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MONDAY, FEB. 27

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods city council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza.
- ♦ Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees meets at 7 p.m. in the Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

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Mike Trudell of the Grosse Pointe Theatre reads "Where the Wild Things Are" to youngsters at the Grosse Pointe Public Library. The reading is part of month-long activities held by the Grosse Pointe Art Center, the library, Grosse Pointe Public School System and the theatre. At left, following the reading, 6-year-old Phoebe Handwork colors a character from the book. Below, 3-year-old Tyler Glowczewski applied several colors to his wild character.



City looks to modify plan

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE -Master plan. It sounds foreboding. But, it's your friend, according to city plan-

Public meetings are in the works this winter to update the city's master plan. A topic of at least one session is fu-

ture needs of the central business dis-"Basically, it will be an open forum to show we are willing to do what is necessary to make sure the Village re-

mains a vital place," said Peter Dame, City of Grosse Pointe manager. That meeting, intended within weeks, Dame said, precedes the larger task of updating the city-wide master

The plan, which is reevaluated every five years, hasn't undergone significant change for 12 years.

"There has been significant economic restructuring since then," said Dame. "Particular attention will be given to future commercial use on Mack, where existing zoning is a patchwork mix of office and commercial, complicated by insufficient parking for broader uses.'

"Now is the time to do it by looking at the master plan," said John Jackson, the city's planning consultant.

Master plans are guidelines for future development.

Jackson expects it will take six to nine months to review the City's plan.

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Saving salt

By Brad Lindberg

GROSSE POINTE SHORES AND CITY-Reduced salt consumption Pointes-wide has nothing to do with First Lady Michelle Obama's lectures about reducing sodium in the diet.

The salt Pointers are doing without seasons roads, not hamburgers, such as Obama's husband sneaks while away from home politicking.

Mild weather and little precipitation this winter mean cities need less salt to melt snow and ice on In the Shores, Public Works Director Brett Smith

is getting by with one-third his normal provision of road salt this winter. "We're going to save about \$10,000 on salt," he

"Never since I've been here have we had that," Smith said. "This year, we most definitely will." He's bought only 150 of 450 tons he budgeted this

It hasn't snowed enough this winter in the City of Grosse Pointe to deploy plows. The city only plows roads when snow reaches at

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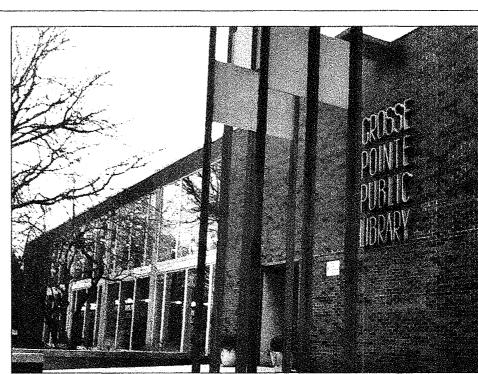


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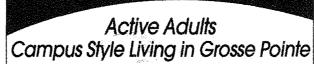


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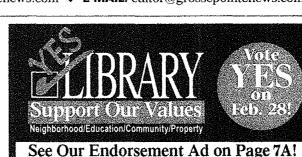
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Bird author signs book

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

The Kirtland's warbler is a bird whose future is in man's hands.

"Kirtland's warbler is a conservation-reliant species," said Bill Rapai,

author of a recent book on the bird. "It constantly needs conservation help from humans."

The bird got that way by putting all its eggs in one basket.

"It has very specific nesting demands," said Rapai, president of Grosse Pointe Audubon. "Kirtland's warbler is one of the more persnickety birds out there."

Once thought extinct, the bird nests and raises its young in the dry, sandy soils of Michigan's outwash plains. Home turf is roughly bounded by Grayling and Oscoda.

More persnickety still, it nests on the ground under overlapping branches of young jack pine trees.

"Jack pines usually grow to be about 60 years old," Rapai said. "But, in that area of Michigan, fire was a regular part of the environment."

phoenix-like

habits of Kirtland's warblers, nicknamed the bird of fire, ground-clearing conflagrations conflict with human habitation.

fires squashed," Rapai said. "With so many humans living in the area now, there aren't large fires that continually create new habitat, like it used to have naturally."

Kirtland's warbler is a small songbird that eats various insects and ripe blueberries, according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources website. The bird's bluegray face and back contrasts with a yellow throat and chest. Black stripes mark the sides and wings.

The bird met its new reality more than 100 years

"Once jack pines grew to maturity, there wasn't the continual natural creation of habitat the birds wants," Rapai said.

That, plus parasitic egglaying practices of the brown-headed cowbird, intruding from the Great Plains, squeezed Kirtland's warbler's prospects.

Yet, with about 30 years Unfortunately for the of human help — in the nesting form of land management

and cowbird trapping the bird of fire is rising again.

"In 1987, there were fewer than 400 birds in the entire population," Rapai said. "Now, there are more than 3,500. There is talk that the Kirtland's warbler is going to be taken off the endangered species list."

Aside from surprising sightings recently in Wisconsin and Ontario, the bird is specific to Michigan. Many supporters think it should unperch the robin as state

"Robins nest pretty much anywhere," Rapai said. "Kirkland's warbler is a conservation success story, a Michigan story. This bird, until a few ago, nested years nowhere else in the world."

Rapai's book, "The Kirtland's Warbler," is sold locally at Wild Birds Unlimited Nature Shop, 20485 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"It's a phenomenal book; kudos to him," said Rosann Kovalcik, Wild

He signs copies at the at 6

Wednesday, March 7.

"The book is full of amazing stories about people who crossed paths with the bird," Rapai said.

One is Chicago native and 1920s University of Michigan student, Nathan Leopold.

"Leopold worked at the (U-M) museum," Rapai said. "He learned about birds. At age 21 or 22, he became the world's foremost expert on the Kirtland's warbler. The next year, he and his friend, Richard Loeb, went back to Chicago and try to commit the perfect murder."

The Leopold and Loeb "trial of the century" ended with the defendants found guilty of the 1924 kidnapping and killing of a 14-year-old boy for kicks.

Another chapter analyses Kirtland's warbler's

"The song can be heard from one-quarter mile away," Rapai said. "On a sunny day, this guy will sit on top of jack pine tree, throw his head back and belt it out for hours. He's advertising himself for a mate, and also letting oth-

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PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

"The Kirtland's Warbler", published by University of Michigan Press, is the first book of Grosse Pointe Audubon President Bill Rapai of the City of Grosse

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"It is nearly impossible

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PLAN: Input needed for future of City

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The process involves gathering public comment, presenting revisions at public hearings, writing drafts and distributing a final version to neighboring communities for required approval.

"Surrounding communities have 60 to 90 days to review the plan," Jackson said.

Additional potential land-use changes in the City include the Fisher Road commercial district and creation of a health care district for Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

There's also zoning questions about property set aside for a defunct senior citizen residential proposal on St. Clair south of Kercheval.

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SALT:

Also, due to withdrawal of plans for construction of a small hotel in the Village, city leaders are shifting attention to proponents of a movie the-

Anticipated to attend the Village planning session are Village and City stakeholders, including representatives of the business community. landowners, the downtown development authority, chamber of commerce, Neighborhood

"We haven't had over 2

inches this whole season,"

said Paul Weitzel, public

Weitzel, a 26-year-veter-

"It's been a blessing,"

"There's some question

if we're going to use our

required minimum of salt," said Peter Dame, City manager. "We had

salt left over from last

an of the city, said he's never seen a winter like

service director.

he said.

year."

Club and citizens.

"As the key central business district for the Grosse Pointes, the goal to broaden and diversify the Village as a place not only to shop, but to work, live, play, eat and be entertained will be examined," Dame said.

He thinks the Village meeting can be scheduled "within the next couple of weeks."

"This special council meeting is just on the Village," Dame said. "This is prior to a more general master pian input meeting we are planning over the next few weeks.

Meetings on the master plan may have subgroups of people concerned with specific areas, such as business districts on Mack and Fisher.

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a.m. to 8 p.m. Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at The Lake House, 26701 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 29

 Last day to pay winter taxes in Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Author Elmore Leonard discusses his experiences with Hollywood and adapting his books to movies and television, including his latest book, "Raylan" at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Admission is free. Reservations can be made by visiting gp.lib.mi.us or calling (313) 343-2074, ext. 222. Pointes for Peace hosts Nancy Skinner at 7 p.m. at the Albanian Islamic Center, 19775 Harper, Harper Woods Her topic is "Joining the Political

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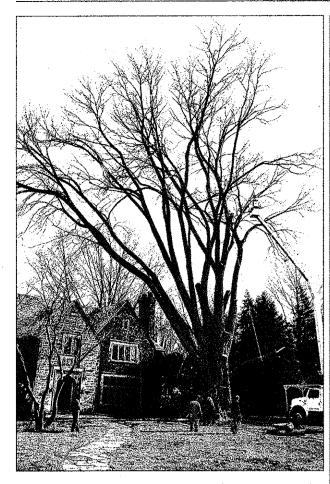
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When ground was broken for the Purdy-Korte house in the 1000 block of Three Mile in 1929, this elm tree was already growing. The tree was about 90 feet tall and had Dutch elm disease. The estimated 150-yearold tree was 20 feet in diameter and took two days to

Signs stay on agenda

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE **POINTE** — Parties wishing to erect signs will continue needing city council approval, even if designs meet municipal code.

"Signs are an important part of the overall attractiveness of the business community," explained Peter Dame, City of Grosse Pointe manager. "The last time the city's sign ordinance was done, the council at that time wanted to make sure new standards were adhered

The matter came up this month.

Newly-elected Councilman Andrew Turnbull wondered why he and his colleagues

were reviewing a commercial sign proposal falling well within code. "If it meets our requirements, does it need to come before the council?"

Turnbull asked. "We have

straightforward guidance

as to the requirements."

"potential issues contrary to our requirements." "I have a concern with that," said Mayor Dale Scrace. "We discussed signs that basically comply, but things like lighting, colors, closeness and

businesses have come be-

fore council for approval,"

Dame answered. "As a

general practice in many

communities, signs do not

He offered to stream-

line the application

process, limiting reviews

to signs needing variances or those having

come before council."

to go through them." "I don't think its a huge deal either way," said Councilwoman Jean Weipert.

awning signs. It doesn't

take but a couple minutes

The application prompting the sidebar came from Sarah Clarkston, owner of Clarkston Law.

She submitted for review two, 3 1/2-squarefoot plaques identifying her new office on the secPlace, in the Village. Her signs were half the

size allowed. "Based on the size of

the building, the sign ordinance would allow a maximum of 7 square feet of signage for the second mous council approval.

"All sign requests for ond floor of Kercheval floor tenants on the front of the building and another 7 square feet of signage on the rear of the building," according to a report by John Jackson, municipal planning consultant.

Clarkston won unani-

Weitzel retires

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE **POINTE** — Retirement could mean a new beginning of Paul Weitzel's career, not the end.

Upon stepping down this summer as City of Grosse Pointe public service director, he might resume as a contract employee.

"It sounds like there might be a pretty good suggested Councilman Chris Walsh. "Hopefully, you're game to hang with it."

"That window is always open," Weitzel answered. Retaining Weitzel lets the city keep an experienced department head on board at a lower cost due to no longer funding additional benefits.

The same arrangement was used recently to replace the retired public safety director.

Weitzel intends to retire at the end of June.

"We'll miss you," said

Mayor Dale Scrace.

No arrests in

years as mayor or councilman nearly match Weitzel's 26 years as an employee.

"It's going to be kind of lonesome without Paul," Scrace said. "However, we still have four months and two weeks to rely on Paul to do the great job he's done these years."

"Its been an honor and privilege," Weitzel told the council this month.

"You've been a fabulous employee," said Councilman John Stempfle.

Weitzel praised the current and past council.

"You've always stood behind public services and public safety, all the departments," he said.

A veteran public service employee said he never knew Weitzel to assign tasks he wouldn't do himself.

Brett Smith, director of public works in Grosse Pointe Shores, said Weitzel is "a good guy."

"He has a lot of knowledge," Smith added. "It's a shame to see that kind Scrace's more than 20 of knowledge leave."

Give a hoot

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

Birds of a feather flock together next month for "Feathers Over Water."

The free presentation at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 4, in Grosse Pointe South High School's Cleminson Hall, is about the more than 230 species of plumed pilots drawn to the area by Lake St. Clair.

Speakers are:

♦ Bill Rapai, president Grosse Pointe Audubon; and

 Rosann Kovalcik, the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.

The mild winter is putting a damper on northern birds coming south for warm weather. But, there are a few treats.

"We've seen both whitewinged and red cross bills this winter, which is a real surprise," Rapai said.

As is typical with birds, both species have applicable cognomens.

"They literally have bills that overlap," Rapai said. "They're highly specialized for picking seeds out of pine cones."

The other surprise is an influx of snowy owls.

"The closest they are to this area is past Metropolitan Beach," Kovalcik said. "Go to South River Road and turn right. A snowy owl's been along the marinas on top of telephone poles and buildings. At one point, three were on the breakwall off the

Department of Natural Resources site at the end of South River Road."

"Feathers Over Water: The Birds of Lake St. Clair" was held last year at a smaller venue.

"We could not fit any more people in the room," Kovalcik said.

State Rep. Tim Bledsoe (D-City of Grosse Pointe) is host.

"Bill and Rosann have contagious enthusiasm that is only matched by their amazing knowledge of Lake St. Clair's bird population," Bledsoe said owner of Wild Birds in an announcement. "I Unlimited Nature Shop am looking forward to and guide of bird walks at learning about the incredible variety of birds we have here in the Grosse Pointes."

Tons of birds

The Great Lakes is a good spot for bird watch-

The area's rich variety of winter birdlife is indicated by a checklist of sightings Kovalcik and her group noted during a Feb. 12 birdwalk of the Ford House:

Canada goose, mute swan, mallard, canvasback, redhead, bufflehead, common goldeneye, common merganser, red-breasted merganser, red-tailed hawk, ringbilled gull, herring gull, mourning dove, red-bellied woodpecker, blue jay, black-capped 'chickadee, tufted titmouse, whitebreasted nuthatch, American robin, European starling and

house sparrow. Open water lures mi-

gratory animals seeking

Rapai said, "Instead of just having a mountain habitat, like Colorado, or a great plains habitat like North Dakota, we have a wide range of habitats: shoreline, close to arboreal forests in upper Michigan and a scattering of grasslands. That's why we have a wide range of

birds." Snowy owls don't hoot like great horned owls.

"They sort of hiss." Rapai said.

They're in Southeast Michigan this winter because, ironically, their River. Every time I go the home territory had abundant food last summer.

"There was a huge population explosion of lemmings, which is their summer food in the Arctic," Rapai said. "Because of this huge population explosion, there was much more food available for adults to feed their young. Therefore, more birds

survived." food available. A lot of snowy owls are forced

south to survive. "You get too many in one area and the parents are kind of kicking them out," Kovalcik said. "There's a post-breeding

dispersal situation." "Snowy owls are being seen as far south as Oklahoma," Rapai said. "One even flew into the airport in Honolulu in December."

They're seeking large, open areas that resemble the tundra, he said.

Rapai said. "On the grassy area at Selfridge (Air National Guard Base), they have mice and bolls. They have a pretty good thing going there." Rapai is on the lookout for a purple sandpiper.

"In Anchor Bay, they

have a tremendous food

source: ducks and coots,"

"You're more likely to

see them along the shore of Lake Michigan than St. Clair," he said. "There was one last month in Macomb County at Sunshine Point, where the D&R station is at the mouth of the Clinton Ford House I check the shoreline riprap. That's where I'd expect to see a purple sandpiper."

Kovalcik likes

pileated woodpecker. "I was searching for that bird last year and did not get to see it," she said. "I still haven't seen one in

Grosse Pointe." "Feathers Over Water: The Birds of Lake St. Now that it's winter in Clair" is free and open to the Arctic, there's far less everyone. People planing to attend are asked to RSVP to Bledsoe's office by calling (517) 373-0154 or sending an e-mail to TimBledsoe@house.mi.go v. Kovalcik's upcoming bird walks are March 24 and April 21.

Bashara murder case While investigators Grosse Pointe Park and continue their work and Detroit police have

await results from evidence collected, there is Bashara was named the nothing new from police only person of interest in the Jane Bashara mur- two days into the investider case this week.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office had issued no warrants as of the Grosse Pointe News deadline.

Jane Bashara was found strangled Jan. 25. Her body was discovered in the back seat of her Mercedes-Benz in an alley near Hoover and 7 Mile in Detroit.

Her husband, Bob, reported her missing from their Grosse Pointe Park house the night before.

worked on the case. Bob

The following week, Joe Gentz, a Park resident who did handyman work for Bob Bashara, walked into the Park police department to talk to investigators. He was questioned for three days and released without charges and without comment from police.

Bob Bashara, whose house on Middlesex was searched twice, said he had no role in the death of his wife.

BOOK: Author pecks at it for three years

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for the human ear to hear how many notes are coming out of this little bird's throat at once," Rapai said. "They're coming out so quickly, our ears cannot pick up how many notes he's putting out."

Rapai is a former newspaper reporter. This is his first book. He pecked at it for three years.

"It's like writing one 9inch story, one after another," he said. "You're trying to put all these stories together and give them a narrative that binds them together."

Occasionally, he went on a tangent. His wife,

brought him back.

"The lovely Joann was instrumental in helping me," Rapai said. "Good writers know their work can be improved by the thoughts of somebody else.'

Reviews on the website publisher, the University of Michigan Press, include:

◆ "Rapai crafted a rare combination of easily accessible prose, scientific literacy, and human passion, together with the mystery and drama of endangered species management," wrote John Fitzpatrick, director of the Cornell Lab Ornithology.

Joann, also a reporter, brush with extinction and Kirtland's Warbler."

the struggle to pull it back from the brink reads like an adventure novel, except that it's all true," wrote Kenn Kaufman of Kaufman Field Guides.

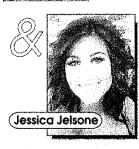
Rapai is donating a copy to the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

"I did a lot of my writing in study rooms in the Park branch," Rapai said. "I'd sit in the kitchen and couldn't get anything done. So, I finally found the discipline to do the work in one of those quiet rooms."

Wild Birds Unlimited Nature Shop is located at 20485 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. Call (313) 881-1410 to reserve copies ◆ "This story of its close of Bill Rapai's book, "The







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Soaring to the highest rank

By A.J. Hakim Staff Writer

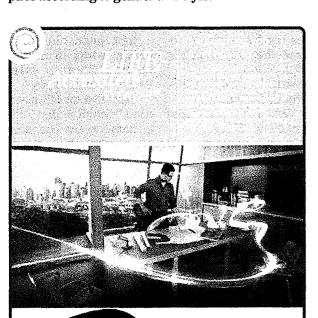
Throughout his time in among the Eagle Scouts, of that goal.

the highest attainable ranking in Boy Scouts of America.

University Liggett the program, a Boy Scout School senior Michael strives for consideration Meyering is within reach



Meyering and volunteers asked about 400 neighborhood businesses and homeowners for donations. Along with supplying more clothing, Meyering, with friends and family organized donated items into piles according to gender and style.

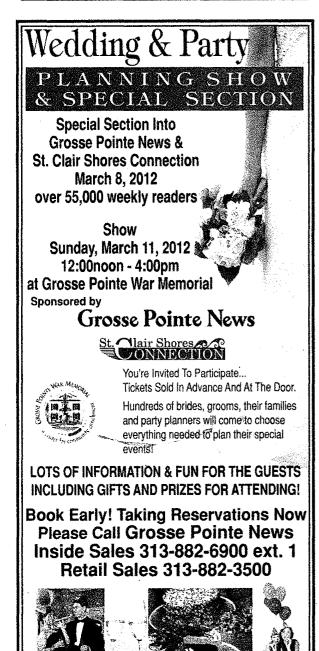




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University Liggett School senior Michael Meyering, far right, his family and friends ran a clothing drive at Iroquois Avenue Christ Lutheran Church. The drive is Meyering's Eagle Scout Leadership project.

in Troop 34 located at Ferry Elementary School, recently completed his Eagle Scout leadership service project, a scout's final demonstration of leadership through service to any school, religious institution or his community. Scouts plan, develop and lead their respective projects.

In school and out, Meyering demonstrates leadership.

complishments, he foundlast three years, has been team captain. He also tutors in the peer tutoring program at Liggett, played junior varsity baseball and varsity soccer. If that's not enough.

Meyering, a Life Scout he is student council trea- uled porch surer and performs string bass in the school's chamber strings, all while carrying a 4.09 grade point average and earning a 35 out of 36 on his ACT.

In January, the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce recognized Meyering as one of three Pointers of Distinction in letries. youth achievement.

And for his Eagle Scout thought it project, Meyering led

and collected men's and women's clothing, as well as towels. blankets

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was a realeither

and

constant supply." In recent months, Meyering volunteered at the church during its food pantry and clothing closet, community outreach events occurring the third Friday of each month. There, he realized a need for improved organization and more clothing for the 80 to 100 visitors each

month. "I think we can improve the organization," Meyering said. "We're going to make all the new clothes into distinctive groups, so there's more ease for both the workers of the clothes closet and the people who'll be receiving the

"It helps us enormously," said Susan Gerth, a citizen actively involved in the church and who helped start the clothing closet.

"We had decimated the men's clothes, so this is helping us restock the

men's clothes. "They're doing a great service. They're learning giving; they're seeing a different part of society. We're really proud of them. We're proud of them wanting to do something like this and we're proud of Eagle Scouts for giving them an opportunity to do something like





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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

City of Grosse Pointe

Sign damaged

Shortly before 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, a patrolman cruising the 900 block of Rivard discovered a municipal parking sign post bent flat to the ground.

Kicked out

A man was expelled from Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe last week for creating a disturbance.

He is scheduled to ancharge swer the Thursday, March 8, in City municipal court.

The 45-year-old Detroit 4:07 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, yelling and swearing. Told to leave and stay

away, he was back at it an hour later.

Car vandalized

The windshield of a City resident's 1998 Saturn, parked overnight in the 900 block of Fisher, was reported smashed

"It appears a large blunt object contacted the windshield, causing a hole and spiderwebbing," said an officer.

Steals credit

Sunday, Feb. 12.

A City man learned last week he'd been targeted by credit thieves.

Someone charged an resident was reported at unauthorized \$270 purchase at a Royal Oak Meijer store to his MasterCard.

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"(He) stated his wife the had been victimized in a similar way approximately five or six months prior," said an officer.

-Brad Lindberg If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the City of Grosse Pointe public safeshortly before 3 p.m. ty department at (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Problems

A 23-year-old Clinton Township woman was cited at 7:11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, for operating a 2003 Dodge Stratus with an expired license plate.

"She admitted the plates were expired and she has no insurance," said the officer. "She claimed her problems stem from a lack of mon-

She had enough funds to purchase open intoxicants in the vehicle, police said.

Police poured out a partially empty, 16-ounce can of hard lemonade found in a cup holder between the front seats.

'(I) found a second open and partially full can under the front passenger seat," said the officer.

Car damaged

At 11:23 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, police learned someone smashed the hatch window of a 2005 Chrysler Town & Country van parked curbside in

300 block of McKinley.

The owner said nothing seemed stolen from the

Drinking & driving

A 53-year-old Farms man was arrested at 12:32 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, on southbound Moross near Piche for drunken driving.

He had a .124 percent blood alcohol level, police

A patrolman spotted him at Moross and Mack operating a 2008 Volvo with an unlit license plate.

Fakers

A 71-year-old Farms man appears to be the target of credit thieves, according to police.

Suspects are his former insurance representative from Troy, a former roommate living in Detroit and a Clinton Township man working at an electronics store on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods, police said.

"They are linked in common with (the electronics store employee)," said an officer.

The insurance man allegedly had the victim fraudulently sign over two polices worth a combined

said, "It appears his exmanager) worked together and purchased electronics and other items from Radio Shack on Mack using (the victim's) account."

Several 2011 metotaled nearly yards." \$3,100, police said.

chases) were different on the ground. each transaction," said an

If you have any infor-Pointe Farms public safety department at (313) 885-

Grosse Pointe Shores

No fire

The new public safety director joined two offi-

turned out to the false alarm, reported by a secuon Sunningdale.

The residents weren't home.

"(The) interior of (the) house was checked by all," said Sgt. James Wardowski. "The dryer and washer were cold to the touch. No smoke, visible or otherwise, was detected in the dwelling."

Gas leak

prompted a family on North Edgewood to leave home before sunup Saturday, Feb. 18.

"The homeowner explained that DTE was out yesterday for the same complaint," said a Shores public safety officer. "He stated (DTE workers) thought the smell was coming from an outside gas grill line, which DTE then shut off and cleared the scene.'

A repair crew was dispatched to check the roadside connection, police said.

The family headed to relative's house in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Lines down

A public safety officer in a fire truck stood by for a couple of hours midmorning Saturday, Feb. 18, in the neighborhood In other frauds, police of two primary power lines knocked down beroommate and (the store hind houses on Willison and Greenbriar Lane.

"A wire arced and fell into the rear yard (on) Willison," said Officer Jason Rengert. "Surrounding homes

suspicious were notified and advised transactions during early to stay clear of rear running across the west A 2-inch diameter said.

"Signatures (for pur- branch forced the lines to

"(A contractor) was cut- the ting down a tree in the Wardowski said. -Brad Lindberg rear of (a house on) Willison when the winds mation about these or oth- pushed a recently cut low orders." er crimes, call the Grosse branch into the power lines, causing them to break and fall," said Sgt. James Wardowski.

Officers stood by until a DTE Energy crew arrived a few minutes after noon

to make repairs.

Bus stop

A 62-year-old Detroit

cers last week on a fire man, found sleeping shortly before 8 a.m. They answered what Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the sheltered bus stop on Lakeshore at Oxford, was rity company, of fire in the reported missing and in laundry room of a house the early stages of Alzheimer's disease.

"(He) stated he was there all night," said a patrolman.

The man's record includes a couple of Detroit traffic warrants.

Officers said they took him to headquarters to "warm up." "(He) is completely

aware of what is going on," said an officer. Shores police took him

A natural gas leak to a Detroit police station.

Strolling Lakeshore

A 56-year-old Detroit man, walking in the right lane of southbound Lakeshore Stillmeadow Lane, was taken to a hospital for involuntary commitment during the afternoon of Monday, Feb. 13, according to police.

(He) stated he was walking home from the Grosse Pointe Woods park bathroom," said Officer John Jebrael.

"A Woods park employee confirmed (he) had been removed from the women's bathroom,' added Sgt. James Wardowski.

The man wore only one shoe, was carrying a plastic bag and lacked gloves in the 32-degree weather.

The man refused a pair of shoes, a ride to a bus stop or transport in a police car. Officers let him

A short while later, they learned he was trespassing at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

"(He) was observed tennis courts," Jebrael

"Officers were finally able to corner (him) on tennis courts."

"(He) sat down on his

The man was wanted for three traffic violations in Detroit and trespassing in River Rouge.

— Brad Lindberg

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

Committee help needed

formed to get the word

"We're going to be communicating like mad," said Grosse Pointe Farms Councilman Lev Wood.

A council communica- of interest and resume to tions committee is being City Clerk Matthew Tepper.

> approve nominations in March.

Committee composition consists of a maxi-Residents wishing to mum of three citizens and serve should send a letter two members of the coun-

Terms of office are two years, starting Jan. 1 of the year after a general election.

"Notwithstanding the The council expects to length of any appointment, all members of the committee shall serve at the pleasure of the council," according to proposed policies.

-Brad Lindberg

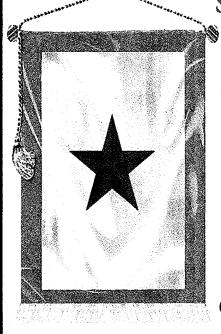
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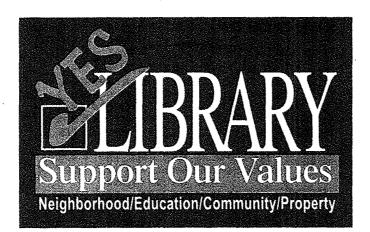
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Please Help Us Support Our Library!

The Grosse Pointe Public Library is in jeopardy. Library revenues are decimated due to the recession. This lost revenue can't be made up by more spending cuts (The Library deficit in 2012-13 could be \$1.1 million). Our Library will be forced to make drastic cuts in service and hours (30%) and/or close one entire branch. The requested millage will levy up to a maximum of .7 mills for a period of 8 years. For the owner of a home with a market value of \$150,000 this would be \$52.50 per year. We hope you will join with us to support our Library proposal and vote "YES" February 28. Thank you!

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OUR VIEW

Support library's millage

uesday's election results will mean plenty to Mitt Romney, Rick Santorum and the others, but many Grosse Pointers will be more interested to see what happens with the millage proposal for the Grosse Pointe Public Library system.

A request on the ballot aims to overcome a deficit budget for the library, with a central location in Grosse Pointe Farms, a branch Grosse Pointe Park and another in Grosse Pointe Woods.

At issue is the drop in housing values, which affects tax revenues earmarked for the library. More than 90 percent of the library's budget comes from property taxes, down significantly since 2008.

Without the proposed increase of up to .7 mills yearly for eight years, rainy day funds for the library will dry up by 2014. A community jewel will be lost.

A library means a ton to a community. More than 54,000 residents used the libraries in the Grosse Pointes last year, with a quarter of the Pointes' population using the library 25 or more times in 2011.

Libraries are instrumental in education and they're partners with the great public and private schools here. These libraries have changed with the times and they've kept up with technology. What else would Grosse Pointe expect, other than the best?

Further cuts jeopardize much more than just a place to check out a book. It's easy to understand no one wants to pay more in taxes, but the libraries are an investment in the future, just as Grosse Pointers support public safety, schools and parks.

Those are all reasons to move here. Likely they're the reason you moved here.

The library staff, committees and boards of the library and many community members have given their time to look at the issues, reduce costs where they could and present this solution. Times are tough and they know it.

This additional millage, implemented for eight years only, will maintain current services only. Expenses will continue to be held in check and the board will only levy the amount to cover the deficit for that year.

The cost to an owner of a house with a \$150,000 market value will be \$52.50 per year. It's a small price to pay for a great benefit.

Support the library.

I SAY By Bob St. John

Cheer on the Wings, boo the Pistons

hat a roll the Detroit Red Wings have been on. They're No. 1 in the National Hockey League, thanks to a record-setting 21game home winning streak.

The Wings set the mark Tuesday, Feb. 14, with a 3-1 win over the Dallas Stars. They

broke the mark of 20 games set by the 1929-'30 Boston Bruins and 1975-'76 Philadelphia Flyers.

Hockeytown fans have been treated to overtime wins, blowout wins and shootout wins during the streak.

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Leaders should be visionaries

To the Editor:

While I have had a tive? great appreciation for libraries since my childhood, I have had an even greater respect for making sound financial decisions.

So when I am asked to vote for a millage increase, it gets my atten-

mills to our existing 1.5412 library millage, already among the highest in the metropolitan area, I took notice.

The appointed, not elected, Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees is responsible for a \$4.5 million budget, an amount close to the total annual budget of one of our cities.

They receive gifts to support programs from the Friends of the Library and there is a Grosse Pointe Library Foundation that comes along with an added \$800,000 in its coffers, apparently being reserved to build a new central library branch.

The scare tactics being used to seek passage of the millage offends me. The silliest being: "If voted down, (NBC news anchor) Brian Williams is liable to report an upscale subdivision can't afford its library any more," Feb. 16 Grosse Pointe News, "Services are books."

I wonder whether Brian Williams might just as easily ask why the upscale Grosse Pointes see the need to support the duplication of nearly everything. Assuming it would even happen, a reduction in library services can't hold a candle to the negative impact a tax increase has on a community's market ap-

While the hype supporting the library millage threatens a reduction in hours or the closing of a branch if the vote fails, there's not much to indicate creative alternatives were given exhaustive consideration before resorting to the all-too-easy standby of raising taxes.

How many families recently faced with re-

duced incomes have been forced to do more with less? Cannot the library be equally innova-

For that matter, what consideration has been given to the future of libraries here in Grosse Pointe? Does the library have a strategic plan in place? Books, CDs and DVDs are now synonymous with E-Reader, Pandora and Netflix. When I heard the Helping people out with Grosse Pointe Public e-readers is nice, but is

me norizon: With the many community centers already available in Grosse Pointe, does the library really need to find more ways to be relevant?

A former director of the American Library Association suggested it was preposterous to create libraries as teen gaming centers in the hopes they would pick up a classic book on the way out.

I am a frequent patron of the Grosse Pointe library, and the service provided by the staff is unsurpassed. But I think the library's financial crisis presents an opportunity to engage the community in how we envision our libraries going into the future, and how its officers should man-

age taxpayer dollars. Don't the mayors whoappoint the library trustees have a fiduciary obligation to the voters to vet this millage, especially when they are all trymore than checking out ing to justify tax increases on the same set of circumstances — the economic downturn of 2008?

The mayors should get involved in this process as they consider consolidation of city services, not by endorsing a millage that many in the community cannot afford, but by coming up with ideas to cut costs and preserve services.

Now is the time for community leaders to demonstrate the "vision" they claimed to possess when running for office.

As a community, we undoubtedly need to become more involved in helping our library define itself for the years ahead, but adding another .7 mills to everyone's taxes in this economy is not the right way to get that discussion started.

CHRISTINE KACZANOWSKI Grosse Pointe Woods

Library needs financial help

To the Editor:

One of our community's most important institutions needs financial help from Grosse Pointe citizens. The Grosse Pointe Public Library system, that serves 54,000 residents, is used by 81 percent of the population.

Ninety-one percent of the library's operating budget comes from property taxes on real property in the Grosse Pointes plus a small section of Harper Woods.

Over the past few years, property taxes have declined and so has the library's budget. The 2011-2012 budget projects a deficit of \$567,294 and future deficits will be worse the Detroit Zoo, or the as property taxes further decline.

Library wanted to add .7 computer repair next on taken significant steps to portant and positive role control its expenses, reducing staff where possible, freezing wages and hiring, cutting back on collection purchases, administration services, newsletter printing and eliminating major programs and author lec-

To address this situation, the Grosse Pointe Library Board of Trustees approved proposing to the taxpayers a millage levy of up to .7 mills that will expire after eight years. If the millage is approved on Feb. 28, 2012, the cost to a homeowner with a \$150,000 home would be about \$52.50/year.

The library board predicts the consequences of a failed temporary millage vote would be dire, including the library being forced to use its "rainy day" funds that would be depleted in 2014; closing one of the three buildings; and reducing library staff and hours by another 30

By voting yes for the millage on Feb. 28, you will enhance your own property values and preserve one of community's "crown jewels."

Please vote yes. MARY BETH SMITH Grosse Pointe Library

Board of Directors member Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library member Millage committee

Library fiscally responsible

To the Editor:

In response to Dean Valente's letter to you, published on Feb. 16, I should like to say that I have seen no evidence of fiscal irresponsibility on the part of the administrators of the Grosse Pointe library.

It should be clear to our entire community the reason for the request of a small, temporary increase in the library millage is the economic disaster of 2008, which has caused our home values to drop. As 91 percent of the library's income is from property taxes, its income has also decreased to the point that the money coming in no longer matches expenses, despite the significant cuts that have been implemented in the interim, including a freeze in the wages or our talented li-

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brarians. I think we citizens are acting responsibly if each of us is willing to pitch in a small amount of money to insure the continuing well-being of our important cultural institutions, whether they be the Detroit Institute of Arts, Grosse Pointe Public Library. All three of these The library has already institutions play an imin the educational, interlectual and emotional development of those who use them. They are valuable assets which ought to be treasured by all who are fortunate enough to have access to them.

> I strongly encourage all my fellow citizens to vote yes for the Grosse Pointe Library millage on Feb.

GINA GRANGER GROSSE POINTE PARK

Visiting the library

To the Editor:

Returning library books, I overheard a tot in line whisper, "Mom, can we come to the 'li-berry' tomorrow, too?"

How terrific is that?

Smiling, I time-travelled to my own kids' eager learning adventures at the library.

No surprise 81 percent of our population - all ages — uses this lively neighborhood resource, look around: busy students, young adults, parents, early readers, researchers, relaxing seniors — seekers all.

Truly, the values, hearts and minds of our community are reflected in Grosse Pointe's library

I'll be voting "yes" on the Feb. 28th library millage proposal. You too?

DORIS ERICKSEN

City of Grosse Pointe

Committee says thank you

To the Editor:

On behalf of the parents, teachers and children of The Cooperative Nursery at Christ Church, we would like to thank you for your generous donations to our preschool's

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LETTERS: Readers speak out

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auction.

The 2012 auction was a huge success thanks to the numerous donations and support received from the community. The fundraising goals of our cooperative, play-based preschool were met, and a fun night was had by all who attended.

CNCC is a non-profit preschool, 501(c)(3), and in accordance with IRS guideline confirms you received no goods, services or privileges in connection with your donation.

MELISSA PETZ ANGELA WILLSON 2012 CNCC Auction co-chairs

Current levels of service

To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe Park resident's letter, "Rewarding fiscal incompetence?," Feb. 16 Grosse Pointe News, demands a response.

The letter writer charged the Grosse Pointe Library Board of Trustees incompetence in its management decision that forced them to ask for voter approval for an eight-year millage increase of up to .7 mill.

I am not now, nor ever have been a member of the library board, a group of concerned residents who serve without compensation.

I agreed to chair the library millage campaign after reviewing their decisions in 2003 and 2004 to build proper branches to serve the Woods and Park

communities. None of us could have predicted in 2003 and 2004 the real estate market would mirror the national economic collapse of 2008. The board made

its decisions based on revenue projections before our houses lost 30, 40 or 50 percent of their value.

Fully 91 percent of library revenues come from property taxes.

Unless the letter writer is more prescient than the rest of us, he probably suffered similar losses in the value of his real estate and subsequent cuts in his property taxes.

The library has already cut full-time staff to 25 with 23 trained part-time employees.

Salaries are frozen at 1994 levels. Book purchases, special author programs and other services have been cut. There are no pension legacy costs - which bedevil many other governmental units. Library usage is up since the branches opened.

Passing the library millage next Tuesday will allow the library board to maintain current levels of service without further cuts and service the bond debt on the two new branches.

This is hardly grounds for calling someone incompetent. A "yes" vote on Tuesday will help us hold the line on values of neighborhood, education, community and property.

BEN BURNS Chair, Library Millage Campaign Committee

MEAP scores are sub par

To the Editor:

Just over 25 years ago, I moved to Grosse Pointe from Birmingham. At the time, I thought the Grosse Pointe schools were good - hopefully good Birmingham's.

When my daughters

were in Grosse Pointe South High School, I tried to promote math and science and all I got were bureaucratic responses.

They have graduated and gone on to college, apparently having survived the school system with little damage.

I was surprised to see the revised MEAP test results and I think something drastic needs to be done in our schools.

Compared to Birmingham, except for the third grade, where we Ensure library scored 0.1 higher, we are lower in all other grades by as much as 17.2 points.

I realize averages hide information, but for all grades our average is 8 points lower. Troy schools do even better.

How are the children of this community to compete in a world where math and science are keys to success? Such sub par perfor-

mance should be unac-

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system thrives

To the Editor: I am in favor of the Grosse Pointe Public Library millage.

As a relatively new resident to the Pointes, I have used the library numerous times and sought the advice of librarians for the completion of my graduate studies as well as bringing my toddler there to instill in him the love of

I believe the importance ceptable to our community. Fortunately, my chila community puts on its libraries goes quite a long way into showing how invested it is in the future and vitality of its commu-Grosse Pointe Farms

nity and the quality of life of its citizens.

I believe we can all agree it is a privilege to live in such a great community, and part of making it such a wonderful place to live is making sacrifices to ensure our library system thrives even in dire economic times.

It is crucial we not lose sight of the institutions that make this community

I urge everyone to help get this millage approved. Our libraries, children and all of our fellow citizens are worth it.

MICHAEL WHITE Grosse Pointe Park

I SAY: Go Wings Continued from page 8A

The streak even continued when starting goalie Jimmy Howard broke a finger and missed some

In stepped Joey MacDonald, who was called up from Grand Rapids to replace Howard. He has played well, keeping the streak alive with steady play between the pipes.

The defensive corp of Ian White, future hall-of-famer Nicklas Lindstrom, Brad Stuart, Niklas Kronwall and Jonathan Ericsson has done a solid job of limiting the opposition's scoring chances.

Another reason for the streak is puck possession. The Wings outscored their foes 84-31.

Fans have been raucus at Joe Louis Arena and center Henrik Zetterberg concurred, saying in a press release from The Sports Xchange, "The fans are a big part of this, the way they've been carrying us here this year, especially the last two games, they've been like playoff games, and it's helping us to play good."

As of Feb. 17, the Wings are first in the NHL and in the Western Conference with 80 points, sitting 39-17-2.

They are fourth in goals scored with 185 and 24th in goals against with 136. They are 11th in power-I'm sure the Wings will be involved in a trade or two before the deadline. They need a couple of upgrades to solidify their chances at winning the Stanley Cup.

Fans, sit back and enjoy the rest of the regular season which ends with home games Thursday, April 5, against New Jersey and Saturday, April 7, against Chicago.

The playoffs begin the week of April 9 and hopefully the Red Wings have the No. 1 seed and home-ice advantage throughout the post-sea-

Go Red Wings!

Sorry to burst your bubble, but on the other end of the spectrum is the lousy Detroit Pistons, owners of one of the worst records in the National Basketball Association.

Also as of Feb. 17, the Pistons are a dreadful 9-22 in the Eastern Conference's Central Division. They're chances of making the playoffs — zero!

I would pay to see only two players on the roster, center Greg Monroe and point guard Brandon Knight. The other players on the roster stink, including veterans Tayshaun Prince and Charlie Villanueva.

New owner Tom Gores inherited a roster handcuffed by previous ownership.gom - sosig cases made

or so Tums before each game.

Watching the woeful Pistons makes my stomach turn and I can just imagine if I owned this team.

Ben Wallace is on his last legs and shouldn't have made the team. He is old and stinks. Malcontent Rodney Stuckey can be shopped around before the trade deadline, but I'm not sure any team wants him. Jason Maxiell, Damien Wilkins, Austin Daye and Will Bynum would be better suited to play for the Harlem Globetrotters' main foe, the Washington Generals.

At least they would be used to los-

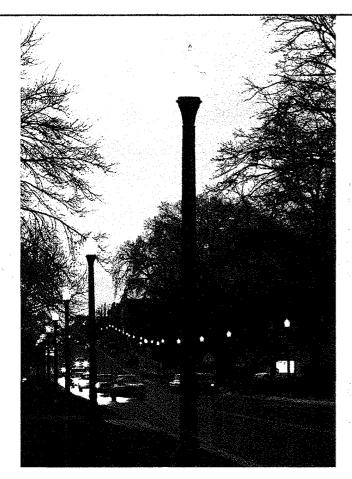
Ben Gordon and Jonas Jerebko play hard, but aren't starters in the NBA. They would be nice bench players for other talented squads in the league.

Fans still have two months of watching this garbage. The Pistons' season officially ends Thursday, April 26, against Philadelphia.

Joe Dumars, the Pistons president, should be let go. I know his hands were tied with the ownership in transition, but he hasn't done a good job the past few years. First-year head coach Lawrence

Frank is a good guy and maybe a new person at the top can bring in renewed spirit to this franchise. It wasn't too long ago the Pistons

were NBA champions. For now, fans, you have the Red Wings to watch and the Tigers beplay percentage at 19:21. Or horses are I'm sure Gores consumes a dozen of gan spring training. Opening Day is a month away!



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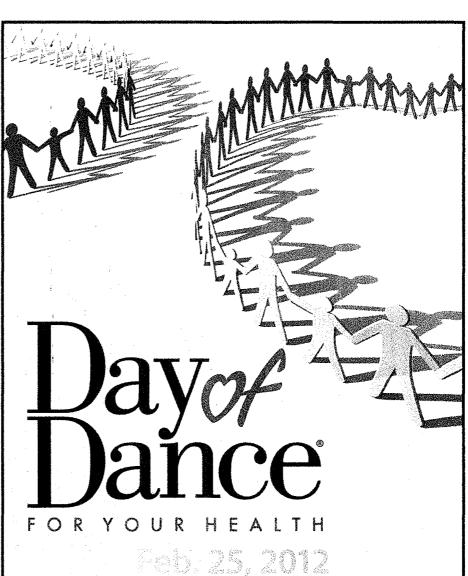
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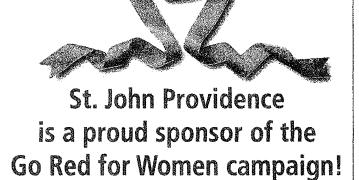
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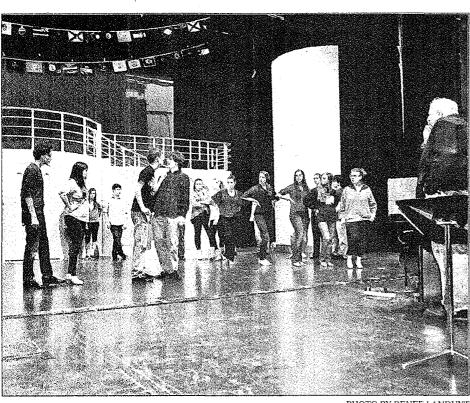
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Grosse Pointe North High School drama director Marty Bufalini watches as students rehearse a scene from North's spring musical, "Anything Goes."

Anything Goes' in North's annual musical

By A.J. Hakim Staff Writer

All aboard the S.S. Harcourt. American ocean liner, as Grosse Pointe North High the 52-student ensemble, School presents its annual with performances schedspring musical, a produc- uled at 7:30 p.m. tion of Cole Porter's Thursday, March 8, to November Broadway classic, "Anything Goes."

Porter's story regards the madcap antics, mistaken identities and ro- most everyone who mantic complications of knows Cole Porter knows Wall Street broker Billy the music," said Bufalini, Crocker, nightclub singer a professional actor in his

Reno Sweeney, Public eighth year directing dra-Martin and heiress Hope play."

Marty Bufalini directs Saturday, March 10, at through to performance North's Performing Arts Center.

"It's Cole Porter and al-

Enemy No. 13 Moonface mas at North. "It's a fun

As director, Bufalini aims to impart his acting knowledge onto students and commands professional discipline, from auditions weekend. A recurring reminder for students is, "while I'm here, we don't do high school," Bufalini's plea for students to act and perform with professional discipline.

nine yards, and I'll bring as much of that as I can into this because I think it's important," Bufalini

"Like anything in life, if you don't strive to do that much better, you're going to stagnate. I want some professional discipline here."

That professionalism isn't restricted to students. Bufalini contends every performance is a team effort, from cast to production directors, with the sum working toward a common goal.

"There are no egos here," Bufalini said. "It's a team effort - it takes the parents, it takes the techies. It takes everybody."

Assisting Bufalini with production are set designer and lighting technician Dan Vickery; choreograorchestra pit director David Cleveland, as well as several parents working behind-the-scenes with costumes and other details.

"I want to present to the public something as close to, at least, as professional as we can get it," Bufalini said. "Plus, I want (students) exposed to what it's like.'

Main floor reserved seating tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students, while balcony seating is \$8 for all. Tickets are available at Wildbirds Unlimited or at

"I've worked professional theater, the whole INEAP SCORES stay consistent

By A.J. Hakim Staff Writer

District-wide scores in the 2011 Michigan Education Assessment Program test remained consistent with previous years, contrary to the discrepancy in percentage of students proficient, a result of the state's new, more rigorous cut score standards.

The new career- and college-ready cut scores, retroactively applied to previous years' results, facilitate accurate comparisons between this year and others. Meaning, last year the 99 percent of fourthgraders scoring proficient in math, after applying current cut scores, drops to about 66 percent. This year, 72.4 percent of fourth graders scored proficient

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CARE conference pher Don Bischoff; vocal director Ben Henri; and advice, workshops

By A.J. Hakim

The Early Learning Foundation founder Bob Sornson, Ph.D. headlines as keynote speaker at CARE of Southeastern Michigan's 17th Annual Parenting Conference: Adventures in Parenting.

Previously a teacher and school administrator for more than 30 years, Sornson currently consults with schools, parents and education leadership groups seeking assistance with early learning support.

Through his foundation, he provides schools with materials and offers training programs, the most comprehensive of which is Early Learning Success Initiative, for children in kindergarten through third

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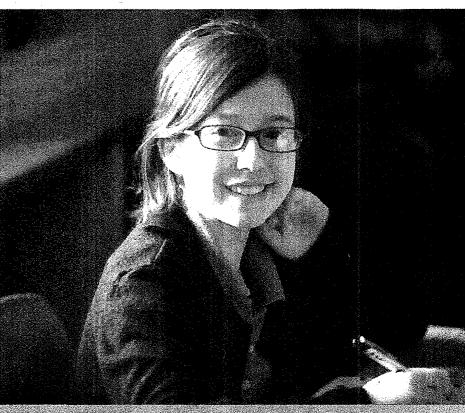
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Academy unveils Cadillac for auction



Jennifer and Michael Bojarczyk unveiled a fully loaded all-wheel drive 2012 Cadillac SRX, donated by Cadillac in cooperation with the Bojarczyks.

sponsorship announce- tion with Jennifer and ments at a volunteer party Michael Bojarczyk. Grosse Pointe Academy's

Action the event, along with Auction 2012, event chairs Alison and Michael unveiled a fully loaded Arkison. In its 45th year, handcrafted interior with

READING

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Among the donation, 2012 SRX, a donation the event, held at the advertising and corporate from Cadillac in coopera- Academy's fieldhouse, includes a silent auction, Wednesday, May 5, and The Bojarczyks chair super silent and live auc-

tions Saturday, May 12. The SRX — featuring a

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French stitching, polished chrome accents and Sapele wood trim and a fuel-efficient, direct-injection 308 horsepower V6 - is available in the live auction.

Other auction items previewed during the party included jewelry from both edmund t. AHEE Jewelers and LaLonde Jewelers.

The auction's presenting sponsor is Henry Ford Medical Center — Cottage & Pierson Clinic. In addition to raising funds for Academy programs, a percentage of auction proceeds support the new Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities.

For more information about the auction, contact the auction office at (313) 886-1221 or via e-mail at auction@gpacademy.org.

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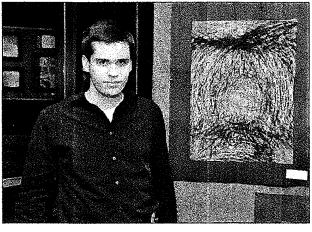
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Elisha Sword's oil pastel picture, top, and Andrea Penman-Lomeli's piece, above, are on display at University Liggett School's Manoogian Arts Wing.

Liggett exhibits student artwork

University students was featured in the school's Manoogian Arts Wing during the past two weeks.

a variety of work from Katanick's tutelage. upper school students Belcrest, Emily Broder, tion Friday, Feb. 10.

from Clarissa Dixon, Peter Liggett Jachim, Mallory Jamett, School's advanced art Colleen Klimek, Caleb Ninivaggi, Elizabeth Ottosen, Andrea Penman-Lomeli, Caleb Sword and Elisha Sword. The exhibit ends All are under Jim Friday, Feb. 24. It featured Pujdowski's and Karen

The school held a Emma Bandos, Abby "meet the artists" recep-

MEAP: Grosse Pointe students deemed proficient exceeds state averages, some by more than 30 percent

Grosse Pointe MEAP results

WRITING

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will result in our district growth and improve-

look at redefining our academic challenges and "With the release of the further analyzing the ar-MEAP scores this year, it eas needed for continued

Continued from page IAII taking an even closer ment," superintendent while science and writing Tom Harwood said via e-

> "From this new cut score benchmark, we will move forward to deter- in reading and math, almine what we need to do though sixth grade deto further improve the creased in both. performance of all of our plement the most effective and efficient practices, and where we need to go in our assessment to ensure greater success and continued student growth."

In each tested subject — math and reading (third through eighth grade), writing (fourth and seventh), science (fifth and eighth) and social studies (sixth and will not be based solely ninth) — the percentage of Grosse Pointe students deemed proficient exceeds state averages, in each student's academic some instances by more than 30 percent.

(one) scores improved, benefit our students."

decreased. Social studies remained unchanged. Grosse Pointe schools experienced similar results

The district also imstudents, how we can im- proved in writing and science, but saw a decline in

social studies. "Our eyes are wide open to assessing and analyzing the areas that need improvement and setting the academic environment to improve what we are teaching, how we are teaching, and why we need to make these changes," Harwood said. "Our students' success on this one assessment measure but it will serve as a significant marker in profile of learning that will help us obtain an ac-Statewide, reading curate picture of where (three percent) and math we need to improve to

Preschool hosts mom to mom sale

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

dren's clothing, sized ted after 10:30. newborn to elementary

the King item room.

Shoppers arriving between 9:30 and 10 pay a \$2 early bird admission, while those attending afterward pay a \$1. Moms The event features chil- with strollers are admit-

school age; furniture; toys e-mail Karen at ctkand baby items. They are mom2mom@comcast.net located at individual ta- or call the preschool at bles and inside the big (313) 884-5998.

CARE: the conference also features workshops

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grade.

The program emphasizes formative and constant assessment of all essential aspects to early learning development, support for students and teachers, and the importance of building a positive classroom culture.

Sornson's keynote entitled, speech is 'Resilience: Tips for Raising Successful Kids."

The conference also features workshops and speakers, addressing topics from parenting skills to teen sexuality and media influences to understanding youth culture to child development. In all, there are about 20 workshops and more than 40 local parenting resources

on site. Other speakers include: Lisa Weingarden (50 parenting skills to a happier family life); Emily Williams (Behavior basics for children with an ASD); Kim Steggles (Couple's quest for communication success); a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Susan Bailey (Energize your life and beat stress: a new paradigm for stress management); Erin Williams (Help for the sensitive child, teenager and adult); Vinay Pampari (Injuries of the young athlete: a focus on prevention and treatment); Drew contact Anne Nearhood Yanke (Parents' tool box at (586) 541-0033 or via e-

Sanders (Teen panel); Christopher Appleton (Teen sexuality and media influences); Denise Uhouse (There's a caveman in my kitchen; the happiest toddler on the block); Bernie Les (Tiger moms, helicopter parenting and hands off parenting, what works and why); Paul S. Roodbeen and Matthew Babcock (Understanding

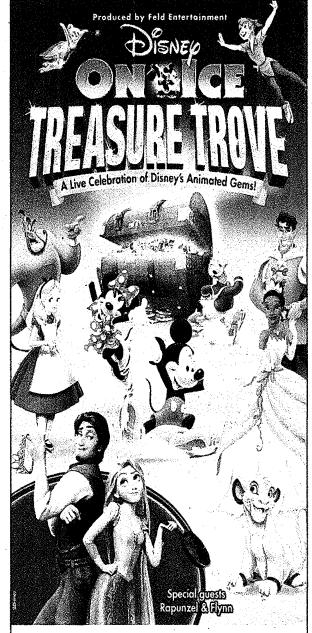
Generation Y — youth culture); Lauren LaRocca (What's bromine doing in my burger: exploring toxins in our food system); and Suzanne Povinelli (You are what you eat).

Representatives from Beaumont (40 developmental assets); Modern Mediation Family (Blending today's modern families);

Localmotiongreen.org (A green home) Girls/Boys Empowered (Stop the meanness. spread the kindness) are also scheduled to speak and host workshops.

The conference is 8 Saturday, March 3, at the Macomb Intermediate School District Conference Center in Clinton Township. Tickets are \$35 per person and include a continental breakfast and lunch.

For more information, for kids with ADHD); mail at anearhood@care-Anne Chilligarian (Super ofsem.com.



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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.

Mare J. Alan

Marc J. Alan, 87, of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2012, at Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe.

He was born April 4, 1924, in Anvil, to Marion and Anna, nee Vihar, Jurakovich, and was mar-Trudy Loveless, who survives him.

Mr. Alan was a retired commercial real estate broker. For more than 40 years, his office occupied the one-room Cook Schoolhouse on Mack Ave. in Grosse Pointe Woods.

In addition to his wife, Gertrude, he is survived by his sons, Marc C. Alan of Detroit and Dean D. (Debra) Alan of St. Clair Shores and grandchildren, Jamie and Suzanne Alan.

Mr. Alan was predeceased by his parents; sister, Catherine and brothers, Matthew and John.

A funeral service was held Feb. 4 at the Hospice MOB, c/o St. VanHorn-Eagle Funeral Home in Hillsdale with Pastor Terry Bobzien officiating. Interment is in the Leonardson Cemetery in Pittsford.

Letitia Mary White

Former longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Letitia Mary "Tish" White, 87, died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012, surrounded by her family. She was a and sisters, Louise resident of Hillsboro Beach, Fla.

and Rose Fiscus of well as several nieces, Detroit, Mrs. White is survived by David, her devoted husband of 67 years, and her sons, Brad and Randal. She was predeceased by her son,

Richard. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. Community at Presbyterian Church, 1920 Southeast 4th Street, Deerfield Beach, Fla.

Gladys K. Greenburg

Gladys K. Greenburg, 106, died Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012, in Frankenmuth.

She was born Feb. 20, 1905, in Detroit, to Henry and Henrietta Koop, she went to technical school and became a stenographer. She was also an executive secretary to the president of RC Mahon of Detroit.

Mrs. Greenburg was a member of AARP, Grosse Pointe Senior Citizens, and the Garden Club of Detroit. She enjoyed gardening, bridge and travel. She visited all seven continents on one trip and circumnavigated the globe. She was a weekend farmer in Armada, as well as a longtime member of First English Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Mrs. Greenburg was the loving wife of the late Clifford. She is survived by her nephews, Bruce W. (Gwen) Harrington, Warren (Motoko) Fravne, David (Sharon) Frayne and Clifford (Cheryl) Hill. She was the dearest sister to Dorothy Harrington and the late Alice Frayne. She is also survived by five great-nephews and two great-nieces.

A memorial service will be held at a future date.

Donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe War

48236 or the charity of the donor's choice.

George P. Dakmak

Grosse Pointe Shores resident George Dakmak, 83, died Friday, Feb. 17, 2012. He was the loving ried Aug. 24, 1946, to husband of Mary Ellen; devoted father of John (Penni), Anne (Curt) Weiermiller, Peter and Mark and proud grandfather of Mary, Sara, Luke and Grace.

Mr. Dakmak was devoted to his family and his church where he was an usher for many years.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford Road, Grosse Pointe Woods. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

Donations may be made to Our Lady Star of the Sea School, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 or to St. John John Health Foundation, P.O. Box 673271, Detroit, MI 48267-3271.

Thomas H. Andrew

Herbert Thomas Andrew. 58, died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012, after a year-long battle with brain cancer.

He is survived by his wife, Marti Benedetti; son, Nicholas; daughter, Molly (Richard) Weithas, Paula (Jim) Burdelski and The daughter of Ivan Christine (Don) Dehoff, as nephews and cousins.

> Mr. Andrew was a graduate of Michigan State and University Dearborn native. He spent the first decade of his career as a newspaper editor and reporter in Michigan, Illinois and Texas. He left the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, where he was a sportswriter, to move back to Detroit to work on the sports desk at the Detroit News. He spent the next several years working in corporate communications in the telecommunications, automotive and

> health care industries. According to his family, among his greatest joys was the time he spent coaching, watching and officiating sports at Elworthy Field in Grosse Pointe. For more than 10 Mr. Andrew years, coached his son and many other players in Grosse Pointe Little League and Grosse Pointe Babe Ruth. He was a Grosse Pointe Hockey Association coach, and alcoached girls Neighborhood Club soccer during his daughter's

> early years. He was an avid tennis player; a member of Eastside Tennis Club, the Hunt Club and the Indian Village Tennis Club. His other passions included seeing live music, including his favorite band The Polish Muslims. He looked forward to the family's annual vacations to the Muskoka region of Canada and watching his beloved Detroit Tigers.

> Mr. Andrew crewed on a racing sailboat out of Grosse Pointe City Park on Wednesdays for several summers. His family and friends said he had a zest for life, family, friends

and Detroit.

Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, be held at noon Saturday, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI Feb. 25, at St. Clare of Montefalco Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Marc J. Alan Park.

Donations may be made to the American Brain Tumor Association, 8550 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago, IL 60631.

Gerald A. **Ewart**

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Gerald A. Ewart. 81. died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012.

A life-long resident of the Grosse Pointes, Mr. Ewart served in the United States Navy after graduating from Grosse Pointe High School. He was an engineer and machine tool designer at Ex-Cell-O Corporation and Cross & Trecker Corporation.

He was an active member of First English Lutheran Church and the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe. He enjoyed golf, reading, playing bridge, gardening, many home repair projects and working at the computer.

Mr. Ewart is survived by his wife, Virginia; children, Gail (David) Brush of Troy, Paul (Joyce) Ewart of Grosse Pointe Woods, John (Nancy) Ewart of Warren, Carol Zarate of (Dennis) Pontiac; Debra Strandhagen of Grosse Pointe Woods and Nan ministering to the needs Strandhagen of St. Clair Shores; grandchildren, it a privilege to minister to Johanna, Catherine,

grandchildren. his brother, Dale (Norma) ly her parents, and she church at 10 a.m. Ewart of Greenbush and sister, Janet (Robert) Brooks of Houston.

Michelle and two great-

He was predeceased by his first wife, Marilyn, in 1973.

A funeral service was held Feb. 18 at First English Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Verenice McQuade CSJ

Verenice McQuade CSJ, 95, died Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012, in Kalamazoo.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 14 in Nazareth.

She was born Nov. 18, 1916, in Detroit to Walter and Florence, nee Aben, McQuade. She was a member of St. Henry Parish in Lincoln Park at the time of her entrance into the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph June 21, 1937. She received her baptismal name, Verenice, at her reception Jan. 7, 1938. She pronounced first vows Jan. 8, 1940, and final vows on Jan. 8, 1943.

Sr. Verenice earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Nazareth College and a master's degree in hospital administration from St. Louis University. Her early years were spent in teaching at St. Bernard, St. David and St. Benedict Schools in Detroit. She then entered the health care field and served as treasurer, assistant administrator and administrator at St. Joseph Hospital in Flint for 12 vears.

In 1960, she was elected to SSJ Congregational Administration and for much of the next 12 years she served as superior general. In 1971, Sr. Verenice returned to healthcare administration as a vice president at St.





George P. Dakmak



Verenice McQuade CSJ

and she remained there until failing health caused her to retire.

Those who knew her said Sr. Verenice was a woman of great vision, a natural-born leader who was blessed with courage, strength, faith and wisdom. She spent her life of others and considered those who had lost the precious gift of health.

Stephanie, Brett, Julie and was grateful to God for community and her friends. especially Camille DeMario who enriched her life and sup-

> ported her in ministry. St. Verenice often quoted a motto she learned many years ago and lived by: "The aim of my life is perfection, the end of my life is God."

Frank P. Hogan Jr.

Frank P. Hogan Jr., 74. died Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012, at his Grosse Pointe

Park home. He was born Sept. 25. 1937, in Philadelphia of a Lithuanian mother and Irish father, Paula and Frank Hogan. His parents moved to Detroit when he was a toddler to be a part of the "war effort."

Mr. Hogan attended East Detroit High School. The oldest of five children, he was taught the beauty and complexity of English by the Immaculate Heart of Mary nuns in grade school.

Mr. Hogan was a Russian translator in the U.S. Army Security Agency, stationed in what was then West Germany. He retired from a career in sales and marketing, including Delta Dental of Michigan. He also once served as president of the Grosse Pointe Optimists

Mr. Hogan enjoyed the written word, publishing "Sound-Alikes: Dictionary of Midwestern American English

Homophones" in 2008. He was also a political ac-He enjoyed traveling,

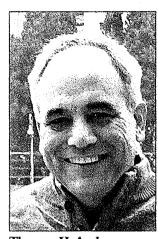
boating on Lake St. Clair,

fishing, golfing and spend-

ing time with his family. Mr. Hogan is survived A memorial service will John Hospital in Detroit by his wife of 50 years,



Letitia Mary White





Frank P. Hogan Jr.



A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at St. Ambrose Catholic She was most grateful Church, 15020 Hampton, for the many people who Grosse Pointe Park. He also is survived by touched her life, especial- Visitation begins at the several years, as well as an

> Donations may be made deep faith, her love of to St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

James Champane Jr.

James Champane Jr., 85, died Wednesday, Feb.

He was a veteran of World War II and the to Korean War. He was the past commander of the The Detroit Commandry No. 1. thecapuchins.org.

Mr. Champane was the beloved husband of Violet; loving father of Dean (Terry), George (Patti), Chris (Eileen) and Yvonne (Anthony) Galbo and dearest grandfather of Michelle, Brooke, James, Bridgette, James, Edward, Lauren, Connor, Nicholas, Ann Marie, Vincent and James.

Donations may be made to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter Road, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

Harry H. **Phillips**

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Harry H. Phillips, died peacefully 85, Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012, surrounded by his family. He was born April 10,

1926, in Rochester, N.Y., to George H. and L. Eunice Phillips and attended college in both Rochester and Detroit. He married E. Joan

Secord Aug. 28, 1948, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. Mr. Phillips was supervi-

sor of corporate advertising at Ford Motor Co. pri-1988. His career with the company spanned 40 years. He was an active volunteer at St. Paul for



Gladys K. Greenburg



Gerald A. Ewart



James Champane Jr.



Harry H. Phillips

avid model train collector and woodworker.

Mr. Phillips is survived by his wife, Joan; children, Mary, Carl (Lisa), Gerry (Karen) and John; daughter-in-law, Sandra and 14 grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his son, Thomas.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 18 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

Donations may be made Alzheimer's the Association at alz.org or Capuchins

Ruth May Krisak

Grosse Pointe resident Ruth May Krisak, nee Smith, 89, passed away Monday, Feb. 13, 2012, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit after a short illness.

Mrs. Krisak was a lifelong resident of the Syracuse, N.Y. area until moving to Michigan in 2006. She was the daughter of James William and Laura May (nee Emerick) Smith. She was predeceased by her husband, Edward in 2005.

Family, genealogy and chocolate were her passions. She enjoyed exploring Southeast Michigan with her grandson and sharing family history showing how Syracuse and Detroit were intertwined.

Mrs. Krisak will be missed by those who survive her: her daughter and son-in-law, Janice and David; a grandson, and many cousins, nieces and nephews. Funeral services and

burial were in Syracuse.

Donations may be made or to his retirement in to the charity of the donor's choice.

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OBITUARIES: Loved ones remembered

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Robert Henry **Pytell**

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Robert Henry Pytell, 85, died Monday, Feb. 20, 2012.

He earned a juris doctor from the University of Detroit and was a private practice attorney in Grosse Pointe Farms at his firm R.H. Pytell and Associates. He also served as municipal judge in Grosse Pointe Farms for 20 years. He was a member of the State Bar of Michigan.

A veteran of the U.S. Navy, Mr. Pytell enjoyed sailing, skiing, tennis, cycling, photography and playing piano.

He was a member of the Crescent Sail Yacht Club, Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe, Services for Older Citizens, Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe. Polish Century Club and St. Paul Usher Club.

Mr. Pytell is survived by his wife, Laurie; daughter Mary Beth (Paul) Agase; sons, Mark (Ann Winkler) and Robert (Danielle DeLuca) and grandchildren, Grace, Lynn, Emily, Robert, Joseph, Matthew, Hope, Joseph and Thomas. He also is survived by his sister, Patt K. Flower.

He was predeceased by his grandson, Curtis.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. A prayer service begins at 7 p.m.

celebrated at 10 a.m. tic involvement with her Friday, Feb. 24, at St. Paul husband in the Auburn on the Lake Catholic Cord Duesenberg Club, Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. and their occasional ap-Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

to Services for Older er donated to the Auburn Citizens, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe, P.O. Box Mrs. Buehrig kept her 36366, Grosse Pointe classic car bonafides part-Farms, MI 48236.

Kathryn A. Lundell Benzin Buehrig

Benzin Buehrig of Grosse Pointe Woods, died in the morning early Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012, at her home at the age of

Grosse Pointe known for her persistence and loyalty by her large family and many friends, she had attended an annual Valentine's Day luncheon the day before at the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church on Vernier Road, where she her innate dignity and rebeen active.

she was known by her grandchildren and most others, lived a full and committed life marred by the loss of dear family members. She was born in Rockford, Ill., in 1914, the first of five children of Anna Gertrude and Otto Amandus Lundell, who were born and married in Sweden. A Swedish-educated engineer, Mr. Lundell moved his family to the Detroit area soon after Kathryn's birth, where he became a founder of Michigan Tool Company among others, and headed a socially committed family active in Immanuel Lutheran Church in Detroit and later the

Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. After graduating from Penn Hall Preparatory School for Girls in David (Tracy) Herrington, Chambersburg, Pa., Mrs. Buehrig attended the University of Michigan briefly before marrying her love, Elmer A. "Benny" Benzin, when Orlando. Her great-grandshe was 19, and settling in children are Alicia. Grosse Pointe Woods. Together they raised daughters, Joanne and Carolyn, until Mr. Benzin's untimely passing at the age of 37, when Kay cared for her girls with the loving help of her family.

In 1971, she married the noted automobile designer, Gordon Miller Buehrig, an early friend of Benny and Kay's, years after Benny's death in 1950, and after the death of Buehrig's first wife and Kay's good friend, Betty Whitten Buehrig of Auburn, Ind.

This marriage led to A funeral Mass will be Mrs. Buerhig's enthusiasother classic car events pearance in Grosse Pointe in a 1936 classic Cord of Donations may be made his design, which she lat-Cord Deusenberg Museum in Auburn, After Mr. Buehrig died in 1990, ly by purchasing a sleek. black Auburn Speedster replica of Gordon's design. Teamed with a nephew-in-law, she and Dream Cruise for a number of years.

Between her marriages, Mrs. Buehrig traveled 6. Kitchen gadgets are ofwidely, often with family to Sweden, and once tak-A long-time resident of ing a trip around the Center for Seniors world in 80 days. For those who knew her, she was a devout Christian, social, loyal and generous, fun-loving and Swedish through and the center's program that through, maintaining relationships with those she loved, but rarely losing included the Jenny Lind Kay, as her friends Club, IBEX, the Libra called her, or Mörmör, as Club, among others. She



Robert Henry Pytell

enjoyed meeting the king and queen of Sweden when they visited Detroit many years ago.

Mrs. Buehrig is sur-

vived by her daughter, Joanne Benzin (Hira) Herrington and stepdaughter, Barbara Buehrig (Joe) Orlando. She was predeceased by her daughter, Carolyn Benzin (Tymon) Totte, who passed away in 2001. Her grandchildren are Hira (Cathy) Herrington, Kenneth Herrington, Benzin Totte, Tyra Totte (John) Bone, Britta Totte (Mark) Ewald, Jordan and Logan Elizabeth Olivia, Cole, Ashley, Payton, Mackenzie, Kaleigh, Cary, Jack, Caroline and Allison. Mrs. Buehrig also is survived by her sister, Mary Lundell (Charles, deceased) Brown and sisterin-law, Mary (Arvid, deceased) Lundell. She also was precedeased by her sister, Jane Lundell (Walter "Bill," deceased) Wood and her brother, Earl Lundell who died at the age of two.

A memorial service was held Feb. 18 at First English Lutheran Church. She will be interred in the Lundell family mausoleum.

Donations may be made First



Kathryn Buehrig

Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 or to Save the Children

savethechildren.org.

William Thomas Ross

William Thomas Ross, 91, died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012, in St. Clair Shores.

Known as Tom to family and friends, he was born in rural Tennessee and moved to Detroit in his late teens. During World War II, he served as a radio operator with the 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion during the North African and Italian campaigns, then in Normandy, Belgium, and Germany. He received the Purple Heart Medal with one oak leaf cluster and numerous other service medals.

Following the war, he returned to Detroit, married Wilma and began work for Chrysler Plant Protection. After the arrival of his son, Bert, Mr. Ross enjoyed serving as a scoutmaster, baseball coach, and hunting and fishing at the family cottage up north. He especially enjoyed entertaining many of his nieces and nephews, as well as his son's friends, at the cottage. He was an avid



William Thomas Ross

well into his 90s.

Mr. Ross especially loved his daughter-in-law, Joanne and his granddaughter, Katherine, taking pride in their accomplishments and generously supporting Katherine's horse riding activities.

His family said Mr. Ross deeply missed his wife, Wilma, after her passing in 1986, but takes comfort. that they are joyfully reunited.

Janet E. Wilkinson

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Janet E. Wilkinson, 86, died Monday, Feb. 13, 2012.

Born Nov. 20, 1925, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to John and Irene Ewald, the family moved to Detroit in 1930. She graduated from Denby High School and worked for the Detroit Office of the Army Material Command during World War II. She married Robert P. Hermes in 1948. Mr. Hermes founded The R. P. Hermes Co. which was the first company to supply mobile TV equipment to the Detroit area. The company was dissolved after his death in 1979.

In 1986, she married John D. Wilkinson Jr.

devoted wife and be made bowler throughout his life, mother, Mrs. Milkinson al. // 1355, Oakman // Blvd.; English bowling two times a week so was active in charitable. / Detroit MI 48238



Janet E. Wilkinson

and cultural work and served as greeting card buyer in the Bon Secours Assistance League gift shop for 10 years. She was named life member emeritus in 2004. She was active in fund raisers for the Michigan Parkinson Foundation and supported the Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Focus: HOPE and the USO.

Mrs. Wilkinson is survived by her sons, Stephen K. (Beth) Hermes of Clarkston and Robert J. (Patricia) Hermes of Plymouth; loving grandchildren, Melissa (Michael) Magee, Nicole (Matthew) Jones, Stephen Hermes, Robert Hermes Jr., Jennifer (Marc) Rainey, Diana Wilkinson, Seffie Wilkinson, Cate Wilkinson, Thomas Wilkinson and Tiernan Wilkinson and greatgrandchildren, Matthew Jones, Sawyer Jones and Caitlin Rainey.

She also is survived by her stepchildren, John D. Wilkinson III, Terrence (Cathy) Wilkinson and Robert Wilkinson.

A funeral service was held Feb. 20 at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park.

Donations may be made to Michigan Parkinson Foundation at parkinsons mi.org or Focus:HOPE,

SOC's schedule for March and April

Citizens, Henry Ford Medical Center - Cottage, 159 Kercheval, south wing, third floor, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers bingo, movies, lunches and parties in March and April. Lunch is served at her speedster became a 11 a.m. and bingo is Kathryn A. Lundell hit of the Woodward played at 10 a.m. and noon.

Cooking up a storm bingo — Tuesday, March fered as prizes.

Assessment The 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 7. Bill Paskoules of Henry Ford Medical Cottage Center, Administration, discusses offers senior patients a multi-disciplinary team approach to health care.

Grosse Pointe Library's database — 11:30 a.m. Monday, March 12.

Michigan 48236.

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Services for Older Bloom discusses the new Hapsburg crown jewels. database service.

> St. Patrick's Day bingo - Tuesday, March 13.

St. Patrick's Day party and birthday celebration - 11 a.m., Wednesday, March 14. The traditional Irish meal is catered by Blue Pointe Restaurant and entertainment is by Little Big Band. The cost is \$15 and is at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms. Those with March birthdays receive a piece of cake with a candle, a photo and the birthday song is sung in three languages. A raffle follows the event. Attendees can take home a box lunch. For reservations, call (313) 882-9600.

Spring is in the air bingo — Tuesday, March 20. Rick Steves' Vienna -and her family have long serve. Her other activities health and caregiver 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 21. The 30-minute film shows the palace of Library director Vickey Maria Theresa and the

Cookies R Us bingo — Tuesday, March 27.

Lunch and a movie — 11 a.m. March 28. The cost to see "Annie's Point," an 87-minute film and eat a pizza lunch is \$4. For reservations, call (313) 882-9600.

Jet setting jewels bingo — Tuesday, April 3.

Coping with stress and loss — 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 4, Rebecca Lee Palen, oncology social worker and certified grief counselor at Van Elsander Cancer Center, St. John Hospital and Medical Center, discusses strategies for coping with grief and stress.

Spa bingo — Tuesday, April 10.

Birthday celebration ---11 a.m. Wednesday, April 11. Those with a birthday in April receive a piece of cake with a candle, a photo and the birthday song is sung in three languages. The cost is \$3.

Glaucoma — 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 11. Dr. David Goldman, of Henry Ford Ophthalmology Grosse Pointe discusses the causes, the symptoms, how it is detected, treated and who is at risk of glaucoma.

It's so easy being green bingo — Tuesday, April 17.

What to do with excess **stuff** — 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 18. Education coordinator for LocalMottionGreen

Melissa Sargent discusses how to responsibly dispose of expired medications, lawn chemicals, electronics, shoes and pa-

April showers bring May flowers bingo -Tuesday, April 24.

Lunch and movie — 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 25. The movie, "Moneyball," is shown after a pizza lunch. The cost is \$4. For reservations, call (313) 882-9600.

City of Grosse Hointe Hoods, Michigan

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

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012

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

9:00 a.m. - noon; 1 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012

9:00 a.m. - noon; 1 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

for reviewing the 2012 Assessment Roll. Appointments to appeal to the Board of Review may be made beginning March 1, 2012 by calling the Tax Department at (313) 343 2435. Resident taxpayers must appear in person or send an agent to appeal their assessment.

Tentative State Equalized Factors: Commercial property 1.000Industrial property 1.000 Residential property 1.000 Personal property 1.000

G.P.N.: 2/16/2012, 02/23/12, 03/01/12

Ginger Soles

City of Grosse Hointe Harms, Michigan **BOARD OF REVIEW**

Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the 2012 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012 From 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.and MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012 From 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and

From 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms,

MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2012

Hearings will be scheduled by appointment. Please contact City of Grosse Pointe Farms at (313) 640-1618. You may also petition the Board in writing through the mail if you cannot make the hearing dates. These letters HAVE TO BE IN THE OFFICE BY THURSDAY, MARCH 15th.

TIMOTHY E. O'DONNELL

City Assesso

City of Grosse Hointe Hark, Michigan **NOTICE OF REVIEW**

The Board of Review of the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Wayne County, Michigan will be in session in the Municipal building, 15115 East Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan on

OF THE 2012 ASSESSMENT ROLL

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday March 13, 2012 Thursday March 15, 2012 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday March 20, 2012 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday March 22, 2012 9 a.m.to 8 p.m.

HEARINGS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. To schedule call any of the following numbers (313) 822-5020, (313) 822-4365, (313) 822-4361.

Written appeals accepted postmarked no later than March 22, 2012.

Tentative state equalization factors: Commercial property 1.000 Residential property 1,000 1.000 Personal property

Taxable increase for 2012 2.70

GPN: 2/23/12 3/1/12 3/8/12

Diann H. Lulis

City Assessor

FOR THE BIRDS By Rosann Kovalcik

Bird courtship



eing a birder, when recently offered an appetizer, held by a male's hand, I thought of the Forster's terms I watched last year at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park.

The male flew in next to the female, who was sitting on the pier, and offered her the shiny minnow in his beak. What female tern could resist such an offer?

The birds in our area engage in courtship in many different ways.

Male cardinals offer a seed to the females, and we see that spring is here! The cedar waxwing takes feeding a potential mate to a new level, hopping back and forth sideways on a branch with a piece of fruit in his beak, which he will eventually offer to the

female. Perhaps his dance cessful home-building is exciting to her.

Most birds' courtship consists of singing. For many females, this is the best way to judge a potential mate. If he sings loud and clear and strong, he must be vigorous enough to defend a territory and provide for her.

Feb. 14 morning, I heard the clear-noted "Fee Bee" song of the blackcapped chickadee. It was barely light, and yet he was making a valiant effort to stake his claim.

Soon the male mourning doves will display for the females by soaring high into the air on stiff wings, circling up to a respectable height before coming down in reverse in the same bold glide.

Cooper's hawks put on an impressive show for their females by calling as they fly through the air and break a small, dead branch off of a tree with their beak to present it to the female. I've been privileged to watch the presentation of the stick turn successful. Talk about a sucproject!

Even though it is February, the length of day is activating the gland birds have to stimulate reproductive behavior. The ducks on Lake St. Clair are a perfect example the goldeneye will thrust their heads forward and up in an exaggerated dance of expression for the females. The hooded mergansers will erect their crest to impress their female - a truly exceptional display of the bird world.

During this month when we pay tribute to the "Season of Love," take a look at the birds around you to get a little glimpse into their displays of "affection."

Enjoy your birds! Rosann Kovalcik is a certified bird-feeding specialist and owner of Wild Birds Unlimited, 20485 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods. Send questions or comments to RosannKovalcik@comcast.net. Visit grossepointewoods.wbu.com/.



Hooded Merganser

'Bird Walk' at Ford house

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Bird Walk held Feb. 11, was windy on snow-laden grounds at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.

The birds found "out and about" in the inclement weather were: the Canada goose, mute swan, mallard, canvasback, redhead bufflehead, common goldeneye, common merganser, red-breasted merganser, red-tailed hawk, ring-billed gull, herring gull, mourning dove, red-bellied woodpecker, blue jay, blackcapped chickadee, tufted titmouse, white-breasted nuthatch, American robin, European starling and house sparrow.

Upcoming bird walks are held Saturdays, at 8 a.m. March 24; and 7:30 a.m. April 21, at The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe

Walks last about two hours.

Cost is \$7 per person per walk. For more information or to register, call (313) 884-4222

— Rosann Kovalcik

Getting started on spring cleaning



Clean and reorganize bookshelves when spring cleaning.

Homeowners about to out items that have start their annual spring passed their expiration cleaning should consider date.

ginning: The right tools

Rubber gloves, cleaning products and garbage bags -- to discard a winter's worth of clutter should be on hand.

the following before be-

Inventory

Many people find it hard to get rid of older items. Part of spring cleaning is tossing old items no longer used.

Clothing can take up a significant amount of space, so take some inventory of your wardrobe and decide which items should be kept and which ones can be discarded or donated.

Windows

The windows might have accumulated a lot of dirt and grime over the winter. Wash them on a cloudy day, as the sun can cause streaking. Use microfiber rags to give windows a good shine without any streaking.

The blinds and drapes will also need to be addressed, as they have likely accumulated some dust over the last few months. Dust the valance and the frame, and wipe the blinds with a damp

Use the vacuum's upholstery and brush attachments to further clean blinds and drapes.

Beds

Besides tossing the bed linens into the washing machine, wash the mattress pads and bed skirting. Flip the mattress for even wear.

Kitchen

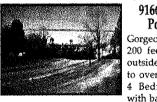
The kitchen is not immune to clutter, even in the refrigerator and kitchen cabinets. Throw the pantry and dust from the shelves. and wipe down the shelves. Discard any items that no longer seem appetizing.

Rugs

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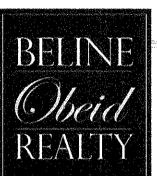
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♦ Indoor chores: Technological advances make it easier to streamline household chores. From robot vacuum cleaners and self-cleaning windows, to high efficiency washers and selfcleaning ovens, there are plenty of ways to cut down on chore time.

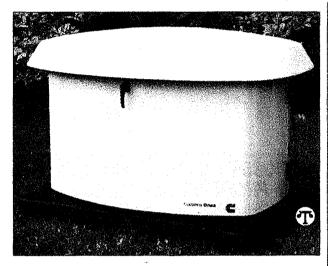
Look for multipurpose cleaners and stain-resistant materials to reduce the need to clean. There are a growing number of affordable house cleaning services that can take time-consuming chores.

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Using low-maintenance materials, such as self-cleaning windows and stone exteriors, can save time and money.



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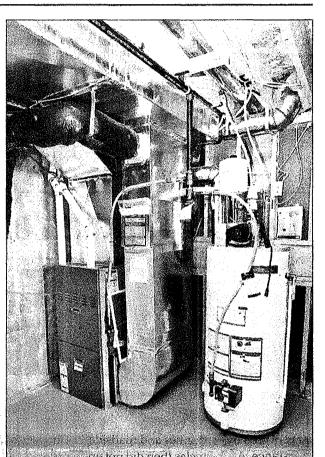
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Shop off-season for major home improvements

Off-season discounts can be found for many home renovations.

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- ◆ Look for discounts on furnaces and air conditioners. Store the unit until the time is right to have it in-
- New appliance models released could mean vear-end reductions on that model year.
- ◆ Purchase bulk topsoil and other landscaping materials in the winter when this industry is slow.
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- ◆ Fireplace installation or chimney masonry work could be discounted during the summer months.
- ◆ The spring season is an ideal time for roofing projects, although some contractors will also work in the winter. Roofing companies are often tied up during the summer months and may ask for premium charges.



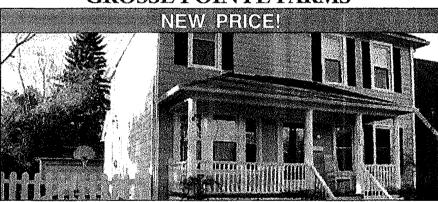
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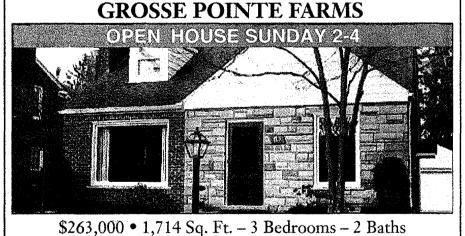
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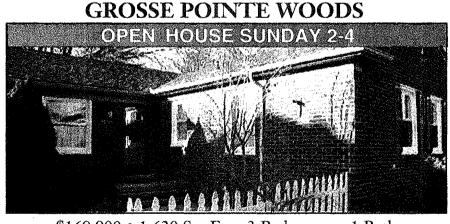


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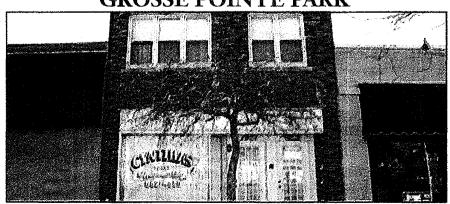
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Instrumentation in the Fiat 500, below, is

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Fiat 500 C a charmer



charmed by and forgiving of the 2012 Fiat 500 we recently drove. Perhaps more so because it was a 500 Cconvertible --- not especially well suited to our see-saw-mild-frigid winter weather, but cunning.

We remember early import rubbery sunroofs from decades ago. They unlatched up front and pushed back, folding as they receded. That's just what the full-roof soft-top convertible top does on the Fiat 500, except the disrobing is handled with the push of a button above the windshield

And we found a few brief instances when we could sit topless before the weather turned on us, again.

The Fiat 500 C does suffer from convertible blindness - a problem common among convertibles with soft tops. Its outside driver's side mirror includes a small, fish-eye mirror at its outside edge that gives a wider view of the immediate area, which is helpful.

Back to the past

The 500 is different from anything we've driven in many years: very European, cozy, peppy and nimble in maneuvers.

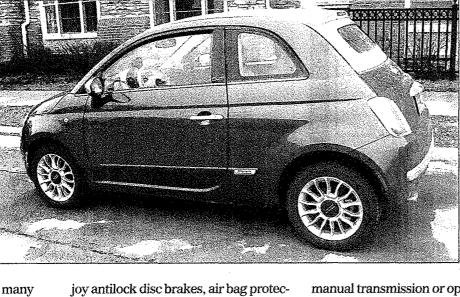
There's a sense of adventure while driving the 500 —though not as it likely was decades ago, when vehicles were not covered by warranties and roadside



PHOTOS BY JENNY KING

The subcompact 2012 Fiat 500 C, with its chocolate brown paint and peppy 101horsepower four, drew a thumbs up from the driver of a large work truck on East

Convertibles frequently have large over-the-shoulder blind spots and small rear windows that demand more driver caution in some situations.



et rides. Nor did they have cupholders.

manual transmission or option, multi-speed transmissions and quitional six-speed automatic.

EPA fuel economy rates are 30 miles per gallon average city and 38 mpg highway with the manual transmission. The automatic averages 27 city and 34 high-

Standard equipment in the 500 via viacous was a series of

The deepbrown and ivory leathertrimmed seats in the Fiat 500 have "memory" to return position.

"Lounge" model includes speed control,

mounted air bags, side curtain front and

power door locks, tinted glass, rear de-

froster, front seat forward and seat-

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The standard Fiat 500 engine is a 101 horsepower 1.4-liter four with iron block. The engine comes from Chrysler's Dundee operation. It can be assistance. And vehicles then did not enordered with the standard five-speed WINTER COMES



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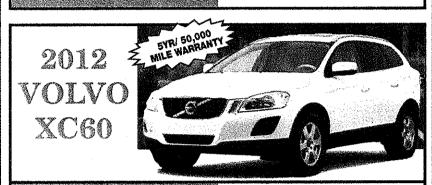
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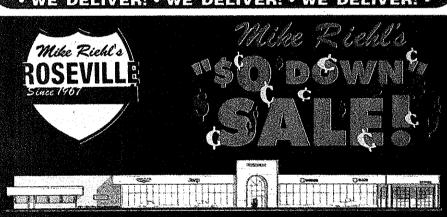
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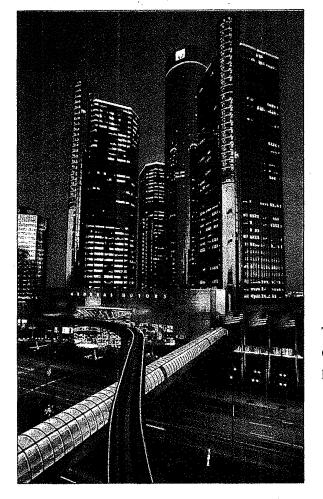
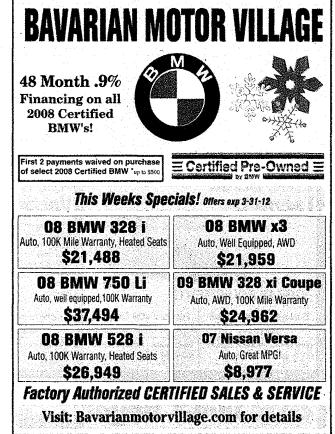


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500C: Luxury leather package

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rear bags and a driver side knee air bag. Front seats are manually adjustable and, at least according to Fiat, they have "memory" intended to return them, after they've been slid forward for rear-seat access, to the distance from the instrument panel at which they were set.

The 500 is capable of hands-free communication and satellite radio. The cabrio Lounge had a Bose premium audio system, steering wheel-mounted audio controls and leather-wrapped steering wheel.

Nicer touches

Ah, the Italian sense of color and style! The cabrio wore coats of espresso brown, echoed inside in espresso leather seats with ivory trim.

Interior and exterior colors were lavish and deep. Interior metal trim was silvery chic. Controls for all one's needs were easy to reach, beautifully designed and intuitive.

The luxury leather package comes at a price: \$1,250. That will buy you heated leather-trimmed bucket front seats, a rearview mirror with automatic dimming and MC3 player potential. The navigation system, TomTom, was \$400.

Checking the sticker

Base price on the Fiat 500 Lounge cabrio has a base price of \$23,500. For the time being, the 1.4-liter four with a little more than 100 horsepower is the only engine. Sometime this year, however, a turbocharged 160 horsepower version will be available in the Abarth special model of the 500. Prices have not been announced, but likely will begin around \$24,000.

Additional standard features on the 500 Lounge cabrio include electronic stability control, hill start assist and rear park assist. There are two front cupholders and two floor-mounted ones in the rear.

The Fiat 500 bowed across the pond in 2007. Since then, more than a half-million of the subcompact vehicles have been sold in more than 80 countries around the world, the company said. Our test car was assembled in Toluca, Mexico.

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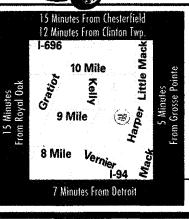
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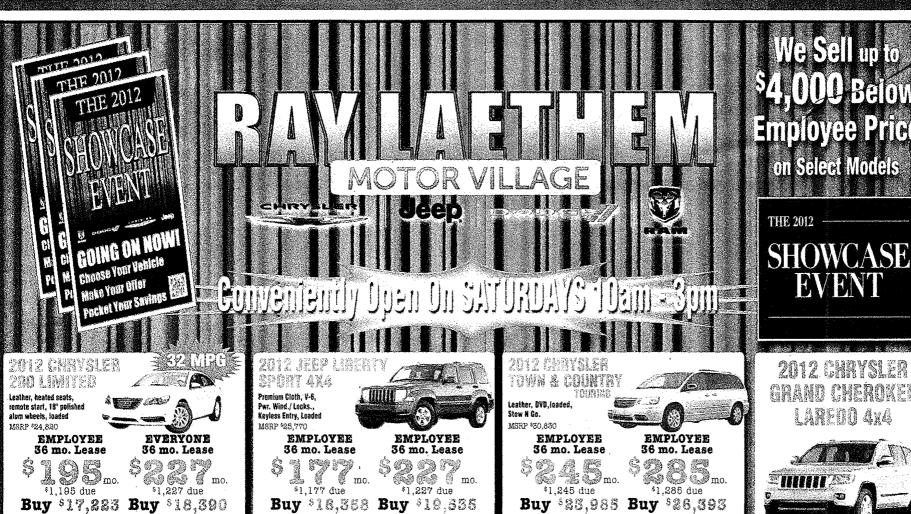
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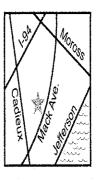


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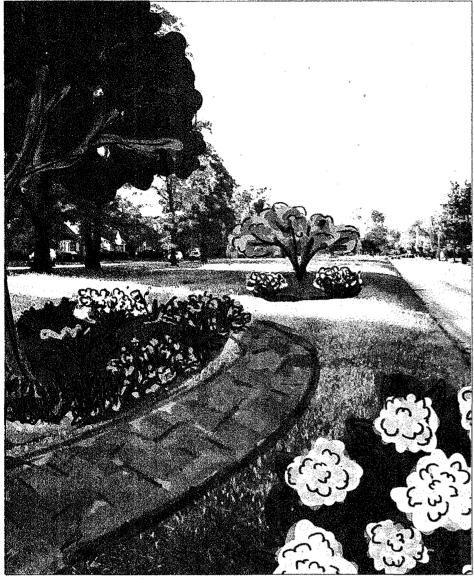
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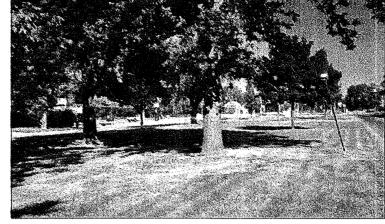
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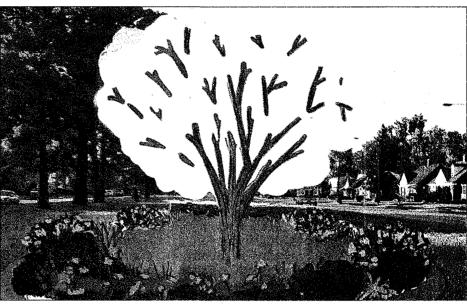
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Moross Road without the improve-

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COURTESY MOROSS GREENWAY PROJECT

Above and bottom right, are illustrations of how the greenway could look after Michigan native plants and perennials are planted.

Greening of Moross

By Kathy Ryan

The forces behind the to become a part of it. Moross Greenway Project also know it's going to take not only a village, but a lot of green, as in thumbs and financing, to like settings for all to en-

from I-94 to St. John Hospital and Medical Center. Its give the

community an opportunity to work together for the common pur-

pose of creating a welcoming environment for was serving on the Grosse residents and visitors Pointe Farms Beautifica-

this project is its brought together several governmental agencies, churches, commercial organizations, landscape developers, master gardeners and everyday gardeners who enjoy turning the soil, to develop a mile-long stretch of urban road into tion, as that section of something the entire eastside can enjoy.

"That's what this is all about," said Moross Greenway Project board member Mil Hurley. "This is not just about the trees and the plants and the flowers, but about all of us coming together to make Moross better. And I believe that when we do, it area to work in consultawill spread to all the communities. It will have a Detroit. ripple effect; I truly believe that."

gardener and owner of A was complete, and the

project she was delighted ject—Phase II.

an energy and a sense plants. that it will spread even beyond this project

Seeds for the project, so turn the barren islands to speak, were planted along Moross into park- about two years ago, when local residents took moving and water line The goal of the Moross St. John Hospital had tion more than \$100,000. Greenway Project, a made to the small section It carries a hefty price tag 501(c)(3) corporation, is of Moross it sits on, acto create a greenscape for cording to Moross feels all the irrigation pipthe Moross Road islands Greenway Project presi-

'We are enthused about launching the project and spreading the word about our plans to transform this well-traveled vision is to road on the eastside which is in need of some TLC.'

> TIM KILLEEN, Wayne County Commissioner

dent Sheila O'Hara, who gins, to do all the islands tion Commission at the What is unique about time. Since Moross is under the authority of Wayne County, she contacted county commissioner Tim Killeen, Dbeautifying Moross began to take shape.

According to O'Hara, it's a unique collabora-Moross is a county entity, but it touches three communities, including Grosse Pointe Farms, Harper Woods and Detroit. It also meant bringing on board the three churches on Moross and Cornerstone and the neighborhood organization encompassing this

Within a year, the first phase of the project, When Hurley, a master planting nearly 200 trees,

tion with Greening of

Southern Gardener, was group is ready to move to approached about the funding phase of the pro-

With a budget of "I jumped at the \$600,000, the project obvimay believe in the saying, chance," she said. "I could ously involves more than "It takes a village." They sense an excitement and some trees and some

> One of the major components of the projects involves irrigation for the islands, a major undertaking involving major earthnote of the improvements connections, not to menbecause the committee ing should be done at

> > once, not only as a way to save money, but just to simplify the project. They do not envision this as an "island by island" project, but once it be-

at once.

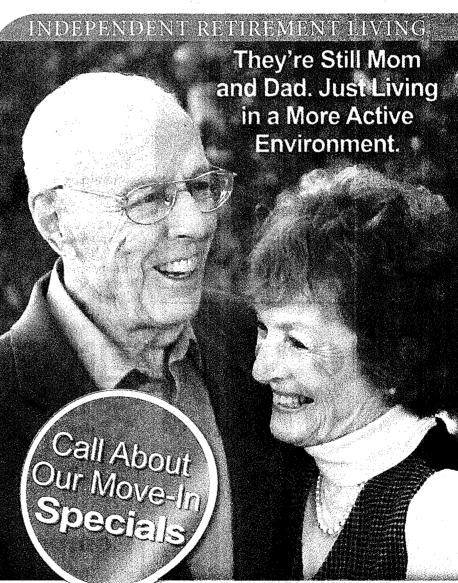
City of Grosse Pointe residents Lois and Gail Warden are serving as honorary chairpersons of the group.

"We are so pleased to lend our support to this Detroit, and the idea for effort which involves a unique partnership of Detroiters and residents of Harper Woods and the Grosse Pointes with the goal of beautifying this major thoroughfare that is so important to the Eastside," said Lois Warden.

Funds will also be set aside to maintain the project. With deep budget cuts in local and county budgets, only routine maintenance of the islands can be guaranteed by Wayne County.

Once the funding is in place, the group moves to the third phase, which includes the planting on the

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Children impacted by community deaths



Editor's note: This is the second of a two-part series on handling children's grief.

I have tried to shield my children from the recent losses in our community, but they have heard a lot about recent deaths as people struggle with losing two community members in a short time. How should I talk with my children about this?

When talking with A. your children about a loss due to violence you may want to emphasize senseless violence is hard for everyone to understand, even grownups. Sometimes people do bad things that hurt others because they may be unable to handle their anger, may be suffering from untreated mental illness or may be under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Reiterate violence is never a solution to personal problems and there are always viable alternatives.

Children are not only impacted by the initial

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loss of a death in the community, but also the secondary losses:

◆ The loss of security - the uncertainly of knowing what to expect, what will come next and how to manage their emotional response.

◆ The loss of feeling safe — the vulnerability of feeling exposed or unprotected, accepting the idea that bad things can happen to people they know or in their community.

Parents duties

- ♦ Keep to family routines as much as you can to provide security and predictability.
- Provide a safe environment where your child can express feelings in whatever way he can, ask questions and talk with a caring adult.
- ◆ Don't feel you have to have all the answers. Sometimes just listening, or being with someone is their grief is most critical.
- ◆ Find out what they already know about what happened and what they need to know about death and dying.
- ◆ Be honest. Briefly and clearly tell children what happened. They will press for more infor-
- mation if they need it. ◆ Be aware children grieve in "bursts" — al-

low them to talk about it and disengage when they need to. Follow their

- ◆ Give them permission to not be grieving, even if others are sad or struggling with their grief.
- ◆ Maintain rules about what is expected. Changing how you parent will only make them feel more out of control.
- ◆ Share your own grief to normalize what they are feeling but reassure them you are in control and will help them feel safe.
- ◆ Get support for yourself as a parent, model good self-care. ◆ Allow for extra time
- together for closeness and reassurance. ◆ Use spiritual sup-
- ports if this is a comfort for your family.
- ◆ Help children identify their support network and healthy coping skills.
- ◆ Instill hope that it won't always feel this badly - their grief will ease.

Children's grief and adult's grief can have a reciprocal impact. When this happens, you need to address it. Talk with a supportive friend or a professional who understands the grieving process and give you and your kids the time and space you need to begin the healing process.

Garvey is a clinical terapist who works with children, adolescents and adults. She can be reached at (313) 408-2180.

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HEALTH POINT By Jeff & Debra Jay

No amount of alcohol safe when pregnant



Dear Jeff and Debra:

My husband and I are trying to get pregnant with our first child. I've seen mixed information about alcohol. One study found mothes who drink one or two large glasses of wine a week had children who were less likely to have behavioral problems. My doctor told me very low levels of drinking are unlikely to hurt the baby. My husband and I love wines, drinking a glass or two with dinner. Now I'm wondering if having a glass of wine only on Friday and Saturday nights will be safe once I'm pregnant.

-MOM-TO-BE

Dear Mom:

Health authorities remain united in their advice to women: abstain from alcohol during pregnancy.

A new study, published in Alcoholism: Clinical & Experimental Research. conducted between 1978 and 2005, concludes there is no safe amount of alcohol during pregnancy.

"The fact that we didn't find a safe threshold is important," said study author Christina Chambers, an associate professor of pediatrics and family and preventive medicine at the University of California, San Diego.

The study also finds the latter half of the first trimester is a critical time in development, making the fetus highly susceptible to maternal alcohol consumption.

Women who are trying to get pregnant or are at risk of becoming pregnant need to abstain from alcohol; otherwise, unaware they are pregnant, they may drink during this crucial period. Alcohol stays in the fetus's body much longer than the mother's, because fetuses have tiny, under-developed livers that cannot easily metabolize alcohol.

Children with fetal alcohol spectrum disorders have a high risk of psychiatric problems, particularly attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and conduct disorder. Children with FASD have significantly weaker social cognition and facial emotionprocessing abilities. Additionally, children with FASD may have problems receiving and processing information, limiting their ability to store what they learn. The brain damage can cause a lack of mental capacity to use new information.

Damage caused by in utero alcohol exposure is permanent. Give your child the best start in life don't drink.

Jeff and Debra Jay are co-authors of "Love First: A New Approach to Intervention for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction," and Debra Jay is the author of "No More Letting Go: The Spirituality of Taking Action Against Alcoholism and Drug Addiction." The couple is professional interventionists who live in Grosse Pointe Farms. They may be contacted with your questions at (313) 882-6921 or lovefirst.net.

Henry Ford's transplant institute opens clinic at St. John

Henry Ford Hospital's failure team to optimize Transplant Institute opened a second Advanced Heart Failure Clinic within St. John Provi dence Health System in

Detroit. The clinic provides care to patients who:

- ◆ Are being considered ventricular assist device;
- spond to conventional medical therapies; ◆ Exhibit refractory
- heart failure symptoms including requiring IV inotropic therapy; or
- ◆ May benefit from early assessment by the heart

medical therapy.

The new location provides all services for these patients, except for the heart transplant surgery or left ventricular assist device care, performed at Henry Ford Hospital.

◆ Have failed to re- stem on two clinics, both cular disease. of which will provide an exceptional level of support and coordinated care before, during and following transplantation," said Marwan Abouljoud, M.D., director of the Henry Ford Transplant Institute.

The Advanced Heart Failure Clinics operate under the direction of the Henry Ford physicians Celeste Williams M.D. and David Lanfear M.D.

The Advanced Heart Failure Clinic at Provi dence Hospital is operated "We are pleased to part- by Williams. She is boardfor heart transplant or left ner with St. John certified in both internal Providence Health Sy- medicine and cardiovas-

The Advanced Heart Failure Clinic at St. John Hospital is under the direction Lanfear, senior staff cardiologist, cardiac transplant program, Henry Ford Heart & Vascular Institute.

Henry Ford dermatologist on national board

Henry W. Lim M.D., chairman of the Department of Dermatology at Henry Ford Hospital, is president of the American Board of Dermatology.

Lim, of the City of Grosse Pointe, serves one year for the voluntary, nonprofit organization Henry W. that oversees the training,



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and qualifications of dermatologists. He is the third Henry

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leadership position.

Family Center hires assistant

City of Grosse Pointe resident Beth Vernon is assistant to the director of The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods.

Vernon has served as a volunteer with The Family Center for six years as a member of the Early Childhood committee and as a Play Central leader.

Vernon has also been involved in fundraising for The Family Center and Grosse Cooperative Preschool where her three children attended and where she served on the board of directors for three years.



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PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Jim Rizer

A Christian perspective of death

everal years ago while flying I began flipping through the Skymall catalog. Among the usual sports memorabilia, latest business gadgets and every possible travel accessory, the product that grabbed my attention the most was a garden stone. This particular stone had an inscription on it that read:

If tears could build a stairway,

And memories were a lane,

I would walk right up to Heaven

To bring you home again.

The verse clearly captures the sense of loss and the wonderful memories, that for someone seemed to trigger grief. Yet as I read it I wondered what this says about our understanding of heaven, especially in a season of grief.

The wonder of resurrection and the promise of heaven are to be a comfort and strength to those who grieve.

Often at a memorial service I read Revelation 21:1-4 which speaks of heaven will be like. It speaks of us being intimately in God's presence, so much so that "God will wipe every tear from our eyes." The picture that is painted of heaven here continues: "There will be no more death or mourn-

ing or crying or pain." It is important to acknowledge we only get a glimpse of what heaven will be like.

Yet, if this verse is true then it is a place where things are perfected; no arthritic knee or lingering emotional wounds. It is a place where God is present in a fullness we can't understand until we get there.

It is a place where the joy is palpable and worship seems to spontaneously break out due to God's presence and good-

The garden stone verse suggests that in our sadness and sense of loss we would like to storm the gates of heaven and rescue our loved ones from God and perfection.

Maybe a better way to think about death and heaven is in terms of graduation.

When I was a junior at Rhodes College I had a dear friend, in the class ahead of me, who was graduating.

It was hard to envision what life would look like without Reagan around. At the same time, the only way for this to be a reality was for her to fail her classes and have to return.

I wanted the continued support and encouragement of a good friend, but didn't desire the negative that would allow for this. Instead, I wanted to celebrate with her and rejoice that she completed that chapter of life. This is the nature of graduation — a mix for celebration and sadness.

This is the nature of death, particularly for those who are in Christ. We are sad and the sense

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CHURCH EVENTS

Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical breakfast begins at 6:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 24, with coffee at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

A buffet breakfast is served at 7:15 a.m. and the speaker, the Rev. Michael Zerkich from The Relational Church, is at 7:45 a.m. The event ends at 8:15 a.m.

Men of all faiths can at- and children pay \$5.

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

Our Lady Star of the Sea

Our Lady Star of the Sea's Lenten series. "Genesis" are Thursdays Feb. 23, March

1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. Featured each week a segment of a classic video, "Catholicism," is shown. Scripture study and discussions helping attendees take a fresh look at faith and how it is connected to every aspect of life follows.

Evenings begin with fellowship at 6 p.m., followed by a 6:30 p.m. dinner, the video is at 7:30 p.m. and discussion is from 8 to 9 p.m. Suggested donation for dinner is \$8. Those not

coming to dinner are invited to attend when sessions begin at 7:30 p.m. Free child care is offered.

Although walks-ins are welcome, reservations are preferred. E-mail GenesisofFaith@comcast.net or call the parish office, (313) 884-5554.

◆ The church hosts six Friday fish fries during the Lenten season, beginning at 5 p.m., Feb. 24 and continuing March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.

The adult cost is \$10

First English

The Lenten theme at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, is "Lifestyle: the Christian Living Faith.'

Wednesday services are at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. with a free will offering buffet lunch following the morning service. Evening services begin with a free will Lenten supper at 6 p.m.

The topic of Sunday, Feb. 26, is "What is a Living Faith?'

"Worship" is the topic for Wednesday, Feb. 29; and "Service - LSSM Sunday" is the topic for Sunday, March 4; "Learn" the topic for is Wednesday, March 7; and March 11's topic is

"Share;" on Wednesday,

March 14, "Pray" is discussed; Sunday, March 18, "Invite" is the topic; Wednesday, March 21, "Action" is the topic; Sunday, March 25, is "Participate;" Wednesday, March 28, "Putting it All Together" is discussed.

Communion is served Feb. 26, March 4, 11, 18 and 25.

The public is invited. For more information, call the church office at

(313) 884-5040. ♦ The church gym is open to the public 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday for those who like to walk.

Christ Church

"Seeing Holy Week with Fresh Insight" is the book study topic at Christ Church Grosse Pointe from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Feb. 28, March 6 and 13. The evening begins with an informal service of holy Eucharist is at 5:30 p.m. and a soup supper is served at 6 p.m.

Senior associate rector David Dieter focuses the discussion on "The Last Week," a book written by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan.

Borg speaks Friday, March 16, Saturday, March 17 and Sunday, March 18.

The church offers its

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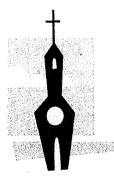
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Broderick -Kristjanson

and Jeff Cindy Broderick of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Broderick, to Erik Kristjanson, son of Mrs. Remmawii Kristjanson of Atlanta, and the late Ron Kristjanson. A summer wedding is planned.

Broderick graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 2002 and earned a Bachelor of Industrial and Operations* Engineering degree from University the \mathbf{of} Michigan in 2006. She is a supply chain software consultant with Manhattan Associates Inc. and recently relocated to Melbourne, Australia.

Kristjanson graduated from Georgia Tech earning a Bachelor of Engineering degree in industrial and system engineering. He is a sales engineer with Manhattan Associates Melbourne.

Dalke-Dougherty

David and Belinda Dalke of Osceola, Ind., have announced the engagement of their daughter. Megan Dalke, to Trevor Dougherty, son of Craig and Rebecca Dougherty of the City of Grosse Pointe. An wedding is October planned.

Dalke graduated from Penn High School and earned a bachelor's degree in studio art at Indiana University, Bloom ington. She is art director with Pepper Global in de Chicago.

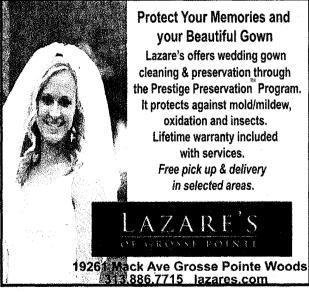
Dougherty is a Grosse Pointe South High School graduate and earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Grand ernment. Valley State University. He is an information technology consultant with KP-MG in Chicago.

Turner-Cazabon

Lauren Turner of Grosse Pointe Park and Michael Cazabon of Heath, Texas, announce their engagement. A September wedding planned.

Borden -**Brady**

Rosemary and Gary



Borden of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Renee Borden, to Timothy Peter Brady, son of Marie and Edmund M. Brady Jr. of Grosse Pointe Shores. An October wedding is planned.

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Jatkowski -

Homuth

Paul and Martha

Jatkowski of Grosse

Pointe Woods have an-

nounced the engagement

of their daughter, Kristin Marie Jatkowski, to

Bradley Ryan Homuth,

son of Scott and Denise

Homuth of Grosse Pointe

Woods. A July wedding is

Jatkowski is a 2003

North High School and a

2008 Central Michigan

University graduate, earn-

ing a Bachelor of Science

degree in education. She

is a graduate student

teaching English to

Languages at Eastern

Homuth is a 2003 North graduate and earned a

Bachelor of Arts in educa-

tion degree in 2007 from

Michigan. He is an upper

school University Liggett

Kos-

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of Wheaton, Ill. have an-

nounced the engagement

Elizabeth Kos, to Chris

Lowden, son of Steven

and Sandra Lowden, of

Savannah, Ga., formerly

of Grosse Pointe Park. A

May wedding is planned.

of Science degree from the University of Illinois

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Lowden earned

Bachelor of Arts degree at

Michigan and a medical

doctor degree at Stritch.

He is a psychiatry resi-

dent at Northwestern

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Danforth

City of Grosse Pointe and

Nancy McMahon of

Grosse Pointe Farms have

announced the engage-

ment of their daughter,

Erin O'Donoghue, to

Robert D. Danforth III,

son of Dr. Robert and

Sondra Danforth of the

City of Grosse Pointe. An

Correction

We apologize for our er-

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Bill O'Donoghue of the

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Borden is a 1998 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English in 2003 Wayne State from University. She is a retail credit analyst with TD Auto Finance.

Brady is a 1997 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics in 2001 from Boston College and in 2004 earned a juris doctorate degree from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. He is an associate attorney with Vandeveer Garzia, P.C.

Crowe -Smith

John and Mary Crowe of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sara Elizabeth Crowe of St. Clair Shores to Brian David Smith of Lincoln Park, son of David and Denise Smith of Allen Park. A May wedding is planned.

Crowe is a Grosse Pointe South High School graduate. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Calvin College and a master's degree in Spanish from Wayne State University. She is employed with the United States government.

Smith graduated from Allen Park High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Michigan University. He is employed with the U.S. gov-

Danielian -Collins

and Shari Joe Lombardo of Grosse Pointe Woods and Tim and Lorna Danielian of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Maureen Danielian, to Branden Collins, son of Tim and Tammara Collins, of Buchanan. A December wedding is planned.

Danielian attends Wayne State University and is employed with a law firm.

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Bradley Ryan Homuth and Kristin Marie



of Medicine, affiliated Bradley R. Voyles and

nal medicine resident at High School in 2002 and University, from Western Michigan University in 2006, majoring in advertising and international business. She is an account executive with Scripps Networks Interactive.

Danforth graduated from South in 2002 and WMU in 2006 with a marketing major. He earned a Master of Business Administration from Loyola University, Chicago, in 2011 with a sports marketing focus. He is a recruiting coordinator with National Scouting Collegiate Association.

Sturm -**Voyles**

Janice L. Blizzard of October wedding is Grosse Pointe Farms and Kenneth H. Sturm of O'Donoghue graduated Grosse Pointe Park have from Grosse Pointe South announced the engagement of their daughter, Julia Blair Sturm, to Bradley R. Voyles, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Voyles of Green Bay, Wisc. A July wedding is planned.

Sturm graduated from Grosse Pointe Academy in 1999 and University Liggett School in 2003. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 2006 and a Master of Science degree England Navy Recruiting



Megan Dalke and Trevor Dougherty



and Brian David Smith





Michael Cazabon

and Lauren Turner

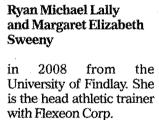
Branden Collins



Chris Lowden and Elizabeth Kos



ed Margaret Elize Sweeny



attending While Kishwaukee College in Illinois, Voyles was drafted into professional baseball. He is a retired pitcher for the Kansas City Royals. Voyles is a baseball coach with Indiana travel teams.

Sweeny-Lally

Candace and Donald N. Sweeny, III of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Marg aret Elizabeth Sweeny, to Ryan Michael Lally, son of Virginia and Michael Lally of Miami. An August wedding is planned.

Sweeny earned Bachelor of Science degree in oceanography from the United States Naval Academy and attended the Naval Post Graduate School earning a Master of Applied Science degree in physical oceanography. She is a U.S. Navy lieutenant surface warfare officer, presently the operations officer at the New



Robert D. Danforth III and Erin O'Donoghue



Anthony DiLoreto

District.

Lally earned a Bachelor of Science degree in economics, minoring in Spanish, from the U.S. Naval Academy. He is a U.S. Navy lieutenant, explosive ordinance disposal officer in charge of detachment in Panama City,

Rames -DiLoreto

Jon and Lisa Rames of Bellaire have announced the engagement of their daughter, Emily Rames, to Anthony DiLoreto, son of Sally Cochrane and David DiLoreto of Grosse Pointe Woods. A June wedding is planned.

earned Rames Bachelor of Science degree from University of Detroit Mercy and a Master of Science physician assistant degree from Wayne State University. She is a physician assistant.

DiLoreto earned a Bachelor of Science nursing degree from UDM and a Master of Science nurse practitioner degree from WSU. He is a nurse practi-

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Maliszewski -Hall

Anne Dr. Mary Maliszewski, daughter of Carrie and John Maliszewski of Grosse Pointe Park married Terry Hall Jr., son of Kathy and Lt. Col. J. Terry Hall Sr., USAF Ret. Silverthorné, Colo., Oct. 22, 2011, at the Donovan Pavilion in Vail, Colo.

Scott Perelstein of Flagstaff, Ariz., a friend of the groom, officiated at the outdoor ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Donovan.

The bride wore a strapless silk shantung A-line gown with a full skirt and chapel length train by D'Lola Courture of Arvada, Colo. She carried a hand-tied bouquet of roses, lilies, orchids, stock and freesia in vivid fall colors.

Matron of honor was the bride's friend, Sheila Dyson Schorer of Ann Arbor, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Serving as bridesmaids were: friend of the bride, Gleason of Frederickson, Va.; Jodi McMahon of Atlanta; Aparna Frenchman of Allendale, N.J.; and the groom's sister, Chrissie Reitz of Hood River, Ore.

Flower girls were the bride's niece, Sydney Craig of Oak Park, Ill., and the groom's niece, Jill Reitz of Hood River.

Best man was Tom Morse of North Potomac, Md.

Groomsmen were Doug Kooyman of Westmont, Ill.; Andy Jennings of San Diego; Eric Barry of Providence, R.I.; Brian MacGowan of Poway, Calif.; and the bride's brother, Jed Craig

of Oak Park. The groom's nephew, Joe Reitz of Hood River. was the ring bearer.

The bride is a 1994 earned a Bachelor of Manning of Boston. Science degree from the from Michigan State Seabury Resort; and an



Dr. Anne and J. Terry Hall Jr.

University College of Human Medicine. She completed her residency in internal medicine/pediatrics at U of M and is a neonatology fellow at the University of Colorado.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from the University of Colorado -Boulder in 1992 and achieved the rank of lieutenant as a surface warfare officer in the U.S. Navy from 1992 to 1998. He earned a juris doctorate degree from Gonzaga University College of Law in 2005.

The couple resides in Denver.

Youngblood -Kamdar

Lindsay Louisell Youngblood, daughter of Mary Jo and John Youngblood of Grosse Pointe Farms, married Dr. Dev Prakash Kamdar, son of Prakash Kamdar of Wheaton, Ill., and the late Kiran Kamdar, Oct. 15, 2011, at Mashpee, Cape

Cod, Mass. A Hindu ceremony was at the Popponesset Inn, Mashpee, officiated by Dr. Mahesh Sharma of Boston. A Catholic ceremony was at Christ the Jalics of Shaker Heights King Church in Mashpee, served as their aunt's graduate of Grosse Pointe officiated by a family Howergirls. They wore North High School. She friend, the Rev. Brian

An Indian luncheon re-University of Michigan ception was held at and a medical degree Popponesset Inn at New



Dr. and Mrs. Dev Prakash Kamdar

evening reception was held at the New Seabury Country Club.

The bride wore her late mother-in-law's ivory and red silk saree for the Hindu ceremony.

For the Catholic ceremony, the bride chose a strapless, A-line gown of ivory silk satin with French Alencon lace designed by Marisa. It was accented with covered buttons down the back. Her silk illusion fingertip veil was edged with French Chantilly lace.

She carried a bouquet of cream hydrangeas, ivory roses, white lisianthus, hot pink ranunculus, delphiniums and Kermit poms.

The bride's sisters, Kristen Walker of Hingham, Mass., and Courtenay Jalics of Shaker Heights, Ohio, served as matrons of honor. They wore short navy blue silk shantung dresses, designed by Lynn

Bridesmaids were the groom's sister, Meha Kamdar of Wheaton; and the bride's friends, Sarah Woodruff of Clinton Township, Ann Quandt of Boston, and Carey Spignese of Chicago. They wore Lynn Lugo-designed short dusty blue silk shantung dresses in a variety of styles and carried bouquets of light and darker blue hydrangeas with pink Gerber daisies and chartreuse Kermit

Cameron and Olivia Walker of Hingham and Samantha and Lauren tea-length silk shantung Lynn Lugo-designed dresses with navy silk sashes and each carried a pink dahlia.

Dr. Richard Kowalczyk

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of Milwaukee served as his friend's best man. Groomsmen were the

Kamdar of Scarborough,

Kothari of Towson, Md.;

and the groom's friends,

Dr. Adam Schlichting of

Livonia, Dr. Michael

The bride's nephew,

Ryan Jalics of Shaker

Heights, was the ring

The bride's mother

wore a long, strapless

rouched mocha-colored

silk dress with a mocha

silk shrug. She carried an

Milwaukee, the groom's

friend: Elizabeth Bourke

of Grosse Pointe Farms,

the bride's cousin; and

Mary Anne Yessian of

Kildeer, Ill., the bride's

The bride earned a

Bachelor of Arts degree in

Spanish from Villanova

Unviersity and a Master

of Arts in teaching from

Wayne State University.

She is a math interven-

tionist at Cesar Chavez

Academy in southwest

Bachelor of Science de-

gree in biochemistry, a

Bachelor of Arts degree in

psychology and a Doctor

of Medicine degree from

the University of Illinois,

Chicago. He is an ENT

surgeon in training to be-

come a head and neck

The couple honey-

mooned at Riviera Maya,

Mexico and live in

Southfield until June

when they move to

Toronto for a two-year fel-

lowship at the University

of Toronto.

surgical oncologist.

The groom earned a

Scripture readers were Dr. Stephen Malcom of

ivory trumpet lily.

Royal Oak.

bearer.

aunt.

Detroit.

groom's cousins, Nainesh Stanley and Geraldine Ont., Canada, and Dhaval Rembelski of St. Clair Shores celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 17, with a renewal of their vows and McCormick of Silver an intimate family din-Springs, Md., and Dr. Gerald Jevapalan of The couple has three

> daughters, Lynn (Andrew) Hulway of Grosse Pointe Woods; Laura Rembelski of St. Clair and Shores: Lisa (Thomas) Ricard of Harper Woods; six grandchildren, Caitlin, Michael, Sean, Alexa, Anthony and Ava.

They married at Our Lady Star of the Sea ing their ever growing Catholic Church Feb. 17,



Stanley and Geraldine Rembelski

Geraldine is the daughter of John Trzeciak, long time resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, and the late Jean Trzeciak.

The Rembelskis both enjoy retirement and spending time with family and friends and tendgarden.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

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

50 years ago this week

◆ CLUB FIRM IN LAND USE TILT: The Grosse Pointe City Council has no jurisdiction over the Neighborhood Club, an independent corporation, and has, therefore no way in whether or not the Neighborhood Club should be allowed to permit the Foundation for Exceptional Children to build a school on land

leased from the Club. **◆ READY TO RECEIVE BIDS ON ENLARGING** LIBRARY AT GPHS: The Grosse Pointe Board of Education will accept bids

for enlarging the library of Grosse Pointe High School at its next meeting.

Estimated cost of the project will be in the neighborhood of \$220,000, and construction should be underway by the end of March. The estimate would include extending the high school library by 60 feet and reconstructing the pillar structure in front of the library.

♦ INTERESTING ITEMS IN SUPERIN-TENDENT'S REPORT: The Grosse Pointe Board of Education received the monthly report of the Superintendent of Schools at its regular session Monday. Total enrollment in the entire school system as of Feb. 1, 1962, stands at 10,602. There are 5,799 pupils enrolled in elementary schools, 2,528 in Junior High and 2,275 in Senior High.

GREEN: Roadside plants

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seven islands. The group artists. nopes to plant more than 100 trees, 500 shrubs and nearly 10,000 perennials, most of which will be native Michigan plants. Once Phase III is complete, the group will invest in decorative street lighting in Phase IV, before moving on to Phase V, exploring the potential for

Moross Greenway believes once the project is complete, the impact on the area will be immediate, both as a beautiful welcoming greenspace and an inspiration to the surrounding area to improve privately owned properties, with the long range goal of improving art displays by Michigan property values.

But first, O'Hara points out, the funds must be in place. With that in mind, Moross Greenway has seeking donations, which can be as small as a donation by check or PayPai or as generous as taking part in its Adopt An Island program. Information on donations may be found on the group's website, morossgreenway.org or by sending a check to Moross Greenway Project, 155 W. Congress, Suite 200, Detroit, MI 48226.

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ENGAGEMENTS:

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Adam Novak and Sara Wenzel

Wenzel -Novak

Donna and Paul Wenzel of Shelby Township have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sara Wenzel, to Adam Novak, son of Kim and Mike Novak of Grosse Pointe Farms. A June wedding is planned.

Wenzel earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and laboratory science from Oakland University.

Novak is a Grosse Pointe South High School graduate and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Adrian College. He earned a master's degree in secondary teacher education from Wayne State University and is a high school history teacher.

Wyrock -Bush

Diane L. Wyrock of Grosse Pointe Woods has announced the engagement of her daughter, Lisa A. Wyrock, to Gordon K. Bush II, son of Gordon K. and Rose M. Bush of St. Clair Shores. Wyrock is the daughter of the late Stephen A. Wyrock Jr. A September wedding

is planned.

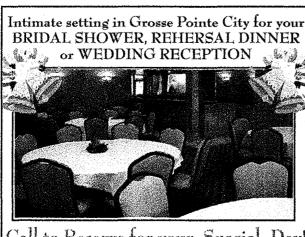
Grosse Pointe North High School and earned a Bachelor of Literature, Science and Arts degree



Gordon K. Bush II and Lisa A. Wyrock

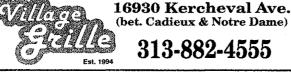
from the University of Michigan. She is the event services manager with Olympia Entertainment.

Bush graduated from Lakeview High School Wyrock graduated from and earned an Associate of Applied Science degree from Macomb Commun ity College. He is a heavy equipment operator.



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CORNER: God has provided a life

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of loss is intense and real. Yet, we are encouraged to celebrate. Celebrate the good gift we have received in our loved one. Celebrate the aches and pains, disappointment

and brokenness of this world no longer impacts them.

Celebrate that God, in his marvelous goodness, makes a way, prepares a place and call his children home. Celebrate that the final word is not death. but life everlasting.

Tears can't make a stairway, memories don't pave a lane, but through Jesus God provided life and hope even through our pain.

Yours in Christ.

Rizer is the minister at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church.



ENTERTAINMENT

Spirit of Women

Beaumont Hospital Spirit of Women hosts a Day of Dance from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Women of all ages can attend to learn line dancing, watch cooking demonstrations, get recipes and obtain health information.

For more information, visit beaumont.edu/dayof-dance.

GP Rotary

Grosse Pointe meets at

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noon Monday, Feb. 27, at cost is \$10. the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The lunch cost is \$15 and the public can attend.

Speaker John Minnis discusses the Michigan State Fair.

For more information, visit

grossepointerotary.org.

Senior Men's Club

The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe Meets for an 11 a.m. lunch Tuesday, Feb. 28, at the Pointe Grosse War The Rotary Club of Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The

Speaker Sgt. James Vogler of the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department discusses the ACTION team or Arrest Car Thieves in Our Neighborhood.

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

Center of Lifelong Learning

Registered nurse Mary Natschke of the integrative practice department, St. John Hospital and Medical Center, speaks at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, at St. peter Parish House, 19851 Anita, Harper Woods, about integrating relaxation tehcniques with regular medical care to help ease pain. A free will donation is

accepted. For more information, call Judy Stark at (313) 885-8063.

AAUW

The Grosse Pointe branch of the American Association of University Women holds a Leap Year Day fundraiser from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 29, at The Big Salad, 19595 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Ten percent of all purchases are given to the AAUW for its scholarships.

For more information, call Carolyn Barth at (313) 881-0409.

Ford House

Attendees can view Kempf Hogan's private collection of folk and contemporary textiles from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. rugs of Hogan's design. Thursday, March 1, at the House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

Visitors will African-American story quilts and needlepoint



Members of the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe and 10 students from Grosse Pointe South High School's Interact Club sorted donated medical supplies to be shipped to third world medical clinics and hospitals during a World Medical Relief volunteer project Feb. 4. Donating their time in back from left Interact sponsor Kevin Cox, Hunter Manikas, Coleman Harrison, Brad Sanford, Alex Knuth, Maya Grever and Rotarian Richard Yeager-Stiver; in front from left, Derek Bowman, Rotarian Lina Bowman, Rachael Harrison, Milena Lai, Colleen Martin, Lauren Phillips and Rotarian Diane Strickler.



PHOTO BY ANNE NICOLAZZO

Wigs 4 Kids

Local artist Dominic Pangborn donated nearly \$6,000 from sale of his artwork to Wigs 4 Kids during a Feb. 1 fundraiser. He is with Maggie Varney, CEO and founder of the organization supplying wigs for Michigan children who have lost their hair as a result Grosse Pointe Theatre of illness and medical treatments.

Adult admission is \$25 South High School, 11 Edsel & Eleanor Ford and Ford members pay Grosse Pointe Blvd., Pointe. \$20.

Friends of the library

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts University of Michigan professor emeriuts Ralph Williams who discusses Prior "The Poet: Shakespeare and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 20710 Mack, Grosse

March 1, at Grosse Pointe Grosse Pointe Farms

Shakespeare responds to and rewrites the dramas of his predecessoar Marlowe. The cost is \$10.

For more information, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 6.

Grannie Nannies

Grannie Nannies meet at 1:30 p.m. Friday, March Christopher Marlow" at 2, at Big Boy Restaurant,

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

Shores garden club

The Grosse Pointe Shores Garden Club meets at 11:15 a.m. Friday, March 2, with speaker Ann Hasenbusch who discusses growing hops.

Georgie Richner is hostess and co-hostesses are Jean Hodges, Shirley Ireland and Marilyn King.

For reservations and the meeting's location, call Richner at (313) 884-2464.

GPT

offers a historical play writing class at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, at the theater rehearsal facility, 315 Fisher, City of Grosse

He talks about the way Harry Burkey teaches students in the multi-part workshop the fundamentals of dramatic structure, character creation and plot development. They write short scenes based on actual events and people who are part of Grosse Pointe's history.

Each student's scene is read aloud and discussed as the writing progresses. The best scenes will be selected for inclusion in a play, to be presented in

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Purple traditional Perspectives from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, March 20 and 27, with "What Would Jesus Say to Us Today?" The speaker is Bill Wylie-Kellermann, a United Methodist pastor.

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

◆ The Men and Girls choir sings at the Evensong service at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 4.



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Out of the Ordinary Deborah J Smith

Psychic Medium

Senior Men's Club Ron Dzwonkoski Detroit Free Press

Economic Club of Detroit

Stephen Steinour, Huntington Bank "Is the Midwest Leading the Economic Recovery"

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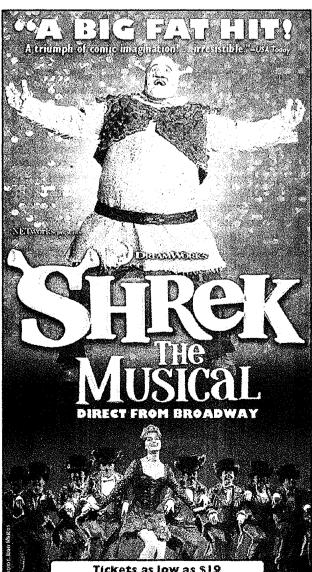
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ENTERTAINMENT

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

A spring recipe tops the menu

ter that seemed more like a constant early spring I'm going to lighten things up this week with a tasty pasta made in a wok.

Just-cooked campanelle (bite-sized ruffled fun- lemon juice nels that hold a sauce well) tossed with shrimp and artichokes, finished with feta cheese. Yummy.

Early Spring Pasta with Shrimp and Artichokes

1/2 lb. campanelle pas-

ta penne 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

salt to taste 1 cup diced onion 4 to 5 garlic cloves, finely chopped 3/4 teaspoon dried

oregano pinch of fennel seeds (optional)

pinch of crushed red pepper (optional)

1 15-oz. can artichoke hearts, drained, patted dry and halved

1 lb. raw shrimp (21-25s) peeled, deveined and butterflied (tails on)

1/2 cup white wine 1 tablespoon fresh

1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley

salt and pepper to taste 1/3 cup crumbled feta cheese

fresh parsley for garnish

Cook pasta according to directions for al dente (Cook the entire pound as you will certainly find use for it later in the week.) Even through I didn't need it I reserved a bit of the pasta water, just in case.

In a large wok-style pan heat oil over medium heat. (Using a wok gives depth to the oil.)

Add onion and cook for about five minutes. Add

garlic, oregano, fennel seed and crushed red pepper and cook for another five minutes or so. Season oil with a bit of salt, add halved artichoke hearts to pan (around the edge of the oil), cut side down. Allow artichokes to cook that

spring-like recipe with pasta, shrimp and artichokes.

> (If pasta seems dry add some of reserved pasta water.) Toss in fresh parssalt and pepper to taste. (Remember feta will add saltiness, as well.)

> Turn pasta into a large serving bowl and sprinkle with feta cheese and addi-

I call that a real Lenten special.

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Spring-like weather suggests a

ley and season lightly with

tional fresh parsley.

What's ahead

cover treasures you may never have known you possessed when Robert and Pamela Taylor host Psychic Fun Night. To register for these and other programs, call (313) 881-

Self-Defense for Kids - 5 to 6 p.m., Monday, Feb. 27. An interactive workshop teaching children ages 7-11 what they need to know to reduce risk of abduction, assaults and other forms of violence. The cost is \$13.

Cooking with Cordier 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 28. Classic soups of the world including Italian zuppa di magia (Italian magic soup), and rustic bread with salsa verde dipping sauce and Italian regional wines. The

cost is \$48. Middle School Dance: St. Patrick's Dance -7:30 to 10 p.m., Friday, March 2. This is open to all students in grades 6-8 who reside in or attend school in Grosse Pointe. Students have obtain a War Memorial ID card which cost \$15. Advance tickets cost \$14.

Zumba Fitness — 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., March 6 to April 24. Early registration cost is \$60 for six weeks.

Psychic Fun Night — 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesday, March 7. Robert and Pamela Taylor lead the program, which includes psychic readings and discussions

Develop skills and dis- on predictive tools. The cost is \$24.

U.S. Coast Guard **Auxiliary's Boating Skills**

Seamanship Wednesdays, March 7-May 2, 7:30-9:30 p.m. A certificate and boating safety card is issued upon completion of the class. The cost is \$68 and includes exam and materials. The cost is \$73 on day class starts.

Mat5: Intermediate & **Advanced** — 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Thursdays, March 8 to April 19, Thursdays. Bring a mat and 3- or 5pound weights. The sixweek class costs \$81 or \$86 if registering on the first day of class.

CardioMax - 6:15 to 7:15 p.m., Thursdays, March 8 to April 19. The class incorporates low impact, high energy aerobics, body sculpting, balance and flexibility exercises. The cost is \$57 for six weeks or \$62 on the first day of class.

Aerobic Dancing by Jacki Sorensen — 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays, March 8 to June 7. Martha Popovich leads the workout. The cost is \$147 for 24 classes.

Iyengar Yoga — 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays, March 8 to April 19. Learn yoga poses and movements to build strength and balance.

The cost is \$74 for six weeks or \$79 the first day of class.

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conjunction with the Grosse Pointe Historical Society at St. Paul's Cemetery, Grosse Pointe Farms, in October.

Subsequent classes will be determined after the first day of class. The cost is \$100 and includes a Grosse Pointe Theatre membership.

For more information, contact Burkey at (313) 885-1393 or at gpteducation@aol.com or the Grosse Pointe Theatre at (313) 881-4004.

Windmill Pointe

Unlimited is the speaker.

Women of Wayne

The Grosse Pointe chapter of Women of Wayne, a constituent group of the Wayne State University Alumni Association, presents its annual Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show Saturday, March 17, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The cost is \$31.

Registration begins at 11 a.m. followed at noon by lunch and a 1 p.m. fashion show. A silent auction and vendors are included in the day.

Fashions are from the Dressbarn and Dressbarn Women.

Reservations must be made by Saturday, March 10 by sending a check payable to W.O.W.G.P to Santina Miller, 20202 Van Antwerp, Harper Woods, MI 48225. For multiple reservations, include the guests' names.

Event proceeds benefit scholarships for students returning to WSU to earn a degree.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Grosse Pointe Woods' Lunch and Movie begins at noon Tuesday, March 13; at the Woods Community Center. It is followed by the movie, "I Don't Know How She Does It," starring Sarah Jessica Parker and Greg Kinnear.

The cost is \$9 for Woods residents and \$11 nonresidents. Reservations can be made by calling the Woods Community Center at (313) 343-2408.

session focusing on senior lifestyle injury prevention is at noon Tuesday, March at the Woods Community Center.

Sheryl Hurst, R.N. with St. John Hospital and Medical Center discusses how seniors and those

learn how to prevent lifethreatening injuries.

way for about five

minutes then push

them into oil.

Lightly season

shrimp with salt

and pepper. Add

ish cooking.

them to wok, again

around oil's edge. Cook

shrimp for just a few min-

utes. Flip them over to fin-

Push cooked shrimp in-

to oil and add white wine

mixture to a quick simmer

and add just-cooked pas-

ta. Cook and stir until al-

most all sauce has been

absorbed into the pasta.

and lemon juice. Bring

the community center at (313) 343-2408.

Windsor Casino is Thursday, March 22. A motor coach leaves the by calling (313) 343-2408.

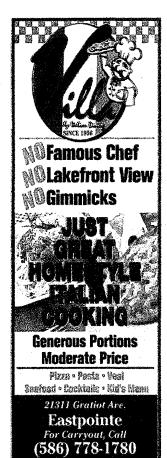
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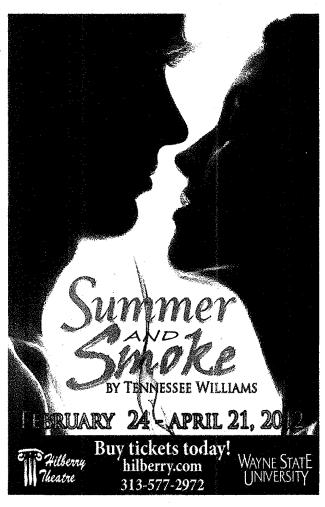
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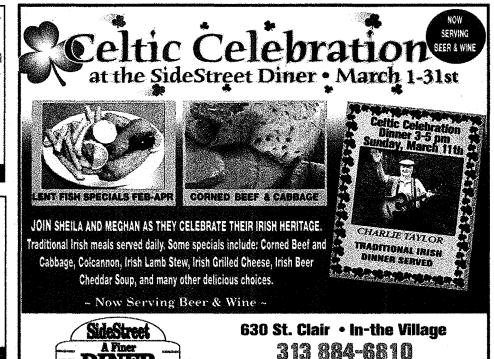




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Liggett boys' hockey team is getting ready for the state playoffs PAGE 2C

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BOYS. GIRLS HOCKEY

South boys, North girls win division titles

Blue Devils even score with rival

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

The stands were nearly full and fans for Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South got their money worth last weekend.

Grosse Pointe South beat Grosse Pointe North 3-1 at Grosse Pointe Community Rink. All the money earned through ticket sales was donated to cancer research.

"It was a great atmosphere and a great game," South head coach Jamie Bufalino said. "The boys had a lot of fun."

The Norsemen led 1-0 in the first period when senior Anthony Saleh scored. They had chances to add to the lead, but shots whistled wide of the net or South senior netminder C.J. Schebil made the save.

"We played very well and deserved a better fate," North head coach Scott Lock said. "We carried the play, skated fast and had a lot of shots on net, but we never made



South players celebrate after beating city rival See GPS BOYS, page 2C Grosse Pointe North last weekend.

Norsemen clinch No. 1 seed

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

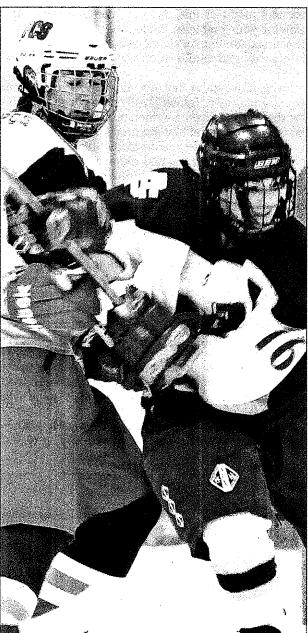
Grosse Pointe North's girls' hockey clinched a division championship last weekend, beating Plymouth-Canton-Salem 6-2.

Even though Norsemen have one game left in the regular season, second place Grosse Pointe South and third place Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood can't catch them in the standings.

"It's a team accomplishment, not an individual one for us," head coach Joe Lucchese said. "The girls have been playing very well and they are focused on taking it one game at a time."

The host Norsemen built a 5-0 lead after two periods, but the Penguins made it a 5-2 game, netting two goals early in the third period.

Junior Sara Villani scored the second of her two goals with 7:55 left to



North's Melissa Mermiges, No. 16, had another good game, helping the Norsemen beat PCS and clinch a

WRESTLING

Salazar makes state finals

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's Patrick Salazar is heading to the state finals.

The senior beat Sterling Heights' Drew Martin 8-1 in the championship match of the 119-pound division.

Head coach Eric Julien said Salazar has been wrestling well and had a great opportunity to make the state finals.

In his first two matches, Salazar won a 7-6 decision over L'Anse Creuse's Tate Vinyard and an 11-5 decision over Fraser's Jonathan Hill. Salazar improved to 44-7 overall.

Julien had two other wrestlers competing in last weekend's Division I individual regional tournament at L'Anse Creuse.

Junior Paul Menth ended his season at 37-12, two-of-three losing matches at 140 pounds.

He lost his opening match by pin to L'Anse Creuse North's Gideon Gaiter, but rebounded to beat Warren Mott's James Renaud 7-4.

to Oxford's Rocco Borg.

Sophomore Andrew Lock finished 39-11 after losing two-of-three

matches. Lock lost his first match 4-0 to Rochester Hills Stoney Creek's Andrew Price and came back to pin Warren Cousino's Anthony Ticconi.

He ended his season, losing a 6-4 decision to Oxford's Wes Maskill.

Salazar competes in the Division 1 individual state finals Thursday, March 1, through Saturday, March Menth was eliminated 3, at The Palace of after losing a 7-2 decision Auburn Hills.



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North's Paul Menth, pictured right in a district match against Grosse Pointe South, won one match during the regional round of the individual wrestling tournament.

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Words of Wellness

our e-mails and letters regarding exercise and fitness are always welcome. That my inbox fills daily says fitness is a priority in our neighborhood. With that in mind, I'd like to highlight some recent questions that have come my way:

I'm thinking about hiring a personal trainer. What should I consider? — Janet from St. Clair Shores

First, it's important to know that many trainers have specific types of clientele they cater to and specialize in when it comes to training. What this means: Some trainers might choose to focus attention to strength training young athletes, while others are specialists in functional training for senior citizens. Know your exercise goals and find a professional tailored to your

Next, understand that not all trainers are created equal. Today all a "trainer" really needs to do to qualify for this title is to pass a written test that centers on exercise, anatomy and first-aid procedures and they can use the title of "fitness professional" on their business cards. I recommend you find someone who holds a degree in exercise science, physiology or kinesiology. Then, look to see if they are certified by nationally accredited fitness associations like the National Academy of Sports Medicine, the American Council on Exercise or the American College of Sports

If you find a trainer with one or both of these requirements, you should be in good hands. However, always remember that it's vital to engage a professional with sufficient work experience. Like a doctor or other professional, tenure at honing the skill set is essential. To rephrase the adage of not trusting a skinny cook, you should also look twice at an out-of-shape trainer.

Perhaps most importantly, find a compatible personality. Seek a trainer with whom you develop a connection, in whom you can speak comfortably and who shows a genuine care for your well-being.

I've never been very physically active. My historic approach to fitness is that there's no wrong way to

work out. Isn't it better to applaud efforts than to critique them? Jim — Grosse Pointe Park

Physical activity is beneficial to anyone, that's true. But it's absolutely necessary to exercise the right way. Yes, you cannot fault an activity as basic as walking. However, when it comes to exercising in a gym you must practice proper form.

When you exercise incorrectly, you'll gain little, if any, benefit. If your technique is really off, you may risk personal injury. Attention to detail during exercise is a must; do so and your activity will be more effective and will improve your health in the long run.

I currently do a lot of high intensity training and I fear that if I stop, my metabolism will be more sluggish than when I started. Is it possible that my body will get used to training at a high level and then stop burning calories at a normal rate? Kate — Grosse **Pointe Farms**

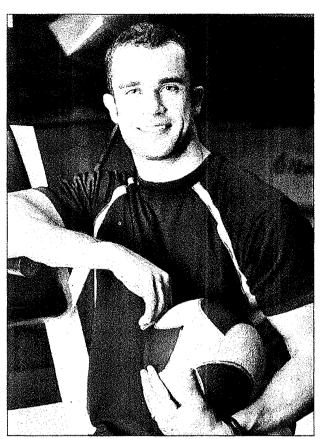
Why stop an activity that provides results? From a motivational standpoint, I'd urge to not think about the "what ifs" of stopping a routine; such thoughts, if even fleeting, might allow self-doubt to creep in. Always be positive. If something's working for you now, it will

From a scientific perspective, this question had me digging through my old college books for answers. The truth: To a great extent your metabolism is predetermined by genetics.

This is good and bad. It's good that if you were to discontinue high intensity training your metabolism will not be out of whack and will still burn calories at your genetic (or basal) baseline. The not-so good point is if your metabolism is sluggish, you probably cannot afford to interrupt such training.

In the end, your metabolism is largely a "get out what you put into it" effort. Following exercise, your metabolism is boosted for a number of hours before returning to baseline.

These spikes in metabolism, along with proper diet, will help you maintain a healthy weight. It's most important to remember that benefit from exercise is



Mike Hackett

gained exponentially. That is, when you are active, you

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GPS BOYS: Team beats city rival

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Schebil work hard.

"It was a great cause and both teams played well. It was a good game for the fans to watch, but I wish we would have won."

The Blue Devils tied the game 1-1 on a goal by senior Andrew Addy.

scored the eventual one more conference game-winner on the power play.

in the third period, senior Wes Cimmarrusti, who also had an assist, scored two an empty-net goal to clinch the victory.

North out-shot South 41-19 with Schebil making 40 saves. Norsemen goalie Chip Wujek made 17 saves.

South improved to 16-4-1 overall and North is 9-13 overall.

In other games last week, South wrapped up Hockey League game Metro Michigan Hockey League championship, tying host

The Blue Devils trailed 2-0 in the opening period before tying it 2-2. They led 3-2, but trailed 4-3 before tying it 4-4.

They trailed 5-4, but tied it 5-5 and fell behind 6-5 with 10 minutes left in the third period. The Blue Devils rallied once again to tie it 6-6.

Neither team scored in extra session. However, by not losing South secured the conference championship. With the tie, the Falcons finished second at 11-1-2 for Several minutes later, 24 points and South is 12-0-1 with 25 points and game left.

Leading the way for the With two minutes left Blue Devils were Chris Addy, Geoff Welsher and Nolan Monforton with goals apiece. Cimmarrusti had two assists, as did Jake Corden, Welsher and Monforton.

Shane Sparkman and Andrew Bigham also had an assist.

Schebil faced more than 40 shots between the pipes.

played North Michigan Interscholastic earlier last week, beating Wyandotte Roosevelt 2-0.

The Norsemen out-Dearborn Divine Child 6- shot Roosevelt 41-19 as



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Grosse pointe North's Jeffrey Herron, No. 21, battles for puck possession against Grosse Pointe South's Wes Cimmarrusti.

More boys hockey

handed goal 2:32 into the ing. third period with Saleh

Joe Aluia scored a short- and Jack Stander assist- an insurance goal mid- netting assists.

way through the third pe-Jack Guest tacked on riod with Aluia and Saleh MIHL.

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Knights defeat Crestwood

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

LIGGETT

Manny Junior helped visiting University Liggett's boys' hockey team beat Dearborn

season and this time fi- nice for younger guys." Counsman's hat trick nally scored the elusive third goal needed to ac- Soyka had the shutout. complish the feat.

Heights guys in the game and our Gushee, junior Mark at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, Crestwood 8-0 last week. younger guys were able Auk, sophomore Vinny against Flint Powers.

Counsman had been to log a few more min- Scarfone, freshman Josh close to netting a hat utes," head coach Robb trick several times this McIntyre said. "It was Freshman goalie Luke

Other goal scorers

Soyka and freshman John Rahi, his first varsity tally.

With the win, Liggett improved to 18-2 overall.

Coming up for the "We got a bunch of were senior David Knights is a home game

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Ladies play at Joe Louis

Grosse Pointe's GP Chill was the only adult Hockey's 5th Annual Hockey Day Across America hosted at Joe Louis Arena Saturday, Feb. 18.

Jacobsen, a board mem-Michigan to register to Senior Women's Hockey Williamson, to assemble a second team to compete against.

Members of the GP Michele Eickhorst, Terry Chill who laced their Smith and Gail Miciuda. skates up for this once in a

Cowan, Kim Ryszewski, women's hockey team in ber with the Michigan Dina Desjardin, Biz Kristine participate in USA League, the Chill was able Anderson, Mica Reardon, Jacque Reardon, Katie Nikesch, CeCe Jones,

Jacobsen and Lindsay

With the help of Sarah lifetime event were Amy Smith, both who play for the GP Freeze, joined the Chill. Carrie Morris, who plays for Royal Oaks TOT, also played for the Chill.

They are part of the Grosse Pointe Women's Hockey Club and compete in the Michigan Senior Women's Hockey League.

Girls hockey



Members of Grosse Pointe North's girls' hockey team celebrate after winning a division championship and No. 1 in the state playoffs.

GPN GIRLS: Ladies crush PCS

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on the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 regular season title.

Senior Jennifer Cusmano also scored two goals, while junior Julia Melissa Mermiges also tallied for the Norsemen.

Cusmano and Villani also had three assists apiece, while Mermiges had two and junior C.J. McCarthy had one.

Earlier in the week, North beat host Ann Eddie Edgar Arena in Arbor 6-1 as Henderson led the way with two goals. Cusmano, Mermiges, Villani and ju- Northville.

nior Jacci Sherry had a goal apiece.

McCarthy and juniors Katie Bowles and Bryn Moody had assists as North improved to 17-2 in the MMGHSHL and 18-3 overall.

Coming up for the Norsemen is their final regular season game Wednesday, Feb. 29, against city rival Grosse Pointe South at City

"It's nice to play South Henderson and senior with the state playoffs around the corner," Lucchese said. "The girls will be focused to play South and it is a big game."

> The Norsemen's opening playoff game is Monday, March 5, at Livonia.

They play the No. 8



seed, which could be North's Jennifer Cusmano had a five-point game, netting two goals and three assists.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils sink Pioneer

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' hockey team is doing everything in its power to get the No. 2 seed heading into the state playoffs.

Last week, the visiting Blue Devils beat Ann Arbor Pioneer 4-2, stretching their winning streak to 6 games and improving to 14-3-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 stand-

"The girls were able to

get the win, but we didn't play well in the process," head coach Provenzano said. "The goalie looked better than the previous time we played them."

The Blue Devil goal scorers were Lindsey Makos, Marissa Monforton, Tenley Shield and Claire Boyle.

Boyle is making a strong case to earn the Miss Hockey honor. She currently has 26 goals and 14 assists for 40 points and is a +34, according to South's team statistics.

LIGGETT

Knights win

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

Senior Haleigh Bolton is making a strong case to earn the Miss Hockey honor this season.

Last week, the tri-captain scored another hat trick to help the Knights mercy host Detroit Country Day 8-0.

Bolton scored one goal in each of the three periods.

Junior tri-captain Aria Ganz-Waple scored two goals and other scorers were sophomores Ania Dow and Danielle Lorant, and junior Hannah Mason.

In other games, Liggett league play.

played a home-and-home series against Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

The Knights played at Wallace Arena, losing 5-2, and played better against the Cranes, but still lost 3-2, at home.

The Cranes scored the lone goal in the first period, but the host Knights tallied twice in a matter of two minutes to grab a 2-1 lead.

Bolton scored both goals, the first coming unassisted. The second goal was assisted by sophomores Lenka Tuohy and Anne Grech.

Liggett stands 6-9-1 in

Swimming

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GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils defeat Titans in final dual meet

By Bob St. John

Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' swimming and diving team prepped for its league meet with one fi-

nal dual meet last week. The host Blue Devils Stevenson 108-71, finishing the season 7-3 over-

"I think we're ready for Jackson, junior Jack

coach Eric Gunderson said. "We have some guys trying to get state cuts and others getting ready for the finals."

The visiting Titans actually won the opening event, the 200-yard med-Devils' foursome of senior Chris Montague, sophomore Patrick

Tyler Leggat taking second with a time of 1:54.58.

The home team won the next two events as freshman Devlin Francis took first in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of beat Sterling Heights ley relay, with the Blue 1:56.99 and senior Luke Hessburg was first in the 200-yard individual med-

ley with a time of 2:09.05. The Titans took first

the league meet," head Chase and freshman and second in the 50yard freestyle, while junior Frank Cusumano was third with a time of

24.11. The Blue Devils swept the diving competition with senior Ben Cornillie and sophomores Eric Addy and Josh Trempus, posting 192.98, 184.50 and 147.29 points, respectively.

Chase was fourth in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:06.61, but Jackson came back in the next event, the 100-yard freestyle, to take first with a time of 50.49.

Yoo and John Martin also earned points, placing third and fourth in the

and 52.46, respectively.

Gunderson watched his 500-yard freestylers sweep. Francis won with a time of 5:18.62, followed by Cusumano at 5:52.53 and freshman Robby Koueiter 6:01.16.

200-yard the In freestyle relay, Yoo, junior C.J. Stafford, Francis and senior Jonathan Griffin were second with a time of 1:40.48 and the foursome of freshman Andrew Harrison, sophomore James Seagram, freshman Matthew Sophomores Nicholas Hessburg and sophomore Samuel Wilkinson was third at 2:00.04.

Montague, Martin and 3:40.98.

event with times of 51.62 freshman Zachary Due placed third, fourth and fifth in the 100-yard backstroke, posting times of 1:07.48, 1:08.64 and 1:10.82, respectively.

In the 100-vard breaststroke, Luke Hessburg won with a state-qualifying time of 1:01.62, while Jackson and Leggat took second and third with times of 1:12.59 and 1:14.67.

The Blue Devils won the final event, the 400yard freestyle relay, as Cusumano, Jackson, Stafford and Francis posted a time of 3:40.02 and the squad of Martin, Leggat, Luke Hessburg and Yoo was second at

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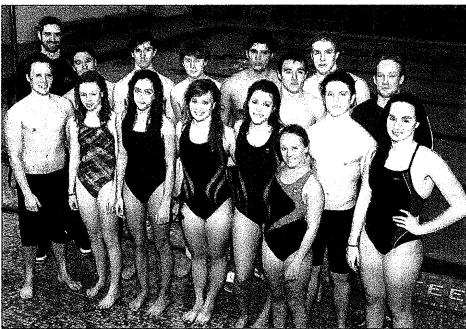


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Season finale

Head coach Ryan Gunderson, back left, and assistant coach Mike Mullinger, back right, guided the University Liggett co-ed swimming and diving team to another solid season. The Knights ended the regular season last week beating St. Clair Shores Lakeview to finish 10-5 overall. Some of the standouts during the season were, from left, senior Patrick Monahan, freshman Chris Cornell, freshman Kacie Wuthrich, senior Brian Gutermuth, freshman Renata Szymanski, sophomore Steven Kneiser, senior Kara Zymslowski, freshman Paul Sidhu, junior Cristina Milenius, junior Julia Grimm, senior Billy Marx, junior Connor Borrego, senior Caleb Ninivaggi and junior Mallory Jamett.



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Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNITED

United team upsets Athens-Avondale

was a big night for the gymnasts, Madi Kaiser, Grosse Pointe United var- who sat out with an insity gymnastics team.

Not only did the meet raise close to \$3,000 for a strong start on the Fentin scored a 9.375 for Barbara Karmanos Cancer 8.8 Institute, but Grosse Pointe also came away with the program's biggest win to date, beating No. 3-ranked Athens-Avondale 142.075-141.275. Troy was third after the first event. with 134.25 points.

Last week's Pink Meet without one of its top beam performances of

Ann vault, counting scores of from Aubryn Samaroo, 8.9 from Fran Kay, 8.95 from Ashley Krynski and 9.0 from Emma Abessinio to trail Athens-Avondale by only a few tenths (35.65-35.9)

In the second rotation, More amazing is Grosse Pointe passed Grosse Pointe still pulled Athens-Avondale with out the upset competing one of the team's best

the season. Krynski contributed an 8.8, followed Samaroo's 9.0, Grosse Pointe got off to Abessinio's 9.1 and Sarah a routine loaded with full difficulty to lead the

> Grosse Pointe's other competitors on the beam provided strong lead off scores to set up the second half of the lineup, including a personal best 7.8 for Amy Olson and regional qualifying scores from Anna Bruker and Kelsey Newa.

Moving to the uneven bars, typically Grosse Pointe's lowest scoring event, the girls maximized their scores with clean routines from Samaroo (7.95), Krynski (8.3), Fentin (8.45) and Abessinio, who saved her routine when a pirouette move went awry to still lead the team with an 8.9.

However, Athens-Avondale was able to make up some ground on the uneven bars and led the meet 106.325-105.425 heading into the final rotation.

Last up on floor exer- tributed towards our docise, Grosse Pointe rose to the challenge and counted scores of 8.55 from Krynski, 9.2 from Fentin, and a pair of 9.45s from Samaroo and Abessinio to finish the meet on top.

"We had amazing crowd support for our fundraising meet, and the girls really responded and came up with some of their best gymnastics of the season," said head coach Courtney Law. "We would like to sincerely thank everyone who con-

nation to the Karmanos Cancer Institute with their support tonight."

Law also thought the meet result was a good sign heading into the upcoming post-season tournaments.

"We should have Madi back soon, which will give us even more depth for our team score. We want to carry this momentum into the League meet this week and the Regional tournament the following Saturday," Law

Girls basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

For the first time this season, Grosse Pointe South's girls' basketball team didn't have its "A"

The visiting Blue Devils needed a win over Warren Cousino to clinch the Macomb Area Conference White Division. Cousino came into the game one game behind the Blue Devils and played in front of a senior-night.

the two players vying for left. division player of the year honors, South senior Caitlin Moore Popkey.

After a low-scoring opening half won by Devils took control by outscoring the Patriots 12-



Junior Claire DeBoer had a double-double, but it wasn't enough to prevent Grosse Pointe South from falling to Warren Cousino.

3 to open a 30-19 lead.

Popkey put the Patriots on her back and for the next 12 minutes did everything right as the Blue Devils didn't have an answer in an eventual 49-42 defeat.

South dropped to 10-1 raucus home crowd on in the MAC White Division and tied with It was also a battle of Cousino with one game

Head coach Kevin Cousino senior Elena Cousino's strength was at point guard with Popkey leading the charge.

"It's disappointing be-South, 20-18, the Blue cause we didn't play very didn't get after them like

we should have and I think we stopped playing after we got the lead."

Popkey scored a gamehigh 25 points and dished off for several assists, including three on huge baskets down the stretch that allowed the Patriots to turn an 11-point deficit into a 10-point lead (44-34) midway through the fourth quarter.

The Blue Devils made Richards knew this would only 4-of-25 three-point and be a tough game since field goals and took only 25 two-point baskets.

> Moore finished with 13 points and grabbed eight rebounds, and junior Claire DeBoer had a douwell," Richards said. "We ble-double, netting 15 points and 10 rebounds.

LIGGETT

Knights post wins

By John McTaggart Special Writer

It was a stellar night for basketball fans at University Liggett Friday night as the girls' basketball team looked impressive in a 59-25 victory over Bloomfield Hills Roeper School.

The host Knights dominated the Lady Rough Riders, leading at one fense." point by as much as 44

points and putting on a scored 15 points and show that left little doubt freshman Lola Ristovski as to who is the top team in Class C.

first because we started off slowly," head coach 68-27 as Joe LaMango said. "I think we were just standing around watching Madison (Ristovski) We have to run some of-

Madison Ristovski

had 12 points.

Earlier in the week, "I was kind of upset at Liggett defeated Allen Park Inter-City Baptist Madison Ristovski had a doubledouble, netting 14 points and 15 assists.

Liggett improved to 11dribble. We can't do that. 0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 15-3

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Missed chances hurt

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

ketball team had of win- ond half. ning a division title went Sterling Heights

Stevenson. Head coach Gary Bennett and the Norsemen played well early, leading 13-5.

After that, it was a defense that produced struggle as turnovers, missed layups and a lack Any chance Grosse of rebounding allowed the ished with 19 points. Pointe North's girls' bas- Titans to control the sec-

out the window last week aged to lead 21-18 at halfafter a 38-36 home loss to time, but the visitors opened the third quarter with a 7-0 run and never looked back.

Despite the deficit, the sophomore Norsemen had chances, thanks to their pressure

several turnovers. Junior Taryn Kiah fin-

Earlier in the week, North lost 33-32 to Dexter,

The Norsemen man-dropping to 8-10 overall. Kiah had 14 points,

while sophomore Maria Liddane had eight points and seven assists. Junior Lauren Koeppe and Brittney Moore had six points apiece.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Miscues cause for loss

By John McTaggart Special Writer

It may have been senior night at Grosse Pointe South last Thursday, but after honoring the team's upperclassmen, there was little to celebrate as the Blue Devils got dismantled by Port Huron, 57-34.

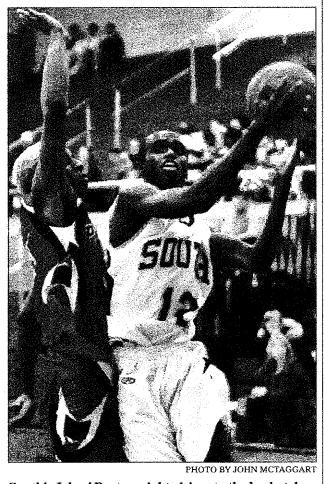
Missed free throws, turnovers and sloppy play led to the South defeat.

"It just doesn't sink in. We don't learn our lessons," head coach Dave Grauzer said. "You know, one guy goes down and the whole team just falls apart."

The Port Huron loss comes on the heels of an equally lopsided loss to Warren Cousino earlier in the week, 71-54, adding to the frustration for everyone involved with a team that entered the season

of talented athletes. That said, with the postseason just around the corner, the Blue Devils have a chance to make amends.

However, the turnovers they committed against Port Huron have to be trimmed down to a ing a way to get him the



South's Jabari Burton, right, drives to the basket during the Blue Devils' home game against Port Huron.

ber if the squad has any hopes of advancing.

These turnovers started with high hopes and loads early for South against Port Huron, allowing the Big Reds to jump out to a 9-1 lead in the opening minutes of the contest and 18-4 lead at the end of

> the first quarter. South's Matt Temorwski was effective in the post early, but find-

more manageable num- ball with space to operate and in the proper positioning on the block was a challenge throughout the game for Blue Devils' guards.

This inability to get their center the ball resulted in a 31-14 lead for Port Huron heading into the break.

The loss drops the Blue Devils to 5-13 overall, 2-9 in the Macomb Area Conference White.

LIGGETT

Knights back on track

By John McTaggart Special Writer

Although the University Liggett boys' basketball team's victory was less dominating in fashion and score than the girls' score, the boys played well, according to head coach Sidney Johnson, in the 62-52 win over Bloomfield Hills Roeper School last weekend.

"We played really aggressively in terms of pressing," Johnson said. 'We did that and got into the passing lanes a lot.

The kids are buying into trimmed the lead to nine how hard they have to play defensively in order to be a good team. This was a pretty good game for us.'

Led by Eric Ewing's 16 points, the Knights attacked the basket at every opportunity against the Rough Riders early, taking a five-point lead, 27-22, into the break.

The team refused to let up on the gas in the second half, pushing the lead to 48-35 after three quarters.

The Rough Riders

early in the closing eight minutes, but that's as close as the visitors would get, as solid defense and aggressive play sparked Liggett's win.

Drew Jerome chipped in with 14 points.

Earlier in the week, Liggett lost 54-52 to host Allen Park Inter-City Baptist as Ewing had 19 points.

Liggett improved to 8-4 the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 9-6 over-

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Norsemen slumping

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

Head coach Matt Lockhart has been patient with his Grosse Pointe North boys' basketball

He has watched his players execute at the pinnacle one game and sink into the valley the next. that." Sometimes the Norsemen hit the peaks and valleys

in the same game. In last week's loss to visiting Roseville, the Norsemen started like

world-beaters, leading 23-16, but dipped to only seven points in the second quarter, but led 30-28.

"We haven't been very consistent and we have too much individualism at the moment," Lockhart said. "We have to get it all together before the playoffs start and we can do

The Norsemen were outscored 20-15 in the third quarter and 16-9 in the final period to lose by 10 points, 64-54.

Senior Derrick Morris

scored 11 points to lead the Norsemen, followed by sophomore Justin Kennedy with nine, senior Clark Ditzhazy with eight, senior Adam Andrzejczak with seven, senior Dondre Young with six and freshman Tim Herd with six.

"We're getting some solid play from our younger guys, which has helped," Lockhart said.

Grosse Pointe North dropped to 9-8 overall and 6-5 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

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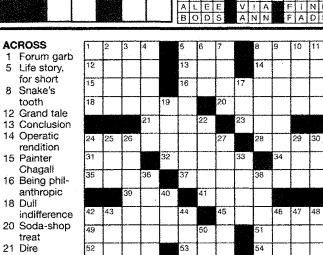
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