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SATURDAY, APRIL 21

◆ Hazardous waste drop-off is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Works Department.

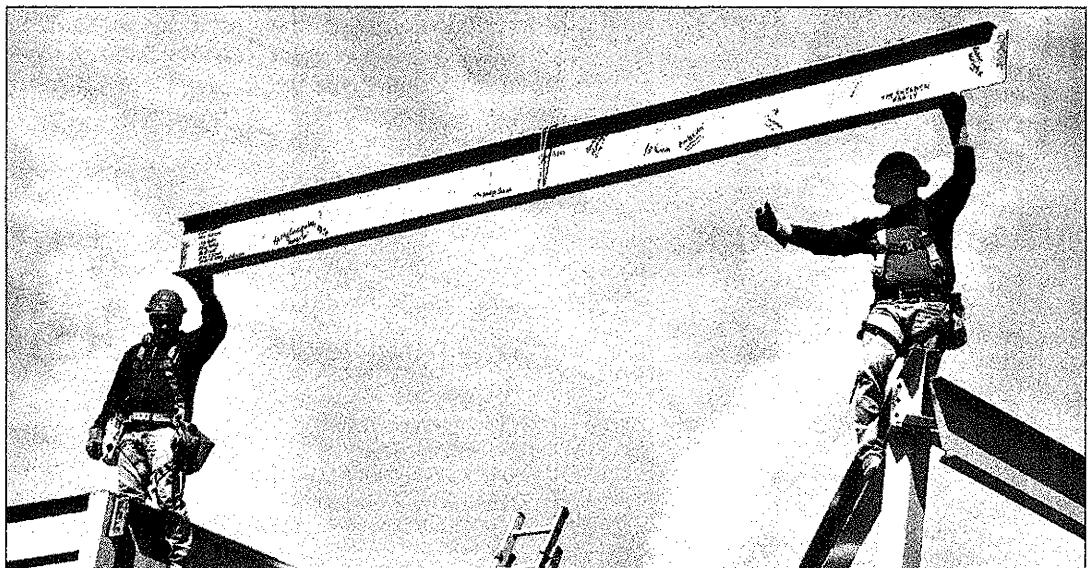
MONDAY, APRIL 23

◆ Grosse Pointe Farms city council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers for a work session.
◆ Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees meets at 7 p.m. at the Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. The public can attend.
◆ The Grosse Pointe Park

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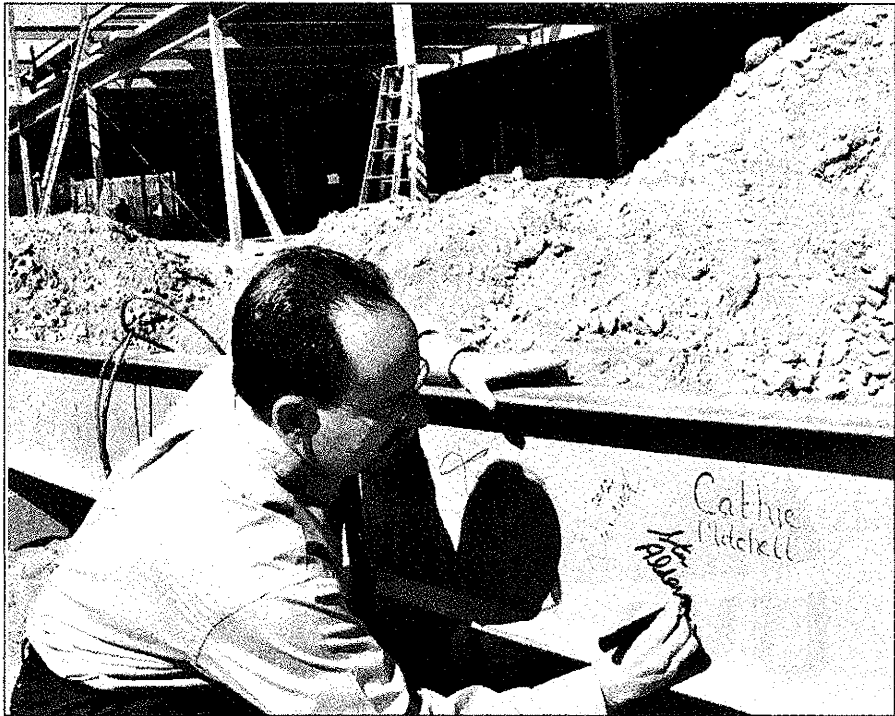
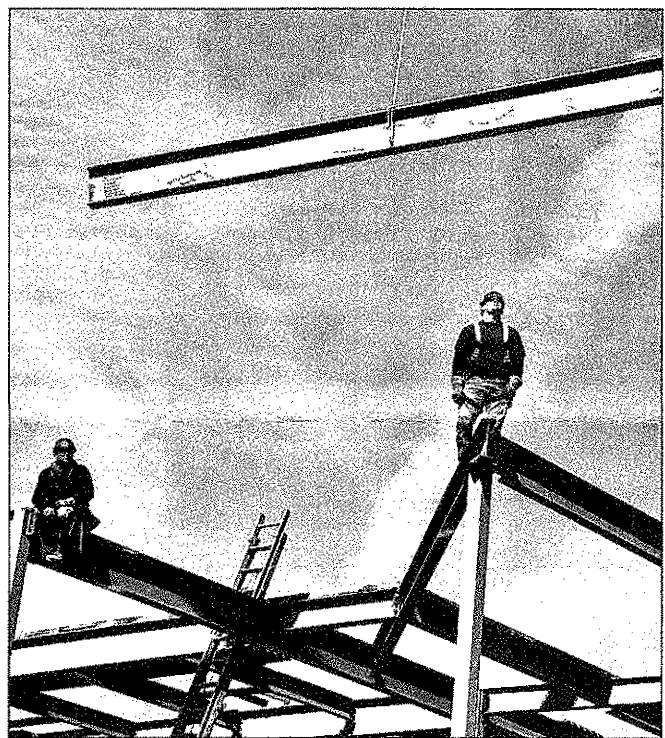


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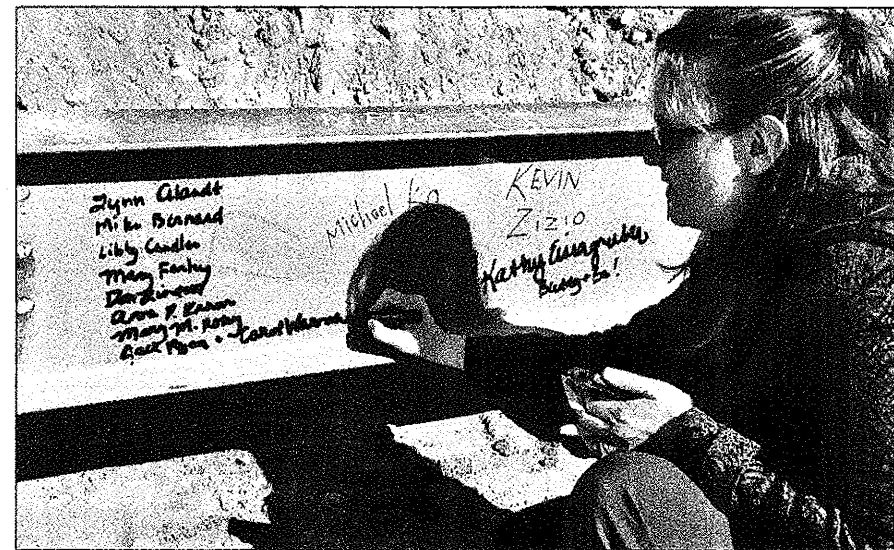
Lowering the beam

Members of the Neighborhood Club left messages and signed their names on the last beam to be placed in the new club's roof. The new facility costs \$10.6 million and includes a warm water zero-depth pool using 51,000 gallons of water. Below, Neighborhood Club Executive Director Stu Alderman signs the beam prior to being lifted up and placed. Above and right, construction crews secure the steel beam of the 48,051 square foot Neighborhood Club, slated to open in January. The building houses a multi-activity gym, a fitness studio and center and a multi-purpose gathering room.



Kathy Eisengruber signs the names of the Neighborhood Club board members not present.

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RENEE LANDUYT



Double feature

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The Grosse Pointe Theatre wants to go legit with a 400-seat playhouse in the Village.
"A theater in the Village is more than comfy box seats, (and) bright stage lights," according to the group's proposal. "It's a sense of community."
Bright lights of the flickering kind are proposed by Emagine Entertainment for a multiplex movie theater in the same district.
"The theatre is projected to draw 500,000 people annually to downtown Grosse Pointe (and) have a very positive effect in building traffic for other downtown businesses," according to Emagine's proposal. "Restaurants gain tremendous benefit from close proximity to a modern, multiplex theatre. After all, there's nothing more American than 'dinner and a movie.'"
Emagine's developers and ownership team includes Robert Liggett, owner of the Grosse Pointe News and resident of Grosse Pointe Shores.
"We will have a formal review of

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A friend indeed

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Firefighter lay-offs in Harper Woods are causing aftershocks in the Grosse Pointes.
Most impacted is Grosse Pointe Woods.
Its public safety officers and apparatus are being deployed automatically to structure fires in Harper Woods. The cities share a roughly 3-mile boundary.
"I have a vested interest in protecting our borders and helping our neighbors in the short term while they work out their issues," said Skip Fincham, Grosse Pointe Woods administrator and former public safety chief. "If they get a structure fire, we agreed in the short term to respond automatically."
Although the verbal automatic aid agreement was effective March 24, Fincham characterized it as a temporary stop-gap.
"This isn't with no end in sight," he said.

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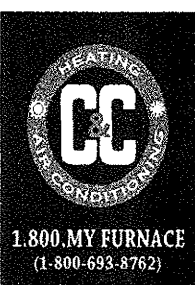
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Bashara in court

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A Wayne County Circuit Court judge was expected to rule Wednesday on the latest legal challenge in the ongoing investigation into the murder of Grosse Pointe Park resident Jane Bashara.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office has requested a handwriting sample from Bob Bashara, Jane's husband, but his attorney, David Griem, has demanded he be allowed to be present when his client gives the sample.

The prosecutor's office denied his request, claiming there is no legal prece-

dent that would allow Griem to be present.

However, the prosecutor's office has offered to videotape the session.

Judge Timothy Kenny heard arguments from both sides last week and said he will rule on Griem's request April 18.

According to several unnamed sources, the sample will be used to compare with handwriting found by police on a check and a greeting card.

Bob Bashara was named a person of interest in his wife's death, but has not been charged.

Joe Gentz, a handyman employed by Bob

Bashara, has been charged with first degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder. His next court appearance is a competency hearing scheduled for Friday, May 4.

Bob Bashara reported his wife missing the night of Jan. 23. Her body was found the next morning in the backseat of her SUV that had been parked in an alley on Detroit's east side.

Grosse Pointe Park's Chief of Police David Hiller declined to comment, saying only that the case remains open and the investigation continues.

Master plan workshop April 23

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The City of Grosse Pointe's master planning workshop is 7 p.m. Monday, April 23, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Following an overview of the city by planners, attendees will break into groups to discuss the city as a whole, plus four districts considered crucial to the community's future — Fisher Road, Mack Avenue, the Village and the Beaumont Hospital area.

"It is essential to encourage citizen participation in the planning process as a means of building consensus," said Peter Dame, city manager.

Master plans, which by state law must be updated periodically, are guides for a municipality's fu-

ture. "To maintain the quality of life Grosse Pointe residents have come to enjoy and expect, the City must continually plan for the future," Dame said.

Questions facing city leaders are how to:

- ◆ support the Village, Mack and Fisher commercial districts,
- ◆ protect housing values,
- ◆ ensure quality public services and
- ◆ address the balance between hospital and neighborhood needs.

Residents, business owners, community leaders and other interested parties are welcome to attend the workshop.

Address questions to the City of Grosse Pointe at (313) 885-5800 or e-mail: city@grossepointe.org

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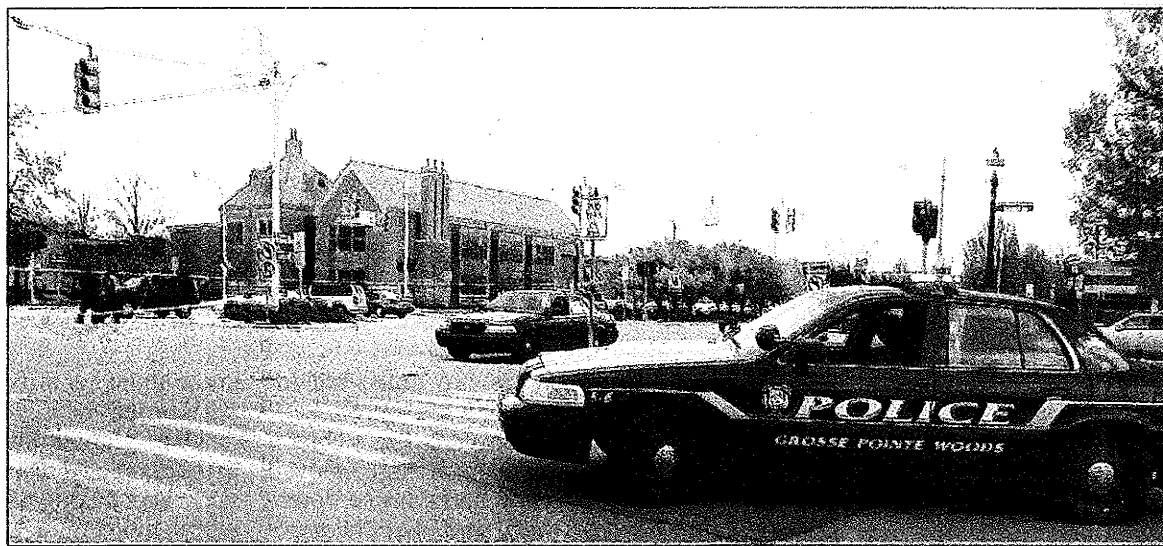


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Power outage

Monday's high winds brought down power lines throughout the Grosse Pointes. A downed wire on Vernier near Mack forced Woods police to block off the intersection. Several businesses along Mack, from Vernier to Lochmoor, were forced to close. According to DTE Energy, there were about 2,000 outages in the Pointes. By Tuesday morning, power had been restored to most of the area, though Trombly Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Park was closed. According to school officials, there was no word on when power to the school would be restored.

Campaign against override begins

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — While there was no formal discussion at the Grosse Pointe Woods city council meeting Monday night of a possible vote on a Headlee Amendment override, opponents to it made their feelings known during public comments at the close of the meeting.

At issue is a possible vote by Woods residents this November to approve an override of the Headlee Amendment that would allow city officials to increase the city's millage rate, currently set at 14.04 mills, to 17.69 mills. Money raised through the millage increase would be used primarily to fund major road repair projects.

If that's the case, some residents noted at Monday's meeting, then ask the residents for a designated millage increase strictly for road repair, rather than a general tax increase with no guarantee that money would be used for road repair.

"We all know that many of our roads are in sorry shape," former city council member Pete Waldmeir told the council. "You only have to walk a few blocks to see some examples, but there are other ways to raise the money."

Waldmeir has joined forces with two other former council members, Lisa Pinkos Howle and Joe Sucher, to challenge any millage increase that would allow the money to go into the city's general fund rather than kept separate for a designated purpose such as road repair.

"If a blank check is approved, employee contracts will be impossible to negotiate," Howle told the

council, explaining that employees will take advantage of the city's increased revenue by demanding salary increases.

The council voted in November to put the question of a Headlee override to the residents on the November 2012 ballot. Faced with another year of declining property values, the city is facing a budget shortfall of approximately \$500,000. According to city treasurer Dee Ann Irby, no money has been allotted for construction or for capital equipment.

Based on those declining property values, most Woods home owners would still be paying less in property taxes than they did in 2007 when property values were at an all-time high. For example, according to Irby, in 2007 one mill of tax generated \$867,000 in revenue, while in 2012, one mill is projected to raise \$601,000 in revenue.

According to Sucher, the city should have done a better job of projecting that decline in revenue.

"We have weak financial forecasting," he told the council. "We failed to implement timely remedies and serious discussions on cost containment came too late."

Woods resident Nancy Hames, who led a failed recall effort in 2009 against Sucher and current city council member Art Bryant over their vote on a property tax increase, told the council that she didn't believe the vote on a Headlee override would be approved.

"I don't think you guys can get a Headlee override passed," she said, adding that a competing ballot proposal based on a dedicated millage for road repair may be in the works.

Preparing two-year budget

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Municipal budget planners are seeing double.

For the first time, City of Grosse Pointe officials are preparing budgets for the next two fiscal years.

Although only the first-year budget can legally be adopted, a two-year outlook helps put in perspective future impacts of current fiscal decisions.

"There's a lot of things to consider," said Mayor Dale Scrace.

"To help start the process for deliberations on next year's budget, the staff put together a two-year budget," said Peter Dame, city manager.

Dame also prepares annual five-year financial forecasts.

His projections the past few years haven't been bright.

"This is the sixth year of residential property assessment decline," he said. "Residential property assessments have decreased again for this budget year by more than 2 percent."

The cumulative decline exceeds 50 percent, he added.

"We anticipate another year of significant out-of-balance expenditures with revenues," Dame said.

His preliminary draft budget for next fiscal year balances the books with spending cuts, not a property tax increase.

The second year, he foresees continued cost pressures requiring a tax increase of .5 to 1.14 mills.

"It's good you're out in front of this and we can have open discussion about the direction we're heading," said Councilman Chris Walsh.

A public hearing on the draft budget is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, May 14, at city hall.

"We plan to have approval of the budget May 21," Dame said.

Year one

To balance the budget next fiscal year without a tax increase, Dame proposed numerous cost measures:

- ◆ not filling a public service job,
- ◆ contracting building and inspection services,
- ◆ eliminating funding, starting in 2013, of the Village concert series

and fireworks in Grosse Pointe Woods,

- ◆ ending reimbursements to the Little League for improving Elworthy Field,
- ◆ eliminating private road maintenance, snowplowing and salting,
- ◆ reducing professional consulting services,
- ◆ a fourth year without salary increases for non-union employees and
- ◆ no raises for public safety officers for the fifth year.

Year two

The budget's second year, for fiscal year 2013-2014, presumes the consolidation of 911 dispatch services by July 1, 2013.

Also assumed is the city's public safety department's consolidation with that of Grosse Pointe Park.

"We'd still leave a shortfall that would require an increased millage rate of about 1/2 mill to balance the budget," Dame said. "If public safety (consolidation) was not ready or approved by that point, the millage rate shortfall would be approximately 1.14 mills."

Farms flushing schedule

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Water main flushing started this week and continues through May 11.

Flushing purges water pipes of rust. If left alone, rust could build up, restrict water flows, enter residential washing machines and discolor laundry.

Residents are notified not to launder clothes on flushing day to avoid discoloration.

Members of the municipal water department

purge the system by uncorking about half the city's 450 fire hydrants and letting rusty water gush out.

Work is divided into four sectors of the city. One sector is flushed per week:

Through April 20

Streets consisting of Ridge from Fisher to Kerby, Kercheval from Touraine east to the border with Grosse Pointe Shores; Grosse Pointe Boulevard from Touraine

to Moross, Lakeshore from Moross to the Shores limits; and between Kercheval and Charlevoix on Kenwood, Moran, Kenwood Court, Merriweather, Lothrop, Stephens, Cloverly, Touraine, Voltaire, Vincennes; Vendome from the boulevard to Charlevoix, Ridgemont and Hillcrest between Kercheval and Ridge; Kerby from the boulevard to Vincennes; Reno

Lane, Beaupre Lane, Cambridge Court, Muskoka, Old Brook Lane; and streets bounded by Moross from Kercheval east to the city limits, including Preston, Lakeview, Country Club, Irvine and most of Provencal.

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Streets bounded by Fisher, Grosse Pointe

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Annual Bow Wow Brunch set

The 2012 Michigan Humane Society Bow Wow Brunch begins at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 29, at the Dearborn Inn, 20301 Oakwood, Dearborn. Tickets cost \$200 and include a champagne reception and silent auction featuring more than 150 items. Adoptable animals also will be on site during the 23rd annual event.

Pre-bids on auction items are accepted until 6 p.m. April 26 by visiting michiganhumane.org.

To reserve tickets, call 1-866-648-6263 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or visit michiganhumane.org/brunch.

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Despite her vision impairment, **Ingrid Shirar** sees her life filled with family, friends and multitudes of children.

Lunch supervisor has the advantage

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

"One. Two. Three. All eyes on me," yells Ingrid Shirar to a lunchroom filled with noisy Richard Elementary School children. "Shhhhhh."

"It gets loud, especially when the weather is beautiful. They are revved," said Shirar, who is the lunchroom supervisor.

The City of Grosse Pointe resident stops to think how long she's been traipsing the halls of Richard, shushing children, handing out hugs and Starbursts as correct answer rewards.

"I started at Richard when my son, who is now 21, was in third grade. He had a teacher who was sick a lot. I would come in twice a week to do scrap booking with them and built a scrap book for their year so they would have something consistent," she said.

Now the son, PT., is playing basketball for Macomb Community College and is on his way to Michigan State University, her alma mater. Her second son, 20-year-old Christopher, attends Lansing Community College and is on his way to MSU, too. A third son died 18 years ago at the age of 10 weeks. Her identical twin daughters, Ingrid and Gretchen, attend Grosse Pointe South High School.

Through all those years, Shirar has been a

constant at Richard monitoring children in the lunchroom, filling in as a substitute teacher and being a greeter to all the new Richard families.

"She is a social worker by profession," said Richard secretary Denise Embree, "but a teacher by nature. She can take a child who is upset and turn them around. She is so good at what she does. She is an awesome sub."

One fourth grader agreed, "She's the best."

Another chimed in, "She gives us an advantage," using one of the day's spelling words.

"She catches everything," said Richard Principal Mary Barrett. "She's a very inspiring person to have overcome obstacles."

Shirar is legally blind. "I won't go totally blind but am well into legally blind. I feel the children are safe with me. I have better hearing. I can sense stuff," she said. "I'm not afraid to ask for help."

Wearing her substitute teacher hat, Shirar moves around the classroom after lunch noting empty desks and reminding a returning errant boy to tell her before he leaves for the restroom. She calls the office with the afternoon's attendance and turns to her Topaz 207. Similar to an overhead projector, Shirar slides the day's lesson plan on the horizontal screen. The Topaz magnifies the teacher's instructions and



PHOTOS BY ANN L. FOUTY

When substituting, Ingrid Shirar uses the Topaz 207 to enlarge the teacher's instructions.

the children settle into another afternoon of learning.

"I'm not ashamed I can't see. I don't know any other way. I don't remember seeing well. I see what I see," she said. "The children know the routine. They don't make fun of me."

In fact, when she drops a Sharpie there is a rush to retrieve it, averting a slip-and-fall accident.

Moving on

When she was in fourth grade, Shirar's father was transferred to Ohio where the family settled on a farm and raised horses. In the sixth grade, she contracted chicken pox and her disposition to macular degeneration was accelerated. By the time she got into ninth grade, Shirar couldn't read textbooks.

"When I lost my sight, my dad still had me clean

the stalls," she said of how her disability was approached.

Her parents sent her to a Cincinnati convent/boarding school where the nuns read to her. Three or four times a year the students and nuns traveled into the Kentucky hills engaging in community service projects.

The family had moved back to Grosse Pointe when she was a junior. Shirar opted to remain in Cincinnati through high school graduation. She chose MSU to continue her education because she said it had the best handicapped program, including the Tower Guard, a special group of sophomores who read texts and tests to impaired students.

She earned bachelor's and master's degrees in social work. Shirar stayed on campus for three years after graduation running

residential halls, including Shaw and Owen.

"I loved it. I'm a chief. I came back here, moved home and worked downtown with the Children's Aid Society," she said. "I did drive for awhile."

She supervised several hundred foster care homes and investigated complaints of abuse or neglect against the foster parents.

Shirar said her work in the hills of Kentucky led her to social work. Shirar said she does regret not getting a teaching certificate. Nonetheless, she has been substitute teaching for 10 years at Richard.

"This school means a great deal to me," she said.

While Shirar and the Richard staff maintain a strong relationship, Shirar's life outside the school is full.

"I've got the best family, the greatest friends," she said.

Between working at Elan Candy in Grosse Pointe Woods in November and December and spending summers Jet Skiing on a lake near Caseville, Shirar seems to rarely sit still.

She admits to watching Judge Judy and Lifetime movies on a big screen television, a present from her husband. Shirar said she is also a big card player, preferring bridge and euchre, as well as entertaining in the backyard during the summer.

What people don't

know about her is that she is a worrier.

"I worry about my Dad in the hospital. I worry my sister isn't talking to me. I worry more than I need to. I do get frustrated about my sight more than people realize," she said.

For example, her friends describe a ball game, but she is still unable to see her son hit a home run, Shirar pointed out. At 53, people assume she's used to adversity because of having lost her eyesight and a son, she said. But, like any human, Shirar does get upset.

"I, by no means, am a role model. I have real bad days, but I'm surrounded by great people. I'm still happily married. I get the holidays and summers off," she said.

Shirar works at promoting good feelings.

When the South girls' basketball team headed to the state championship game at MSU's Breslin Center, it was Shirar who convinced the team's bus police escort to drive by the school and prompted the entire Richard student body to line the curb, wishing the team good luck.

"Teachers were supportive. Three hundred kids were out. Girls were (leaning out bus windows) taking pictures with their cell phones," she said. "That's what community is all about."

Shirar sees the big picture.

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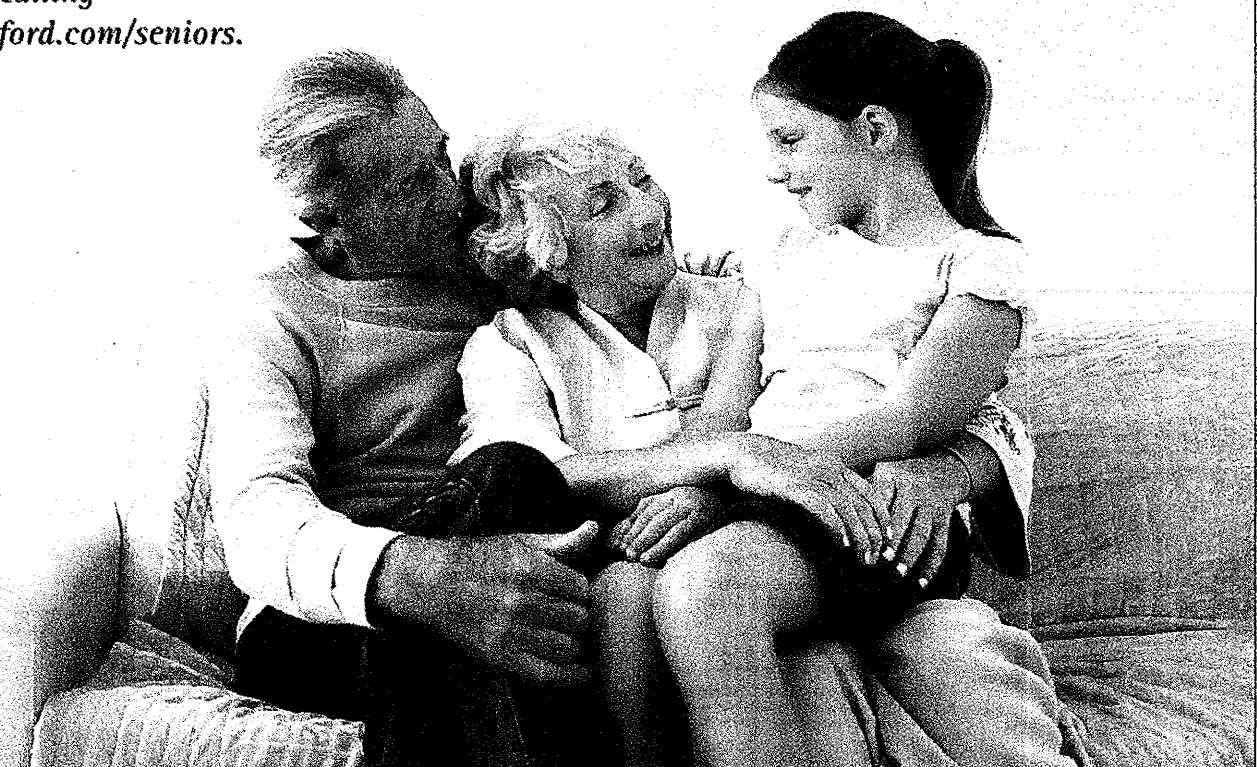
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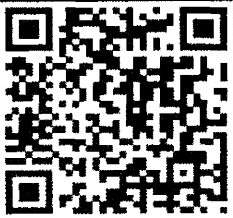
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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Bike stolen

A 20-inch specialized trick bicycle was stolen about 2:05 p.m. Friday, April 13, from outside a store in the 17100 block of Kercheval.

The victim is a 12-year-old City boy.

"(He) stated he left his bike unlocked and went into (the store) for two to five minutes," said a public safety officer.

Hit by car

At 3:45 p.m. Friday, April 13, an elderly Grosse Pointe Park woman was knocked down by a Detroit man backing a car from a space on the lower level of the municipal parking deck behind Kercheval Place in the Village.

Medics took the woman to a hospital. She had a cut hand, plus possible leg and head injuries, according to police.

She was released following treatment.

Seller beware

A City woman told police last week she hasn't been compensated for a computer she sold on eBay and sent to a buyer in Delaware before collecting the \$500 payment.

The woman can't verify the buyer's claim that the computer arrived damaged and he sent it back.

Police logged the complaint as a swindle.

—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

Biker trouble

Police said they found 5.1 grams of marijuana in the backpack of an 18-year-old City of Grosse Pointe man, investigated at 2:32 a.m. Friday, April 13, on Webster for riding a bicycle without a headlight.

The teen also smelled of intoxicants and had a .07 percent blood alcohol level, police said.

Charges consist of possession of a controlled substance and being a minor in possession of alcohol.

Litterin'

A littering investigation last week resulted in police detaining four young adult males from the Grosse Pointes.

At 4:35 a.m. Thursday, April 12, a patrolman spotted a cigarette thrown from the driver's window of a tan 1998 Saturn on westbound Mack near East Warren.

A 19-year-old City resident in the car was cited for having a .152 percent blood alcohol level and a marijuana cigarette.

An 18-year-old Park resident was cited for having a .109 percent blood alcohol level.

The driver, 20, and another passenger, 21, both of the Park, were released.

Oddball

A 26-year-old Detroit man, reported acting sus-

piciously at a bank on the Hill at 2:59 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, was arrested on nine outstanding warrants. One charge was for shoplifting in Southfield.

"(He) was walking in and out of the bank and finally decided to open an account," said an officer.

Bank personnel gave police the man's name.

"(He had) several (traffic) warrants out of Detroit and one out of Southfield," said an officer.

Police made the arrest in a nearby store.

Lays an egg

Three 16-year-old males were turned over to their parents last week for driving around throwing eggs at parked cars.

At 9:19 p.m. Monday, April 9, a member of the public safety reserve division reported the trio in a black 2006 Audi on the dead end section of Kenwood north of Kercheval.

The driver, a Grosse Pointe Park resident, was cited for violating graduated license restrictions.

A second Park resident was cited for possession of tobacco. The third suspect lives in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The teens' targets included a Chevrolet Blazer on Newberry and a Cadillac Seville on Hall Place, according to police.

—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

Way over limit

Saturday, April 14, was a few minutes old when an officer pulled over a 43-year-old Eastpointe woman on southbound Vernier for operating a 2006 Suzuki Grand Vitara erratically.

"The vehicle seemed to be swerving and crossed the white line, nearly striking the shoulder," said the officer.

The woman was arrested for drunken driving. Her .297 percent blood alcohol level was more than 3 1/2 times the state's legal limit to operate a motor vehicle, police said.

A search of the vehicle turned up "a water bottle filled with a liquid that smelled of alcohol," said an officer.

Ratted out

A few minutes before 11 p.m. Thursday, April

12, a patrolman responded to a motorist's report of a suspected drunken driver on southbound Lakeshore from Vernier.

The patrolman stopped the suspect, a 47-year-old Commerce Township woman in a Chevrolet Impala, near Webber.

"While questioning the driver, she appeared disoriented," said the arresting officer.

She registered a .129 percent blood alcohol level, according to police.

—Brad Lindberg

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

GROSSE POINTE PARK

Dryer fire

A fire at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 12, in a commercial dryer located in the basement of a building on Jefferson was quickly extinguished. The building sustained minor smoke and water damage. The dryer was removed from the building.

—Kathy Ryan

If you have information

on these or any other crimes, contact Grosse Pointe Park public safety (313)822-7400.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Car window smashed

A Morningside resident reported to police on Friday, April 13, the back window of his car was smashed out. The car was parked in his driveway overnight. Police could not determine what caused the broken window, but the homeowner suspected children who play ball in the street. Nothing was missing from the car.

The out-of-towners

Two Georgia residents were arrested at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, April 12, and charged with possession of a stolen vehicle following a traffic stop at Vernier and Helen.

—Kathy Ryan

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

FLUSH: Cleaning

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Boulevard, Touraine, and Kercheval; including Fisher and McKinley from Kercheval to Charlevoix, McMillan from Kercheval to Charlevoix, all of Muir, Lewiston from the boulevard to Charlevoix, Fair Acres, Kerby from the boulevard to Lakeshore, Beacon Hill; Moross from Kercheval to Beaupre; Hillcrest, Ridgemont and Kerby between Ridge and Beaupre; Moross Place, Hamilton Court, Vendome Court; and Ridge from Moross to Kerby, plus Earl Court.

April 30-May 4

Streets bounded by Fisher, Grosse Pointe Boulevard, Carmel Lane and Lakeshore from Fisher to Moross; Rose Terrace and Berkshire.

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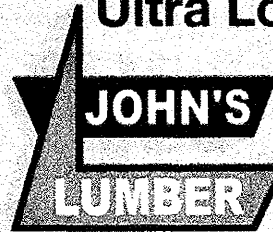
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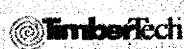
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FEATURE: Two groups offer bids for project

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the two proposals, probably at the June (city council) meeting," said Peter Dame, city manager.

Both bids seek free city-owned land for construction on municipal parking Lot 2, located along St. Clair north of Kercheval, between Caribou Coffee and Chase Bank.

"In return, they'll build a theater," Dame said. "Both came up with payments to accommodate parking."

"I'm excited we have two proposals," said

Mayor Dale Scrace. "They are creative in their approach. One is more of a non-profit, community based. The other is a movie theater. I look forward to discussing them in the future and making the right selection for our residents."

Imagine developed six movie theaters with 70 screens in Southeast Michigan since 1996, including Royal Oak.

The facility envisioned for the Village costs \$9.5 million, encompasses 35,000 square feet, has eight screens and stadium seating for 1,411 patrons

of first-run shows.

"Unlike most theatres today, prior to each movie, Imagine Grosse Pointe will have ushers in each auditorium to monitor seating and assist patrons," according to the proposal.

The 65-year-old Grosse Pointe Theatre, headquartered in an old house on Fisher, proposes to consolidate its — and possibly other local arts groups' — operations and performances in a \$15.4 million, 43,000-square-foot cultural arts center with offices, classroom access and banquet space.

"About 20,000 patrons a year attend our productions," according to the group's proposal. "Live theater goes are apt to go

out to dinner before a show and go out for refreshments afterward. We have no debt, over \$300,000 invested in a rainy day fund and over \$500,000 in total assets."

Both groups want a liquor license:

◆ Imagine: "Obtaining a liquor license will be a condition of proceeding with this development."

◆ G.P. Theatre: "We would ask the city to issue a liquor license to allow the banquet hall to function unencumbered."

Downtown development is scheduled for discussion at a City master plan workshop, 7 p.m. Monday, April 23, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

"A topic of the meeting is preferred types of us-

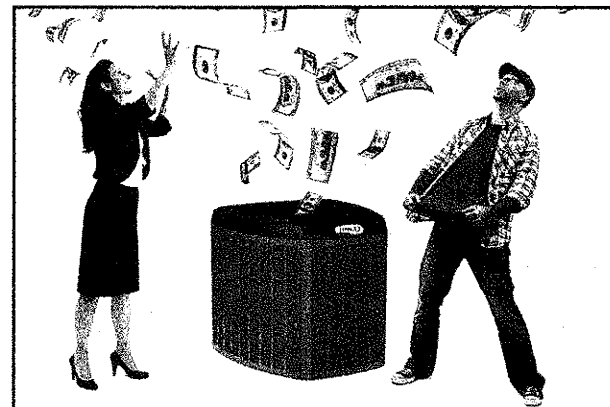
ages in the Village," Dame said. "We will ask people if having a movie theater or live production theater is something they would like to see in the Village in general. We'll also ask them what else they'd like to see — a hotel, condos, apartment complexes."

City officials sought

proposals from theater developers.

The two on hand were received March 30.

Both are posted on the municipal web site, grossepointecity.org. City officials invite interested parties to comment on the proposals at city@grossepointecity.org.



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The arrangement goes beyond a longstanding mutual aid pact among the five Pointes and Harper Woods. The pact assumes each city gets as good as it gives.

"If Harper Woods doesn't have the minimum manpower to respond to fires in their community and are relying for first response on the mutual aid community, that is of serious concern," said Shane Reeside, Farms city manager. "We want Harper Woods to be successful. But, we can't bear that cost."

Bare bones

On March 23, Harper Woods laid off four firefighters. Seven remain.

Because they work 24-hour shifts, there's only two officers on duty at once.

"These are necessary cost cuts," said Randy Skotarczyk, Harper Woods acting city manager and former police chief. "Taxable values in Harper Woods decreased 75 percent since 2007. That has a direct correlation to how much tax revenue we are able to generate."

He anticipates collecting \$500,000 less municipal revenue in 2013 than this year, Skotarczyk said. "We have to reduce personnel and still try to provide services," he said. "We are having to ask more and more of individual employees."

Labor dispute

The Harper Woods fire-

fighters union is stiff-arming attempts to merge police and fire units into a public safety department.

Union president Dave Micallef resonates similar turf wars Pointe firefighters fought decades ago opposing double duty as peace officers.

Micallef said police are inexperienced at battling fires. He cited a May 2011 voter referendum against converting to public safety and said his membership offered to take concessions and wage cuts.

"Today, if there was a fire in a two-story building in Harper Woods, our only firefighter on duty would drive a pumper truck to the scene, hook it up to a hydrant and wait for manpower from a neighboring fire department to arrive," Micallef said in a written state-

ment. "It's an absolute travesty that our city leaders seem to care little about in these challenging times."

Micallef pointed out Harper Woods' thousands of houses, nine schools, two lumber yards, a stretch of I-94, an eight-story senior high rise apartment complex and Eastland shopping mall.

"We must have an adequately staffed department to help us protect the public in emergencies," he said.

Yet, Harper Woods police are cross-trained and rated to fight fires, according to Skotarczyk.

They can't fight fires in their home jurisdiction, however.

The labor dispute resulted in a state Court of

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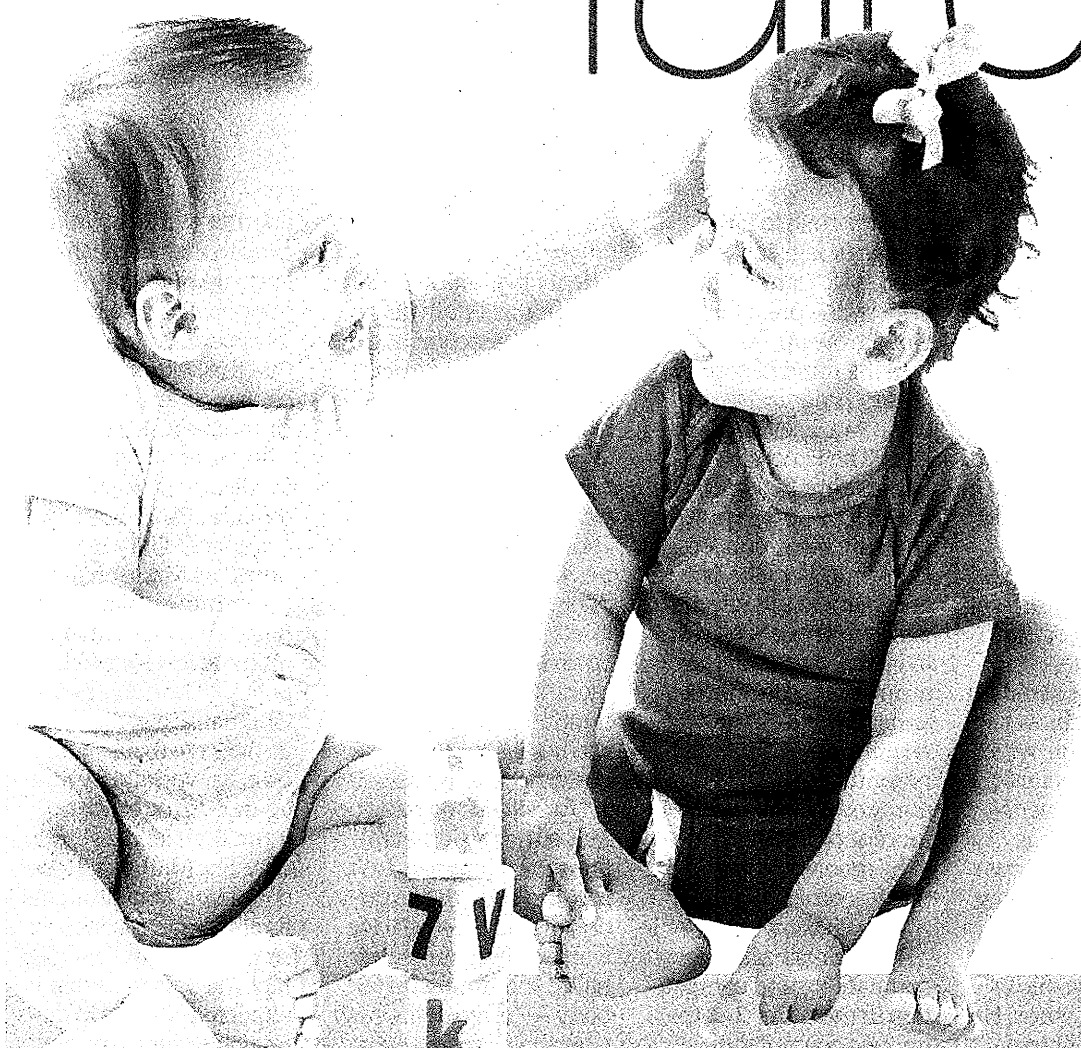
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GUEST OPINION By Mark J. Perry

Gas prices

As gasoline prices edge upward, consumers and politicians are looking for someone to blame. Some say it's Iran's fault, while others are blaming the Obama administration. President Barack Obama, who has a habit of demonizing the oil companies, says there's no silver bullet to solve the problem. But higher gasoline prices take a bite out of the household budgets of families nationwide. Every 1-cent increase in the retail price of gasoline translates into about \$1 billion annually in higher costs for American consumers.

If the nation wants to address the price swings, it's important to understand the factors that affect prices:

First, gasoline is refined from crude oil, whose price is determined by buyers and sellers globally. They negotiate oil contracts based on their perceptions of oil's economic value in the marketplace. Political instability, oil supply disruptions, foul weather and many other factors affect global oil prices. Also, oil is priced in United States dollars. As the value of the dollar changes, oil prices fluctuate.

The price of gasoline historically has closely tracked the price of crude oil. The Department of Energy says 76 percent of gasoline prices are attributed to the price of oil, while the rest is taxes, the cost of refining, marketing and transporting the gasoline to service stations and profits. During the past five years, oil companies earned 7 cents in profits per dollar of sales, which is in line with other industries' profit margins.

Gas prices vary from state to state due to a variety of factors, including taxes. The federal tax on gasoline is 18.4 cents per gallon, and state taxes vary widely. Motorists in New York pay a total of 67.4 cents in taxes per gallon, for example, whereas Alaska motorists pay 26.4 cents per gallon.

Every spring, gasoline refiners must comply with federal and state regulations that require them to produce seasonal blends that evaporate less during the warm weather months. Summer-grade gas costs more to produce than winter-grade fuel. Federal law also requires ethanol to be blended with gasoline. Since most ethanol in the U.S. is made from corn, corn prices also have an impact on pump prices.

Finally, the laws of supply and demand play an important role in gasoline prices. Simply put, oil supplies matter. Larger supplies of secure oil — oil that won't be withheld from the market for political reasons — can result in lower retail gas prices at the pump.

The importance of secure oil cannot be overstated. It's likely oil and gasoline prices would decline over the long term if more oil were produced domestically and Canadian oil were allowed to flow freely through the rejected Keystone XL pipeline. In fact, imagine how different the U.S. economy and the energy situation would be today if, 30 years ago, our elected officials had allowed drilling in the oil-rich areas of Alaska, along the West Coast, the East Coast and in the eastern Gulf of Mexico. Instead, they chose to block access to those supplies, keeping us dependent on foreign oil from politically unstable countries.

The Obama administration is clinging to the outdated view the U.S. should move away from oil to other forms of energy, and Obama has dismissed oil as the "fuel of the past." But that approach ignores the technological advancements making it possible to produce oil more efficiently than ever. Hydraulic fracturing is producing oil cost-effectively from shale formations that once were impossible to tap.

Rather than accept this new oil reality, the administration has launched 10 different initiatives to study or establish new regulations on hydraulic fracturing. Furthermore, oil production on federal lands — the areas controlled by the administration — fell by 14 percent in 2011, the largest annual decrease in a decade. At the same time, the administration is throwing away money on failed alternative energy companies under the misguided notion it can somehow produce energy competitively eventually if it receives billions of taxpayer dollars today.

Our economy runs on oil, and DOE forecasts suggest oil will be the "fuel of the future" and continue to play an important role in our energy mix for decades to come. It's time to embrace the facts about oil and discard the "fuel of the past" mentality. There is nothing that provides as much energy bang for the buck as oil. Basic economics tell us if we had more of it, our bucks would go a lot further.

Perry is a professor of economics at the University of Michigan-Flint and a scholar at The American Enterprise Institute. He is on the Mackinac Center for Public Policy Board of Scholars.

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Housing market

To the Editor:

The reality of the housing market is not a matter of being optimistic, it is a matter of understanding economics. ("Sold says it all," April 5 Grosse Pointe news.)

Under the current Keynesian system that encourages government spending to alleviate fears of market corrections, we have created a bubble of artificial wealth.

Market corrections are healthy and risk is the gauge that keeps lenders in check. A sound currency is necessary to halt out-of-control government spending.

If you want to see stabilized prices across the board, and a decent future for your children, the federal reserve must be audited and alternative currencies legalized.

BRIAN MOORE
Grosse Pointe Park

I SAY By Brad Lindberg

Stooges quotes



"The Three Stooges" quotes:

Moe

- ◆ "Why I oughta ..."
- ◆ "You imbecile."
- ◆ "You knucklehead."
- ◆ "Oh, a wise guy, eh?"
- ◆ "Spread out."
- ◆ "Why you ..."
- ◆ "You nitwit."
- ◆ "Remind me to kill you later."
- ◆ "Hey, porcupine."
- ◆ "Oh, a chisler, eh?"
- ◆ "Hey! Wake up and go to sleep."

Curly

- ◆ "Nyuk nyuk nyuk."
- ◆ "Soitenly."
- ◆ "Ngah-ngah-ngah."
- ◆ "La-la-la, la-la-la..."
- ◆ "Mmmmmmmh."
- ◆ "Rrrrow! Rrrrow!."

- ◆ "I'm a victim of soicumstance."
- ◆ "Say a few syllables."
- ◆ "Woo-woo-woo-woo."
- ◆ "Poifect."
- ◆ "Hey, Moe! Hey, Larry!"
- ◆ "Moe, Larry, the cheese! Moe, Larry, the cheese!"

Larry

- ◆ "I'm sorry, Moe, it was an accident."
- ◆ "What's the idea?"

Shemp

- ◆ "Eeeb-eeeb-eeeb-eeeb."
- ◆ "Mee-mee-mee-mee."

All three

- ◆ Moe: "Hello."
- ◆ Larry: "Helloooo."
- ◆ Curly: "Helloooooo."
- ◆ Together: "Hello."

Cast member

- ◆ "Hold hands, you love birds."
- ◆ "Your drink, madam."
- ◆ (A pie hits him in the

face.) "Pardon me, madam."

Gags

◆ "Niagara Falls! Slowly I turn, step by step, inch by inch. I walked up to him, I smashed him like this, I hit him, I bopped him, I tore him to pieces, and then I knocked him down."

◆ "Calling Dr. Howard, Dr. Fine, Dr. Howard."

◆ Moe pokes Curly or Larry in the eyes. Curly or Larry says: "I can't see! I can't see."

Moe: "What's a matter?"
Curly or Larry: "I got my eyes closed."

Song

Remember the song, "Swingin' the Alphabet"?:
"B-A-bay, B-E-bee, B-I-bicky-bi, B-O-bo, bicky-bi bo, B-U-bu, bicky bi bo bu."
"C-A-cay, C-E-cee, C-I-cicky-ci, C-O-co, cicky-ci co, C-U-cu, cicky ci co cu."
"D-A-day, D-E-dee, D-I-

dicky-di, D-O-do, dicky-di do, D-U-du, dicky di do du.

"F-A-fay, F-E-fee, F-I-ficky-fi, F-O-fo, Ficky-fi fo, F-U-fu, ficky fi fo fu.

"G-A-gay, G-E-gee, G-I-gicky-gi, G-O-go, Gicky-gi go, G-U-gu, gicky gi go gu.

"Bah, dah-dah-dah-dah"
"H-A-hay, H-E-hee, H-I-hicky-hi, H-O-ho, hicky-hi ho, H-U-hu, hicky hi ho hu.

"J-A-jay, J-E-jee, J-I-jicky-ji, J-O-jo, Jicky-ji jo, J-U-ju, jicky ji jo ju.

"K-A-kay, K-E-kee, K-I-kicky-ki, K-O-ko, Kicky-ki ko, K-U-ku, kicky ki ko ku.

"L-A-lay, L-E-lee, L-I-licky-li, L-O-lo, Licky-li lo, L-U-lu, licky li lo lu.

"M-A-may, M-E-mee, M-I-micky-mi, M-O-mo, Micky-mi mo, M-U-mu, micky mi mo mu."

Don't forget, "Curly's a dope."

Sources: Various Internet sites.

GUEST OPINION By Rich Lowry

Madison's last stand

The shade of James Madison hovers over the ObamaCare argument at the Supreme Court. It is the system of limited and carefully divided government powers that he had a large hand in crafting — and defended so ably in The Federalist Papers — that is at stake in the contest over the constitutionality of the individual mandate.

If the mandate stands, it will be the latest blow to Madison's scheme, which is the best architecture for self-government yet devised by man, but has been steadily worn down over time. It is a damning indictment of contemporary Washington that, overall, it is so hostile to the Madisonian ethos. He is a most inconvenient Founding Father since he tells us: No, the federal government can't do whatever it wants; no, we can't just all get along; no,

we can't rush to pass whatever legislation deemed a "can't wait" priority by the president. Now, grow up.

In the mind of contemporary progressivism, these words of Madison from The Federalist Papers simply don't compute: "The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the state governments are numerous and indefinite." They are an antiquated 18th-century sentiment unsuited to our more complex and more sophisticated time, to be ignored when not actively scorned.

This division of power is meant to maximize accountability and competition in the belief that the undue accumulation of power in any one source is, in Madison's words, "the very definition of tyranny." Madison concerned himself with limits

on government because "there is a degree of depravity in mankind, which requires a certain degree of circumspection and distrust." So, as he wrote, "ambition must be made to counteract ambition."

He would have no patience for gooeey discussions on the Sunday shows about the divisiveness of our political life. "The latent causes of faction," for Madison, "are sown in the nature of man." He was a pioneer in fighting the sort of partisan battles we now look down upon and rue.

Nor would Madison be moved by the lamentations that Congress isn't passing enough legislation quickly enough. He wanted a Senate — that balky, frustrating upper body — to check the rush to enshrine momentary causes into law. In a passage that could have been written as commentary on the handiwork of Nancy Pelosi's Congress, he ar-

gued "it will be of little avail to the people that the laws are made by men of their own choice if the laws be so voluminous that they cannot be read, or so incoherent that they cannot be understood."

In his book on Madison's political thought, "American Compact," Gary Rosen notes "as Madison feared, utility rather than constitutionality has become the ultimate test for public policy." The debate over ObamaCare at the time of its passage focused on its cost, its workability and its aggrandizing tendency more than its constitutionality. For Madison, Rosen continues, constitutional limits "were the deepest source of republican dignity, the bulwarks that he expected citizens to defend in order to remind themselves of their sovereignty." Would that they were once again.

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FIX: Harper Woods shoulders its share of pact

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Appeals ruling suggesting cross-trained Harper Woods police are prohibited from fighting fires in their own city.

"I have less people on the fire ground here because I can't use (Harper Woods) cops as fire fighters in Harper Woods right now," Skotarczyk said.

Restrictions don't apply to fighting fires outside of Harper Woods.

"Our cops are able to go into the Grosse Pointes as

fire fighters and assist," he said.

The irony doesn't amuse Reeside.

"(Police) could respond to fires, but the fire union doesn't want public safety officers," he said. "They're digging in their heels. It has to be resolved."

Harper Woods patrolmen also undergo fire training alongside Pointe officers, according to Fincham.

"All the Grosse Pointes, especially Grosse Pointe Woods, have been very patient with our situation trying to get this public safety issue ironed out," said Sean Gunnery,

Harper Woods fire chief.

Do unto others

Fincham said the automatic aid agreement isn't causing a "significant difference in our operational procedure."

He said, "They'd be calling a second or third alarm anyway."

Harper Woods averages about 12 structure fires per year, according to Skotarczyk.

"Since the layoffs, we've used Grosse Pointe for 44 minutes," he said. "That's consistent with the past."

"We have responded to one working fire since the lay-offs," Fincham said. "That occurred about two

weeks ago and was a third alarm response from Grosse Pointe Shores, Woods and Farms. Harper Woods handled at least two incidents without our assistance since the layoffs with their own personnel."

Harper Woods remains able to shoulder its part of the mutual aid agreement.

When Pointe officers are sent to Harper Woods on fires, Harper Woods police are ready to plug gaps in Pointe manpower by extending patrols into the Pointes.

"We are willing to give (the Pointes) anything they need," Skotarczyk said.

CORRECTION



The John's Lumber ad on page 1B in the April 19, 2012 issue is incorrect for date and location of event. Refer to page 6A in the April 19, 2012 issue for correct date and location.

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MONDAY, APRIL 23

city council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.

◆ Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. in Grosse Pointe North High School library.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

◆ The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosts Business Before Hours from 8 to 9 a.m. at Auto-Lab, 21900 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

◆ A master gardener's meeting is from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms. The speaker is Daphne Harris whose topic is "The Concert Creek Greenway." A \$1 donation is accepted. The public can attend.

◆ Syndicated radio show host and author Tony Trupiano is the Pointes for Peace speaker at 7 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. His topic is "Had Enough Yet?" The public can attend. For more information, call Carol Bendure at (313) 882-7732 or visit pointesforpeace@yahoo.com.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

◆ The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosts Cyndee Harrison of the MLive Media Group from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Her topic is "Search Engine Marketing for Business Owners: Making Sense of Google Adwords and Other Paid Online Advertising Opportunities." The cost is \$20 for chamber members and \$30 for non-members and includes lunch. For more information, call (313) 881-4722.

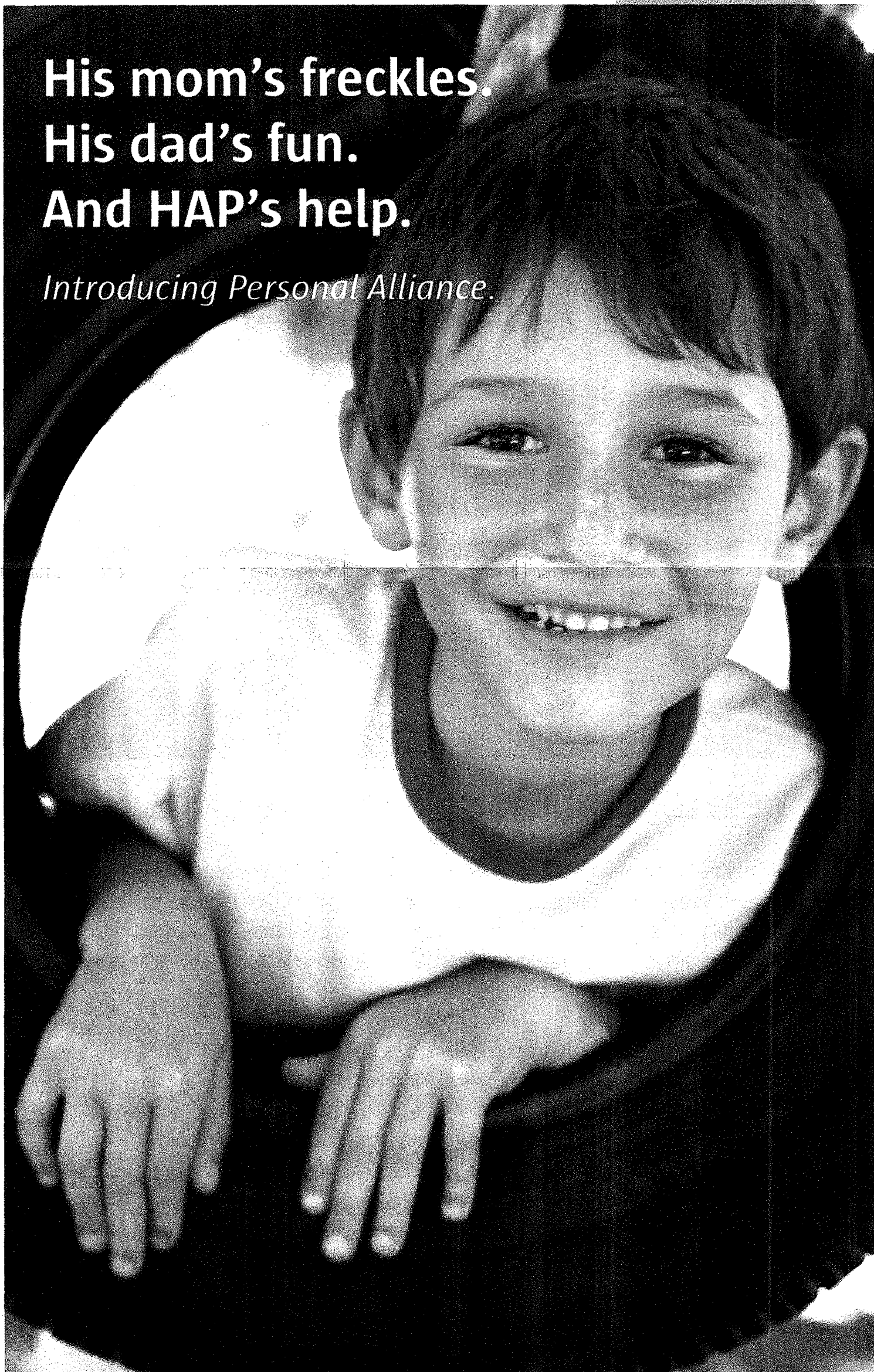
◆ A portion of the proceeds from shopping at Voila, 18226 Mack, Grosse Pointe Farms, between 5:30 and 9 p.m. is donated to The Lake House, a cancer support community. Refreshments are served.

◆ Grosse Pointe South High choir's production of "Phantom of the Opera" is at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets range from \$10 to \$20. To buy tickets, visit tickets@gpsouthchoir.org.

◆ The sixth annual Girls Night Out, Casino Night is at the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church and Cultural Center from 6 to 10 p.m. Tickets cost \$75. For more information, call Raegan Movinski at (313) 343-3675.

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South prepares to unmask its phantom

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

In the eyes of its lead cast, Grosse Pointe South High School choir's upcoming spring musical production of "The Phantom of the Opera" represents a defining moment in their high school lives.

A once-in-a-lifetime experience for them, assuming the emotions and identities of their dream characters, made possible in the fall of 2010, when Rodgers and Hammerstein Organization released the rights of the Andrew Lloyd Webber production to universities and high schools across the United States and Canada.

"This has been an amazing experience from start to finish," said Brian Hall, a senior cast as the phantom, his dream role since he first saw Phantom in seventh grade during an orchestra trip. "Just having the opportunity to do such a profound show is just unheard of in high school. To finish out my high school career doing this is such a dream come true."

"It's such an iconic show, and for me personally, Christine is one of my dreams roles, and to do this as a junior is truly special," added Ingrid Burton, gold casted as Christine Daaé, the show's female lead.



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Above, Grosse Pointe South High School's "The Phantom of the Opera" main cast in costume.

Top right, South senior Christina Swanson (Christine Daaé), left, listens as Sandra Joseph, a Grosse Pointe North High School alum who performed as Daaé for 10 years on Broadway, provides suggestions regarding movement and positioning.

Right, Joseph offers Swanson and Brian Hall (phantom) insight into a scene.

The production — consisting of a blue and a gold cast performing on alternate days — features about 60 students, with Hall, Burton and Christina Swanson (blue cast's Christine) holding the leads in the story of a haunted romance between the phantom, a masked figure lurking beneath a Paris opera house, and Christine, a young soprano he falls obsessively in love with and to whom he devotes himself.

"This cast is an amazing cast," choir director Ellen Bowen said. "I'm really pleased with them. I wanted them to really do something that they could walk out and say, 'I really did this.' And this is near impossible for a high school to do."

Adding to the students' overall experience, Sandra Joseph, the Broadway production's Christine of 10 years, conducted a two-day workshop, preparing students

for their production by offering insight into each character and helping students develop deeper understanding into their roles.

"It's great to be able to work with them," said Joseph, Grosse Pointe North High School class of 1986.

"It's so fun watching how willing they are and how eager they are to try things. You can see them just opening up, just like a sponge, and they really



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want to be great."

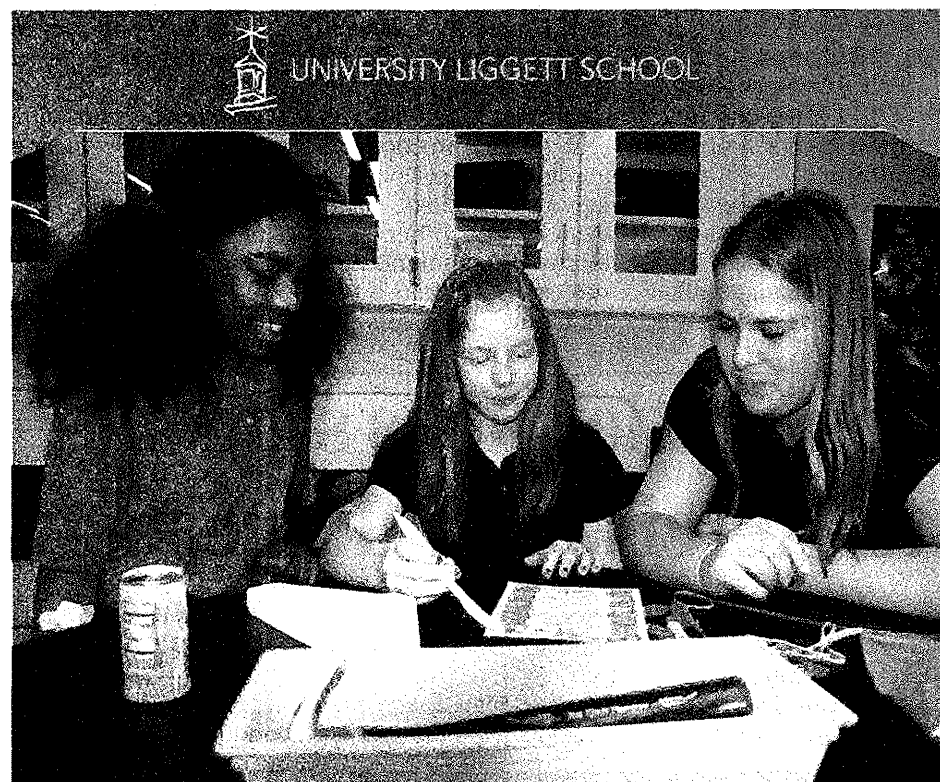
Said Swanson: "She really helps you to understand the character — gives you the confidence what your ideas of the character, they're not wrong, and if you feel it all the way — if you believe it, the audience believes it — then you can do it."

"I've been limited by my own self-consciousness and by my own fear I'm incorrect or look awkward or whatever. But really believing in this character, in this story and

what we're trying to say all the way, she's been giving me the confidence to be able to portray that to the audience better."

Performances are Thursday, April 26 to Sunday, April 29, and Thursday, May 3 to Saturday, May 5, all at North's Performing Arts Center. Thursday performances are 7:30 p.m. and Sunday's 3 p.m. All others are 8 p.m.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit the choir's web site at gpsouthchoir.com.



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Poupard plans ahead with career day

Keynote speaker Louie Paras, assistant director of admissions at Baker College, headlines a list of 19 professionals educating fourth and fifth graders about college and career opportunities during Poupard Elementary School's inaugural career day.

Each speaker represents one of 15 student-selected careers, which were compiled through a survey conducted by first-grade teacher Danielle Pedersen.

"I gave the fourth- and fifth-grade students a list of about 40 careers," Pedersen said. "They were allowed to vote for their top four careers ... then I compiled all of their papers, and I took the top 20

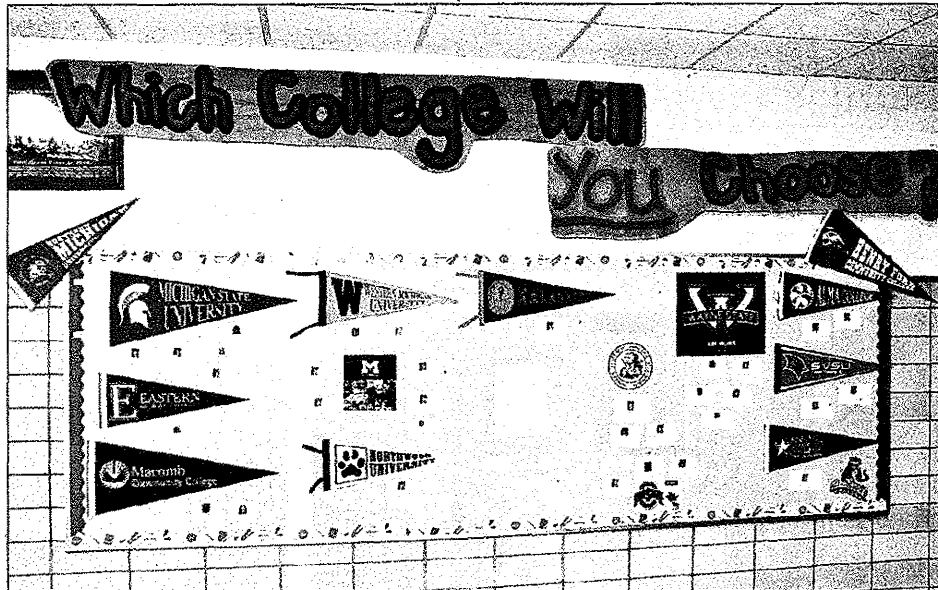


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To spark student interest, teachers and administrators constructed this college board showcasing colleges they attended and degrees earned.

careers and started contacting different people with those careers. After I had the students pick their top three choices of who

they would like to see on career day."

Careers include: real estate agent, lawyer, dentist, nurse, doctor, anesthetist, firefighter, U.S. Army officer, U.S. Navy, graphic and webpage designer, hair stylist, pilot, veterinarian and chef.

The idea originated in September during Pedersen's introductory discussion with her students regarding her ongoing studies toward completing her master's degree.

"I was explaining to my first-grade students how I am still going to school, and how I am working on my master's degree," she said. "I explained how important school is to their futures.

"After I had that talk with my class, it got me thinking of when I was in elementary school. Where I went to school, we had a career day each year for the fourth- and fifth-grade students, and that is when I asked Penny (Stocks, Poupard principal) if Poupard has ever had one and she said, 'No.'"

Preparations started in November. And to spark interest in students and build excitement for the event, teachers and administrators recently constructed a college board, showcasing their colleges attended and degrees earned.

The event is 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Friday, April 20, at Poupard.

—A.J. Hakim

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to St. Philomena Church and
about the neighborhood.
He had been retired from
his duties for a year
and a half.

DUKE

Policy revisions approved

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

In complying with changes to federal law and with increased prevalence of technology usage in schools, the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education approved revisions to four technology policies at its Monday, March 27, regular meeting.

The board policy committee, in coordination with NEOLA and district technology curriculum specialists Nick Provenzano and Mike Speirs, recommended each change.

"This really kind of lays out the specifics of some of the stuff some teachers

have been doing with the best educational purposes," Provenzano said, "but now there's a very clear guideline as to the dos and the don'ts and the procedure of following those guidelines. We really met with the administration and really hashed out some very good and clear guidelines that can be worked on even further in the administrative offices to really fine tune them."

Policies affected are 7540, computer technology and networks; 7540.03, student network and Internet acceptable use and safety; 7540.04, staff network and Internet acceptable use and safety; 5460 and AG 5460, graduation requirements; and 5136, electronic communication devices, including cell phones.

Policy changes include:

•7540, revisions reflect requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act regarding online safety training for students, while also incorporating language allowing students and staff ac-

cess to social media, adhering to prescribed conditions, via the district network and authorizing social media use in district communications and promotions;

•7540.03, clarify CIPA requirements and specify elements of online safety training;

•7540.04, provides specific requirements for staff training in online safety, as well as clarifies CIPA requirements regarding staff responsibility in educating students in online safety;

•5460 and AG 5460, modifications highlight provisions in state statute that allows students to "test out" of a course or Michigan Merit credit requirement and include administrative guidelines clarifying application conditions and requirements;

•And 5136, policy updates language with current district practices regarding using cell phones, laptops, netbooks, tablet devices and other such electronic communication devices. ECD usage is permitted at a teacher's dis-

cretion and turned off or, for middle school students, kept in lockers when not in use.

"The conversations we've had about the policy acceptable use is that social media and the use of technology in the hands of students is," superintendent Tom Harwood said, "we're finding it's sometimes used as a weapon or tool that it was not intended to be used as in regards to potential abuse of technologies."

"It is a privilege to be able to use the technology in the intent it was meant for, for educational purposes. That privilege could be taken away if they violate the privilege, if they use the technology, under our guidance, in an inappropriate fashion. It's a difficult spot for any school district in regard to technology."

The policy committee meets regularly in open sessions, its next meeting scheduled 6 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at the administration building, 389 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Foundation asks students to exercise simultaneously

As a symbolic gesture of fitness and unity, the Michigan Fitness Foundation encourages all schools and students participate in Michigan's 2012 All Children Exercise Simultaneously Day.

The event is 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 2, and the foundation expects involvement from more than 1,000 schools from the state's 83 counties. Each participating school coordinates its own activity.

"An active lifestyle and proper nutrition provide a solid foundation for the health and success of our children," said Gov. Rick Snyder, elected as the event's honorary chair. "Parents can set an example by exercising regularly and eating right. Staying physically fit can be fun, especially when you do it as a family."

Founded by New Jersey physical education instructor Len Saunders in 1989, the one-day youth exercise program celebrates the importance of and need for regular physical activity among youths.

Currently, all 50 states and more than 50 countries participate.

Registered schools receive an online idea kit, educational newsletter and stickers for students, all courtesy of Farm Bureau Insurance, the event's sponsor of 14 years.

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North alum a major league talent

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

The following is the third article in an on-going series regarding Grosse Pointe North High School's inaugural Distinguished Alumni Award. Each week leading up to the awards ceremony Monday, May 14, the Grosse Pointe News will feature a biography and short interview with one of the six recipients. This week's alum is Bill Babcock, class of 1981.

With the 59th overall pick in the 1981 Major League Baseball June Amateur Draft, the Chicago White Sox selected Bill Babcock, a left-handed pitcher from Grosse Pointe North High School.

And a local ballplayer realized a childhood dream.

"At 14 years old it was my dream and my goal," Babcock said of playing professional baseball. "I think my dad understood the potential opportunity more than I did. I think at 14, 15, 16 years old, it was a dream, but I don't think I really understood that dream had a possibility of becoming true until after my junior year."

His junior year at North, Babcock led the team to a Class A state championship, amassing a 13-0 record and .27 earned runs average, including two no-hitters during North's playoff run. He contributed offensively as well with a .365 batting average.

That year proved significant to Babcock, in that, it justified his decision to commit solely to baseball, rather than participate in multiple athletics.

"After my sophomore season, I was 100 percent engrossed in baseball," he said. "So, in the offseason, I did things for that. With no regrets, it just was the decision made at the time. You can't have regrets. You pick it, you go with it and make the best of it."

He did, en route to the 1981 amateur draft and subsequent five seasons in the White Sox's minor

league system. He played for the organization's A and AA teams, collecting an 18-18 record and 3.20 ERA in 55 games, before injuries cut short his professional career. But not his passion for and involvement in the sport.

His commitment to baseball continues, as Babcock remains active volunteering, coaching and instructing community children through the Grosse Pointe Red Hawks 14U program and others.

"I'm still very involved," Babcock said. "Hopefully, you're able to leave a mark on young people that they had a good experience with it, and at the same time they learn the game, or whatever athletic endeavor they're involved in, that it was a good experience. And hopefully a lot of these kids, when they become adults and their kids are ready, they'll be doing the same things."

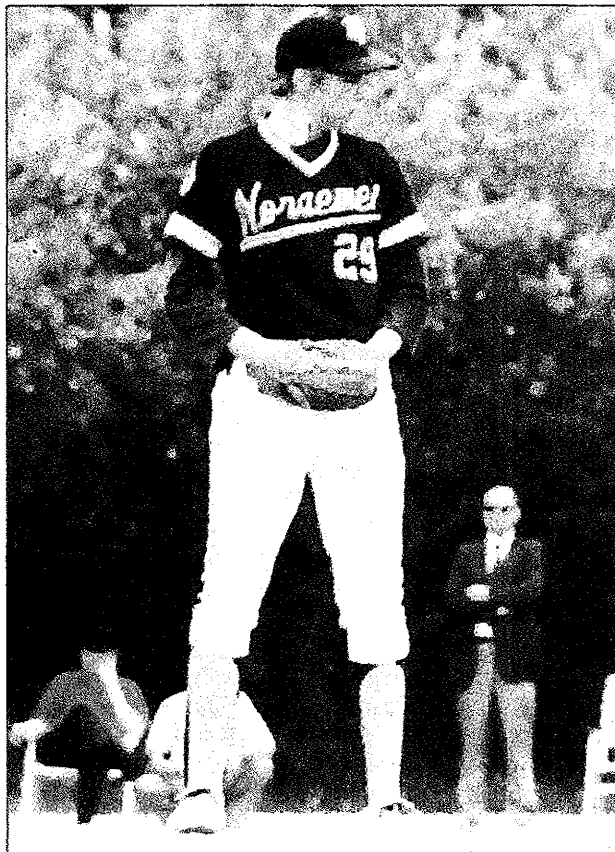
Since his professional baseball career ended, Babcock has also served as Grosse Pointe Woods Director of Parks and Recreation and volunteered at the Woods Perch Derby, Winterfest, recreation commission, the Grosse Pointe Little League commission and others. It's this community involvement, and commitment to community children, that friend Brian Flynn nominated Babcock.

"Bill Babcock has always been a pillar of the community and has dedicated his time and experience to others without asking anything in return," Flynn said. "Helping local families with baseball lessons, Bill has never said 'no' when it comes to children and athletics."

Babcock currently works as a sales representative at B and B Pools, Inc.

•What was your initial reaction upon receiving notice of your recognition as distinguished alumni?

I had no idea what it was. I started reading through it and couldn't be



more honored, and certainly feel blessed I was chosen in this first group. Certainly not something you think about while you're in high school.

•Describe your time/experiences at North — highlights, any special memories/stories, significant influences (teachers, classmates or administrators), particular life lessons learned.

Looking back at high school, for me, fortunately... it was great. Teachers, classmates, sports, everything. We had a good time. I kind of feel we had a really good class — 465 kids in our graduating class.

The experience was good. Teachers, obviously, the ones you get close to. Certainly outstanding mentors, as well as coaches. I was fortunate enough to be with... Of course, Frank Sumner, Ray Ritter, Tom Gauerke.

Mr. Morehead and Mrs. Lewis (math teachers), they may not have realized the impact they had on people, but it certainly makes a difference in the way you are now. It's not like math was my favorite subject, but certain people, you connect with and you want to do well, which is part of the motivation factor of getting

you to do what you need to do.

The teachers and even the administration, maybe they don't know the impact a lot of teachers can have just by attending your athletic events. I remember Bruce Feighner was our principal and when he would come to games, it was neat, at least for me.

•High school is a significant time in a person's life. In most instances, it assists individuals in finding their identity, defining who they are and what they want to be. How did your time/experiences at North help shape you into who you were in the immediate years that followed and who you are today?

As I got to high school, I and my father had made a conscious decision and we started to tone things down. I didn't play football in high school. It was a choice we made. I can't say I regret it. I certainly would've enjoyed putting a bonnet on and playing because I had done it growing up through Red Barons and for one season at Star of the Sea. But when I got to high school it was a decision we made together. I played basketball for two years and would've enjoyed playing

for four. I remember telling Coach Ritter I wasn't going to play anymore. He being disappointed I wasn't going to play, but at the same time, I remember him telling me, 'At least I know by you not playing, you're going to take care of the things that you need to take care of for what you want to do.' I wasn't just going to go home and watch TV. I was preparing for baseball.

•What/who do you hope to do/see in your return to North?

I can't wait because I'm really excited about it and honored. I know everybody but Sandra Joseph. I'm looking forward to seeing everybody and meeting her.

Bob Brown, when I was in eighth grade, the first year I played basketball in the Neighborhood Club, he was my coach. You want to talk about a great opportunity for an eighth grader — here's this stallion from North, and I got to know him, and just looked after him and looked up to him. We had a lot of talks. Just a terrific experience for me.

Hans Stricker, we weren't super close, but being a year apart in school, we certainly knew

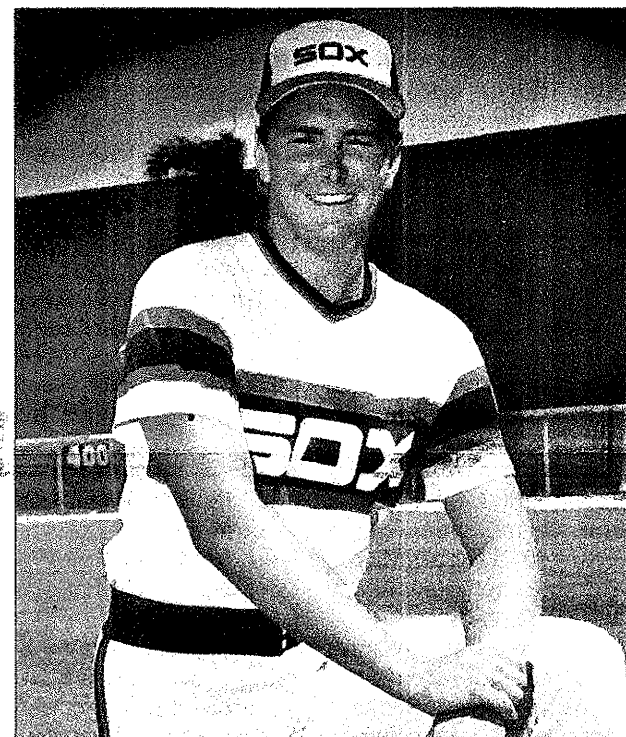
who each other was. My father had to have prostate surgery and Hans was his doctor. I couldn't have felt like he was in better hands. A great guy.

John Ahee speaks for itself. I know John a little bit from school, and he and his whole family have been fabulous in this community.

And Carly Piper worked for me. She worked for me when I was the parks and recreation director for Grosse Pointe Woods. I hired her as a lifeguard and know the family because her older sister worked for me before Carly did, and again, just a great family. She's a great kid. I used to tease her about not going to Michigan.

•Anything else you'd like to add about the recognition or about your experiences since graduating?

I'm certainly honored and looking forward to May 14, and seeing everybody. And hopefully we have a nice turnout, and I appreciate all that the committee is doing. I know there's a lot of work going in to all this for us by a number of people. That's certainly greatly appreciated.



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Top, Bill Babcock on the mound for North. Above, Babcock as a Chicago White Sox player.

Celebrating 100 years



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT



PHOTO COURTESY OF MAIRE ELEMENTARY

Left, Ferry Elementary School troops gather around the flag pole and sing the Girl Scout pledge. Right, Maire Elementary School troops, forming a 100, celebrate in the gym.

It was 100 years ago March 12 that Juliette Gordon Low founded the Girl Scouts of the USA.

To commemorate the organization's centennial anniversary, troops from Maire and Ferry elementary schools gathered at their respective locations for a brief birthday celebration.

At Maire, Daisy Troop 75314, Brownie Troop 70286 and Junior Troop 70564 joined parents, grandparents and teachers previously in Girl Scouts for cake and crafts in Maire's gymnasium. They started with the pledge and Girl Scout promise, followed by pinning 100 pins on each other, forming a human 100, eating cake and signing a photo mat for display in the school hallway.

Ferry's Daisy Troop 70285, Brownies Troop 74773 and Junior Troop 74770 celebrated around the flagpole outside the school, saying their pledge and singing the Girl Scout song, "Make

new friends and keep the old, one is silver and the other gold..."

Additionally, in honoring the anniversary, the Ferry troops, together with Mason Elementary School's troops, donated 100 cans of food to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY Notice of Availability of Library Board Trustee Positions

Three vacancies on the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees will exist as of June 30, 2012 at the end of the regular term of office of those trustees representing Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Woods and Grosse Pointe Shores. Each position is for a four (4) year term (July 1, 2012-June 30, 2016). Applicants must reside in the represented municipality and be a registered voter.

Applications are available at the Central Library Administrative Office (313-343-2325), 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, as well as on the Library Web site (www.gp.lib.mi.us).

Applications must be submitted to the Secretary of the Library Board, no later than Friday, May 4, at 5:00 p.m.

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Notice of Public Hearing- Historic District Commission

On May 1, 2012, at 7:30 p.m., a Public Hearing will be held at Grosse Pointe Farms City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, in the first floor conference room, regarding:

- Proposed wall for screening of mechanical equipment at 311 Chalfonte (Kerby Road Lift Station)

Written comments will be accepted till noon, on the Friday before the hearing, or you may appear at the above scheduled date and time.

Matthew Tepper,
City Clerk

GPN: 4-19-12

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 2, 2012

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro tem Cheryl A. Costantino at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Mayor Poynter from tonight's meeting because he is recuperating from a medical emergency.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held March 19, 2012 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held March 28, 2012.
- 3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 96921 through 97006 in the amount of \$627,684.44 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to Badger Meter, Inc. in the amount of \$7,611.65 for the purchase of 24 new 5/8" Orion automatic read water meters and transmitters. (3) Approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$13,311.07 for professional services during the month of February for the following projects: 2012 Federal Aid for Projects, #180-144; MDOT Utility Request, I-94 Lighting, #180-145; Traffic Signal Upgrades, #180-124; SRF Applications, #180-142; User Charge System, #180-143; SRF Open Cut Repairs, #180-119; SRF SCIPP Repairs, #180-118 and SRF FCIPP, #180-117. (4) Approve the request from Harper Woods Little League to hold their annual opening day parade on Saturday, April 28, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.
- 2) Approve payment to the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$6,478.81 for the Beaconsfield Traffic Signal Upgrade project.
- 3) Introduce and Place for First Reading, an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Amend Section 23-27 and Section 23-28 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Harper Woods to Provide that the City Engineer or His or Her Assigned Representative May Implement the Provisions Set Out in These Sections for the Repair of Sidewalks, Driveways, Crosswalks or Other Paved Area Between Sidewalks and the Curb," and further, to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.

Cheryl Costantino, Mayor Pro tem

Leslie M. Frank, Acting City Clerk

Published: GPN, April 19, 2012

NEWS

OBITUARIES

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

Hugo Scherer Higbie

Hugo Scherer Higbie, founder of Higbie Maxon Agney Realtors in Grosse Pointe Farms, died at his home Saturday, April 14, 2012. He was 85.

A life-long Grosse Pointe resident, Mr. Higbie sold real estate for more than 62 years. His love for the community was chronicled in the newsletter of his real estate firm in a column entitled "Hugo's Corner." In a 1995 issue, he reminisced about the days when a prominent Grosse Pointe family was subdividing their estate that ran from the lake to Mack Avenue — and the property was selling for \$2,500 a lot. Mr. Higbie was always known to say, "Grosse Pointe is the best kept secret."

After graduating from the Taft School in Connecticut and Williams College in Massachusetts, Mr. Higbie entered the real estate business July 6, 1948, with the firm of Sweeney & Moore. He served as sales manager and officer until 1967. Along with general brokerage, Sweeney & Moore was prominent in the development of many well-known Grosse Pointe subdivisions.

In 1967, Mr. Higbie founded the Higbie Realty Company. He acquired Maxon Brothers Real Estate in 1972 and renamed the joined firms, Higbie Maxon Realtors Inc. In 2000, the name of the firm was again changed to Higbie Maxon Agney, when Kay Agney became a co-owner.

He served as treasurer and president of the Grosse Pointe Brokers Association, was active in the Grosse Pointe Real Estate Exchange and was a founding member of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors.

Mr. Higbie served on the boards of the Episcopal Church Foundation, New York, N.Y.; University Liggett School, Grosse Pointe Woods; Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation; Cottage Hospital, now Henry Ford Cottage, Grosse Pointe Farms; Grosse Pointe Farms Beautification Commission and was a member of the Christ Church Grosse Pointe Vestry. He, along with his wife, "Slim," was a 30-year member of the Christ Church chorale and sang in the Berkshire Choral Festival in Sheffield, Mass., for more than a decade.

Mr. Higbie's wife, Marian Chapin Higbie, whom he married in 1954, died in 2007. He is survived by his children, Mark Scherer Higbie of Grosse Pointe Farms, Faye Tiedeman Higbie of Grosse Pointe, Katrina Higbie Lowe of Rowayton, Conn., and Hope Higbie Philson of Walpole, N.H.; grandchildren, William and Carsten Higbie of Grosse Pointe Farms, and Oliver, Avery and Brooke Lowe of Rowayton, Conn.

A memorial service celebrating Mr. Higbie's life is being planned and will take place at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd. For additional details, call Christ Church Grosse Pointe at (313) 885-4841.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Christ Church Grosse Pointe - DeHaven Endowment for Music, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Frederick John Lepley M.D.

Frederick John Lepley M.D., 82, passed away peacefully Sunday, April 8, 2012, at Sunrise on Vernier, after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's disease.

He was born Aug. 3, 1929, to Ethel and Dr. Fred O. Lepley. He was a graduate of Detroit University School, Amherst College, and Case Western Reserve University Medical School. He also served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force.

Dr. Lepley was an ophthalmologist in Grosse Pointe for more than 40 years, both in private practice and with Grosse Pointe Ophthalmology. He loved spending time with his family, especially at the family cottage at Menonaqua Beach in Harbor Springs. He was a long time member of The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, where he served as a trustee. He was also a member of the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe.

Dr. Lepley is survived by his wife, Nancy; children, Anne (Matthew) Wilkins, Susan (Daniel) Hinger, Frederick Jr. (Deborah) and Jeffrey; grandchildren, Julia and Grace Wilkins; Matthew and Scott Hinger; David (Amy) Gerrow, Amy (John) Shafer and Thomas, Jeffrey and Jack Lepley and great-grandchildren, Emma, Ashton and Madison Shafer.

A memorial service was held April 14 at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

Donations may be made to Sunrise on Vernier, 1850 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 or Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Marie Annette Nowosielski

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Marie Annette Nowosielski, nee Kowaleski, passed away peacefully Saturday, April 14, 2012, at Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe under hospice care. She was 80.

She was born in Wyandotte to Walter S. and Lottie E. Kowaleski and attended Our Lady of Mount Carmel School. She attended Wayne State University and worked at McCann Erickson advertising then located in the Penobscot Building in downtown Detroit. She was a former Miss Penobscot. She then worked as a bookkeeper for her husband, Peter F. Nowosielski M.D.

Mrs. Nowosielski was a trustee of Pope John Paul II Cultural Center, a tireless volunteer for Orchard Lake Schools, Bon Secours Assistance League, St. John Fontbonne Auxiliary, Macomb County Medical Society Auxiliary and a consummate hostess. In retirement, she continued her philanthropic efforts on Marco Island, Fla., with San Marco Catholic Church and various newcomer's, women's and alumni clubs. She also was a founding member of the Marco Island Historical Society.

She enjoyed gourmet cooking, entertaining at home for various organizations, playing bridge

and needlepointing.

Mrs. Nowosielski is survived by her loving children, M. Cathy Nowosielski M.D. (Jeffrey N. Lutz), Laura M. Nowosielski M.D. (Martin S. Gillieson M.D.) and Camille M. (Stephen) Lloyd and her grandchildren, Andrew and Ryan Lutz and John and Erin Lloyd. She also is survived by her sisters, Helen Perry, Virginia Melotti, Camille Patterson.

She was predeceased by her husband and her brothers, John Kowaleski M.D. and Albert Kowaleski.

A Mass of the Resurrection will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 12, at Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake.

Donations may be made to Orchard Lake Schools, 33535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake, MI 48324 or Beaumont Hospice, Beaumont Foundation, P.O. Box 5802, Troy, MI 48007-9620.

Robert O. Derrick Jr.

Robert O. Derrick Jr. died peacefully Sunday, April 8, 2012, at RiverMead LifeCare Retirement Community in Peterborough, N.H., surrounded by his family. He was born in Detroit to Robert O. Derrick and Clara D. Hodges.

He graduated in 1942 from St. Paul's School in Concord, N.H. and served in the U.S. Army Air Corps until 1945 when he entered Yale University to study engineering. While in the Army Air Corps, he served as a flight instructor flying B-24s, B-25s and B-26s. After graduating from Yale in 1949, he began his career as an engineer at General Motors Corp. near Chicago where he helped build diesel locomotives.

In 1954, Mr. Derrick married Lois Wilson, and together started their family. In 1960, he joined the Central Intelligence Agency where he worked on the development of three technical intelligence collection systems: The prototype SR-71, a high altitude Mach3 reconnaissance aircraft; the U-2R, a later model of the original U-2 reconnaissance aircraft; and the Hughes Glomar Explorer, a marine intelligence collection system. He also worked as a member of the CIA Inspector General's Office.

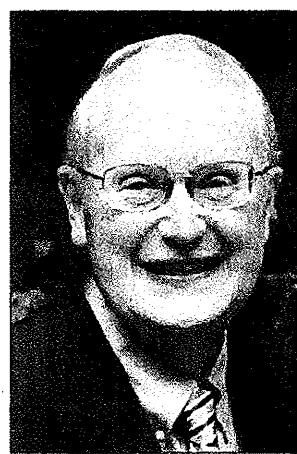
Mr. Derrick spent 21 years with the CIA, and he and his wife, Lois, loved McLean, Va., where they raised their children and had many good friends. Upon retiring from the U.S. government, the couple moved to Gloucester, Mass. From 1981 to 1995 he worked at the MITRE Corporation as a consultant.

He and his wife moved to RiverMead after living 26 years in Gloucester.

Mr. Derrick was passionate about Dixieland jazz and the Big Band sound, steam locomotives and his model railroad. He also enjoyed reading his Aviation Week magazines, and spending time with all his family. During his last five years, while living at RiverMead, his family said he commented daily



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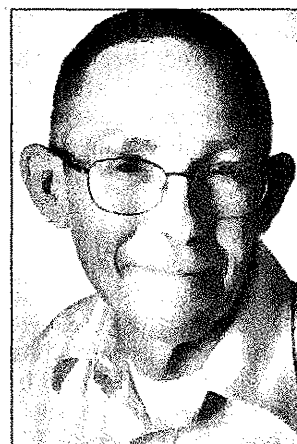
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Robert O. Derrick Jr.



Charles Edward Rivard



George Edward Snyder

about how much he loved living in New Hampshire and about all the nice people and the staff who cared for him there.

Mr. Derrick is survived by his wife of 58 years, Lois; daughter, Jeanie D. West; son, Robert O. Derrick III and grandchildren, Ian Derrick West, Robert Braitmayer West and Edwards Shane Dill.

A memorial service was held April 14 at RiverMead.

Donations may be made to Monadnock Community Hospital, Philanthropy Department, 452 Old Street Road, Peterborough, NH 03458; Peterborough Fire and Rescue, 16 Summer Street, Peterborough, NH 03458, or All Saints Episcopal Church, 51 Concord St., Peterborough, NH.

Charles Edward Rivard

Charles Edward Rivard, retired U.S. Army Lt. Col., passed away Tuesday, April 3, 2012, Easter Week, at his niece's home in Harrison Township. He was 71.

Born Dec. 25, 1940, in Mount Clemens to Charles L. Rivard M.D. and Thelma E. Rivard (nee Sudhoff), he grew up in St. Clair Shores. He graduated from Austin Collegiate Prep in 1959 and the University of Notre Dame in 1963.

Mr. Rivard served in the DM2 with the First Cavalry in Korea from 1962 to 1963. He spent many years in the U.S. Army as a controller, earning the rank of lieutenant colonel. He met his wife, Bobbie, through their commanding officer and they were married Christmas Eve 1982, at home on Rivard Boulevard in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Mr. Rivard practiced as a certified public accountant in manufacturing companies and in self-employment in Kentucky and Michigan.

He served as post commander for Ludlow Veterans in Kentucky and was a member of Grosse Pointe War Memorial Veterans. His lifetime love of history and genealogy led to a study of Detroit land grants and street names. He was presented certificates for Detroit 300 Tricentennial Original Settlers (Jacques Campeau and Catherine Yax) and Michigan Pioneer Family (Nicholas Rivard, Detroit). Rivard Boulevard and Charles Street in Grosse Pointe and Rivard Plaza in Detroit, were sites of Rivard homesteads and ribbon farms.

Mr. Rivard is survived by his sister, Elizabeth L. Nebel; brothers, Robert J. (Barbara), Thomas A. (Kimberly) and David J.

(Julie); sister-in-law, Joann (James); four stepchildren; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his wife, Bobbie and his brother, James L. Rivard.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at noon Saturday, April 28, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms followed by military honors. Visitation begins at 11:30 a.m. in the church's gathering place.

Inurnment will be at the National Cemetery in Chattanooga, Tenn., with those of his wife.

George Edward Snyder

George Edward Snyder, 78, died Sunday, April 1, 2012.

He was the beloved husband of Claudia (nee Gage) for 28 years; dear father of Sara Lynn Snyder and Elizabeth Jane "Beth" Snyder (Charles) Dierkes; loving stepfather of Charles Alexander "Alec" Brooks (fiancée Katrina) and Claudia Cecelia "Cary" (Scott) Jarnac and cherished grandfather of 10.

He also is survived by his sister, Mary Elizabeth Snyder (Edward James III) Casey and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 25, at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills.

Thomas J. Paulos

Thomas J. Paulos, 55, of Brunswick, Ga., passed away Thursday, April 5, 2012.

He was born in Eustis, Va. in 1956 and attended Michigan State University and Life University in Atlanta. Throughout his academic career he earned four bachelor's degrees, two master's degrees, one in business and the other in psychology, and a doctor of chiropractic medicine. His practice was located in Brunswick.

His family said he loved the Lord and will long be remembered as a people person and an encourager sharing God's unending love.

Dr. Paulos is survived by his wife of two years, Dr. Cynthia Tuller-Paulos of Brunswick and his mother, Aphrodite Paulos-Nichols of Ormond Beach, Fla.

He was predeceased by his father, Dr. John Thomas Paulos and brother, Michael Paulos.

A funeral service was held Monday, April 16, at Holy Cross Orthodox Church, 375 Fleming



Jack C. Younke

Ave., Ormond Beach, Fla.

Interment followed at Flagler Palms Memorial Gardens, 511 Old Kings Rd. South, Flagler Beach, Fla.

Donations may be made to SOFFY, Shield of Faith Family & Youth Ministries for the Living Legacy Bible Foundation for Bibles, P.O. Box 1890, West Plains, MO 65775.

Jack C. Younke

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Jack C. Younke, 84, died Sunday, April 1, 2012, at Sunrise on Vernier.

He was born May 12, 1927, in Detroit, to Charles and Amanda (nee Schroeder) Younke and graduated from Eastern High School and the University of Detroit School of Business. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, attaining the rank of sergeant.

Mr. Younke was a supervisor in the accounting department at Aetna, Penn Mutual and Marsh & McLennan Insurance Co., where he advanced to assistant vice president of office management and human resources.

"Uncle Jack" was a counselor and mentor to many young people and was a volunteer at Monteith Elementary School. He served on several committees for the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Mr. Younke was a life-long member of the Lutheran Church, first at Historic Trinity in Detroit and for the last 40 years, at Peace Lutheran in Detroit. He was chairman of the board of deacons and served on the Peace board of directors. He was a collector, gardener, flower arranger and did beautiful stitchery.

His family said he shared his love for people and God with the patients and caregivers at Sunrise during his illness.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, April 4, at Peace Lutheran Church. Interment is in Elmwood Cemetery.

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OBITUARIES

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Jane Louise Watko D.D.S.

Jane Louise Watko, 58, of Grand Rapids, died Tuesday, April 3, 2012, of breast cancer.

She was born Aug. 25, 1953, in Bon Secours Hospital to Joanne (nee Sweeney) and Dr. Edward S. Watko. Her childhood was spent with brother Edward, "Ed," and sister, Patricia, "Trish," in St. Clair Shores and Grosse Pointe Woods. She was a graduate of St. Lucy Catholic grade school, attended Dominican High School and graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 1971.

Dr. Watko graduated from University of Detroit Dental School and did post graduate work at the University of Rochester. Upon completing the post graduate work, she worked in her practice in the Detroit area until 2008. At that time she took a position with the State of Michigan providing dental services in the reform system in west central Michigan.

Dr. Watko enjoyed spending time at the family cottage with her sister, nephew, niece and other family members. She was an active member in the Word of Faith Christian Center in Grand Rapids and was looking forward to a church organized ministry trip to provide dental services to the needy in Ghana. She also enjoyed singing in the church choir and she completed, with honors, Bible Training Institute School of Ministry in June 2010.

Dr. Watko is survived by her parents, Joanne and Edward; brother, Edward, and wife, Cindy; sister, Patricia; niece, Heather Allen, her husband, Jason, and their children, Trent and Mack and nephew, Paul Watko, his wife, Gretchen, and their children, Jack, Maddie and George.

Donations may be made to Word of Faith Christian Center Grand Rapids, 3030 Eastern Ave. S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49508 or The Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation at komen.org.

Mildred Lydia Fox

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Mildred Lydia Fox, 93, died Sunday, April 8, 2012.

Born June 18, 1918, in Detroit to Fred A. and Lydia C. (nee Ruprecht) Steyer, she graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1937, achieving perfect attendance during her four years there and

earning her Girls Athletic Association letter. She later worked in the cost department for Parke-Davis in Detroit.

In 1940, she married Robert E. Fox and together they raised their two children in Grosse Pointe. In addition to caring for her family, Mrs. Fox enjoyed gardening and bowling, as well as traveling and attending Broadway musicals. She was an avid Republican with a large assortment of elephants given to her by her family. Her vintage tricycle is on display in the Streets of Old Detroit section of the Detroit Historical Museum.

Mrs. Fox was a longtime member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms where she sang in the junior and senior choirs.

She was also a member of the Detroit Turners athletic association.

Mrs. Fox is survived by her sons, Robert E. (the late Dolly) Fox II and Dean F. (Christel) Fox; grandchildren, Robert E. (Alena) Fox III, Heather M. (Rodney) Williams, David R. Fox and Peter J. (Deena) Fox and great-grandchildren, Jacob Williams, Annika Williams, Elijah Williams and Stephanie Fox.

She was predeceased by her husband; her parents and her brother, Wilbur Steyer.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, April 11, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

If the dress makes the woman and the woman doesn't have the dress, what will she wear to a job interview?

The Dress Barn is helping those whose clothing choices are wanting to obtain an outfit to wear to an interview from its Dress for Success program.

The store's customers donate new or gently used professional attire and accessories specifically to the program. Women who meet the specifications receive at least one complete outfit suitable to wear to work.

Donated clothing, accepted once a year in March, is career appropriate, explained Stephanie Clement, manager of the Dress Barn in Pointe Plaza.

"This is great for women getting back into the work force," Clement said. "We accepted shoes and purses this time."

The items are washed or dry cleaned and repaired and taken to the Dress for Success Ypsilanti site. An outfit from Dress for Success can provide confidence booster.

"So many people need jobs. This maybe gives them a great boost, a confidence builder," she added. "Some donors add a note card to wish them (recipients) luck."

Women, who are referred to the program by both for- and non-profit organizations, can choose from a variety of suits, dresses and accessories for a job interview.

"Our program was specifically designed to



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Pointe Plaza Dress Barn manager Stephanie Clement said during the collection period, some 60 to 75 pieces were donated, including suits, belts and blazers ranging from petite to plus sizes.

help disadvantaged women in their quest for employment and job retention," said Brenda Byrd, executive director, Dress for Success Michigan.

The program has three components, she explained via e-mail.

"One to render the service of suiting clients and receiving and preparing donations to be passed on. (The second is) The Professional Women's Group assists and mentors women who are employed but need the group support to assist them with job quality and retention. Finally, 'The Going Places Network by Walmart' is a program designed to teach the most current job search skills with professionals assisting with the program with mock interview and self presentation," Byrd said.

"The women coming

through our facility," she continued, "are interviewing for service, clerical and professional positions."

Byrd goes on to say Dress for Success has seen an upswing in the number of women who have obtained clothing.

"There was a definite increase in services last year," she said, "around 200 additional visiting

clients. This year, requests appear to be very similar to last year's numbers. Nationwide and abroad we have served over 550,000 women. In Michigan, we have served over 15,000 women in our 14 years of existence. We are busy the entire year."

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Can I prune my roses now even though they have leafed out from the early warm weather?

If you have hybrid tea roses and they have their leaves already opened, it is advised to still prune them. Look for canes that are discolored gray, brown or even black and remove them to the green (which is the live tissue). If the cane has died back to the base, go ahead and cut that low. Then remove any canes growing in the center or crossing each other. You want the plant to be open in the center for light and air to circulate which helps cut down on fungal problems. Now look at the

remaining canes and make cuts above an outward facing bud or leaf. Your cut will direct the new branch to grow outward and keep the center open. If you have shrub roses or the newer landscape roses like Knockouts, prune in the same manner allowing openness in the center. Don't be afraid to prune; how are you going to learn what your plant can tolerate? April is the time to fertilize roses. Use a rose fertilizer for those heavy feeders. Feeding them now will help produce beautiful blooms all summer. *Enjoy your garden!*

Submitted by **GPBR**
Member, **Mildred Hurley, A Southern Gardener**

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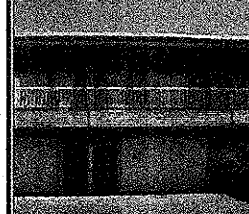
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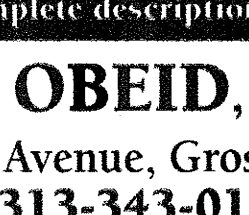
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Spring lawn and landscape tips

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"Trees and shrubs add tremendous appeal to our urban home environments, but to thrive, particularly out of their natural world, they require regular care with added nutrients and protection against invasive pests," said Ben Hamza, director of technical operations at TruGreen.

Here are some seasonal lawn and landscape tips from the experts at TruGreen:

◆ Clean up: New spring growth can be hampered if it's covered with debris. Clean out dead leaves,

branches, trash or anything else that could impair the lawn's growth.

◆ Prune properly: Pruning trees and shrubs properly can make them look and grow better.

◆ Don't top — shear overgrown shrubs or trees. Thin them out to preserve their shape.

◆ Spring-blooming plants such as azaleas, rhododendrons, forsythia and lilacs should be pruned only after they flower.

◆ Put the right plants in the right place: Put new plants in an area where they'll thrive; know the light requirements for a new plant.

◆ Fences or other structures can restrict air flow, which can interfere with growth.

◆ Have the right type of

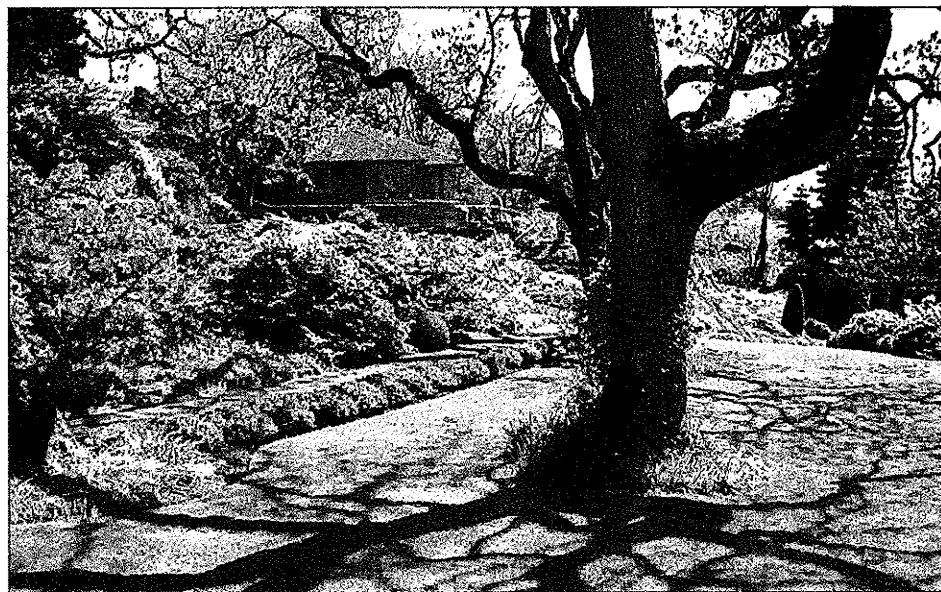


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grass for your lawn. Plant shady ground covers wherever grass has a hard time growing.

◆ If laying sod, make sure the temperature is

warm enough for grass growth. Firmly pack sod into the soil and water as needed to encourage deep root growth.

◆ Nourish the roots: Spring lawn, tree and shrub roots seek nourishment after the dormancy of winter.

◆ Early spring fertilizer

has less nitrogen and more phosphorus to promote strong roots.

Consider a professional company to design a custom plan to give your yard exactly what it needs.

◆ Keep fertilizer on target to prevent run-off, and sweep the granules off the pavement.

◆ Get ready to water: Give the lawn a slow, steady watering about once a week.

◆ Follow the owner's operating manual to take an automated sprinkler system out of hibernation. Ensure sprinkler heads and related water lines are working properly.

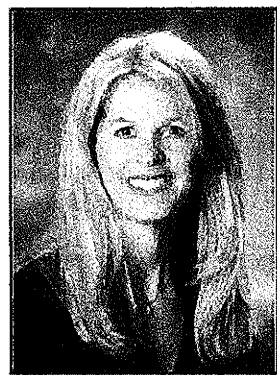
◆ Mulch can keep soil in place, reduce weeds and retain moisture.

When the soil has warmed, apply three inches of organic mulch to base of shrubs and trees to help conserve soil moisture and reduce weed pressure. Don't cover the flare of the tree base in mulch "volcanoes," which can lead to rot.

◆ When the lawn is actively growing, return grass clippings back to the soil for added lawn nutrients. Use composted materials to nourish plants.

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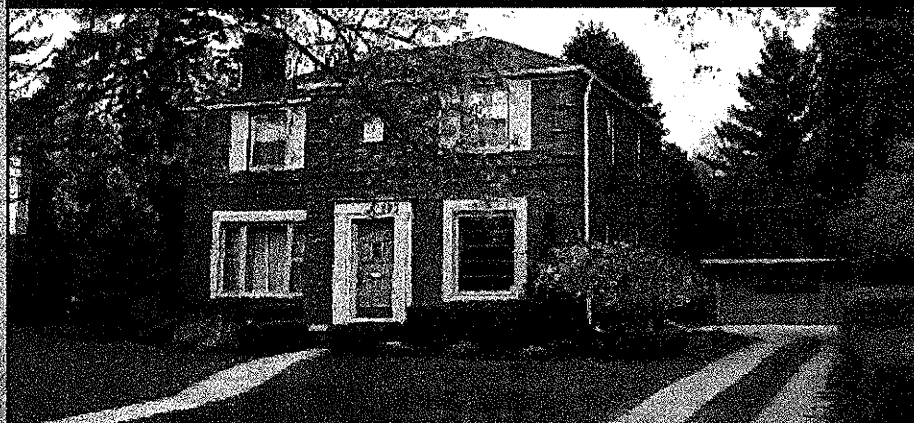
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To schedule a viewing of the property, please contact the Department of Public Service at 313-885-4285.

Bid submittal forms are available at the Department of Public Service, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

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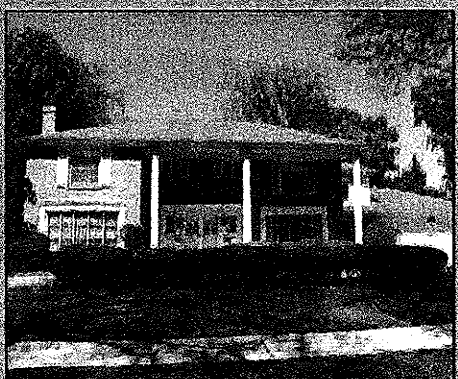
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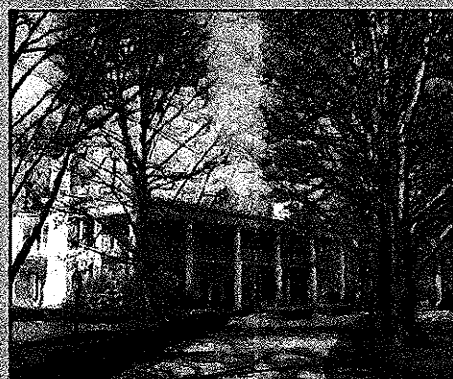
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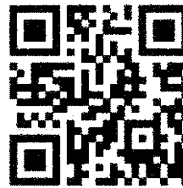


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Kia Soul reflects its name



We've been soul searching for the last few years. A look at Kia's subcompact at the North American International Auto Show convinced us to get in line for a test drive. Apparently lots of other people had the same thought and the wait stretched out and into its third model year in North America.

Our time in an "Alien" green 2012 Kia Soul was decidedly worth being put on hold. What fun it is to drive, with great visibility, generous head space, roomy interior, maneuverability, enough pep and reportedly good mileage.

If Alien strikes one as an odd color moniker, how about trim levels designated Soul, + and !.

The Soul + had a base price of \$16,395 plus \$750 freight and handling. That included items that in some competing models are options: features such as air conditioning, power windows, a leather-wrapped steering wheel and steering-wheel-mounted audio controls.

Our Soul was powered by a 164-horsepower 2.0-liter four with multi-port fuel injection. A smaller, 136-horsepower 1.6-liter direct-injection four is also available and it's slightly more fuel efficient: 27 miles per gallon city and



35 highway with either automatic or manual transmission. The larger engine is rated at 26 city and 34 highway.

Transmissions are six-speed; the automatic includes overdrive. Gear shifts are short and accurate.

There are "Eco" packages available for the 1.6-liter and 2.0-liter Soul. the 1.6-liter package comes only on the base Soul and includes idle stop and go for added fuel savings, 16-

inch alloy wheels, low-rolling-resistance tires, the luggage under-floor tray and dual visor illuminated vanity mirrors.

Eco for the 2.0-liter features the idle stop and go and the rolling-resistant tires and comes only on the + trim level ordered with automatic transmission.

The ! model qualifies for a premium options package with the likes of heated front seats, leather seating surfaces, auto-

The 2012 Kia Soul wagon appears to enjoy its kooky, boxy lines; they encompass a spacious interior.

Its liftback covers a cargo area beneath and rear split-back seats. When folded forward, the seats triple the storage space. Soul's instrument panel is uncomplicated and within easy reach.

matic climate control, a nav system with traffic updates and rear-camera and push-button with a smart key for your pocket or purse.

The base Soul is equipped with 15-inch wheels; 16-inch wheels are available and they are standard on the + trim level. Oversize 18-inch wheels give the ! level a special look.

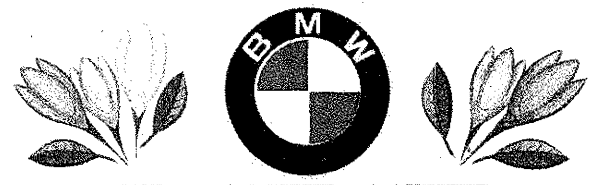
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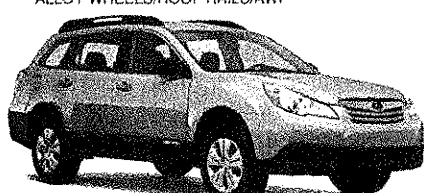
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Automobilia, memorabilia and petroliana items are available for sale and auctioned from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

A free preview is open to the public from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 20.

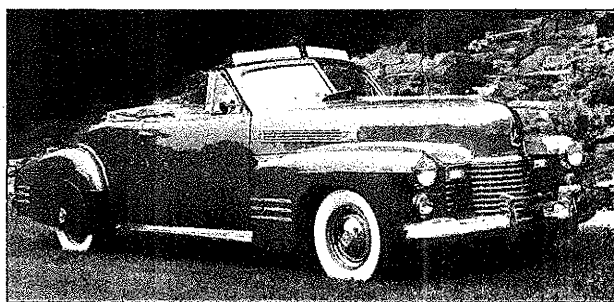
The Novi Spring Classic Car Auction is the company's first spring sale in Michigan and features vehicles such as a 1969 Ford Mustang Boss 429 SportsRoof fastback and an award-winning 1941 Cadillac Series 62 convertible with a 346-inch 150 horsepower monobloc flathead V-8.

The Mustang was one of a limited production designed to make the Boss 429 engine eligible for racing, according to auction information. The speed demon features a four-speed transmission, hood scoop, dual racing mirrors and chrome 15X7 Magnum 500 wheels.

Classic Motorcar



The limited production 1969 Ford Mustang Boss 429 SportsRoof fastback, above, and the 1941 Cadillac Series 62 convertible, below, will cross the auction block this weekend at the Suburban Collection



Auctions also offer a rare 1940 Buick Century Model 66-C convertible coupe with maroon exterior, a tan cloth top and red interior. The Buick features a factory Buick 320-inch overhead-valve straight eight engine producing 141 horsepower, mated to a three-speed manual transmission. Classic Motorcar says this vehicle is No. 212 of 542 Buick Century 66-C convertible coupes built

in 1940.

The Classic Motorcar event fills the spring collectibles sale void left when RM Auctions of Chatham, Ontario, discontinued its annual late-April sale in Novi.

General admission is \$10 for one day and \$15 for a weekend pass.

For more information, call (866) 653-8900 or visit classicmotorcarauctions.com.

— Jenny King

SOUL: Spacious interior

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backs are folded forward, the Soul becomes a small but capacious hauler.

The interior surprises with its passenger space. This is a car in which most can wear a generous-size hat. Truthfully, this "toast-

pretending to be glamorous, nicely accommodates five. Even the center seat on the rear bench offered head and leg room.

The Soul has been praised for its low price points — Kia Soul 2012 models start at \$13,900, the 5-year/60,000-mile limited basic warranty with roadside assistance, and roominess for passengers. It has been criticized for a noisy highway ride. We thought, given its size and intent, that the Soul was remarkably well

sound-proofed. And when doors are closed, they give off a pretty solid thunk rather than a hollow echo.

Rebates and low finance rates appear to be available.

Korea is the final assembly point for the Soul as well as the source of most of its parts. One percent of Soul parts are sourced in the United States and/or Canada.

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

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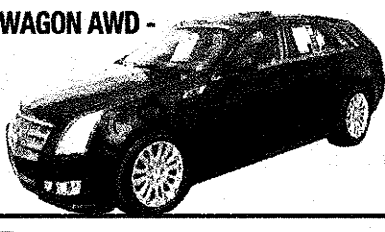
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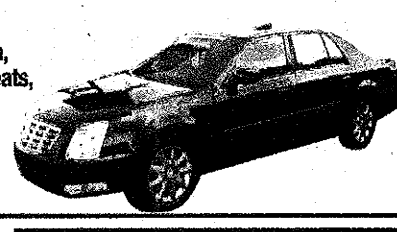
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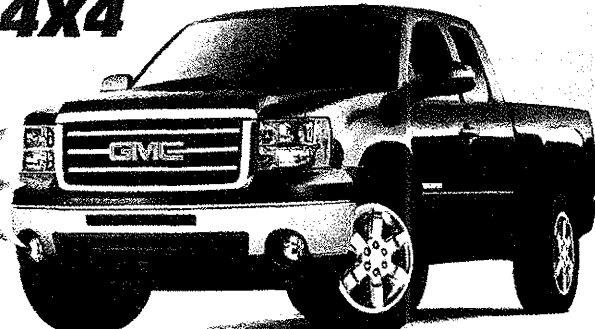
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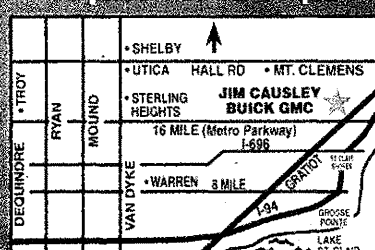


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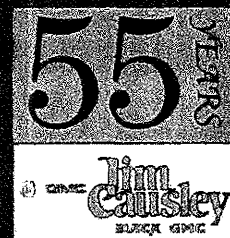
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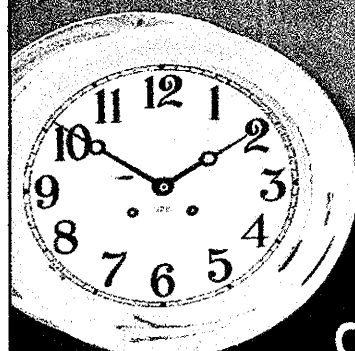


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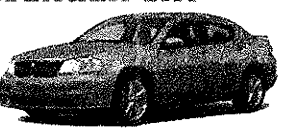
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LIGGETT BASEBALL

Daar tosses no-hitter

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett senior Alex Daar is making an early case for player-of-the-year honors after throwing a second no-hitter last weekend.

Daar no-hit Livonia Clarenceville in the Knights' 4-0 victory. He also threw a no-hitter in the season opener against Franklin Road Christian. Daar is 3-0 and Liggett improved to 3-0 with the non-league win.

"Alex no-hit a solid Clarenceville team," head coach Dan Cimini said. "This was a good win for our ballclub."

Daar had a perfect game going until the final inning when he hit a batter and another reached on an error.

Offensively, the Knights scored all the runs they would need in the second inning. Junior Kevin Allen singled and advanced to third on freshman Nick Azar's double.

Sophomore Anthony Simon singled home Allen and Azar scored on a wild pitch.

A wild pitch scored the Knights' third run and the fourth came when junior Mark Auk, who singled, came home on sophomore Nick Zingas' single.

The Knights continue their schedule Monday, April 23, at home against Birmingham Brother Rice, followed by away games Tuesday, April 24, and Thursday, April 26, against Allen Park Inter-City Baptist and Lutheran Westland.

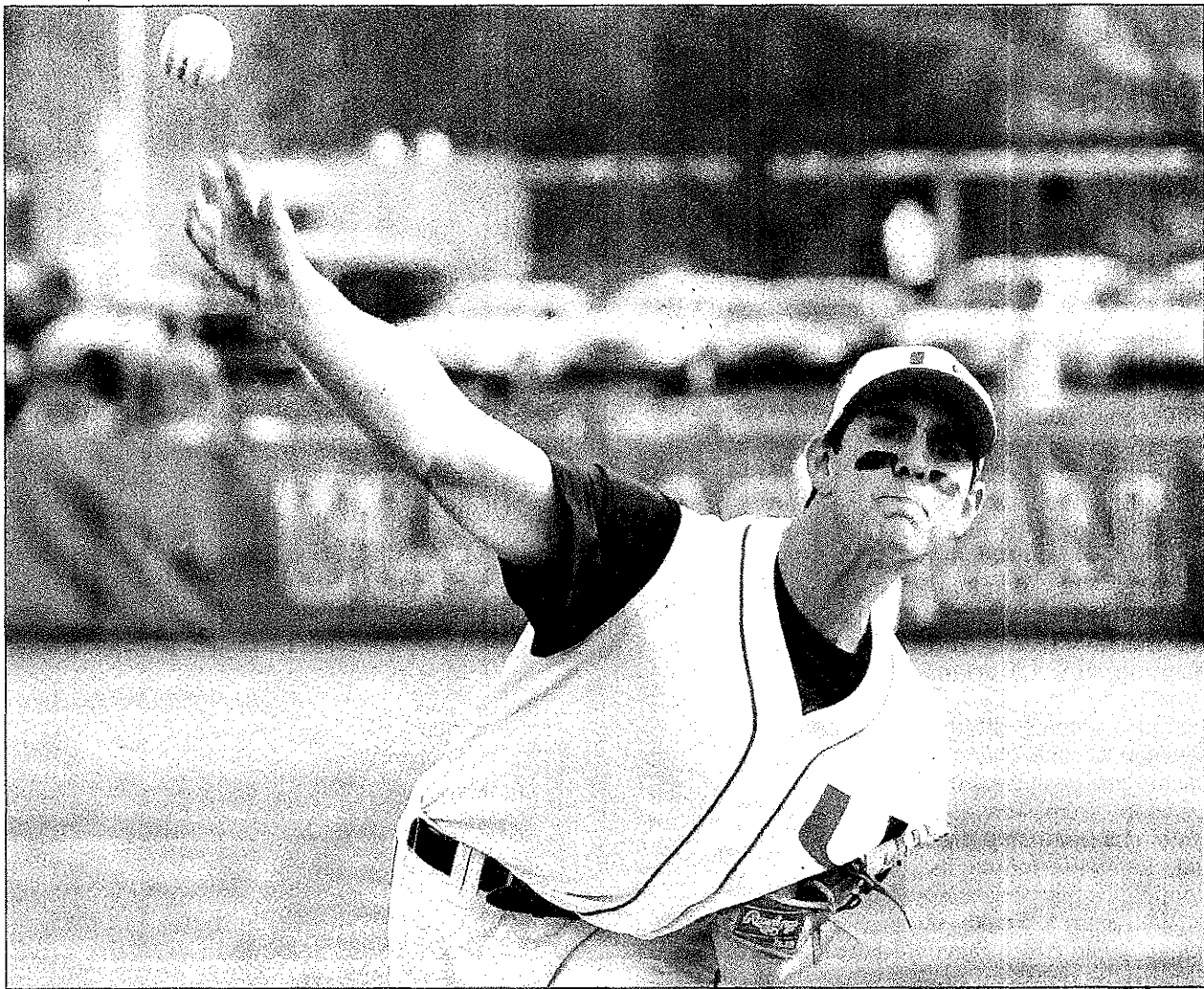


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Liggett senior Alex Daar made his third start of the season last weekend and threw his second no-hitter.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH BASEBALL

Mixed results

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' baseball team, 3-5 overall, played its final tune-up before division play begins Monday afternoon.

The host Blue Devils forced extra innings, scoring a run in the bottom of the seventh. In the end it was an 8-5 loss in eight innings to St. Clair.

They took a 2-0 lead in the third inning, but the Saints tied it with two runs in the fourth and added two more runs in the fifth to grab a 4-2 lead.

Junior Carmen Benedetti's two-run double in the bottom of the fifth tied the game 4-4, but once again the visitors took the lead, scoring one run in the sixth.

In the bottom of the seventh inning, Benedetti, se-

nior Cam Gibson and junior Andrew Addy walked to load the bases.

A slow grounder to third turned into a force out, but senior Tim Kramer was hit by a pitch, forcing home Gibson for the tying run. They left the bases loaded, but forced extra innings.

The Saints scored three runs in the top of the eighth to win the game.

South played six games during its spring break.

The Blue Devils opened the trip to Columbus with an 11-1 loss to Cincinnati Moeller and the following day split a doubleheader with Cincinnati Oak Hills, winning 5-2 and losing 12-7.

On Wednesday, the Blue Devils beat Johnston-Monroe 12-6, and the final day they lost 3-2 to Bishop Watterson and beat Dublin Coffman 11-9.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South junior Carmen Benedetti pitched well, earning a no decision, plus was 2-for-3 with two walks at the plate.

LIGGETT SOFTBALL

Knights on five game roll

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It wasn't exactly what head coach Ted Alpert expected, but a win is a win for University Liggett's softball team.

Last weekend, the host Knights used a balanced offensive attack and good pitching by junior Ashley Tengler to beat Strong Tower 5-2.

"We didn't do many things well today, but somehow managed to win a ballgame," Alpert said. "Ashley pitched a nice game against a Strong Tower team that battled from the first pitch."

Strong Tower scored in the top of the first inning, thanks to a two-out single.

The Knights took the lead 2-1 in the bottom of the second inning. Junior Julia DeRoo led-off with a double down the third-base line and scored on junior Colleen Klimek's

single.

Klimek scored on a ground out by freshman Zarine Minwalla.

The visitors tied it with a run in the top of the fourth. Two errors and a wild pitch allowed the run to score, but the Knights came right back to take the lead in the bottom half of the inning.

DeRoo reached when her fly ball to center field was misplayed and she once again scored on a Klimek single. Klimek came around to score on a wild pitch to give the Knights a 4-2 lead.

They added an insurance run in the fifth when sophomore Lia Evangelista led-off with a bunt single, stole second and scored on freshman Taylor Slayton's single up the middle.

After that, Tengler did the rest, retiring the final eight hitters, including striking out three, to record the victory.

Tengler gave up one

earned run on four hits, walking only one and striking out five.

Offensively, DeRoo and Klimek had two hits apiece to lead the Knights. Other players with one hit were Evangelista, Slayton and junior Amber Baldwin.

In other action last week, Liggett jumped all over Detroit Country Day, winning 12-3 as Slayton drove in five runs. They also beat Macomb Lutheran North 6-4.

Key hitters in the winning rally were Slayton with a triple, Baldwin with a run-scoring double and DeRoo with a run-scoring single.

Liggett concluded the busy week with a doubleheader sweep of Ann Arbor Greenhills, winning 12-4 and 13-1, improving to 5-1 overall.

"This is always a good afternoon, complete with a BBQ," Alpert said. "Everyone wins on this

day."

In game one, Tengler was the winning pitcher. Offensively, Baldwin hit a triple, double and single, while DeRoo hit the fence on a fly and rounded the bases for an inside-the-park homer.

Minwalla earned her first varsity win in the second game, striking out three and walking two. She pitched six innings and Tengler pitched the seventh, striking out three.

Slayton hit two doubles and a triple that hit the fence on the fly to lead the offensive attack.

Coming up for the Knights are league games Tuesday, April 24, against Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, and Thursday, April 26, at Southfield Christian.

In addition, the Knights travel to Deerfield-Summerfield Saturday, April 28, to play a non-league doubleheader.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH BASEBALL



PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

DH sweep

Grosse Pointe North's Chip Wujek, shown above during the Norsemen's home games against L'Anse Creuse North, and his teammates improved the boys' baseball team record to 4-2 overall after beating Detroit Martin Luther King 11-1 and 14-4 last week.

2C | SPORTS

Track and field

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH GIRLS

Blue Devils off to fast start

The Grosse Pointe South girls' track and field season began right where the 2011 season left off — with continued victories.

The Blue Devils started the season with both league and non-league victories. They dominated both Port Huron Northern, 113-24, and Birmingham Marian, 107-21.

South, coming off the Division 1 state championship last year (and the Division 1 cross-country state championship last fall), looks to continue its dominance this year.

"We return a wealth of talent," head coach Steve Zaranek said. "More importantly, we return superb leaders who know how to do things the proper way."

"Our girls understand commitment and they understand how to be great teammates. Even in our first two dual meets of the season, the team support was incredible."

South boasts 123 team members, one of the programs largest in history.

"We continue to grow and become stronger," Zaranek said. "We have a huge freshman class that is filled with potential. Our junior and senior classes are filled with experienced veterans who know how to lead. Even at this early point in the season, we've made great progress."

The Blue Devils are led by juniors Hannah and Haley Meier. During the past two years, both have been ranked in the top five nationally in multiple events. Currently,



PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Grosse Pointe South senior Caitlin Moore, right, and junior Andrea DiCresce finish first and second, respectively, in the 400-meter relay.

Hannah Meier is the No. 1-ranked high school mile runner in the country.

"The contributions these two have made to the program cannot be measured," Zaranek said. "They are wonderful young women who have tremendous desire to excel and contribute. Both have a wealth of national experience and have proven themselves at the very highest levels of competition. They are now ready to contribute, once again, to their South teammates."

Hannah Meier holds the state records in both the 800- and 1,600-meter runs, with Haley having run the third-fastest time in 1,600 history.

As accomplished as the Meier sisters have been during their first three high school seasons, new

members have added to the depth. Freshman Ersula Farrow and sophomore Kelsie Schwartz, after helping South win the state cross country title in the fall, provide the potential to take the team to even higher levels.

"We are looking at the finest combination of four distance runners in the nation," Zaranek said. "They have already broken state indoor track records and also hold the fastest time in the nation for the distance medley relay."

"They have the potential, and desire, for tremendous, national-level accomplishments this spring."

In the sprints, the Blue Devils are led by senior Caitlin Moore.

"Caitlin is, simply put, the finest sprinter in the history of this school," Zaranek said. "Caitlin is also the perfect example of what we require in work ethic and commitment. She is the perfect teammate."

Moore is a four-year varsity veteran of volleyball, basketball, and track and holds multiple South records.

"We have a young sprint contingency filled

with talent," Zaranek said. "Caitlin will be the ultimate example for these girls to follow."

This sprint group includes Andrea DiCresce, Mia Perkins, Cierra Rice, Christy Ford, Elise Grever, Aliezza Brown, and Lisa and Kailyn Conley.

South is also counting on Aubryn Samaroo, who broke the oldest school record, the 5-foot, 5-inch high jump record set by Renee Lanz in 1980.

Samaroo, against both Northern and Marian, leaped 5-feet, 6-inches to establish a new, all-time South record.

"Aubryn has incredible concentration and is so fortunate to work with the finest high jump coach in the state in Leo Lamberti," Zaranek said. "We feel Aubryn has the potential to add even more height to her new record."

Field events will again be a Blue Devils strength with Samaroo, Emily Jackman (discus), DiCresce and Alexis DeBrunner (long jump), and Madi Kaiser (pole vault).

"Our field event girls are already in mid-season form," Zaranek said.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH BOYS

Norsemen win invite

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys' track and field team won the Grosse Pointe North Invitational Saturday, April 14.

The host Norsemen earned 61 points, followed by L'Anse Creuse with 43, Eastpointe East Detroit with 33 and Roseville with 19.

"It was a good start to the outdoor season and we are looking forward to a very competitive season," head coach Frank Tymrak said.

The Norsemen's discus relay won with senior Jalen Starks the top thrower, and sophomore Makai Polk was the top thrower in the first-place shot put relay.

North also won the shuttle hurdles with ju-

niors Taiwan Wiggins and Robert Tillman leading the way, and in the spring relays, sophomore Tod Long and juniors Kyle Moton and Michael Bennett led the pack.

The 4X800 relay took first with senior Nick Finley and junior Jordan Radke leading the charge, and the pole vault relay won the gold medal with junior Eric Balle leading the way.

The Norsemen's final first-place finish was posted by the long jump relay as junior Matt Maher was the top competitor.

Grosse Pointe North's captains for the season are seniors Ed Surmont, Finley, Jalen Starks, Ryan Kenney and Jay Gryniwicz, and juniors Maher, Wiggins and Bennett.

Rugby

Rugby teams split with foe

The Grosse Pointe rugby team lost its season opener last week, 20-0, to Howell.

However, Grosse Pointe's "B" team beat Howell 10-0 with freshman Mike Kavanaugh, who earned two tries.

"We learned a lot from our first game about where we can improve and what we did well," player Zach Hasenbusch said. "We are looking forward to our next game this Thursday against Shelby."

RUNNING

Register for fun walk/run

The first St. Paul 5K/2.2 mile walk/run is 9 a.m. Saturday, May 12, at the St. Paul athletic field behind the school.

St. Paul is located at 170 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

The event supports all St. Paul athletics and the run starts and finishes at the athletic field. Registration is 8 to 8:45 a.m. in the gymnasium.

The entry fee of \$20 has to be postmarked by April 30 or the fee is \$25 the day of the race. Students 18 and under play \$15.

The route starts at the St. Paul athletic field before participants turn right onto Grosse Pointe Blvd.

They make their way to Moros before heading to Lakeshore at Bell Tower.

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Liggett athletics

GIRLS LACROSSE

Team earns victory

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Senior Abby Belcrest scored seven goals, leading University Liggett's girls' lacrosse team to its first win of the season last weekend.

The host Knights used Belcrest's outburst to grab a 10-4 lead over Oxford. They held on for a 10-7 win.

"It was a good confidence builder for the girls," head coach Tamara Fobare said. "They passed the ball well and Abby had the hot hand. It was a nice day."

Other goal scorers were senior Anne Flick and juniors Courtney Knight and Chandler Warren.

Earlier in the week, Liggett lost 17-3 to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, leaving the team with a 1-2 mark.

"Cranbrook is a very skilled team that took it to us," Fobare said. "I'm glad the girls came out and played well today."



Liggett's Anne Flick launches a pass during the first half of the Knights' home game against Oxford.

PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

TENNIS

Knights gain momentum

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's girls' tennis team split its season-opening matches, beating Riverview Gabriel Richard 8-0 and losing 7-1 to Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central.

Against Gabriel Richard, senior Wesley DeJoie beat Lauren Burier, 6-0, 6-4, at No. 1 singles and senior Clarissa Dixon beat Sam Lyons, 6-2, 6-2, at No. 2

singles.

At No. 3 singles, junior Victoria Chochla won in straight sets, defeating Ari Quiroz, 6-4, 6-2, and junior Alexa Yates won, 6-4, 6-4, over Emily Stout at No. 4 singles.

Seniors Emily Broder and Madelin Mair crushed Rachael Fredericks and Meg Russell, 6-1, 6-0, at No. 1 doubles, plus fellow seniors Zoe Hu and Meghan Berkery cruised to a 6-2, 6-3 victory over

Madison Paul and Alicia Sims at No. 2 doubles.

The Knights' No. 3 doubles team of senior Katherine Woodward and freshman Jane Ninivaggi won, 6-2, 7-6, over Bianca Katibshahidi and Jamie Reidy, and the final win was posted by the No. 4 doubles tandem of freshmen Sabrina Ajjour and Jo Hummel, 6-3, 6-2, over Kaitlyn McGrath and Nicole Jakubik.

Head coach Cathy

Hackenberger's squad had one victory against St. Marcy CC as Broder and Mair beat Brianna Frazer and Emily Skibski, 6-2, 0-6, 6-2, at No. 1 doubles.

Hu and Berkery played well, but lost in three sets at No. 2 doubles to Holly Laginess and Crissy Flynn.

The other two doubles teams and the four singles matches ended in straight set defeats.

Liggett is 1-1 overall.

YOUTH HOCKEY

Bulldogs capture state crown

The 1998 Grosse Pointe Bulldogs swept its way through the MAHA State Championships in Midland March 10 to 12, winning the Michigan Bantam A title just 27 hours after head coach Robb McIntyre coached his high school team, University Liggett, to the Division III High School State Championship.

The Bulldogs dominated pool play, winning all three games. They first defeated Belle Tire-Taylor 6-2, as the line of Marshall Vyletel, Sam Knoblauch and Logan Jenuwine were responsible for all of the scoring.

Jenuwine registered a hat trick, while Vyletel had two goals and a playmaker (three assists). Knoblauch added the first of his seven goals he scored in the tournament.

Goaltender Alex Grimm turned in the first of three great performances between the pipes, and the defense was led by Harrison Wujek, Zack Kaiser, J.P. Navetta and Andrew Tomasi.

The second victory against Bay County was nearly disastrous for the Bulldogs. They lost the services of two speedy defensemen as Wujek broke his arm, and Jack Flynn strained his hip and back.

Despite the injuries, the Bulldogs came up big on

offense once more. The all-lefty line of Jonathan Theros (two goals), Mac Welsher one goals and two assists) and Zack Pearson (two assists) provided plenty of firepower in the 8-1 victory.

Brett Abdelnour scored his first goal of the tourney, assisted by C.J. Ramsdell and Mac Cimmarrusti. Jenuwine contributed two more goals to his total.

Harrison Griffin gave up only one goal in net. Coach Geoff Welsher pointed to the defensive play of Zack Kaiser and Griffin Brooks as being particularly strong for the Bulldogs.

Game three featured the return of defenseman Flynn and his defensive mates Tomasi, Navetta and Brooks.

The Bulldogs jumped out to a 5-0 lead over Mackinaw City and never looked back.

Knoblauch scored midway through the first, with assists from Vyletel and Jenuwine.

Twenty seconds later, Vyletel and Knoblauch fed Jenuwine for the second goal. Abdelnour kept his hot hand, scoring on a pass from Cimmarrusti.

In the second period, Ramsdell notched his first goal of the tourney with assists to Abdelnour and Cimmarrusti. Theros scored the fifth goal with

assists to Pearson and Welsher.

Mackinaw scored twice in the final minutes, but it was too little, too late, as Griffin was strong in the net, once again.

The semifinal game Sunday morning featured two powerhouse teams. The Bulldogs, ranked No. 2 in the nation by my-hockeyrankings.com, faced off against the No. 3-ranked Grand Rapids Griffins.

The Bulldogs came out firing on all cylinders as Knoblauch stole a puck in the first minute and fed it to a streaking Jenuwine for the opening break-away score.

Grand Rapids responded with a score of its own by defenseman Ryan Stapleton in the opening minute of the second period, but Mac Welsher answered 30 seconds later with a dazzling move and top-shelf backhand to put the Bulldogs up to stay.

Vyletel rounded out the scoring with an open net goal for a 3-1 victory. Goaltender Alex Grimm and defensemen Tomasi, Flynn and Kaiser had huge games for the Bulldogs.

The finals featured the No. 1-ranked Plymouth Stingrays against the Bulldogs, who rode an 18-game unbeaten streak (16-0-2) into the contest. The teams, however, were

2-2-1 against one another during the season.

The Bulldogs came ready to play as Knoblauch scored first at the seven-minute mark, with assists from Vyletel and Jenuwine.

Plymouth's Grant Resczyk scored two minutes later, but Theros responded with a slap shot to put the Bulldogs ahead for good as Welsher and Brooks assisted.

Jenuwine scored the third Grosse Pointe goal on a pass from defenseman Flynn at 11:45 in the second period, and Knoblauch put the Bulldogs up by three goals just two minutes later on a pass from Cimmarrusti.

However, Plymouth answered with back-to-back goals by Evan Nowel and Joe Mancinelli to make it 4-3.

Twenty seconds into the final period, Knoblauch completed his hat trick with a catch-and-shoot pass from Jenuwine, outracing a Plymouth defenseman to the puck.

With Grimm between the posts, and the defense anchored by Kaiser, Tomasi and Navetta, the Stingrays were held at bay for the final 14 minutes of regulation.

Knoblauch was selected by the tournament committee as the MVP of the championship game.

BOYS LACROSSE

First-half flurry key to victory

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

Ten first-half goals from University Liggett's boys' lacrosse team Saturday afternoon was more than enough to propel the Knights to an 18-6 win over Ypsilanti.

With the win, Liggett improved to 2-0 on the season.

"We moved the ball around really well," Liggett attack-man Andrew Zinkel said. "I think we came out today and played really hard too. I think the win against North in the first game still has us pumped up, and I think we came out today and played really focused. We wanted to prove that the break between games didn't slow us down at all."

From the opening moments of the contest, the Knights proved this point with speed and efficiency, scoring six goals in the opening 12 minutes of play and four more in the second period.

David Gushee had three goals in the first half, while Zinkel, Vince Scarfone, and Austin Petitpren tallied scores in the first 24 minutes of the game.

The second half was more of the same from Liggett, with Zinkel adding four of the team's eight goals in the third

and fourth quarters.

Zinkel finished the contest with five goals to lead the squad, while Gushee wrapped up the game with a trio of scores in the victory.

"We tried to do the same thing today that we do against everybody," head coach Bill Brusilow explained. "We try to work hard on ground balls, we work hard on our defense. I was really happy today with the intensity of our effort."

The intangibles, such as effort on loose balls and defense, is a facet of the game not lost on the players either.

"We know we have to work hard, like we did today," Zinkel said. "We've got to bring this same kind of focus to every game, whether we're winning by 10 or down by five, we've got to have that intensity and focus. We know that's really important."

At this point in the season, just a couple of games in, Brusilow admits that effort is what he's looking for in his team.

"Offense is the hardest thing to do," the coach said. "And that will come around as the season goes on."

"But now we look for that effort on defense and after loose balls. We got that today."

GOLF

Monsour opens with even par

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's boys' golf team opened its season last week with a win over Bloomfield Hills Roeper at The Heathers golf course.

Senior Chris Monsour shot an even-par 36 to earn medalist honors and lead the Knights to a 170 team score.

Senior Jeff Mott followed with a 42, while freshman Caleb Stokes

had a 45. Junior Jake Soyka and freshman Paul Sidhu chipped in with rounds of 47.

"It was a fabulous day for one of our players and a solid performance overall," head coach Dan Sullivan said. "The Heathers is a very tight nine hole course that is immaculately maintained."

"Last year we shot 182." The Knights' squad is composed of five seniors, two juniors and five freshmen.

SOCCER

Knights split opening games

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's girls' soccer team split its season-opening games last week.

The Knights beat Livonia Clarenceville 1-0 and lost 7-0 to Summit Sports Academy, moving to 1-1 overall.

"We had a decent opening week considering we had only a couple of practices before playing Clarenceville," head coach David Dwaihy said.

Senior Morgan Hutson scored the Knights' goal against the Trojans with sophomore Ania Dow assisting.

The Knights fell behind

Summit 1-0, but had back-to-back chances to tie the game. However, both shots hit the post. From that point, the deficit grew to hit seven goals.

"They might be the best team we play this year," Dwaihy said. "Our girls never gave up, even when it was 7-0. It's a learning experience that will help the girls in the long run."

The other seniors on the squad are Kara Zymslowski, Haley Smith, Emily Johnson and Janine Puleo.

Next for the Knights is an away game Saturday, April 21, against Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood.

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Tree City USA 29 times

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A budding artist at Maire Elementary School won this year's Arbor Day poster contest, while Grosse Pointe Park extended its perennial standing as a Tree City USA.

Both achievements are being celebrated at a city council meeting, 7 p.m. Monday, April 23.

The winning poster artist, a student in Dana Moir's fourth grade class, and runners-up are likely to be present.

City Forester Brian Colter always dresses appropriately for the annual ceremony.

"I wear my wood tie, wood belt and carry a wood pen in my shirt pocket," he said.

Posters are judged by the municipal beautification commission.

Judges picked the winning entry for its overlaid tissue paper cutouts of green, red and other colorful leaves, plus the slogan, "Trees are breathtaking."

"It's the simplicity of it," said Bill Balance, commissioner, appreciating the design. "The cutouts evoke Matisse."

Dozens of this year's posters are displayed in the city hall lobby.

Some posters tout trees' aesthetic value, others are more informative:

◆ A smiling tree wraps a limb around the planet, with the slogan, "Trees are mothers to the Earth."

◆ "Give trees a chance," says a tree, also smiling. "Trees absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen, give us shade and keep us cool, improve water quality, resulting in less runoff and erosion."

◆ A punning tree asks a squirrel, "Wood you plant a tree?" The squirrel answers, "You're nuts if you don't."

Tree City

Tree City USA designation is awarded by the National Arbor Day Foundation, headquartered in Nebraska.

"This is the 29th straight year we've won Tree City USA," Colter said. "Residents of the Park identify trees with their community. Beautiful, tree-lined streets almost always come up in conversations when people describe the Park."

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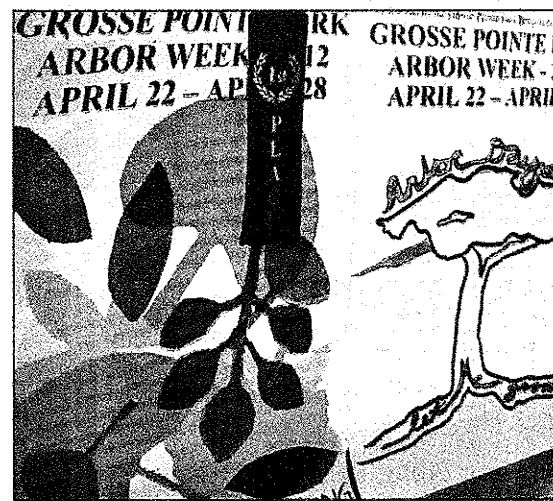


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The winning Arbor Day poster, left, a runner-up and more are displayed in the lobby of Grosse Pointe Park city hall.

duce, resident support and stewardship of their urban forest.

"By doing that, they're building the quality of life in their community," said Kevin Sayers, Michigan administrator of the program and urban forestry coordinator for the state department of natural resources.

To contend for a designation, a city must have:

- ◆ a tree ordinance,
- ◆ a tree advisory board or forestry department,
- ◆ annual expenditure of at least \$2 per capita for tree-related activities, including buying, trimming or removing trees and
- ◆ an annual Arbor Day celebration and proclamation.

"In many cases, it's a matter of documenting what they're already spending money on," Sayers said.

In addition to the Park being a Tree City USA, it's a 10-time winner of the foundation's Growth Award and, in 2008, a Sterling Award.

Designations recognize, among other things, the Park's increased elm tree population despite decades of Dutch elm disease.

"Not only are we trying to preserve huge, mature American elms, we're introducing a variety of disease-resistant ones," Colter said. "We have more elms now than seven years ago because of planting new Princeton elms."

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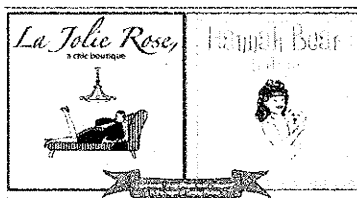
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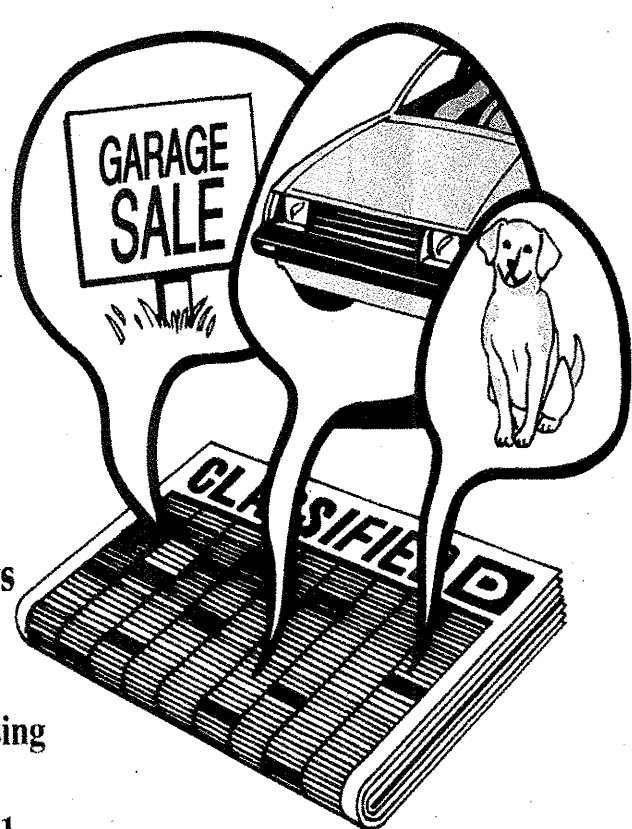
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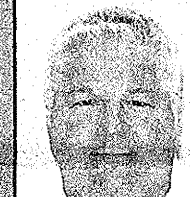
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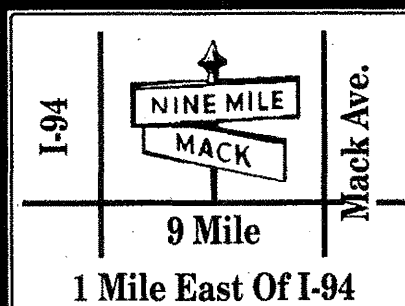
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The **Tau Beta Spring Market** is in its ninth year bringing in a dozen new vendors with proceeds to support The Children's Center.

Shopping for a cause

Every year hundreds of people look forward to the annual Tau Beta Spring Market. And this year should be no exception with a dozen new vendors offering items not seen in stores.

The spring market is now in its ninth year and shoppers have access to 25 booths filled with jewelry, spices, apparel, stationery and accessories and at the same time help The Children's Center.

The event, from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 26, begins with a preview party offering cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the Grosse Pointe Club, 6 Berkshire Place, Grosse Pointe Farms. Advance tickets cost \$65 and \$75 at the door. The public can attend and buy raffle tickets at \$25 or five for \$100. Raffle items include a David Yurman necklace, a Neiman Marcus Prada package worth \$250, a hot air balloon ride with lunch at The Huntsman in Metamora and a suite at a Tigers game.



The market is open from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, April 27, with guests having the opportunity to bid on silent auction items including a two-night stay at the Four Seasons Hotel in Florence, Italy, an original oil painting by local artist Chris Wardwell, landscape services,

jewelry and restaurant gift certificates.

Shopping is also open from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 28.

"It is a highly anticipated show among our members, also, friends plan to get together at this event to welcome spring-



Left, vendor Michele Smith of CMM. Above, Pomegranate Seeds of Arlington, Va., is a new vendor to the Tau Beta Spring Market.

time," said Barbara Kennedy co-spring market chairwoman.

"Shoppers will have the chance to see new merchandise. We will have West Coast vendors who bring merchandise which has never been seen before in the Midwest. We also invite vendors whose merchan-



dise is not available in stores; who only market their merchandise at these unique shows. They will rest assured in knowing all proceeds are going directly to help underprivileged children at The Children's Center of Detroit."

Thousands of dollars in proceeds from the two-day event, and corporate sponsorship, are donated to the center, Kennedy said.

"It is a very highly regarded show amongst the vendors, especially because they appreciate our mission of helping children. We will host the top 12 vendors from last year long with 12 new vendors to the show," she said.

Vendors come from across the United States including Alexandra Winslow of

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The La Societe des Jardinières meets at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 19, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial for a tour of the Alger House's family quarters. Following the tour, members go to Mary Dennehy's for lunch and a business meeting.

Questers

The Grosse Pointe Questers meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, April 20, for a presentation on stained glass windows. Peggy

Maycock is hostess and co-hostesses are Judy Mathews and Ann Hoag.

The Grunyons

The William Y. Gard Grunyon Invitational begins at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 22, in the University Liggett School auditorium, 1045 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The concert features guest groups Noteworthy and The Langsford Men's Chorus.

Refreshments are served and admission is

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War Memorial

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial's annual Mom-to-Mom sale is from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 21. Admission is \$2. No strollers are allowed.

Bird walk

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Villagers Ballroom

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The cost is \$90 for members and \$105 for non-members.

For more information, call Nancy Velek at (313) 884-5693.

Chamber music

The Grosse Pointe Chamber Music concert begins at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Music by Handel, Bellini, Mozart, Beach and Haydn are to be performed.

Tickets cost \$12 and can be purchased at the door. Those under 18 are admitted free.

For more information, call (586) 945-6830 or visit gpchambermusic@yahoo.com or Facebook.

GP symphony

The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra presents "A Bruch Spring" at

**Fashionable women**

The Women of Wayne, Grosse Pointe chapter's annual spring luncheon and fashion show hosted 155 members and guests at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Runway models in fashions from the Dress Barn, from left to right are Women of Wayne members Zenarr Clopton, Joan Wright, Susan Surletta, Stephanie Smothers, Jean Wright, Charlotte Edwards, Cassandra Hall, Barbara Phillips, Marti Miller and Catrina Hurst. The day's profits benefited the Incentive Scholarship program of W.O.W.

7 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

Conductor Joseph Striplin leads the orchestra in words by Beethoven and Bruch and serve as soloist for Bruch's "Concerto No. 1 in G Minor."

Adult tickets cost \$15, seniors and students pay \$12 and families pay \$30. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance at gpsymphony.org.

Family Center

The Family Center LEGO Challenge application submission is Thursday, April 19. Original buildings made of LEGOs, Duplos or Mega blocks can be entered in age brackets from kindergarten through adult.

Public viewing and judging is from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods.

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

Rotary

Rotary of Grosse Pointe meets at noon Monday, April 23, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Lunch costs \$15 and the public can attend.

Lynda Charow, organizer of the Shores-Pointes Adventure Triathlon, dis-

**Board members**

The Women of Wayne, Grosse Pointe chapter, board members, in back from left, Marti Müller, Georgiana Imbriaco, Rose Hauck and Theresa Lorio; in front from left, president Jean Wright, Laura Kysto and Joan Wright. Board members not pictured are Santina Miller and Lisa Popovich.

cusses the July 21 event, which the club is co-hosting.

The event includes kayaking, biking and running. For more information, visit shorespointestri.com.

The literacy book drive is 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Drop off new and gently-used books at the church's back entrance.

For more information about Rotary, visit grossepointerotary.org.

Toastmasters

The Northeastern

Toastmasters Club meets at 7 p.m. Monday, April 23, in the Brownell Middle School cafeteria, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

For more information, call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184.

Center of Lifelong Learning

The Center of Lifelong Learning for Active Adults hosts Roy Thibodeau, practitioner and certified Golden Lotus yoga instructor at 11:30 a.m. Monday, April 23, in the center's exercise room, Vernier and Beaconsfield, Harper Woods.

The demonstration is designed for men and women older than 50 years. Floor mat work and standing postures are demonstrated along with breathing techniques.

For more information and to register, call (313) 885-8063.

Senior Men's Club

The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe lunch begins at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 24, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The cost is \$10.

Speaker Menlo Innovations CEO Rick Sheridan discusses "Creativity, Energy, Imagination and Business Value of Joy: The Menlo Innovations Story."

Men, retired or more than 55 years of age, from near-by communities, are welcome. Jackets should be worn.

For more information, call Ken Van Dellen at (313) 821-5706.

Sunrise Rotary

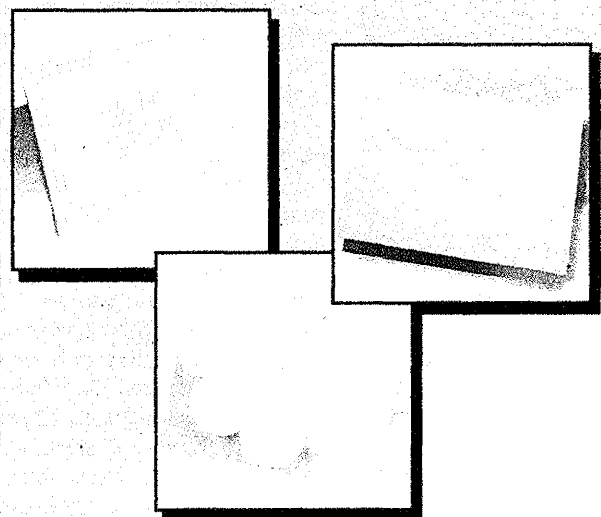
Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m. Tuesday, April 24, at The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Sara Martin of Grosse Pointe Patch is the speaker.

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ACTIVITIES: Meeting, screening, summer camps

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Parkinson's support group

The Eastside Parkinson's Support group meets at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 26, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods.

For more information, call Betty Rusnack at (313) 884-5778 or Jane Farrelly at (313) 886-4356.

Women's Connection

The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe meets Thursday, April 26, at City Kitchen Restaurant, 16844 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

Certified hypnothera-

pist Cheryl Bashada discusses the healing benefits of hypnosis.

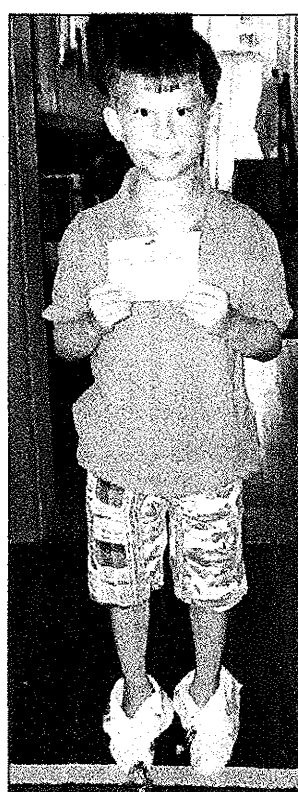
The evening begins at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 6:30 p.m.

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

Under the sea

A paint the window contest open to children attending any Grosse Pointe school, kindergarten through fifth grade, is Saturday, May 19. Entry forms can be obtained at the Village Toy Company, 17112 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, and must be turned in by Friday, April 27. Space is limited for this free event.

The Neighborhood



Ian Planks displays the moccasins he made during the 2011 RFD session at the Grosse Pointe Historical Society's Provencal-Weir House.

Club is collecting dona-

tions that day with its goal to raise \$51,000. Excavation for the pool is to begin this week.

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce offers GP Fish information, a fish bowl raffle and prizes.

The GP Fish is a fundraiser to benefit Services for Older Citizens and the Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation.

Cancer screening

Free oral, head and neck cancer screening is available from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 27, at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Center, 4100 John R, Detroit.

To preregister by 5 p.m. Thursday, April 26, call 1-800-527-6266.

Belle Isle Conservancy

The Belle Isle Conservancy spring clean-up is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 28. Meet at the Belle Isle Casino and wear gloves and boots. The rain date is May 5.

For more information, call (313) 331-7760 or visit belleisleconservancy@gmail.com.

GPT

Grosse Pointe Theatre's Ladies Night Out begins at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 9, with a strolling dinner and includes a variety of retail options, a martini and wine cash bar, followed by an 8 p.m. performance of the musical, "Hairspray," at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The event is sponsored by the Spirit of Women at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

—By Ann L. Fouty



DAR regent

Grace Bliss Smith, right, was named state outstanding chapter regent during the Michigan State Society Daughters of the American Revolution's state awards day. She is a member of the Grosse Pointe Louisa St. Clair Chapter. Beside her is Grosse Pointe South High School teacher Bruce Pelt who was named the 2012 Michigan Outstanding Teacher of American History by the Michigan State Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

More than 15 vendors showcase jewelry, purses and accessories, women's and young contemporary apparel, decorative picture frames, stemware and serving items and spice packets. Parking is free. Tickets cost \$45 and can be reserved by calling (313) 881-4004 or visiting gpt.org.

GPHS

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society offers three children's camps this summer.

The first is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 19, 21, 26 and 28 and has a Michigan garden theme. Children build an indoor fairy garden, make fresh lemonade and candles and learn about orchards on the Grosse Pointe ribbon farms. Registration deadline is June 12.

The second session is 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 10, 12, 17 and 19 at Windmill Pointe where attendees learn to assemble a windmill, make fresh orange

juice and learn the history of the Fox Indian Massacre in 1712 at Windmill Pointe.

The third session is 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 24, 26, 31 and Aug. 2. During the session children learn about Grosse Pointe's ribbon farm days. They dye fabric or yarn using boiled berries and herbs, weave a wall tapestry and sew a fabric doll.

Children should bring lunches. The cost is \$160 per session for members and \$180 per session for nonmembers.

For more information, call Izzy at (313) 884-7010 or visit digital@gphistorical.org.

The Lake House

The Lake House, 26701 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores, holds a wine and cheese event from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 3.

A \$15 donation is requested.

Reservations are required by Friday, April 27, and can be made by calling (586) 777-7761.

MARKET: Shopping

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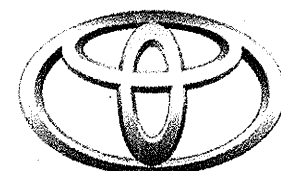
Saugatuck, with jewelry; Before and Again of St. Louis with sheer, burnout T-shirts and dresses; Bonheur Maison of Chicago with contemporary women's jewelry; Clara Williams of Chicago with interchangeable embellishment jewelry; CMM of New York with costume jewelry; Fancy's Folly of Sewickley, Pa., with accessories for men, women and the house; Grosse Pointe Florists with patio planters, pots and plants; J. McLaughlin of New York with American clothing and accessories; Home and Garden of Troy with home

furnishings; Melly M of Delray Beach, Fla., with preppy clothing and golf apparel; Mija of Washington, D.C. with jewelry for babies, children and women; Monogram Goods of Harbor Springs with apparel and accessories; Paper and Presents from Wellesley, Mass., with invitations and stationery; Pearly Vine of Columbus, Ohio with silk wraps; Pomegranate Seeds from Arlington, Va., with kitchen, bedroom and bathroom items; Rungolee of St. Louis, with women's clothing; Sara Campbell from Boston with clothing; Sarah Oliver of Sausalito, Calif. with purses and brooches; Sheffield Road of Perryburg, Ohio, with gifts; Silk Road Importers of Plymouth with hand-

painted cashmere scarves from Nepal; Smathers and Branson of Bethesda, Md., with belts, wallets and flasks; Spice Merchants from Ann Arbor; ThRedHeads from Maplewood, N.J., with formal shirts; and Toss Designs from San Anselmo, Calif., with totes and travel bags.

Tau Beta provides funds and volunteers to staff the center that serves more than 3,500 children and families through various programs including a summer camp, mentoring programs, tennis and soccer clinics, resource fairs, Thanksgiving dinners, Christmas presents to needy families, baby baskets and a program for an early teenage parent program.

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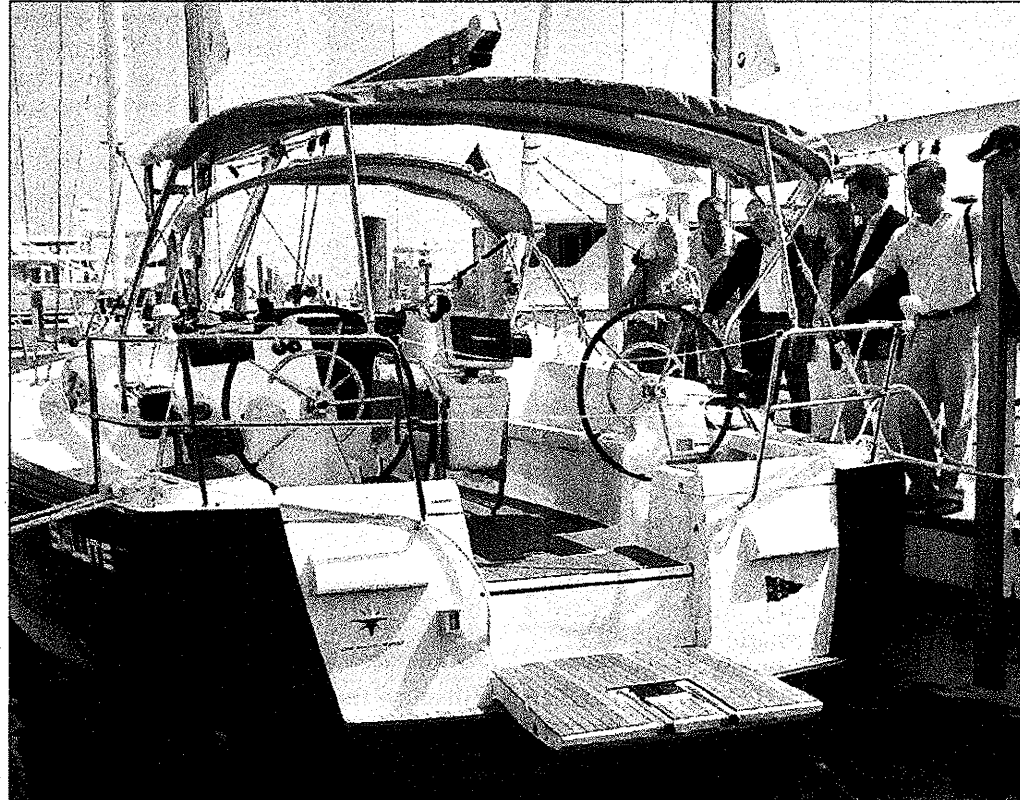
Signs point to a great Michigan boating season

Space sales, attendance and boat sales were all up at the Detroit Boat Show in February which mirrored what most other first quarter shows experienced across the country.

Michigan Boating Industries Association management feels dealers are buying more space at boat shows because more people are buying boats. Also, statistics show the demand for bigger boats is rising, so dealers are showing bigger boats, which also leads to the need for more space at

boat shows. "Attendance and sales are headed in the right direction," said MBIA President John Ropp. "And consumer attitudes are greatly improved. No more grumbling about the economy - dealers are hearing serious questions, leading to serious leads."

Good news about the auto industry, improving home values and declining unemployment rates is helping build consumer confidence. Many dealers at the Detroit Boat Show had their best sales since 2008.



The annual Great Lakes Boating Festival will take place at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club May 18-20. The festival is a family event open to the public. More details will follow in the Grosse Pointe News and St. Clair Shores Connection.

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The Spring Boating Expo in Novi in March brought more than 100 boat dealers and marine businesses together for four days at the Suburban

Collection Showplace. According to GE Capital, the largest financing floor plan provider to US dealers - retail boat sales should continue to

grow by 4 to 8 percent in 2012. And while 2011 saw its growth in the aluminum boat category - which means smaller fishing boats and pontoon boats - 2012 is showing a renewed interest in fiberglass boats in the 30 - 55 feet category according to GE.

Growth in the aluminum

category is expected to continue growing by 12 - 16% in 2012 and the fiberglass market is expected to grow at the retail level by 5 - 7% in 2012.

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SEASON: It's time to hit the lake

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are less than 5 years old. This could result in huge sales potential in the near future. "Pent up demand is helping us," continued Ropp. "People have been holding off on discretionary purchases and are feeling better about buying. So as the economy continues to improve these fence sitters are

making their long awaited purchases."

Other factors in the improving sales picture include new products, improved technologies and fuel efficiencies which are enticing people to make boat purchases as they want to enjoy the latest and greatest boating features.

Lack of financing no longer is an industry worry, water levels and fish-

ing are good, and boating continues to be an activity that allows you to spend quality time with friends and family (away from the TV, computers and video games). Michigan has no shortage of water access points with its 11,000 inland lakes, 36,000 miles of rivers and streams and more than 3,600 miles of Great Lakes Shoreline to discover.

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MBIA is dedicated to the advancement, promotion and protection of recreational boating in Michigan.

For more information about the MBIA call (734) 261-0123 or visit www.mbia.org

Recycle boat storage material

The high-quality material used to store boats over the winter is not biodegradable in landfills and is useful after recycling to make a variety of consumer goods, according to Dr. Shrink, Inc., an MBIA member and partner in a multi-state recycling effort.

"This is really a no-brainer. Shrink wrap is easy to recycle and we encourage everyone who un-wraps their boat to recycle their shrink wrap instead of throwing it in the trash," said MBIA President John Ropp. "Marinas and boat storage facilities actually save money by recycling instead of paying for waste removal."

The Michigan Clean Marina program, a partnership between MBIA, Michigan Sea Grant and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, has been promoting shrink wrap recycling since 2007. In just three years, more than 50 Michigan marinas stopped between 115,000 and 200,000 pounds of shrink wrap from ending up in landfills, according to a study by Mondo Polymers. In 2007 alone 15,000 pieces of plastics were manufactured from recycled shrink wrap. Participating marinas reduced waste collection costs by \$250 - \$700.

For more information on recycling options in Michigan and surrounding states, visit www.michigan-clean-marina.org and click on Shrink wrap Recycling Program.

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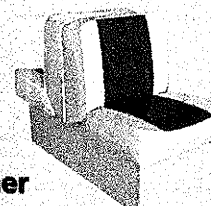
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CHURCH EVENTS

Ecumenical
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The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical breakfast begins with coffee at 6:45 a.m. Friday, April 20, at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A buffet breakfast is served at 7:15 a.m. followed at 7:45 a.m. by the speaker, the Rev. Fred Harms from St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The event ends at 8:15 a.m. Men of all faiths can attend.

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

Grace Community

Timothy Johnson, former ABC News chief medical editor, is the keynote speaker from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, at Grace Community Church, 21001 Moross, Detroit. His topic is "Courage to Care."

The event is free but registration is required. To register, call Mary Jane Lubinski at (313) 228-0215 or visit covenantcommunitycare.org.

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Peace Circle of The Women of the Church at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsor a Home2Home Sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Proceeds benefit the church. Admission is free.

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March 7, 2012.

Maternal grandparents are Richard and Linda Schlemmer of Cincinnati.

Peter and Louise Blake of Grosse Pointe Woods are the paternal grandparents.

Clare Driehaus of Cincinnati is the great-grandmother.

PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Judith May

So what's next?

This coming Sunday, April 22, Christians observe the third Sunday of Easter.

The Revised Common Lectionary passage from Luke offers us an appearance of Jesus to his disciples (Luke 24: 36-48). The disciples are huddled together behind locked doors... afraid, on edge.

Fear is a natural human response to the unknown.

Jesus is the talk of the town! Everyone is wondering what the events on Jerusalem meant — the disaster of Friday, the mystery of Sunday — and now rumors Jesus was alive.

What happened? Whose testimony is true? What's next?

And Jesus shows up, offers words of assurance and comfort, "Peace be with you." Following that declaration, there was a bit of chastising — in the vernacular of today — "Why are you freaking out?"

After sharing some fish with the disciples, Jesus engages them in some study of their scriptures and, in doing so, opens their minds so they can really understand it.

Minds can't be opened when they are trapped in fear, so Jesus, on his arrival, has sought to rid

them of their fear.

"Peace."

With the assurance of his presence, with minds open and a new understanding of the scripture, Jesus then confers the designation of "witnesses" on his followers. He tells the disciples in him they have seen the fulfillment of God's plan for the world.

This plan involves extending God's blessing of forgiveness of sin to all nations, and by the very nature of the plan, they are called to take that message everywhere.

Twenty-first century people live in a world much like Jesus' time — a world of war and poverty, disease and neglect, prejudice and fear, isolation and sin.

Despite the efforts of many, an oppressive and inhospitable world is a reality in countless places. For some, it seems as if God is absent, or at the very least, uncaring.

Howard Thurman, in his book "Search for Common Ground," says "The contradictions of life are not final or ultimate," and "God is the giver of forgiveness and mercy, always ready to offer shalom: peace, the possibility and promise that order, well-being, hope, compassion and a love will yet prevail."

In the Christian tradition, Jesus must still be the talk of the town!

Wherever inhumanity, exploitation, discrimination and hopelessness rears its ugly heads, Jesus shows up offering comfort, assurance and a bit of chastising.

"Don't be afraid! Go to be witnesses to the fact that it is God's intention to bring peace, harmony, unity, love, compassion, grace, justice and mercy to a broken world."

The text from Luke challenges us today.

What, in our communities, requires the presence of the risen Lord?

How can we be credible witnesses to God's will for humanity? How can we participate more fully in God's work of transformation?

No matter how we respond to these questions, we are designated by Jesus, commissioned by him, to declare the presence and power of God in the midst of all of life.

As people of faith, we are to be witnesses to Christ's presence among us in our actions and our speech.

Our faith demands nothing less... that's what's next.

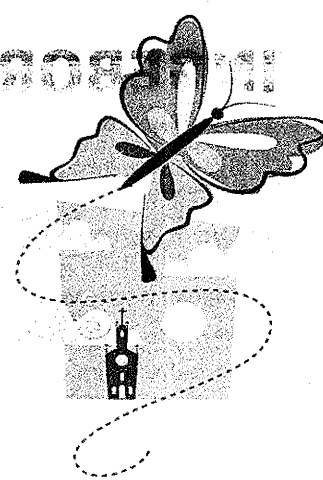
May is the minister at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church.

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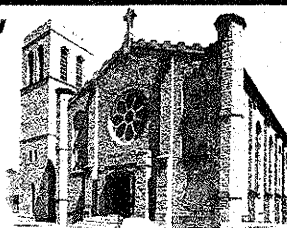
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CAREGIVING By Terri Murphy

Ensuring discharged patient's home safety



Elderly patients are too frequently readmitted to the hospital within a short time of being discharged. This problem has come to the attention of the health care systems and entities paying for such care, leading to research about the nature of these readmissions and what might be done to prevent them.

Some of the primary problems identified in the discharge process are the decentralized nature of the process. There are often multiple physicians orders and different providers involved in the patient's care. Communication at discharge is often overwhelming and inadequate.

Here are five steps you can take as a family member to enhance safety after discharge:

1. Get written discharge instructions. Make sure the patient's caregiver or advocate, the patient and the hospital's discharge planner review the discharge orders together. Ask questions about anything that is not understandable. Pay spe-

cial attention to medications. Ask what each medicine is for and does it replace a previous medication. This is the time, if not already done, to bring up any concerns about new medications/changes.

2. Gain a clear picture of expectations. What is the short and long-term prognosis? How will the patient be upon discharge?

3. Plan for someone to be with the patient round-the-clock for a minimum of 24 to 48 hours after each hospital stay if returning home, possibly even if being discharged to a skilled nursing center. This is the most critical time for safety and problems. Also, if you plan to be with your loved one, you may still want to hire a caregiver. Sometimes multiple things need to be done, such as picking up new prescriptions, grocery shopping, laundry, etc. and it would be nice to have a second person there to stay with the patient and help. Patients can be weak after a medical facility stay and won't necessarily be able to get around as well as prior to the stay.

4. Make a list of key contacts for discharge help. What home health care company have you chosen? The home health

care company provides physical and occupational therapy and a regular visit from a nurse. Most elderly people who have been hospitalized a few days require home care while rebuilding their strength. Make sure you know when home health care providers make their first visits. Do the same for any medical equipment needed. A delay in these services can set back the recovery process.

5. Update the patient's records. Make sure records and information from the hospital stay make their way to all of the patients physicians. Don't forget to also update the records that you keep.

When a loved one goes to the hospital, the learning curve is steep and you may feel overwhelmed by all the decisions to be made in a short period of time. A personal advocate or geriatric care manager can be invaluable during this time.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Mary Beth Garvey

Helping develop passion



Editor's note: This is the second of a two-part series on the achievement culture.

Q. Do you think this is unique to this community, which consists of many privileged students?

A. While I don't think this achievement culture is unique to privileged communities, it can exacerbate the issue. We live in a community where many parents have the resources to provide children with a broad spectrum of opportunities and experiences. Of course, this is a positive. But anything in excess can become a negative. It is our responsibility as parents to help children develop passion, resilience and engagement. This means adults need to help students to choose what is most meaningful to them. This involves giving them the opportunity to experiment, create, have down time, fail and recover. It is important to move away from just a performance orientation and to think about what success looks like for each individual child.

Q. Is it normal for teens to feel these kind of pressures to succeed?

A. Teenagers have always felt the pressure to succeed and it is part of moving towards greater independence, confidence and adulthood. Today's pressures, however, run the risk of

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focusing too much on outcome rather than what the experience demands from us or teaches us. We learn a great deal from missteps, mistakes and failings; how frustration of a less than perfect performance and recovery from disappointment is handled. Persisting at a difficult task builds confidence, resiliency and goal orientation. No matter how good someone is at any given thing, encountering roadblocks and difficulties are inevitable. The individual who has learned how to recover from an unsatisfactory outcome is the one who is most likely to succeed.

Q. Does competitive-ness drive this issue? Or is it pride, self-satisfaction, or making parents proud?

A. There are many things that drives people to excel. Of course, living in a competitive society and being on top matters. Teens become very aware at a young age there are many upsides to

being one of the best. Peers compete against each other in sports, school, socially and in how many activities in which they are engaged. It is important to be successful, to be proud of yourself and to have the respect of your family and peers. What success looks like to each person must be considered. One of the most important things children can do is begin exploring and defining what success means for them. They would be well served by making a more engaged, conscientious and individual choice, rather than trying to meet a cultural definition of success that may or may not work for them. This will enhance performance ability, positive risk taking and positive self regard.

Questions were provided by Grosse Pointe South High School junior and Tower contributor, Becky Weiland.

Garvey, LMSW, is a therapist in private practice in Grosse Pointe, who works with children, adolescents and families. Garvey is a member of the The Family Center's Association of Professionals, Board and Program Planning Committee.

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT INGEBORG DABROWSKI

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She likes to read mysteries and Nicholas Sparks novels

What would people find surprising about you?

I like to laugh.

What kind of music would you write?

Mozart. He is one of my favorites.

And Beethoven. In particular, she enjoys Mozart's "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" or "A Little Night Music" and Beethoven's "5th Symphony."

What historical figure would you like to meet?

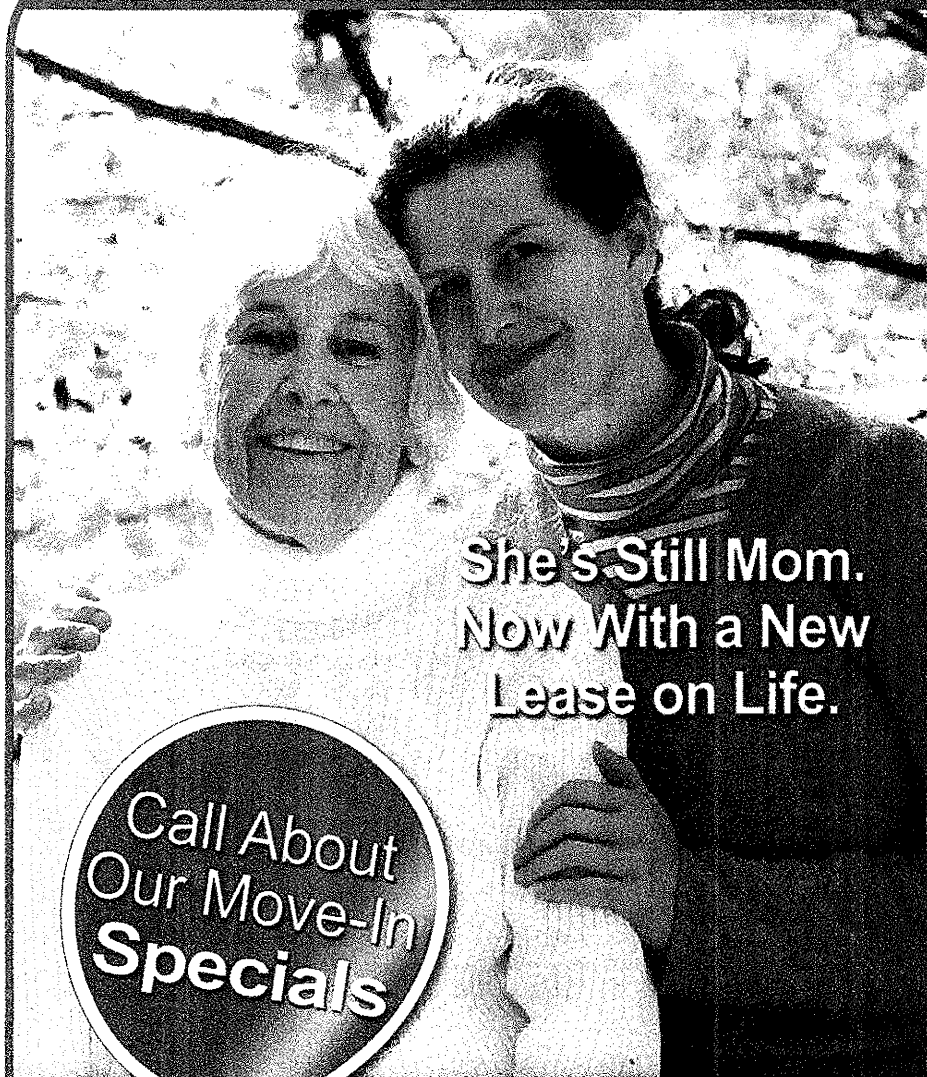
Gandhi. He was a peace maker and (Winston) Churchill. I met Hitler; that was enough. My mother was French. My father was German. We lived in Thionville, France, during World War II. We lost everything. We had to start over. My father was a POW. His own brother denounced him. They pulled him (her father) out of the house. They shipped him to Italy. I never felt the harshness of the war because my parents were so good. I had one sweater, one pair of shoes and one dress.

What does retirement mean to you?

It meant to me I was together with my husband. We traveled often to Germany to see my parents. They were still living. We put them into a nursing home because my mother broke her hip. They were happy there. My father was the best gardener. He could feel the soil and say this will be a good garden.



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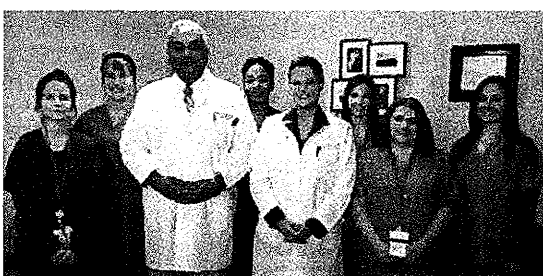
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Yesterday's Headlines

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

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50 years ago this week

◆ **LOT ENLARGEMENT APPROVED BY CITY:** A plan to expand Bon Secours Hospital's parking lot to within 25 feet of their property lines along Notre Dame and Maumee was given the green light following a public hearing.

◆ **YOUTH WRECKS CAR TRYING TO ELUDE POLICE:** A 17-

year-old Detroit youth tried to elude Shores police with his car lights out and lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a telephone pole at Lochmoor and Holiday.

◆ **FARMS COUNCIL HEARS PLEA TO RE-BUILD BURNED STORES:** The Farms council tentatively approved, by a majority vote, to grant a permit to an owner of a fire-damaged property, to rebuild the structure at 366-368 Kercheval.

A group of residents owning property within 300 feet of the store building, claim the area is zoned residential and oppose having another

edifice such as was destroyed by the fire.

The area was zoned residential about 14 years ago, many years after the building was there. The building had housed the Beaupre Hardware and Sidney Cleaners.

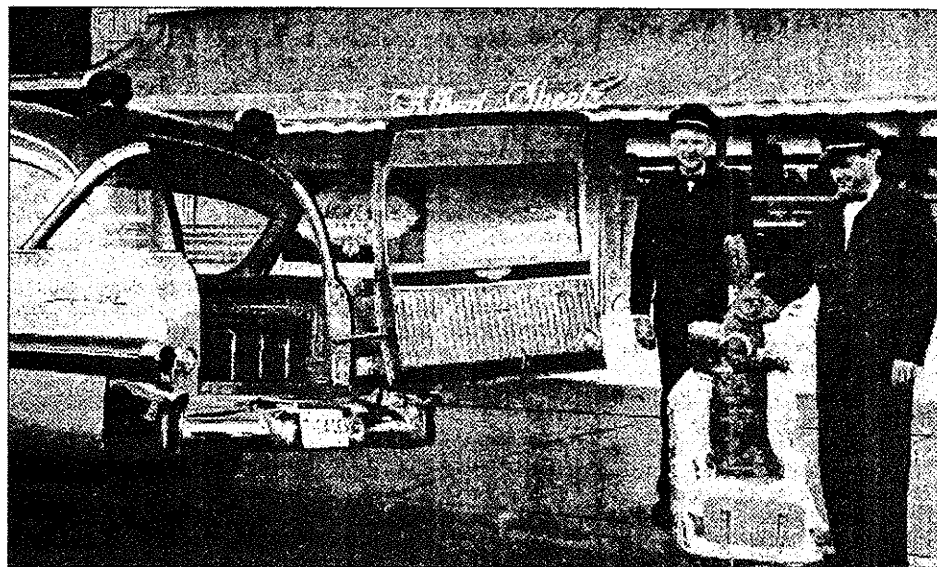
1987

25 years ago this week

◆ **PARK, DETROIT TO MEET:** A contingent of Park officials and engineers is scheduled to meet today with Detroit Mayor Coleman Young's representatives to discuss the politically explosive issue of the threat of flooding from Fox Creek.

◆ **DISTRICT ATTACKS NORTH AIR PROBLEM:** School personnel met last week with the engineer who installed the ventilation system at North High School to try to straighten out operational procedures.

In related moves, the administration threw out its environmental consultant and hired a new



FROM THE APRIL 19, 1962, ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1962: Riding in style

Lots of children are going to have a happy and chocolately Easter. Albert Sheetz Candy company of Birmingham and Grosse Pointe, has donated a 72-pound solid chocolate rabbit, 3-feet tall, to the Grosse Pointe Protestant Children's Home. The rabbit arrived in style, after actually being picked up at the store in an ambulance and chauffeured right to the door.

one, and the teachers' union filed a complaint about the air with the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

◆ **NORTH STUDENTS ADMIT TAMPERING WITH IDS:** Three Grosse Pointe

North High School students have admitted to Woods public safety officials that they altered the drivers' licenses of at least 33 students, and gave officials the names of those whose identification had been changed.

Police began investigating the case when a 16-year-old Woods girl was taken into custody after she was found driving under the influence of alcohol.

— Compiled by Karen Fontanive

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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Offer up a bread salad

Sometimes you have to take a look at what's in your kitchen to draw inspiration for creating a meal. This week I found myself with peppers, cherry tomatoes and cornbread. I baked up some cornbread croutons and paired them with oven roasted peppers and tomatoes. Olives, fresh chives and a touch of feta finish this deconstructed panzanella (bread salad) that can be lunch or dinner.

Cornbread Panzanella

6 cups cubed cornbread (bite-size)
1 to 2 tablespoons olive oil
1/4 teaspoon onion salt
1/4 teaspoon paprika
4 cups baby sweet pep-



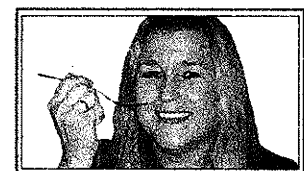
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With a little creativity from the chef, a meal is at your fingertips.

pers (red, yellow and orange), seeded and halved
1 tablespoon olive oil
salt and pepper to taste
3 cups cherry tomatoes
2 teaspoons olive oil
salt and pepper to taste
pinch or two of sugar
hearts of romaine leaves
extra virgin olive oil and

balsamic glaze (or vinegar), or red wine vinegar
Mediterranean olives
few tablespoons feta cheese
fresh chives

Begin with croutons. If cornbread is moist allow cubed bread to sit out and become a bit stale.



Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

Drizzle cubes with olive oil then a few sprinkles of onion salt and paprika. Toss and repeat.

Lay cornbread cubes on a greased bake sheet and bake for 20 minutes, tossing carefully halfway through baking time. Remove from oven and raise oven temperature to 450 degrees.

Meanwhile, prep peppers and place in a medium bowl. Toss with olive oil, salt and pepper. Place peppers in a large roasting pan and roast at 450 degrees for 20 minutes. In the meantime, toss cherry tomatoes with olive oil, salt, pepper and sugar. Toss peppers after 20 minutes then push to side. Add tomatoes to roasting pan and return to oven for 10 more minutes. Remove from oven and allow to cool.

Arrange hearts of romaine leaves on a serving platter. Scatter with croutons. Place roasted peppers and tomatoes over croutons. Garnish plate with olives and drizzle with extra virgin olive oil and vinegar of your choice. Scatter feta over salad and top with fresh chives.

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