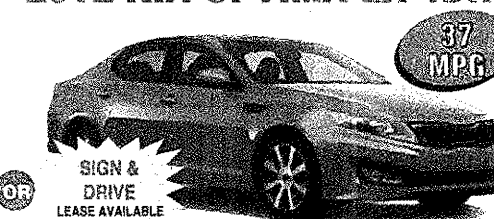
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