

Spring Forward!
 Daylight Savings Time
 Begins
 Sunday, April 7
 Set your clocks forward one hour before noon on Saturday, April 6.

WEEK AHEAD

Thursday, April 4

Rabbi Sherwin T. Wine will present a three-part lecture series entitled War and Religion Thursdays through April 18, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church.

Topics include Ireland: Protestants Against Catholics on April 4; India and Pakistan: The Tragedy of Kashmir on April 11 and Turkey: Secularists Against Fundamentalists on April 18.

The fee is \$10 per session or \$25 for all three programs. Call (313) 881-0420 for more information.

Saturday, April 6

Fabulous French food and film will combine to create an entertaining afternoon when Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe offers a screening of the Yves Robert film "Le Chateau de ma Mere," followed by lunch at 11:30 a.m., at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Tickets are \$19. Reservations are required. Call (313) 885-3411 for more information.

Find a new furry friend when the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society brings a selection of potential pets to the Children's Home of Detroit from noon to 3 p.m.

For more information, call (313) 884-1551.

Monday, April 8

The Grosse Pointe Park City Council will meet in the Park city hall at 7 p.m.

The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council will meet in the Farms city hall at 7:30 p.m.

The Grosse Pointe Board of Education will meet in the Wicking Library at Grosse Pointe South High School at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, April 9

University Liggett School will host a college fair as a service for parents and future college students in the entire community at its Cook Road campus from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

For more information, call (313) 884-4444.

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North to play at Orchestra Hall

Margaret Walton and Cathy Burk prepare with the Grosse Pointe North High School instrumentalists for the bi-annual concert at DSO's Orchestra Hall on Sunday, April 14. The North High School Bands and Orchestra will perform at 7:30 p.m.

Selected works to be performed include those by Saint-Saens, Handel, Bach, Elgar, Reed, Goldman and King. The show will feature a solo by senior violinist Susan Rhee, as well as a special memorial dedication to Jessica Solomon, a 2001 North graduate. Tickets are available at Wild Birds Unlimited on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods and are \$8 for students and \$12 for general admission. For more information, contact Donna Ridella at (313) 884-3432.

City turns up the heat on Neff Park opening

By Bonnie Caprara
 Staff Writer

Summer could be coming earlier than anticipated as the City of Grosse Pointe turns the heat up on the Neff Park pool and bathhouse project. The mayor, city manager, assistant city manager and councilmen Stephen Sholly and Patrick Petz met with contractor and architectural representatives Wednesday, March 27, to "talk about the schedule and what it was going to take to get this done in time," said assistant city manager Brian Vick.

Vick announced at the City's March 18 council meeting that the Neff Park pool and bathhouse opening would be delayed until June 13, three weeks after the scheduled Memorial Day weekend opening. Paul Denko, construction manager of Jenkins Construction, the project's general contractor, told the Grosse Pointe News on March 13: "The project's behind." Vick and project architect Robert Wakely claimed delays in communication and ordering building supplies by subcontractors were to blame for the lag time.

At the March 27 meeting, Vick said, "The mayor explained his expectations of where he wants this project to be on May 17. We looked at what could be changed in the order on the what could be completed during the day while the pool is closed to the public after Memorial Day and we even looked into working Saturdays and Sundays just to get the job done."

Jim Jenkins, president of Jenkins Construction, said: "My target is what the mayor expressed to me." "I thought we had a productive meeting," said Mayor Dale Serace. "I had a positive feeling working with Jenkins. Wakely and staff. I felt extremely comfortable in getting this open in time by Memorial Day. There's no 100 percent guarantee that something else won't go wrong, but I feel a lot better about this now."



Winter guard takes honors

From left, Lindi Starr and Laura Wright won second-place honors and Stephanie Sturton placed first in the state level individual competitions for winter guard. For the story, turn to page 8A.

Farms looks to stub Bigfoot developments

By Bonnie Caprara
 Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Farms is considering some changes in its zoning ordinances that will keep building footprints from becoming Bigfootprints.

A discussion about revising zoning ordinances at the Farms city council work session on Monday, March 22, stemmed from complaints of a 6,736-square-foot house being built on a 21,610-square-foot lot on Chalifonte.

"On the site it's located on, it's out of place," said Farms planning consultant Brandon Rogers. "But it does meet the zoning requirements that are in place today in regard to setbacks and building heights. Since citizen concerns have arisen, it's time to take a look at this."

The Farms council and administration are also trying to avert possible future Bigfoot projects as the council prepares to consider a variance for a three-way lot split at Ridge and Moran at its April 8 meeting.

Current zoning requirements in the Farms restrict building height, building footprints no more than 30 percent of the total lot size and calls for buildings to be set back certain distances from adjacent property lines.

But, as Rogers explained, "The present side and rear yard (setback) requirements being fixed distances are liable to lead to overshadowing of neighbors, and in the case of adjacent tall buildings, the space left between them can be entirely inadequate for circulation of air, light, privacy or view," Rogers said.

Rogers recommended that the Farms amend some or all of the following changes to its zoning ordinances.

Rogers' first recommendation is to establish a three-person compatibility committee to review plans all new house construction and

building additions. The committee could assess whether or not plans meet development criteria and standards and harmony. The standards for harmony would include attributes to promote congruity in character between or among buildings such as lot size and shape, building or structure size, setback, height, density, shape, exterior architecture and design, landscaping, use of materials, colors and scale.

Rogers also suggested that the Farms establish a floor area ratio standard in which lot size would determine a building's bulk and possibly increasing site yard setbacks is a building's width exceed 50 percent of the lot size. He also suggested revising the definition of a half-story as not to exceed 50 percent of a floor area below instead of the current standard of 75 percent.

In 1997, Grosse Pointe Shores adopted a number of measures to deter Bigfoot developments.

"The biggest thing that's helped us has been our height ordinance," said Shores Village Manager Michael Kenyon. "A home cannot be any higher than the homes on either side."

The Shores further limits roof heights of 30 feet on a lot up to 120 feet in width and 33 feet for lots in excess of 120 feet.

The Shores also strictly maintains footprint coverage up to 25 percent of the lot size and limits each lot to one variance.

"Lots are at a premium and everyone wants to push the envelope," Kenyon said. "That's what we had to do to stop it."

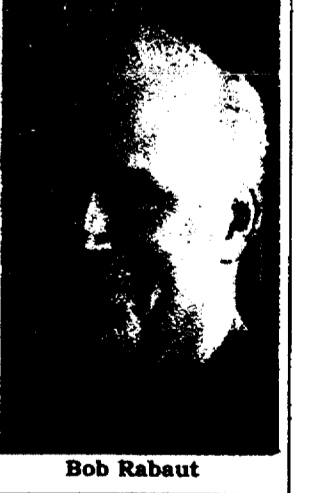
Given the possibility of increasing requirements, Rogers claimed the intent is not to be overly restrictive.

"I like a variety of architecture," Rogers said. "I don't want a cookie cutter approach, just for the homes to fit in the same envelope."

POINTER OF INTEREST

Bob Rabaut

Home: Grosse Pointe Farms
Age: 52
Family: Wife, Sandy; three children, Clay, 17, Doug, 15, and Leslie, 12
Claim to fame: Lead vocalist and harmonica player with Detroit-area blues band, The Jukes
Quote: "I do it because it keeps me busy and because I like it. Playing music has helped me that way. I'm just trying to have a good time."
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yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ The most recent and probably the greatest example of wholesale destruction of property that has occurred in Grosse Pointe in a long time took place this week at Grosse Pointe High School.

An unidentified group of vandals smashed 151 windows in the wing of the building along the Fisher Road driveway.

■ Some 55 residents of the Grosse Pointes have completed a class to become air raid wardens.

■ The Grosse Pointe Motion Picture Council will consider the influence television has on the behavior of children.

The council, made up of 28 member organizations, including churches, schools and the American Association of University Women, had focused on recommending which motion pictures are suitable for children.

25 years ago this week

■ A Veterans Memorial Parkway has been approved by members of the Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission.

Residents are encouraged to send contributions for the parkway, to be located along the Vernier median between Mack and the western city limits.

Development will include trees, landscaping and fountains.

■ Thanks to the fundraising efforts of about 30 students from Grosse Pointe South High School, one of the Detroit Zoo's gorillas will have a full stomach this year.

The students, members of

two environmental science clubs, adopted the gorilla through a \$1,000 donation to the zoo's Adopt an Animal program.

■ A study will begin soon on the possible expansion of the municipal marina at Windmill Pointe Park.

Grosse Pointe Park officials said improving the marina addition will depend on what size boat wells will be needed, the harbor depth and where expansion is feasible.

10 years ago this week

■ None of the six teenagers charged with gunning down Grosse Pointe Farms resident Benjamin Gravel two years ago will serve time in jail.

Gravel, 53, was killed on Detroit's lower east side by a gang of Detroit males aged 15 to 18. The youths wanted to steal Gravel's car so they could go to a party.

■ The Michigan Supreme Court has rejected a redistricting plan that would have separated Grosse Pointe Park from the rest of the Pointes regarding representation on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

Under a plan prepared in September, the Park would have been included in a district dominated by Detroit.

A lawyer retained by Park Mayor Palmer Heenan helped argue the case.

■ Before the firehouse in Grosse Pointe Park can be renovated into a modern public safety structure, the building must be cleared of asbestos.

Work will involve removing about 700 linear feet of asbestos wrapped around pipes throughout the building.

5 years ago this week

■ Rite-Aid company officials will present improvement plans to the Grosse Pointe Farms city council next week.

If approved, construction should be finished in time for the Hill Happening sidewalk sale in August.

Plans include renovations indoors and out, including an exterior clock and two sculptures in a walkway next to the building.

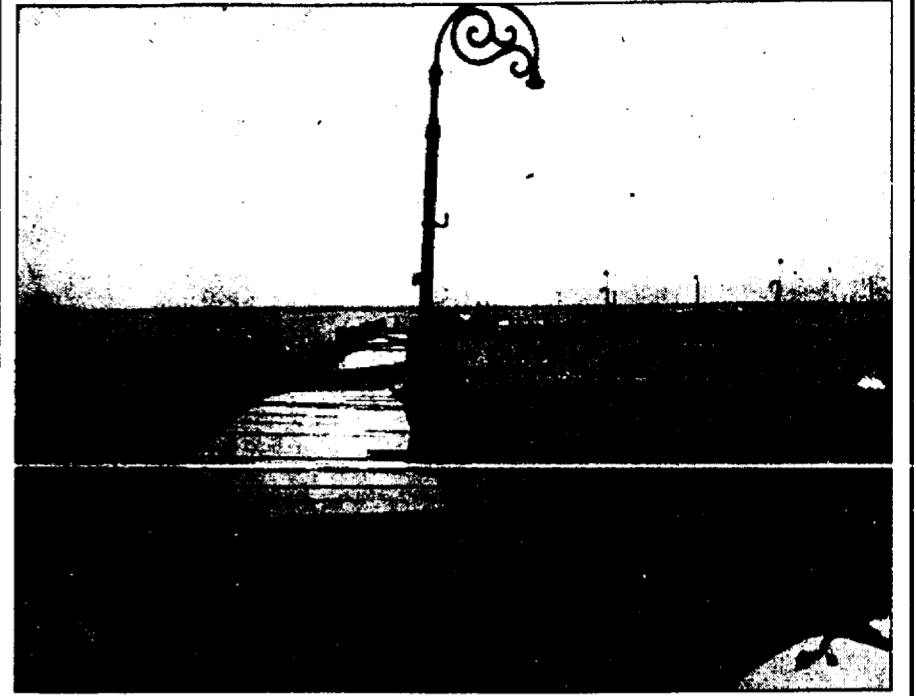
■ The Beanie Baby craze is making customers flock to local stores.

Nancy Renick, owner of the Village Toy Company in the Village, and Sandy Gillespie, owner of the Something Special gift shops on the Hill, report strong sales to enthusiastic collectors.

■ For the first time, the boy's lacrosse teams and the combined girl's team at Grosse Pointe North and South high schools will have varsity squads.

— Brad Lindberg

50 years ago this week



High waters play havoc with City pier

The much-maligned pier at the City of Grosse Pointe municipal park was subject to additional criticism after Lake St. Clair gave it a beating during the recent storm. Officials estimate the old dock suffered a 75 percent loss. The city has plans to build a new dock, the cost of which would entail floating a bond issue. Whether this will hasten action on getting a new pier remains to be seen. (Photo by Fred Runnells. From the Grosse Pointe News.)

Shores municipal election no challenge

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Shores expects a relatively seamless transition in its May municipal election.

Trustee Dr. James Cooper will run unopposed as village president, replacing John Huetteman III, who will step out of Shores government after 19 years of service as a member of the planning commission, trustee and president.

"The response to my candidacy has been very positive," Cooper said. "The display of support from resi-

dents, council members and village administration and employees has been tremendous. I've received phone calls and letters from people offering any help I would need. I even had one resident abroad request my nominating petition to sign.

Cooper, who has lived in the Shores for 10 years, is in the middle of his second term as a village council trustee. He has served as the public works liaison since 1999 and was appointed to the municipal buildings committee in 2000, where he oversaw the recent council chamber and courtroom renovation.

Dr. Richard C. Mertz Jr. is seeking his sixth full term as trustee. Mertz joined the council in 1991 after having served on the planning commission since 1989. He has served as president pro tem since 1993 and is a member of the finance committee and chairman of the parks and harbor committee.

"My job is fundamentally

agreed to join the village government because I've had a strong and positive life in the Shores and I'd like to see the work of the new park and harbor plan implemented before I leave.

"The village's park and harbor are aging facilities that need immediate attention. It's a significant part of the value of each home in Grosse Pointe Shores, whether they use the park and harbor or not. We're lagging behind the contemporary moves made by the other Pointes."

Dr. Brian Hunt, who is seeking his second term as a trustee, is also a member of the finance and parks and harbor committees. He called the proposed parks master plan "a road map to the future."

"They (the parks ad hoc committee) came up with the plan," Hunt said. "We should let the grassroots develop the plan."

Hunt, a 12-year resident of the Shores, said he'd like

unfinished business.

"I want to help lower the water rates, I'd like to maintain the present tax base and see if we can get something out of the \$600,000 per year we spend on every student in the Shores who attends Wayne County Community College," Hunt said. "We aren't getting the benefit out of our tax dollars."

Thirty-year Shores resident Jimmie Bloink Jr. is also seeking his second term as trustee. He simply stated his reason for running was: "It needed to be done. Someone has to follow through."

He also commented, "I'm really happy with the way things are run in the village."

The lone challenger in the trustee race, Fred Minturn, a 12-year Shores resident, called his professional background as a certified public accountant and as chief financial officer of MSX International, an outsourcing engineering firm, an asset to the council.

"With my financial expertise, I can assist the council with the added resources to deal with the financial challenges facing municipalities these days," Minturn said.

Minturn also cited his involvement with the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation, of which he was treasurer for two terms and a trustee for three terms, as an example of his community service in the Shores.

Linda Walton, an 11-year resident of the Shores, is running unopposed for her second full term as village clerk.

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'Beltway' editor to address Mayors' Prayer Breakfast

Fred Barnes, executive editor of The Weekly Standard and host of "The Beltway Boys" on the Fox News Channel, will be the guest speaker at the 16th annual Mayors' Prayer Breakfast to be held on Thursday, May 2, at 7:30 a.m. in the Main Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The Weekly Standard is a conservative magazine that began publication in September 1995. It is the first weekly opinion magazine to be launched in 40 years.

Barnes founded The Standard, along with William Kristol and John

Podhoretz, after 10 years as senior editor and White House correspondent for The New Republic. Barnes has appeared on "Nightline," "Meet the Press," "Face the Nation," the "McNeil Lehrer News Hour," and was a regular on "The McLaughlin Group" from 1988 to 1998.

The Mayors' Prayer Breakfast celebrates the National Day of Prayer as proclaimed by the president of the United States. It also recognizes the role that prayer has played in the lives of individual Americans, and the nation as a whole.

The Hon. Dale Scrace and



Fred Barnes

the City of Grosse Pointe are hosts for this year's breakfast.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$15 and are available at any of the Grosse Pointe or Harper Woods municipal offices. For more information, call Mary Turner at (313) 640-2540.

New Mack sign ordinance on table for G.P. Woods

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Business representatives and city officials are trying to update a 25-year-old sign ordinance in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Their goal is to revise the document so regulators can eliminate sign pollution while giving business owners a framework for expression.

Retailers and shopkeepers had been concerned the new ordinance would outlaw all forms of neon signs.

"(The revised ordinance) is not intended to eliminate signs that are internally lit by neon," said Mayor Robert Novitke, chairman of a special committee to update the ordinance.

According to city officials, there are 92 neon signs on Mack Avenue. Examples range from traditional, exposed tubing to plastic signs and lettering backlit by neon.

"For all existing signs, the prior sign ordinance will remain in effect," said Novitke. As before, no new

G.P. News editor, reporter earn honors

A Grosse Pointe News editor and a reporter earned awards recently in the 2001 Editorial Contest sponsored by the Suburban Newspapers of America.

Features/Assistant Editor Margie Reins Smith earned third-place recognition in Best Column Writing for her "I Say" columns. Smith has won several awards for her entertaining pieces on the Op-Ed pages.

Staff Writer Brad Lindberg garnered a second-place award in the Best Breaking News Story category for his coverage of the "Fire at the Hunt Club" last July. Lindberg has earned many awards for his thorough and well-written reporting of breaking-news stories.

The owners, editors and staff at the Grosse Pointe News congratulate their colleagues — Lindberg and Smith — for the deserved recognition of their efforts.

"These awards are not just indicative of the entries they submitted to the contest," said John Minnis, editor and general manager. "Rather, they are representative of the quality of journalism they bring to the paper and our readers 52 weeks a year. Brad and Margie are also representative of all those at the Grosse Pointe News who strive weekly to put out the best community newspaper on the east side."

The Suburban Newspaper America's 2001 Editorial contest consisted of more than 1,100 entries from daily and weekly newspapers from across North America.

neon signs will be allowed. Other proposed revisions include:

- Limiting the size of signs to one square foot per linear foot of storefront.

Lisa Rennell, owner of Rennell & Company Creative Gift Design, recommended the ratio be increased to a 1-1/2 square-foot of sign for every linear foot of storefront.

"That makes signs more in line with each building," she said.

- Require permits for businesses to post temporary signs, plus limiting businesses to two temporary sign permits per year.

Mike Shanley, of Schummer's Ski Shop, said, "For a retail business, those kinds of signs are essential. We shouldn't need a permit."

Fred Schwartz, owner of Room for Desert, added, "Our existence is due to temporary signs. They bring people in, particularly with perishable goods."

"There's more than two holidays per year," said David Wagensomer of the Edwin Paul Spa. "It's too restrictive."

- Require business people to post a \$500 bond to erect a sign.

Patti Chylinski, a member of the Woods city council, called the bond "totally ridiculous."

- Disallow signs that extend higher than the "roof deck." Some business own-

ers feared the height restriction would outlaw signs attached to facades that are a built few feet above the roof.

"There's no intent to change that at all," said Joseph Sucher, chairman of the Woods planning commission. "(Facades) can have a sign if the top of the sign is not four feet above the roof deck."

"The intent is to not have a sign sitting on top of the roof," Novitke said.

- Outlaw signs and lettering that cover more than 20 percent of a window surface.

• Require indoor signs to be set back at least 10 feet from inside a window. The restriction would eliminate window clutter.

"The setback is way too much," Wagensomer said. "If I had a product display (within 10 feet of a window) it would not be allowed."

"We'll probably have another two drafts of this (ordinance)," Novitke said.

After the meeting, Rennell said, "I am pleased (city officials) are going to revisit some of the areas where changes were proposed (by business representatives)."

The sign committee will meet again June 11 at 7:30 p.m., in the Woods city council chambers.

Proposals accepted by the committee will be forwarded to the planning commission for recommendation to the city council.

Farms matches \$10,000 grant for Lakeshore beautification

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

The drive along Lake St. Clair will offer more of a scenic view come later this spring.

Grosse Pointe Farms will match a \$10,000 grant given by the Garden Club of Michigan to preserve the green space along Lakeshore in memory of its deceased members.

With that money, the Farms is planning on constructing a pocket park at the corner of Lakeshore and Moross. The corner lost several large trees in a wind

storm that hit the Pointes in July 1997.

"It was a recommendation of the Beautification Commission," said Assistant City Manager Shane Reeside. "We're working with a landscape architect to put in pavers, trees, a sitting area with benches, planting beds and new trees."

The park will be located at the corner. The open field will still be used for overflow parking during peak times at the Pier Park.

Reeside hopes installation would begin later this

spring.

The club, based in the Grosse Pointes, was established in 1913 and included members from as far away as Flint and Grand Rapids. Today, about 80 percent of the club's membership comes from the Pointes and reflects its commitment to give back to the community.

"The Farms doesn't have the kind of money the Shores has," said club member Mary Page Hickey. "The Farms has a lot more to deal with — Mack Avenue, the schools and parks."

Woods proposes budget increase at same tax rate

Due to rising property values and the corresponding changes in tax assessments that result, Grosse Pointe Woods' proposed 3.75 percent budget increase for 2002-2003 won't require a millage hike.

"This is the third consecutive year where there has been no increase in the millage rate from the preceding year," said Clifford Maison, city comptroller.

As proposed, the \$12.4 million budget is \$450,000 higher than this year.

"The increase in taxable value will result in the average resident seeing an approximate \$50 increase on their summer tax bill," Maison said.

The millage rate will remain 13.0255 mills.

A large part of the budget increase was driven by a 22 percent increase in health care costs.

"Financing for health care is affecting all sectors of our

economy," Maison said.

Other cost pressures came from employee salary increases of 4.5 percent and additional recreational activities at Lake Front Park.

"The proposed budget takes into account escalating operating costs, improvements in service levels and increased service require-

ments," said Ted Bidigare, city administrator. "This is accomplished while continuing to preserve and upgrade the city's aging infrastructure and facilities."

Maison said, "The budget proposes an aggressive construction schedule with over 4.15 million in infrastructure work being planned."

— Brad Lindberg

Woods has backup booths

Voters will have extra voting machines to rely on during elections in Grosse Pointe Woods.

City officials have approved the purchase of two additional machines. The equipment, called Accu-Vote units, will cost a total of \$11,982.

"These are two additional backup units," said Mayor Robert Novitke.

The move will double the city's inventory of backup voting units, and provide

the city clerk Louise Warnke with a total of 11 machines for the Woods' seven precincts.

"It is necessary to augment this emergency equipment," Warnke said. "These are insurance in case on election eve more than two (voting) units go into disrepair."

She said voting machines have been known to fail during elections due to voter error.

— Brad Lindberg



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Farms man sings and decorates with the blues

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

"Anyone born in this world has the blues," said Bob Rabaut. "I don't care what kind of level you're on."

For Rabaut, the blues are everywhere from fabric swatches and lamps in his Grosse Pointe Woods interior design studio or the low-down, wailing call of his harmonica that lures couples onto the dance floors in the nightclubs in the metro Detroit area.

The two scenes would be a paradox for most, but not for the Grosse Pointe Farms resident.

The interior design and music business have played big roles for Rabaut for most of his life. His father, Vincent C. Rabaut, opened a fabric and upholstery studio in the Woods 52 years ago. As a young man, he spent time working with his father and his employees learning the business. But what he really wanted to pursue was music.

"I always liked music, but my parents couldn't afford lessons at the time," said Rabaut, who grew up with seven siblings and two cousins on Detroit's east side.

His first inspiration for the harmonica didn't come from blues, but from rock.

"Around the time I graduated from Austin (Preparatory High School) in 1968, I went to the Grande Ballroom and saw

Cream," Rabaut said. "Jack Bruce played the harmonica and it was a big eye-opener. He was the best guy I ever saw."

From there, Rabaut picked up on some free harmonica clinics while he attended Michigan State University and played on his own and imitated what he heard by attending a lot of shows and buying a lot of records.

"I feel privileged," Rabaut said. "I saw loads of Chicago-style greats such as James Cotton and Walter Horton — the old school guys. I enjoy the contemporaries, too, like Red Piazza, Jerry Portnoy and Kim Wilson."

"Most blues harmonica players learned that way. They imitated guys by ear and they didn't have a lot of formal training. I didn't have a lot of formal training. In some ways, I wished I did as I got older, but in other ways, it's an advantage that I play the way I do. I learned a lot the way I do. I listened to the masters and you play a lot from feel. When you learn by lessons, you become afraid to experiment and take chances."

Jokingly, Rabaut added: "I got a real good record collection that way."

Through the 1970s, playing harmonica and singing was Rabaut's first love and priority. He played mostly with the Detroit Blues Band, of which he was a founder. On a few occasions,

POINTER OF INTEREST



"Anyone born in this world has the blues," said Bob Rabaut, right. "I don't care what kind of level you're on." Rabaut, a blues vocalist and harmonica player for the last 30 years, plays with bassist Mickey McKenzie of Grosse Pointe Park, guitarist Salvatore Shermetaro of St. Clair Shores and drummer Tom Wagner of Fair Haven in a band called The Jukes.

he and his band got to open for blues greats like Johnny Winter and Leon Russell. He recorded music for a couple of commercials for Chrysler,

which were shown outside of the Detroit market. He worked in his father's studio to supplement his income, but as a young, carefree

spirit, he always thought: "This is the last place I want to be."

Rabaut reconsidered that sentiment in 1980 when his father offered to sell the upholstery shop to him and his wife, Sandy. Purchasing the fabric shop was a turning point, both professionally for his wife and for the company. With his wife's design background, the couple expanded the business to include full design services.

"My wife was working for Ford at the time, where she was an office space planner and designer, and I knew a lot about the back end of the business," Rabaut said. "It works out pretty well that way. We don't step on each others' toes."

These days, Rabaut spends more time in the studio and at home with his wife and three children — Clay, 17, Doug, 15, and Leslie, 12.

"I enjoy playing music, but I'm really family-oriented," Rabaut said. "We go bowling every now and then. We play euchre a lot. My kids all play music. My oldest plays guitar. He's really good. He's at the point

where he can play with us. I don't want to rush him because it's a father-son thing."

For the past year and a half, Rabaut has been playing occasionally with bassist Mickey McKenzie of Grosse Pointe Park, guitarist Salvatore Shermetaro of St. Clair Shores and drummer Tom Wagner of Fair Haven in a band called The Jukes.

"I'm in no rush," Rabaut said. "I'm 52 years old. I play well. I practice all the time. The rest doesn't mean that much to me. Right now, we're playing once or twice a month. We're all older and we all have families and other things going on so we try to get jobs when it's convenient for everyone."

"One thing about playing music, I kind of approach the business that way. I do it because it keeps me busy and because I like it. Playing music has helped me that way. I'm just trying to have a good time."

Bob Rabaut and The Jukes will play Saturday, April 20, at Your Place Lounge at 17326 E. Warren in Detroit.

City looks to consolidation of 911 service

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

A late-night 911 call to the City of Grosse Pointe or Grosse Pointe Farms public safety departments in the future may be answered by a dispatcher in Grosse Pointe Park.

The possible move to consolidate 911 dispatch in the evening hours stems from a City initiative to reduce costs while maintaining its current level of service.

City Public Safety Director Al Fincham and Mayor Dale Scrace both said, "What the council has instructed the city manager to do is to look at ways of cutting costs while maintaining our current level of

service in all areas of the City's operations."

Fincham said that he met with the public safety directors in the Park and the Farms about three months ago to explore the opportunity of consolidating late-night calls to public safety departments.

"They approached us and asked us if we could handle the increase for their department," said Park Public Safety Chief David Hiller. "But when the larger scale plan with bringing the Farms in was discussed, we knew it would take some costs and some infrastructure changes. They (the City) needs to do a feasibility study in order to find out

if it can be done and how it can be done."

"If there are some cost savings, it would be worth taking a look at, but there are other considerations besides costs," said Farms City Manager Richard Solak.

Solak added that discussions about consolidating 911 service has come up a couple of times in the past 25 years.

Fincham shied from calling the idea of consolidation a "plan," but instead called it a "preliminary concept."

"The consolidation of dispatch would be something that's on the back burner down the road," Fincham said.

Scrace said the City was in the process of hiring a consultant.

"But we haven't even brought a consultant on board and those proposals would be shared with the Park and the Farms, which would have to be taken to their city councils for approvals," Scrace said.

The discussions have already piqued the interest of City resident Eugénie Durant.

"I think it will reduce the protection and responsibility factors that having a complete local public safety force provides," said Durant in a two-page flyer distributed to City residents. "I think it could undermine the trust

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Veterans retire from GPW police auxiliary

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Two officers with a combined 52 years of service have retired from the all-volunteer Grosse Pointe Woods police auxiliary.

Mayor Robert Novitke honored the officers, Capt. Anthony Buccinna and Squad Leader Edward Mack, saying the city was "fortunate to have such dedicated individuals."

Buccinna had been with the police auxiliary since October 1971. Mack joined the force in October 1979.

"They weren't just leaders, they were teachers," said Councilman Eric Steiner, who served as an auxiliary policeman for seven years. "It's going to be sad to see them go."

The auxiliary unit supports the public safety force. Members of the auxiliary

detail work at no pay to provide crowd control at special events, such as the annual Fourth of July fireworks show. Volunteer officers also provide surveillance for police.

"They put themselves at risk," Novitke said.

"Anthony Buccinna made my job a lot easier," said Mike Makowski, public safety director. "Thank you for the words of wisdom you

offered me over the years."

Addressing Mack, Makowski said, "Ed was one of the most dependable auxiliary officers we had. I liked to call him Steady Eddie."

"It's been 30 years of interesting service," said Buccinna. "I can't say enough about the public safety department."

Makowski said, "Remember us and the friends you had."

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Airport board: Fiscal reform or land grab?

Last week Gov. John Engler signed a bill, passed by both houses of the state Legislature, creating a seven-member authority to run Metro Airport.

"The new authority will have full control over all airport facilities and operations, including maintenance and security as well as construction or expansion projects," said a statement released by the governor's office. "Members of the authority will be held to the same ethics standards as other public officials and will have an independent audit committee."

Of the seven members appointed to the newly created Detroit Metropolitan Airport Authority, three are Grosse Pointe Farms residents: Michael Glusac, William T. McCormick Jr., James B. Nicholson.

Glusac is one of Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara's four appointments (along with Wayne

Opinion

Doran, Vernice D. Anthony and Kenneth Hollowell); McCormick and Nicholson are the governor's two choices. The Wayne County Commission, which opposes the creation of this new authority, will select the seventh member.

We have nothing against those named to the authority, but we are always leery about unelected entities determining how taxpayer dollars are spent. And our county commissioner agrees.

"Now there will be another layer of government, who are unelected, accountable to no one, spending taxpayer and tourist dollars. Taxpayers will not have a say in what goes on at the airport," said Christopher Cavanagh, who represents Grosse Pointe, Harper Woods and the east side of Detroit on the Wayne County Commission. "There is no precedent for this."

Cronyism and noncompetitive bids for contracts seemed to have been the rule rather than the exception with Metro Airport under McNamara. He even joked last week about whether his brother-in-law might be interested in one of the appointments. Cavanagh said changes have been made to prevent this practice from continuing.

"The steps we have taken make the commission comfortable that the problems we have had in the past won't come up again," he said. "We're the ones who are accountable to the voters and taxpayers."

The Federal Aviation Administration must approve the change in Metro Airport's governing authority before the new authority takes charge, and there looms a possible lawsuit the county commission says it could file challenging the law that created the new airport authori-

ty. We noticed that two of McNamara's appointments, Doran and Glusac, have strong land development backgrounds with Ford and Chrysler, respectively. Their appointments seem to have more to do with the county-owned land adjacent to Metro Airport than the airport itself.

Pinnacle Aeropark is the name of a 1,200-acre site near the airport where the county plans to have light manufacturing, a hotel, conference center and 18-hole golf course. The land has been paid for by the county through hotel and rental car taxes. Vague ballot language in 1996 enabled the county to use excess funds (voters thought were going only toward Comerica Park) in order to purchase land near the airport.

Despite the lofty projections of jobs to be created and revenues to be generated, is it wise for the county to turn over such valuable land to an unelected body? Some might say that tourists paid for the land, not Wayne County taxpayers. It doesn't matter. It's still county land, and to give it away makes no sense.

Is this an airport deal or a land deal? Perhaps the governor and county executive should answer this question.

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Casino deal 'dissed'

Detroit is the most populous city in the nation that still has council members elected at-large. This means that the council members can (and do) live in the most desirable neighborhoods while the rest of the city remains essentially unrepresented.

When there is a major downtown project, such as a new stadium or casino, council members don their shiny ceremonial hardhats and grab their golden shovels for the photo op.

Perhaps if the Detroit City Council members were concerned with improving the decaying neighborhoods where they should be residing, they wouldn't have their noses out of joint regarding the deal Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick negotiated with the city's three casinos.

As the temporary casinos approached the end of their agreements last week, Mayor Kilpatrick struck a tentative deal for permanent casinos that lets the city renege on paying back the \$150 million the casinos lent to the city to buy land along the river (where permanent casinos were to be built). Detroit will also receive \$102 million (\$34 million from each casino) over the next two years just for the privilege to operate in the city.

In exchange, the casinos were let loose from their original agreement to contribute \$63.5 million to a minority

business development fund. It is difficult to tell whether the city council is more upset about this concession or that they were "flimflammed" and "betrayed" by the mayor because they felt he went behind their backs.

"This takes disrespectful to a new level," said councilwoman Sheila Cockrell to The Detroit News. "Ain't no done deal until the council approves it," she told the Detroit Free Press.

After originally rejecting the mayor's request, saying it needed at least 60 days to examine the proposed deal, the council last Friday agreed to extend the casino decision 30 days.

Without a new agreement, the casinos, which employ more than 8,000 people and generate roughly \$8 million a month in tax revenue for Detroit, could shut down.

The city faces budget deficits and a debt that the \$102 million could help ease. Developing the riverfront will also cost money. Some of the \$102 million could and should be targeted for minority business development.

For too long members of the city council have let their egos stand in the way of progress, so it is refreshing to have a mayor not afraid to challenge them in order to get something done.

If the Detroit City Council wants to know how it feels to be left out of the loop, maybe they should ask the constituents they claim to represent.



Address comments to cartoonist Phil Hands at HANDSP@kenyon.edu

Letters

Lock up Fennell

To the Editor:

The reckless, inhumane and despicable events that occurred last July at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club reminds us why animal cruelty is a felony.

Before this summer, I never thought a group of six young adults, fellow Grosse Pointers, would be capable of torturing and watching the merciless suffering of 19 helpless horses, and yet elect to do absolutely nothing. A recent comment made in the March 27 edition of the Grosse Pointe Times by one of Steven Fennell's friends that they remanded him (Steven Fennell) because he was found not guilty of the most serious charge, made me realize the graveness of this crime had not been comprehended. The most important crime was not the loss of a barn, a material possession that can be replaced, but the loss of innocent lives.

Violent acts don't stop at animals. There are many types of vulnerable populations — not just those with four legs, fur or feathers. Studies show that animal abusers are five times more likely to commit violent crimes, such as assault, robbery or rape; four times more likely to commit property crimes; and three times more likely to be arrested for drug related offenses. It is beyond dispute that criminally violent humans are violent to humans and animals alike. One may not consider pets as family members, like I do, but the concern for human safety

should be reason enough to encourage animal abusers to be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

No matter what verdict the jury returned, I knew it would not bring my beloved pet and friend back to life or relieve any of the pain and suffering the animals endured. But I can only hope the lessons we have learned will prevent others from being subjected to reckless behavior, violence and pain.

First, we need to increase our sensitivity to the importance of using animal abuse as a predictor of future acts of violence. Second, we need to support animal cruelty prosecutions to deter animal abusers. If we can accomplish these two goals, the animals may not have died completely in vain.

Albert Einstein claimed the humanity of a society could be judged by the way that they treat their animals. The support and sympathetic response from this community has been heartwarming and given some solace. The message is clear: abuse an animal, go to jail.

Lynn Babcock
Grosse Pointe
Shores

Justice

To the Editor:

After reading the articles printed in the March 28 issue of the Grosse Pointe News, "Fennell guilty of animal cruelty, innocent of arson," and "Fennell does the crime, starts doing the time," my anger was rekindled at the thoughtless and irresponsible actions that led to the deaths of 19 horses

at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club. Animal lovers everywhere cry out for justice.

Yet at a time while Arafat and the Saudi Arabian princes are still giving speeches in Arabic calling for Israel to be swept into the sea, U.S. policy continues to treat Israel and the Palestinian terrorists the same.

How would Grosse Pointers react if a terrorist blew himself up in a coffeehouse over the Easter weekend, killing 20 of our friends and neighbors? Yet, acts like this happen in Israel every week, and no one here seems to care. In a recent letter printed in the Grosse Pointe News, March 14 issue, "Extremisms," the letter writer blamed the terrorism on the aggressive survival responses of the Israeli prime minister.

There is an attitude of appeasement in the United States that lashes out against Israel and sympathizes with Yasser Arafat and his terrorist minions. President Bush is even "hopeful" about the Arab League peace proposals from Beirut. If Israel is foolish enough to trust a peace treaty that opens their borders to an uncontrolled influx of sworn enemies to the Jewish people, Israel will cease to exist. Israel is the only democratic country in that region. Israel is our only true ally.

At the same time that President Bush attempts to intimidate Israel into accepting a "suicidal" peace proposal, the United States is sending our troops to root

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The Asset Approach: Giving kids what they need to succeed

The Search Institute (www.search-institute.org) has identified 40 building blocks (or assets) that help young people grow up healthy, caring, and responsible. Each week the Grosse Pointe News will highlight one "asset" and provide several ideas to help parents and young people support that "asset" in their home, school, and community.

Asset No. 8: Youth as resources — young people are given useful roles in the community.

Ideas for parent(s):

1. Involve your children in family decisions. Ask for their input and advice. Take their interests, talents and opinions seriously.

2. Provide your children with age-appropriate roles that contribute to your family's well being. Remind them that their contributions are important to the family as a whole.

3. In the community, work to encourage the perception that youth are resources with skills, talents and abilities to be tapped, as opposed to problems to be controlled.

4. Include young people on neighborhood and community boards and councils. Give them opportunities to take leadership roles and make real contributions.

Ideas for young people:

1. Spend less time in front of the TV, surfing the Net or hanging out so you have more time for other things, such as helping around the house, serving in the community or visiting with a neighbor. Doing something that matters is a great way to build your sense of self-worth and self-esteem.

2. Think of useful, meaningful things you can do for other people, present them with gift certificates describing what you'll do and when.

3. Get involved in "decision making" clubs or committees at your school, church or sports team.

4. Don't wait to be given a useful role in your community; jump in by volunteering your time, talent, and abilities.

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Spring is in the air

I walked out of my front door this morning and I could feel it, smell it and see it all around me. To me, it is the greatest moment — to know that spring is here. Doesn't it just spread a sense of glee? You can shove that box of scarves and gloves into the closet and pull out the T-shirts and sunglasses. After I left my house, I did my favorite thing to do in Grosse Pointe: I rolled down the windows in my car, turned up the radio real loud and drove down Lakeshore, going nowhere and having the greatest time. Spring is such a pleasant season. But I think it is only truly appreciated in the Midwest. Everybody has cabin fever and is on the edge of their seats, desper-

ately waiting to hear the birds chirping and cheering in the baseball stands. Michigan has a way of teasing us, too. We'll have that great 60-degree day where everyone will wear shorts and the Floridians think we're nuts. But we pray for it to last. The next day? It snows. Each morning we have to guess what the weather will be like because nobody wants to walk out the front door wearing sandals and step into a foot of snow. So when it's finally here, when the boaters get out their gear and the freeways are filled with construction, everybody is cheering. Just think about the opportunities: All of my favorite things to do involve the weather being at least 70 degrees. Each activity is one in which I can just sit back, smile and close my eyes (except driving down Lakeshore — that would be dangerous). I picture myself on my



I Say

Jennie Miller

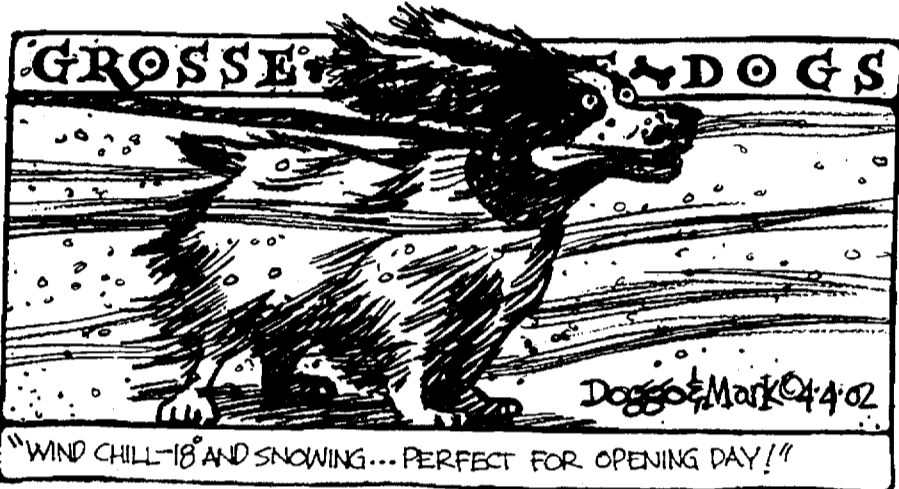
friend's boat — wait, change that — next to the boat, floating on Lake St. Clair in an inner tube. We're anchored somewhere between the Farms Pier and the Canadian coast. It took us a half hour to get the anchor to stay put, and we have a focal point to keep an eye on to make sure we're not drifting. She's blasting the radio. I smell like coconut surtlan lotion and I'm singing along with the music. A jet ski comes flying by, close enough to splash me and make me scream with delight, and speeds off to annoy other boaters. Aaah, paradise. This is fun. Next: I'm in the stands at Comerica Park, watching a new season of Tiger baseball. I have a jumbo cup of beer in my hand that I almost spill trying to do the wave. Everyone scampers in a frenzy, attempting to catch a foul ball that flies into the crowd and my friend is the lucky one with the sore palm and a baseball to wave around and say "I caught it!" How about eating a turkey sandwich and a fruit salad outside under a canopy? My friend just screamed and jumped from her chair because a bee

landed on her arm (she hates bees). We're in the Village, watching passers-by, moms with strollers and rollerbladers who sometimes fall on the sticky tar that is melting in the street from the sun. Or just walking down the street, my two dogs pulling me so hard that my arm is almost coming out of its socket. One of them sees a squirrel and they both take off — I have to let go — and I fall on someone's fresh, green lawn. My dogs return, of course, because they are so well-behaved. This spring, I am taking golf lessons with my sister. I like to go golfing with my dad but he never lets me play because I'm horrible. I used to just drive around in the cart and be his caddie (and laugh when his ball goes in the water) but this spring I'm determined to learn. I've got my mom's old clubs and I'm dressed to the nines in my khakis and polo shirt. Look out, Chandler

Park, here I come. The spring makes me want to act like a child. There are some things I love to do that, frankly, I'm too old to be seen doing. Running like an idiot and doing cartwheels through the sprinkler is one of them. I feel like doing it though — the sprinkler is right outside — but my cartwheel needs some practice. So it's here, I get to frolic and I'm so glad. I can't be silly in the winter — its just too cold to keep the smile on my face as my fingers get numb trying to make a solid snowball. I am going shopping tomorrow to buy a new bathing suit and I just painted my toenails pink. The flowers are starting to bloom and I just saw a convertible drive by with the top down. My car is shiny after waiting in line for a half hour at Mr. C's, but a bird has already left its mark on the window. Spring is finally here.

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The Op-Ed Page



Visit the Grosse Pointe Dogs website: <http://gpdogs.keenspace.com>

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by Ben Burns

Rotary's Carmen

The list of attractions at the Grosse Pointe Rotary's bi-annual auction to raise money for its charitable causes will range from beauty to the bizarre on Saturday, April 13, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.



Honorary Chair **Ben Burns** **Carmen Harlan**, the reigning queen of Detroit television anchors, will headline the evening.

But in addition to the usual round of cottage rentals, V.I.P. tours of the U.S. Capitol, art work, sports mementoes and dinners cooked by amateur chefs like myself, there is, perhaps the most unusual piece of Detroit Tiger memorabilia ever collected from baseball's 1984 World Series.

It is a small, purple plastic box that once contained the ashes of a life-long Detroit Tigers fan, whose dying wish was to have her remains scattered at Tiger Stadium. After Tiger management turned down the request as improper and illegal, the woman's friends asked **Charlie Manos**, then of the City of Grosse Pointe and a Detroit News columnist, now deceased, for help.

Early on the morning of Oct. 13, 1984, Manos entered Tiger Stadium and scattered the woman's ashes in the batters' boxes. She got her wish and the Tigers went on to victory on the strength of Grosse Pointer **Kirk Gibson's** homeruns — hit while standing on a loyal fan's ashes, according to Manos.

Crossroads

Just a few blocks west of Grosse Pointe Park on Jefferson, there is an office of hope at 14641 E. Jefferson, called Crossroads.

It is an ecumenical, non-profit social service organization that tries to catch the folks falling through the cracks between various government agencies serving the poor. Its volunteer counselors interview potential clients, then help folks get prescriptions filled in emergencies, arrange for new state ID cards or just get bus tickets to get to a new job. The mission also provides food and clothing and operates a soup kitchen on Sundays.

Sometimes these crucial interviews with volunteer

counselors can take an hour as clients explain their situations and the volunteers try to figure out how Crossroads can help with its limited resources. Sometimes the counseling can be a major step forward in a person's life, said Executive Director Mary Honsel, a former Pointer, now of St. Clair Shores.

Honsel is appealing for volunteers to work the three-hour shifts at the east-side office in space leased from St. Columba Church, where they have an acute shortage of counselors. You can work once a week or once every other week, according to Honsel. And if you don't feel up to counseling, she needs receptionists and appointment schedulers, who answer phones.

Anyone interested should call Honsel at (313) 831-2787. Crossroads has scheduled a training session on Saturday, April 13, to learn about procedures and be paired with a mentor for the first several interviews. Or learn more about Crossroads at crossroads-softmichigan.org on your computer.

There are more than 30 of your Grosse Pointe friends and neighbors already working with Crossroads so you are likely to run into someone you know. "Over the years I have learned a lot about the resiliency of the human spirit," said **Eric Pope**, of the

Park. "I always feel that I have received more than I have given when I volunteer at Crossroads."

Art impresario

Robert Maniscalco hosts the opening reception of his new gallery at 17728 Mack, between Rivard and University on Saturday, April 6, from 6 to 9 p.m. The current exhibition, featuring art inspired by his Italian honeymoon, runs through May 25. You can check his web site at MascalcoGallery.com for more details.

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Thank the milkman

This just in: Grosse Pointe Woods resident **Barbara Roshak** breathlessly called the Grosse Pointe News on Tuesday morning as we were going to press.

On that cold, rainy, spring morning, Roshak lit a fire in here fireplace to ward of the damp chill. However, before she could react, the fire roared out of its containment, her family room filled

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Streetwise



By Suzy Bushback

Question of the Week:

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Tracy, Norman and Katherine Bird

"Maybe the parks could offer weekend dances or concerts with parent chaperones. The cities could recruit volunteer community service workers, such as Volunteer Impact does. Maybe the Neighborhood Club could offer teenage weekend activities like one evening programs or events." — Tracy Bird, Grosse Pointe Farms (with Norman and Katherine)

"A good movie theater, so that we don't have to drive so far and a teen night club." — Vanessa Vernick, Grosse Pointe Park



Vanessa Vernick

"I'm in Grosse Pointe Theater and we would love to have them join. They could act, paint scenery, learn the lights; there are lots of jobs to do. It is very social for young adults on up." — Jann Height, St. Clair Shores



Jann Height

"I think there should be nonalcoholic dance clubs with DJs or bands. Maybe the bands could compete like Battle of the Bands did. It would be great if the club served food like pizza." — Natalie Humphrey, Grosse Pointe Farms (with Julia Kirk)



Natalie Humphrey and Julia Kirk

"I'd like to see a movie theater, and a dance club with bands. A place to listen to music and talk. More teenage-friendly restaurants and stores would be nice. More stores for our age group too." — Mallory Miller, City of Grosse Pointe



Mallory Miller

"I play hockey and right now we have to have all our games downtown. I would like to have a year-round rink to play on more in Grosse Pointe." — Ale Brooks, Grosse Pointe Park



Ale Brooks

Suzy Berschback is a freelance photographer in Grosse Pointe Farms and co-author of "Grosse Pointe 1880-1930. She welcomes suggestions for questions to her e-mail address at Berschback@aol.com.

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ULS welcomes reps from 120 colleges

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, April 9, University Liggett School will host a college fair as a service for parents and future college students in the entire community.

Admissions and alumnae representatives from 120 colleges across the country are scheduled to attend the fair.

"This college fair is not just for Liggett students and

parents, but for the entire east side," said Carl Ahlgren, director of college guidance at ULS.

The event was organized in conjunction with Detroit's Cass Tech, where the representatives will be visiting in the morning. This is the only college fair available in the area in the spring.

According to Ahlgren, the fair offers parents and students the opportunity to ask preliminary questions and

narrow their college search. He encourages individuals to be proactive during the experience.

The representatives will answer questions and offer literature about each specific college.

They will be prepared to discuss issues such as academic programs, extra-curricular activities, financial aid, community lifestyle and scholarship opportunities.

"What is important is that

individuals leave the fair with the education of what opportunities are available — it makes for a stronger applicant to understand what a particular college stands for," said Ahlgren.

The fair will be held in the main gym of the Cook Road campus from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tables will be set up alphabetically with brochures available for each college.

Students show appreciation for America

Three students from Our Lady Star of the Sea School have been named local winners in the 33rd annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

The three students who earned first, second and third place awards are Marsia Thomas, Peter Loy and Alexa Bergamo.

The topic of the 2001-2002 contest was "Why I am grateful to America's veterans."

Several thousand eighth-grade students from 525 Michigan schools participated in the contest.

As the school's first-place winner, Thomas' name will be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the



Pictured are America & Me contest winners from Our Lady Star of the Sea School; from left, Marsia Thomas, Peter Loy, Alexa Bergamo and language arts teacher LeeAnne Shaheen.

school. Her essay now advances to the state level competition, from which the top ten essays in Michigan will be selected.

Thomas was also named a local winner in the America & Me Poetry Contest.

The top ten statewide winners, who will be announced in April, will receive plaques, cash and U.S. savings bonds valued from \$500 to \$1,000.

In addition, the top ten writers will be honored at a banquet in Lansing, meet with Michigan's top governmental leaders and be the featured guests at a Lansing Lugnuts minor league baseball game dedicated in their honor.

St. Paul takes 11th place in science Olympiad

Twelve eighth-grade students represented St. Paul Catholic School at the largest science Olympiad in the United States. Overall, St. Paul took 11th place out of 43 schools participating in the event.

Pictured is the team that includes Kristen Jost and Katie Murray, who each received first place ribbons for their category. Kathleen Reaume and Katie Knieser earned second place standings.

Other winning participants were Jayne Mitchell, Laura Bodien, Nick Labay, Beth Allison, Christoph Tallieroo, Emma Foley, Meredyth Lacombe and Christian Blaski.

Blood Drive at South

On Friday, April 12, the National Honors Society Blood Drive will be held in the girl's gym at Grosse Pointe South High School. Appointments to donate blood between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. can be made during lunchtime in the main hallway.

HW winter guard members win at state competition

By Jason Sweeney
Staff Writer

The Harper Woods High School Winter Guard team has continued its winning ways with three individual awards at the state level.

Winter guard, an athletic activity which started as a portion of marching band shows, has become a widely popular activity.

It combines choreographed dance, flag saber and rifle routines performed and rated by six separate judges.

The three-year-old program at Harper Woods High School has become a strong contender in the sport with a fourth place finish in the state last year.

The team has had two first place finishes this year through 10 competitions with their worst finish being fourth place.

Part of the reason behind such a strong team became evident Saturday, March 16.

Junior Stephanie Sturton won the individual competition in the Michigan A division, performing to "Angel" by Sarah McLaughlin.

"I don't know that I want to be known as the best," said Sturton, who is in her

first year of Winter Guard competition, "but it's an example that if you put your heart and mind into something, you can do it."

Right behind her in the standings was senior and co-captain of the squad, Lindi Starr. Starr performed to music from the "Center Stage" soundtrack.

Starr explained the individual competition as "building a routine to show off what you've learned and to have fun."

Rounding out the trio of winners was Laura Wright, a sophomore who took second place in the saber category.

Wright performed to "Higher Ground" by the Red Hot Chili Peppers, saying she chose the song for its high energy level and sound.

All three girls, however, said that they are first and foremost a part of the team.

"I worked very hard," Sturton said. "The whole team did all season."

That hard work, Starr said, should pay off for the team Saturday, April 6, when they compete at the state championships, held at Saginaw Valley State University.

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Students celebrate pi

Students at St. Paul Catholic School celebrated Pi Day on March 14. The date coincides with the mathematical symbol pi — 3.14 — as well as Albert Einstein's birthday.

In the morning, eighth-graders gave a lesson to younger students about the value, meaning and uses of pi. They then measured circular objects, such as coffee cans, to determine the presence of pi in daily life.

Students also participated in face-painting, as pictured above, using creative ways to depict pi. During lunch, every student could each enjoy a piece of pie, courtesy of the seventh- and eighth-grade students, who brought in \$3.14 each.

The seventh-graders put on a play at the end of the day, showing pi in a fun way.

Students test geography skills

On Friday, April 5, two Grosse Pointe students will be participating in the state geography bee at Central Michigan University.

Parcells Middle School student Eric Jenkins and University Liggett School student Lindsay Brownell qualified to compete against 105 other students in the state finals. Jenkins and Brownell won their school geography bees and earned a top score on a written exam.

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Lights out

A 17-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms male stopped by City of Grosse Pointe public safety officers not only never obtained a driver's license but didn't know how to turn the lights on in the vehicle he was driving.

Officers spotted the 2001 Jeep Cherokee traveling eastbound on St. Clair without lights on in the evening of Monday, March 25. The driver told an officer he was driving his parents' vehicle and didn't know how to turn the lights on.

The Jeep was impounded and the driver was issued citations for driving without having obtained a license and driving without headlights on.

Courting the system

A 21-year-old Detroit man looking for the 41st District Court in St. Clair Shores wound up getting himself another court date, this time in Grosse Pointe Shores.

A Shores public safety officer who offered to assist the man, who was driving on Lakeshore at Crestwood with his hazard lights on at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, discovered the driver had nine suspensions on his driver's license. The driver also had an expired and altered handicapped parking permit hanging from his rear view mirror.

The driver was released on \$100 bond and is scheduled to appear in the Shores Municipal Court.

Lost and found

A 2001 black Jeep Cherokee taken sometime between 10 p.m. Monday, March 25, and 8 a.m. Tuesday, March 26, from a lot in the back of the 17500 block of Mack in the City of Grosse Pointe was found the next day in the Ninth Precinct in Detroit.

Entry into the vehicle was gained by smashing a driver's side window. The vehicle was found with a punched ignition.

Looking to get caught

Three men couldn't have found a worse place to arouse suspicion of their activities: the Grosse Pointe Shores municipal building parking lot.

After spotting a patrol car in an adjacent lot, the driver took off southbound on Lakeshore, then westbound on Vernier, where he was stopped. When the officer asked the driver and the passengers about their bloodshot eyes and the odor associated with marijuana coming from the car, the driver said, "Yes, we had a few drinks and smoked a blunt about an hour ago."

A search of the vehicle turned up a pipe bong, rolling papers and a blunt cigarette that tested positive for marijuana.

The car was towed and impounded. The driver and a passenger, both 18 year olds from Warren, posted bond. The second passenger, an 18-year-old Madison Heights man, is still in custody.

Taking pennies from puppies

The question isn't "how much is that doggie in the window?" but "How much money did someone steal from a Michigan Humane Society donation canister that was taken from the counter of a store in the Village?"

The canister was noticed missing from a store in the 16900 block of Kercheval in the City of Grosse Pointe sometime between Thursday, March 28, and 1 p.m. Friday, March 29.

Wallet stolen

Between 2 a.m. Sunday, March 24, and 8 a.m. Monday, March 25, someone broke into a 1994 blue Honda Civic parked in the 300 block of Fisher in Grosse Pointe Farms and stole a wallet containing \$300 cash, a debit card and a store charge card.

Parking lot detail

While patrolling a commercial parking lot in the 20400 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods, a public safety officer learned of a suspicious man pushing an empty shopping cart between parked cars and looking in windows.

The officer followed the man as he got in a teal 1994 Plymouth four-door and drove away on northbound Mack. The officer pulled the man over for speeding in the area of Beaufait.

Investigation turned quickly into an arrest because the man, a 48-year-old Detroit resident, had three criminal bench warrants, two parole violations and eight driving suspensions.

He didn't have a driver's license, but presented the officer with a Michigan Department of Corrections prisoner card. Woods police held the man until Monday, when corrections officers took him away.

What's going on?

Grosse Pointe Farms public safety officers who went to a private club on Country Club Drive "to see what was going on" found five young adults saying they were doing the same thing.

The officers were called out by the club staff around 8:45 p.m. on Friday, March 29, to investigate suspicious activity in a 2001 red Land Rover Discovery in their parking lot.

The driver of the SUV, a 18-year-old City of Grosse Pointe woman, said, "We're just seeing what's going on."

What the officers noticed what was going on involved a strong odor thought to be marijuana coming from the vehicle.

A search of the vehicle turned up trace amounts of suspected marijuana between the passenger seat and the gear console and two glass pipes and a "nickel bag" of suspected marijuana in a purse on the driver's seat.

The driver and two of four passengers, both 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Park men, were arrested for violation of a controlled substance and possession of narcotic paraphernalia.

He who hesitates

On Friday, March 29, at 3:17 a.m., a Grosse Pointe Woods patrolman became suspicious while watching the driver of a 1999 Dodge sit for 30 seconds at a green light on northbound Mack at Vernier. Shortly after the driver proceeded through the intersection, the officer pulled him to the curb.

The man, a 29-year-old Detroit resident, said he had been drinking but wasn't drunk. The man thought he was driving on Cadeux, thought it was 2 a.m., and couldn't find his vehicle registration although the officer saw the man holding the certificate "in his hand the whole time."

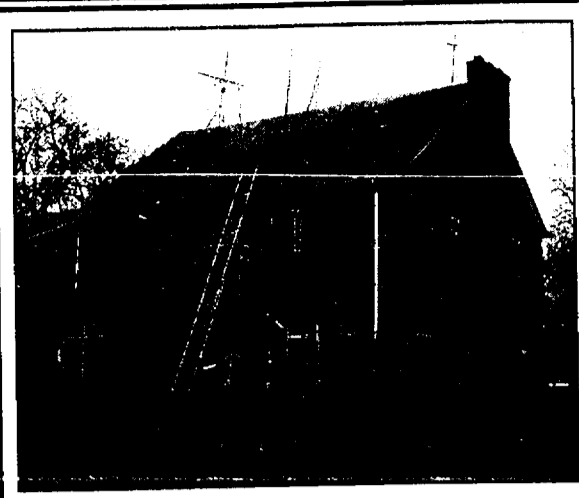
The man took a Breatherizer test and registered a .14 percent blood alcohol level. He was cited for drunken driving, spent the night in jail and assigned an April 10 court date.

Mystery cruise

The U.S. Coast Guard assisted a private Grosse Pointe Shores club in retrieving an unmanned sailboat that washed upon the shore of Lake St. Clair at Lochmoor in the Shores on Monday, March 25, at about 10:25 a.m.

The sailboat apparently drifted away on its own from the club's harbor.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS



Fisher fire

A fire that originated from the stove area of the kitchen in the 700 block of Fisher in the City of Grosse Pointe called out firefighters from the City, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe Shores at 12:21 p.m. Tuesday, April 2. The fire spread to the second floor and through the roof. No one was in the house at the time of the fire.

Conflict resolution

A lunchroom food fight between male students spilled onto the 800 block of Hidden Lane Wednesday, March 27, at around 3 p.m.

Residents of the neighborhood broke up the fight and called Grosse Pointe Woods police. Officers rounded up the combatants. There were no injuries.

The area of Hidden Lane near the school has been the focus of increased police patrols. Officers are trying to put an end to students loitering.

Thefts on Devonshire

A stolen 2000 Jeep Cherokee Sport, stolen from behind a home in the 1300 block of Devonshire in Grosse Pointe Park during the early hours of Sunday, March 31, was recovered

shortly thereafter in the 2900 block of Cray in Detroit.

At the same time the Jeep was stolen, thieves entered a garage in the 1200 block of Devonshire, searched three unlocked vehicles and stole a Phillips portable CD players and Nokia cellular telephone.

Oven fire

On Thursday, March 21, at 8:48 p.m., all fire apparatus in Grosse Pointe Park responded to an oven fire in the 1300 block of Beaconsfield. Officers extinguished the fire and cleared smoke from the house.

— Brad Lindberg

House fire

Neighbors called the fire department at 10:20 a.m. Wednesday, March 27, when they saw smoke billowing from the roof of a house in the 21700 block of Bournemouth.

Harper Woods fire officers reported to the scene and contained the fire to the attic, where a heater had been stored, by punching a hole in the roof and tearing down portions of the home's ceiling.

The homeowners were not present at the time of the fire, and no one was hurt in what is suspected to be an accident.

Funny money

A customer of one of the stores in Eastland Center was questioned by police after attempting to pay for his purchases with a counterfeit \$20 bill Thursday, March 28.

The man said he had no idea the bill was fake and did not know where it had come from. The bill had no watermark and was printed on the wrong type of paper.

Grab and go

Approximately \$300 was stolen from the register of a market in the 19300 block of Kelly on Friday, March 29.

While a woman was having her groceries rung up by the clerk at 2:15 p.m., a man shoved the shopper out of the way, grabbed the \$20 bills from the till and made a run for the door. Harper Woods police responded to the robbery but were unable to find the man, who fled the scene in a late model Toyota.

Robber caught

Harper Woods police responded to the silent alarm of a bank in the 19600 block of Kelly at approximately 12:30 p.m., Friday, March 29.

The first officer on the scene saw the third-strike offender leaving the bank after the man had demanded \$100 and \$50 bills from a teller, holding the woman at gun-point.

The officer chased down the man with his service shotgun drawn and ordered the Detroit man to the sidewalk. More officers arrived, and the thief was taken into custody and placed under

\$100,000 bond.

No one was hurt in the robbery, and the more than \$2,000 was returned to the bank.

Where's my wallet?

A member of a gym in the 19100 block of Vernier returned from his workout and shower to find his wallet missing on Friday, March 29.

The lock on the man's locker showed no signs of tampering but the wallet, three credit cards, drivers license and other identification were gone.

Botched bike burglary

A young girl, playing in front of her home in the 20400 block of Washtenaw was approached by a would-be criminal Saturday, March 30.

The man first asked, then demanded the girl hand over her bicycle at 7:45 p.m. He seemed to be concealing some sort of weapon in his pocket.

When a car came down the street, the suspect got scared and fled across I-94, through the Queen of Peace baseball diamonds.

Traffic safety officer Ralph Selvaggi is happy to answer any questions regarding enforcement in Harper Woods. E-mail questions to: SelvaggiR@harperwoodsposlice.org. Please include a contact number and a return E-mail address.

— Jason Sweeney

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Sadie Sutton

Hometown: Grosse Pointe Farms.

Place of birth: Unknown. She was adopted from the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society.

Breed: Mixed mutt.

Family: The Suttons and sibling cats: Jax and Josie, also adopted from the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society.

Best friends: Dr. Pat O'Brien and Skip Gibson.

Future plans: Keep squirrels out of the back yard, accompany everyone on short car rides, go for many walks, many times a day.

Favorite toys: Rope, and her "babies" (little stuffed animals).

Favorite activity: Eating, being brushed.

Favorite words: Walk, bye bye, cookie and go.

If you would like to submit your "Pet Pointer of Interest," deliver or mail a typed outline and photograph to the Grosse Pointe News, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, or e-mail to postmaster@grossepointenews.com (photos must be high resolution).



Sadie Sutton

Letters

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out terrorism in the caves of Afghanistan.

In the meantime, Saudi Arabia continues to finance anti-U.S. terrorism across the world. Fifteen of the 19 terrorists from Sept. 11 were Saudis. Bin Laden is a Saudi. The Saudis pay the families of Palestinian suicide bombers handsome rewards to compensate the heroic deaths of their sons. Saudi financed terrorism is daily striking out against Christians and other non-Muslim religions all over the world.

We, as Americans, have the blood of over 3,000 murdered Americans crying out for justice. The United States must have the guts to take the anti-terrorism fight to the palaces of Saudi Arabia where the head of the snake is directing the action against us.

If the local judge decided that in no way involve the case was dismissed, there would be a cry of outrage heard from Grosse Pointe to Lansing.

We apply that same empathy and outrage as we firmly stand behind Israel as

they fight for their very survival. The United States should not force Israel to accept any bad treaties that oppress the enemies of our freedom or the freedom of Israel.

Sears Taylor
Grosse Pointe Park

Respectful

To the Editor:

I just wanted to compliment the Grosse Pointe News on its fine and respectful stories. I have been reading the Grosse Pointe News ever since I moved to the area over 15 years ago.

The paper reports on Grosse Pointe news, the stories involving Grosse Pointe. The paper does not just print a story because it involves a Grosse Pointe resident.

So many local papers print stories about residents that in no way involve the city or town they cover. They print these stories with the sole intent of ruining the reputation of the resident when the issue involves non-local city or town affairs.

I had a friend who got into trouble with the Internal Revenue Service. She pleaded guilty to tax fraud and was

extremely upset and worried that the Grosse Pointe News would print her story. The sole intent of the story would have brought shame to her when the issue in no way involved Grosse Pointe. She is a very proud person so a story like this would have probably forced her to move out of the area and put her into a deep depression, unable to face her friends.

She and I were very happy that the Grosse Pointe News chose not to print this story even though the Internal Revenue Service issued a press release to the Grosse Pointe News. So many local papers go out of their way to print negative articles about their residents. I could understand if the intent of the story was to protect fellow citizens but when an issue arises that in no way impacts the local residents, it should not be published.

The Grosse Pointe News also does not print the names of the perpetrators in the public safety section of the paper. The news does a good service by telling the story and details, but leaves out the names and only prints the age and city of residence of the defendants.

I commend the Grosse Pointe News on this as these people are in enough trouble without having to deal with

nosy neighbors who relish in another person's failure, who would not know of the issue had it not been published.

Thank you again for your respectful reporting and the decency to protect the privacy of fellow Grosse Pointe residents.

Jane Grant
Grosse Pointe Park

Well-read

To the Editor:

I just have to thank the Grosse Pointe News for printing the SOC Options article, "SOC seeks donations of old cell phones," in the March 21 issue of the Grosse Pointe News.

The office at the Services for Older Citizens had a waiting list for cell phones. Several people in the office said I must be nuts when I told them I was writing the article about the cell phones. They figured we would get loads of calls for phones and just make our waiting list longer and longer.

Well, the calls did come in. When I left the office today we had 68 cell phones, with chargers and batteries!

Thanks so much, without the Grosse Pointe News we would still be looking at our waiting list and hoping for a way to get cell phones.

You'd be surprised how many 40- to 60-year-olds read the senior page of the Grosse Pointe News. Most of the phones came from that age group.

Sharon Maier
Executive Director
Services for Older Citizens

Registered

To the Editor:

I happened to go for gas at a gas station on Sunday, March 10, and put my credit card into the pump as I normally do. The pump read one moment please, and I stood there freezing while one of the attendants was talking to another customer. After some time the attendant turned and told me he would turn the pump on.

I then proceeded to pump my gas and since I never take a receipt, I drove away. I did some errands and returned home and about an hour later the police were at my door with two squad cars, accusing me of driving off without paying for my gas.

Needless to say it was very embarrassing and the officers indicated that they would deliver the \$14 to the gas station.

I contacted the manager of the gas station and questioned him as to why this happened and he really had no explanation, other than to say that according to their computer my card did not register.

Word of advice: Be careful if you're using a credit card, particularly at gas stations, and make sure it registers or you too could receive a visit from the local police.

Stephen L. Kinsley
Grosse Pointe Farms

FYI

From page 7A

with smoke and the fire alarm went off.

She tried to call 911, but could not get through. As panic was setting in, she heard a loud pounding on her front door. There to the rescue was Steve Brancato of Washington Township.

Brancato is the "milkman" who drives the familiar Old Fashioned Country Dairy truck.

"He reached right into the flames without any protection other than his work gloves," Roshak said. "At first he couldn't pull the chain to open the flue, so he used the poker."

Roshak reports that Brancato was not burned or otherwise injured.

"He's my hero for life," Roshak gushed.

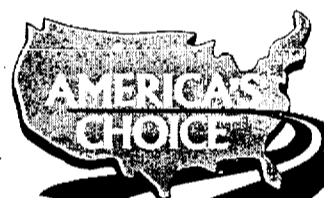
As for the alarm, she is going to have it checked. Apparently it never went through and no public safety officers arrived at the scene.

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Respite: The gift of time

By Jason Sweeney
Staff Writer

At some point, every parent wants to regain his or her identity as a person instead of being Billy's mom or Jill's dad, they simply want a few hours away from the constant effort involved in raising a child.

For parents of developmentally disabled children, this can be an even more difficult feat. These parents on the east side will have a better chance thanks to a "gift of time."

That gift comes in the form of a respite care program coordinated by the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods Arc and the Children's Home of Detroit.

Arc, the largest support and advocacy group for the mentally retarded and developmentally disabled in the United States has had an active chapter in the area for most of its 52 year history.

Members of the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods Arc contacted the Children's Home of Detroit, known for its work with youth, nearly six months ago with the idea of establishing the respite care.

Lynn Meier, president of the local chapter, said that until now, parents of children who might use respite care were forced to use facilities in downtown Detroit or on the west side of Wayne County.

"We wanted to make it available for the community here," Meier said.

Laura Kellet is a member of the local Arc chapter and is mother to Annie, a 15-year-old girl who was born with Down syndrome.

When asked if she thought the new program was important she said without thinking, "Absolutely."

"Since we've had Annie, we've come to know a lot of families with children with a variety of special needs," Kellet said.

"To be perfectly honest," she said, "Annie is a star, a best case scenario."

Annie is high function, which means she talks, cares about her appearance and watches sitcoms like "Full House" on TV like many other teenagers do.

Kellet said she's never had a hard time finding someone to babysit between friends and relatives, but that many people are not so lucky.

"We've seen the levels of

"It's incredibly hard for parents," Lizza said explaining that without something like respite care, parents of the developmentally disabled feel they are abandoning their children.

"You need a loving environment where there are well-trained people," Kellet said. This (the Children's Home) is a warm and nurturing setting."

Meier said that is the main reason why the service at the Children's Home fits the needs of the group so well.

"They're already geared to so many of the issues that our parents face."

The director of the Children's Home, Michael Horowitz, said he was excited about the possibility of the program from the beginning.

"When they approached us I said, 'Let's start working on it.'"

Having dealt with parents and children on a daily basis with emotional problems, Horowitz said it is nearly impossible to overvalue a respite program.

"I know that for those parents," he said, "a respite of one day or a weekend makes a tremendous difference."

The parents are allowed to not worry and not feel guilty about it.

Horowitz said the same 365 day a year staff would be the caregivers for the program and that they are all trained in behavior management, CPR and other skills. All of these factors make it an easier decision for parents to entrust their child.

The service will be offered from Friday evening to Sunday evening.

"There has never been a place in the Pointes or even on the east side for families to take a child," Kellet said, "for a break or vacation or even a family emergency."

Parents will be able to have a child stay through one or two days.

The Arc

Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods

The children's Home of Detroit

exhaustion that can come for the families," Kellet said. "I've seen children who are profoundly delayed but are also hyperactive."

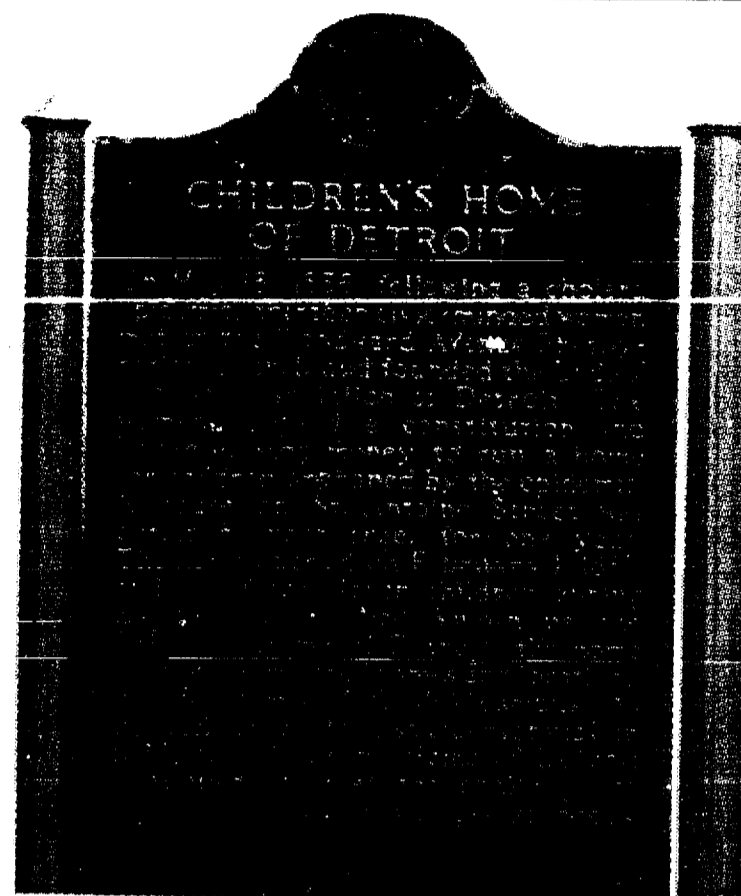
Certain problems are extremely taxing upon parents let alone relatives and babysitters.

Kellet and Meier agreed, there has to be a level of comfort in a caregiver, and many are not able or willing to learn or become comfortable with caring for the developmentally disabled.

Common issues with many of the children include conveyance, speech and communication in general, and feeding.

"These are all activities that for a regular babysitter or even a caregiver would not even be considerations," Meier said.

This leads some parents of the disabled to be even more protective of their children, said Kellet and Jeanne Lizza, another member of the Arc.



A historical marker at Children's Home of Detroit is shown above. Below from left, are Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods Arc members Jeanne Lizza, Laura Kellet and daughter Annie Kellet, Children's Home director Michael Horowitz, Arc treasurer Ralph Wieme, president Lynn Meier, Eleanor Grifo, Eugene Ignasiak, Michael Liddane and Dorothy Ignasiak.



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Grosse Pointe's Arthritis Walk is Sunday, April 14

The Arthritis Foundation's annual fundraiser, the Arthritis Walk, will be held in Grosse Pointe, Birmingham and Northville beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, April 14. Grosse Pointe walkers can select a 2-mile, 5-mile or 7-mile course beginning and ending at Maire Elementary School, 740 Cadieux in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The Grosse Pointe News and Connection newspapers is one of the local sponsors of this fundraiser that combines a healthy activity with a chance to raise funds to fight a disease that affects one out of every six people.

Arthritis is not, as many believe, only an old person's disease. **Kathy Mooney**, 35, of Grosse Pointe Park was diagnosed with arthritis when she was 31 years old. She wasn't surprised, however.

"It's a family diagnosis," Mooney said. Her mother was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis at age 33. Mooney's two sisters also have the disease.

Mooney said that volunteering with the Arthritis Foundation is a family project. Her condition is not as severe as her mother's. She credits the successful management of her arthritis to new treatment methods as well as increased funding for research, scientific advancements, Arthritis Foundation programs and quality of life programs.

Although she may not be able to participate in the April 14 walk, Mooney's husband, son and daughter will take part in the event to raise money for the nearly 43 million Americans affected by the many forms of arthritis.

Valerie Stahl, 38, of Grosse Pointe Woods, also has arthritis. Her son **Charles**, 4, has juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. Her daughter **Veronica**, 10, has not shown signs of the disease.

"Yes, I am walking in the Arthritis Walk," Stahl said. "Last year was my first year. I did the 2-mile walk. I'll do two miles this year again. I'm collecting pledges now."

Stahl is a Girl Scout leader and hopes to get some of the scouts to walk with her.

"My son and I were both diagnosed with juvenile arthritis at age 1," she said. "Juvenile arthritis destroys joints; it doesn't deform. I've had 13 surgeries, a knee implant. I had the knuckles replaced on one hand. I had my jaw rebuilt when I was a teenager because it stopped growing."

"Arthritis hasn't stopped me. When I was a child, I just took aspirin. Medication is better these days."

Stahl takes medication every day and has an IV treatment every six weeks. "It works," she said. "Charles also takes daily medication and weekly injections. He keeps up, but he gets tired easily and then he hurts. People don't realize that even though he looks healthy, sometimes he wakes up in the morning with sore joints."

There are more than 100 different kinds of arthritis and related conditions, including osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, juvenile arthritis, fibromyalgia, lupus and osteoporosis.

Stahl believes in the programs and mission of the Arthritis Foundation. "All of the money raised is for research, education and new programs. AF uses the money wisely," she said.

The Birmingham walk starts at 9 a.m. at the Birmingham Family YMCA, 400 E. Lincoln in Birmingham. The Northville walk begins at 9 a.m. at the Northville Community Center Gymnasium, 303 W. Main Street in Northville.

Registrations will be accepted until Friday, April 12. Walk-ins with donations

are welcome on Sunday. For more information about the Arthritis Walk, call (800) 968-3030, ext. 233.

DIO fashion show: The Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology will hold a fashion show and luncheon fundraiser from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, at the Lochmoor Club.

Fashions will be by Chico's and proceeds from the event will be used by the Grosse Pointe Park-based charity, which helps the blind and visually impaired. The DIO is celebrating its 30th anniversary.

Grosse Pointe models include **Patricia Benz**, **Betsy Hessburg** and **Darlene Sulad**. Blind and visually impaired volunteers will also be models.

Tickets are \$30. For more information, call (313) 824-4710.

Fontbonne fashions: The Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital and Medical Center will hold its 37th annual fashion show, "Celebration of Style," on Wednesday, April 17, at Penna's of Sterling.

Fashions from local retailers will be presented and proceeds will go to the Anna and Henry Mok Diabetes Endowment at St. John Hospital to support physician and patient diabetes education and diabetes research programs.

The social hour will begin at 5 p.m.; dinner at 6:30 p.m.; followed by the show at 8 p.m. Raffle prizes include cash; jewelry; furs; a suite at Comerica Park for 15 people with tickets, parking, food and beverages; and the use of a five-bedroom condo in Keystone, Colo.

Honorary chairman is **Mary Suzanne Roehm**. **Debra Arnone** is general chairman of the event and **Lauren Clune** is co-chairman. **Lorna Zalenski** is president of the Fontbonne Auxiliary.

Members of the committee include **Michelle Accardo**, **Jean Azar**, **Nancy Breedlove**, **Liz Bsharah**, **Denise Calisi**, **Michelle Calisi**, **Mary Ellen Dakmak**, **Peggy Davis**, **Judy Dobbins**, **Cynthia Doherty**, **Alia**

Husseini, Ghada Khatib, **Diane Kratz**, **Vicki Liggett**, **Elaine Malcoun**, **Debra McCarty**, **JoAnn Miller**, **Marilee Rinke**, **Rajaa Saksouk**, **Linda**

Schaden, **Karen Stefani**, **Nicole Stewart**, **Jan Utter** and **Nawal Zayat**. Tickets to the fashion show are \$50 and seating is at tables for 10. For reser-

ervations or more information, call (313) 343-3675 weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

— Margie Reins Smith

Mother's Club

The Mother's Club of Grosse Pointe South will present a benefit luncheon, "May Your Dreams Come True," from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, in the school gymnasium. The event will showcase spring fashions from local stores **Bon Loot**, **Dawood**, **The Gap**, **Hickey's/Walton Pierce** and **Jane Woodbury**. Models will be students, teachers and members of the Mother's Club. **La Moda** salon will do the makeup and hair of the models.

The master of ceremonies will be **Bob Reynolds**, a local actor and comedian. Music for the fashion show will be by the **Grosse Pointe South Jazz Band**.

A benefit raffle will include jewelry, dinner theater packages, crystal, original artwork and home decor items. Proceeds from the event will benefit the enrichment programs supported by the Mother's Club and scholarships for South students.

Tickets are \$20. Raffle tickets are \$1 or six for \$5. For more information or to order tickets, call (313) 884-0203. From left, are luncheon co-chairmen **Cathy Grady**, **Julie Carlon** and **Nancy Altschuler**.



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Shown with a cutout photo of President George W. Bush are the children of the chairmen, **Mariann Bolton** and **Collette Kent**. From left, are **William Megan**, **Charlie** and **J.P. Bolton** and **Gregg**, **Gary** and **Kristen Kent**. For more information about tickets, call the school at (313) 884-1070.



Members of the Fontbonne Auxiliary are getting ready for a spring fashion show on Wednesday, April 17. Standing, from left, are **Debra Arnone**, fashion show chairman, and **Lorna Zalenski**, Fontbonne president. Seated, from left are Honorary Chairman **Mary Suzanne Roehm** and her mother, **Mary Louise Roehm**.

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Meetings

Tri Delta alums

The Detroit-Grosse Pointe alumnae chapter of Delta Delta Delta will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 9. The program, a slide show from Wild Birds Unlimited, will be "How to Landscape Your Backyard to Attract Birds." Dessert will be served. For more information or a reservation, call Beth Carpenter at (313) 884-1337.

Newcomers

The Grosse Pointe Newcomers Club will hold a progressive dinner party on Saturday, April 20. Couples meet at one house for appetizers, then go to other members' homes for dinner. Everyone meets at one house for dessert. Chairmen of the event are Keith and Stacy Spondike.

Membership in the Newcomers Club is open to any couple new to the Grosse Pointes in the last five years. Call membership chairmen Mike and Beth Kelly at (313) 882-2505 for more information.

G.P. Audubon

Grosse Pointe Audubon will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 15, at the Neighborhood Club. Paul Cypher, president of Southeast Michigan Raptor Research, will discuss the annual fall hawk migration over southeastern Michigan. The community is invited. For information, call (313) 885-6502.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Harper Woods will meet from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, at the Harper Woods Community Center for its 10th annual pasta dinner. The dinner includes pasta (all you can eat), salad, rolls, beverages and dessert. The evening includes a 50-50 raffle and door prizes. The community is invited and carry-outs will be available. The cost is \$6 at the door; children 5 and

under enter free.

Fox Creek

Questers

The Fox Creek chapter of Questers will meet at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, April 4, at the home of Donna Walker. Nancy Bierley will present a program, "Chintz Ceramics."

MOMS Club

The MOMS Club of Grosse Pointe will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 11, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church. John Smith of "Just for Dinner" will share tips on planning and shopping for family meals.

The MOMS Club is an international, nonprofit organization that provides a forum for at-home mothers. It is not affiliated with any religious or political group and does not advocate a particular parenting style. Children are welcome at all activities. For more information, call Ellie at (313) 824-9667 or Shari at (313) 885-5858.

Camera Club

The Grosse Pointe Camera Club will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, at Brownell Middle School, 260 Chalfonte in Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitors are welcome. For information, call (313) 822-7080 or (586) 774-9471.

Ski Club

The Grosse Pointe Ski Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore. Discussion will include upcoming trips to Europe, Vail and Utah, as well as some spring activities: a wine tasting, golfing, tennis and biking. Seniors, singles and couples are invited to join the group. For more information, call president John Byrne at (586) 293-6779 in the evening.

Pride of the Pointes

Beth Anne Bonbrisco, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bonbrisco of Grosse Pointe Woods, was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Harding University. She is a senior majoring in early childhood development.

Julie Megler, daughter of Dr. and Dr. Daniel Megler of the City of Grosse Pointe, earned highest honors for the fall semester at Skidmore College. High honors are awarded for a quality point ratio of 3.67 or more from a possible 4.0.

Dinah Zebot was named to the dean's list at Grinnell College. She is the daughter of Francis Zebot and Nancy Wiggers of Grosse Pointe Park.

James Alexander, Kathleen Mazzara, Joseph Allemon, Katherine Frizzell and Robert Listman, all Grosse Pointe residents, were named to the dean's list for the fall semester at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Keriann Engle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Engle of Grosse Pointe Farms, was named to the dean's honor list at Arizona State University. She is a sophomore. Engle was a Grosse Pointe South High School valedictorian in June 2001.

Grosse Pointer **Theresa Thompson**, daughter of John and Sue Thompson, was recently elected risk manager of the Epsilon Beta chapter of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority at Alma College. She plans to major in biology and is a member of the swimming team.

Two Grosse Pointers were named to the Colby College dean's list for the fall semester: **Walter M. Belenky**,

son of Cassandra Belenky of the City of Grosse Pointe and Walter Belenky, also of the City of Grosse Pointe; and **Erica L. Hill**, daughter of Roberta Hill of Grosse Pointe Farms and Howard Hill of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Ashley Brooke Reno, daughter of Michael and Carol Reno of the City of Grosse Pointe, graduated cum laude from the University of Florida with a bachelor of arts degree in history. She is attending graduate school at Florida International University.

Katie Reinholz of Grosse Pointe Woods was named to the dean's honor list for the fall semester at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Kathryn Sarowski of the City of Grosse Pointe, was named to the University of Evansville's dean's list for the fall semester. She is the daughter of Martin and Prudence Sarowski.

David Majeski, son of Judy and Robert Majeski of Grosse Pointe Farms, was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Michigan State University.

Elizabeth H. Holsapple of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the dean's list of the College of Arts and Sciences at Loyola University.



Holsapple

Holsapple is a sophomore majoring in anthropology with a concentration in archeology.

Reid Creedon, son of Gaylor and Betsy Creedon of the City of Grosse Pointe, is studying for a semester in Northern Ireland as part of the Earlham College off-campus study program.

Army Spec. James Ramge has returned to Fort Drum in Watertown, N.Y., after being deployed to Sinai, Egypt. He is the son of James Ramge of the City of Grosse Pointe and a 1998 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

Brian Christopher Killian, son of Tom and Nikki Killian of Grosse Pointe Park, was named to the dean's honor roll at Michigan State University.

William Sterling Herodote of the City of Grosse Pointe earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Colorado State University.

Elizabeth L. Dowers of the City of Grosse Pointe was named to the dean's list at Loyola University.

Timothy G. Camitta of Grosse Pointe Park was named to the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's dean's list for the fall semester.

Blendi Sullaj of Harper

Woods and Grosse Pointers **Elie Mordovanaki, Antoine Mordovanaki and Todd Malicki** were named to the dean's list in the College of Engineering and Computer Science for the fall term at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Hannah Dixon, daughter of Michael and Debra Dixon of Grosse Pointe Woods, was named to the dean's list at Hillsdale College. She is a freshman majoring in music.

Jane Bunch of Harper Woods was named to the academic achievement list at Siena Heights University.

Grosse Pointer **Scott Michael Somerset** achieved dean's list status at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, for the fall semester.

Grosse Pointers **Harold J. Ford, Patrick W. Griffith, Jill Dehayes, Lauren Handley, Mara Shorr, Andrea Elich, Christa Kreger, Christine Kujawski, Monique Brideau, Amanda Charno and Jennifer Pasiak**, and Harper Woods residents **Annamarie Fortunato, Kaitlyn Quigly and Margaret C. Wilhelm** were included on the Central Michigan University's fall honors list.

Senior Men's Club will meet

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club will meet at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 9, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

After lunch and a short business meeting, the speaker, Dr. Fred W. Waterhouse, will talk about

diabetes. All present and former members of the club are invited.

For more information, call Ed Olsen at (313) 824-2827, Dick Kay at (313) 886-3537 or Dr. Paul M. Zavell at (313) 881-5592.

Respite

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both nights of the weekend, or drop him or her off at one or both of the Saturday and Sunday sessions which run from noon to 4 p.m. and from 4 to 8 p.m.

The guests would be housed in the cottages on the Children's Home's grounds, with two caregivers to every 10 or 11 guests.

The cost of the program will be heavily underwritten by the Arc, making the cost \$20 for four hours and \$30 for eight to 24 hours.

"The care isn't compromised," Lizza stressed. "It (the cost) is not indicative of the care received."

"Our primary goal is to make it affordable," she explained, because the cost of raising a child with developmental problems is already very high.

"The aim is to have people feel comfortable taking advantage of it."

Meier said that she expects there are 50 to 75 families who could take advantage of the service immediately, and that upwards of 150 could be served once the word gets out.

While the service is currently limited to those under the age of 18, Meier and Horowitz said they were both willing to look into a larger partnership.

Greater certification would be required of the staff to handle older guests, Horowitz said, but it will be looked at down the road.

The respite care program will officially begin at a 1 p.m. open house at the Children's Home of Detroit, Sunday, April 7.

Horowitz and several members of the Arc will be on hand to answer questions of both parents and those who are interested in the work that both the Children's Home of Detroit and the Arc do in the com-

munity. Kellet said parents with disabled children should come to the open house because, "You can see it for yourself. Set up a visit one on one and stay for a while, to make sure your child and you are comfortable with the program."

Lizza said, "I just like to remind people of one thing. No child and no parent is here by choice."

"The best part of human kindness is figuring out a way to make that day a little

easier for those who have the most difficult of days." That is what Children's Home and the Arc are hoping to do - make a few days better.

For those unable to attend the open house but who wish to find out more about the Arc, they can go to the national website www.thearc.org, the local chapter's webpage <http://www.geocities.com/thearcgrossepointeharperwoods>, or contact the Arc at (313)885-8639.

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Binge drinking is serious health risk for college students

By Dr. David Vila
Special Writer

During college years, young adults focus on education and gaining life experience. A recent study shows that, for many students, binge drinking goes hand-in-hand with calculus and football games.

Binge drinking may bring to mind a two- to three-day alcohol-induced stupor. But the medical definition of binge drinking is much different.

For men, five or more drinks in a row, and for women, four or more drinks in a row, are considered a binge.

In 1999, the Harvard University School of Public Health surveyed 10,000 students at 119 colleges in the United States about their drinking habits. The results showed that 44 percent had engaged in binge drinking within the previous two weeks. Many of those students drink to "get drunk" and go on binges three or more times per month.

In the short term, binge drinking is dangerous. Binge drinkers are 21 percent more likely than their non-binging counterparts to drive drunk, be hurt or injured in a fall or other accident, damage property and engage in unplanned sexual activity.

In addition, bingers frequently lose consciousness and experience a loss of sensory perception, blackouts and vomiting. Vomiting, combined with altered sensory perception or loss of consciousness, can result in death from choking.

Long-range damage includes premature aging and an increased risk of liver, kidney, lung and heart disease, stroke, osteoporosis, hypertension and obesity.

Memory loss, which appears later in adulthood, is another risk. The adolescent brain is thought to be more vulnerable to the neurotoxic effect of alcohol than the adult brain. Decreased activity in the brain receptors responsible for memory and learning can result.

College binge drinkers also are more likely to miss classes and fall behind in school work, endangering their futures. Success in the college years is an important ingredient for success in a career and a productive life. In addition, a student who binges and whose grades plummet may fall into depression and drink even more as a means of coping.

If you are a student who tends to binge drink, try to control it by setting limits and being aware of consumption. Decide on a limit for how many drinks you will consume during an outing. A

rule of thumb for women is to have no more than three drinks, and for men, no more than four. Keep track of how many drinks you have and alternate them with non-alcoholic beverages. Eat before and during drinking, avoid drinking games and pace yourself to no more than one drink per hour. Stop when you reach your limit.

Another tactic is not to drink at all. While it may seem to many students that "everyone in college drinks," that is simply not true. According to the Harvard survey, 19 percent of college students do not drink alcohol at all, up from 16 percent eight years ago. In addition, 65 percent more college students are living in substance-free residence halls. Fewer students are joining fraternities and sororities, where reported binge-drinking rates are the highest.

Prevention, early detection and timely intervention are crucial in reducing a student's binge drinking and avoiding future alcohol-related problems. According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, many college students who receive a single counseling session significantly reduce their drinking.

On Thursday, April 11, National Alcohol Screening Day, a Bon Secours Cottage mental health professional discusses the causes and behaviors associated with alcohol use and the consequences of, and treatment for, alcohol abuse. This free luncheon lecture takes place from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Cottage campus.

On the same day, confidential free screenings to identify individuals at risk for developing a range of drinking behaviors — from risky drinking to alcohol dependence — are offered from 1:30 to 7 p.m. The screening process includes an educational presentation, a written questionnaire and an opportunity to meet with a health professional and receive a referral when appropriate.

Both events take place in the first floor conference rooms at Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval. The lecture is free, but reservations are requested by calling (586) 779-7900; reservations are not required for the screening. Free parking in the deck on Muir is available.

Dr. Vila is the physician director of substance abuse services at Bon Secours Cottage Health Services. He sees patients at Arbor Hill Counseling Center, 1100 Mile in Livonia. For an appointment call (800) 303-7315.

On-line support groups help

Millions of people throughout the world have discovered the benefit of mutual help groups. It is valuable to meet face-to-face with others who struggle to achieve good health and serenity, one day at a time.

Some members are in recovery from addiction; others seek fellowship and support because their loved one suffers from alcoholism or other drug dependence. They meet usually once a week where they can talk about their fears and feelings without risk of judgment or exposure, because (to quote an oft-used AA motto) "what's said in this room, stays in this room."

But what happens when a crisis erupts at midnight for someone in desperate need of support and guidance? Perhaps John's wife is out on a binge and he is home with their children, afraid and forlorn. Or maybe Sue, tender and vulnerable in her first stages of recovery, worries about going on vacation because she will be out of touch with her AA group lifeline.

The World Wide Web (WWW) is fast becoming a

worthwhile resource for those seeking information, guidance and support for issues pertaining to addiction and recovery. Many Internet sites provide general information about addiction and recovery as well as questionnaires to help determine if you or a loved one has a problem that warrants further attention or treatment. Many also provide referral and resource information so Internet users can easily find a treatment center, a Twelve-Step group or other resources close to where they live.

To determine what Internet sites are the most trustworthy, Linda H. Peterson, web master at Hazelden, suggests that people do a little homework first.

"Start with Web sites that belong to familiar and reputable organizations," she said. "The sites that have .gov (for government), .edu (for educational) and .org (for non-profit organizations) in their addresses are good places to start when looking for sites," she said.

For example, Peterson said that Hazelden's Web

site at www.hazelden.org/resource-center.dbm, offers an extensive listing of high-level and credible links relating to chemical dependency. The National Council on Alcoholism (www.ncadd.org), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Agency (www.samhsa.gov), and the National Institute on Drug Abuse (www.nida.nih.gov/NIDAHome.html) also provide credible information and links.

People are also discovering that they can "go to meetings" on the Internet in addition to their regular face-to-face support group meetings. Chat rooms provide immediate online interaction 24 hours a day. Many sites have scheduled chats in addition to their 24-hour public chat rooms. For instance, Hazelden offers a chat about spirituality on Monday evenings; "Free from Marijuana," and "Free from Nicotine" chats are scheduled for Wednesday evenings; and "EZDUZIT" and "Older Adults in Recovery" are chats that are available every day of the week, 24 hours a day.

"People seeking help need to use good judgment when using chat rooms and bulletin boards," Peterson advises. "You can't ever be certain with whom you are communicating and what their motives may be. The safest way to chat is to make sure there is a facilitator or host present. This is especially true for young people in recovery."

Reputable sites will identify topics and chat room hosts. In addition, visitors to these sites should be able to easily find out who created or sponsors the site and what their credentials are.

For instance, the online intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous (aintergroup.org) gives the history, purpose and structure of the online intergroup, as well as information about online anonymity and Internet etiquette.

Interestingly, Online Intergroup of AA suggests that "online AA meetings are actually more private than traditional face-to-face AA meetings because members who meet electronically are unable to see each other and must rely on the written word to share their experience, strength and hope."

Participants sign on with a nickname of their own choosing, which also protects their anonymity.

Other sites such as Online Recovery (www.onlinerecovery.org) offer extensive lists for various topics and addictions, including lists of chat rooms and online meetings.

Online Al-Anon Family Groups (www.ola-is.org) has a number of regularly scheduled online meetings for those whose loved one suffers from chemical dependency or addiction.

While online mutual-help group meetings are not, and should not, be a substitute for personal interaction and support, it is a comfort to many to know that, whether they are in rural America or a little village across the world, they are not alone. With just the click of a mouse, support is at hand.

This chemical health column offers readers the information and direction needed to prevent substance abuse problems and address such problems. It is provided by Hazelden, a nonprofit agency based in Center City, Minn., that offers a wide range of information and services relating to addiction and recovery. For more resources, call Hazelden at (800) 257-7800 or check its Web site at www.hazelden.org. Please direct inquiries to mduda@hazelden.org.

Lecture, luncheon, offered on Alcohol Screening Day

Did you know that alcoholism is a chronic, often progressive disease that follows a generally predictable course and has recognizable symptoms?

Did you know that alcoholism tends to run in families and genetic factors partially explain this pattern? Learn more about causes and behaviors associated with alcohol use and the consequences of, and treatment for, alcohol abuse from a Bon Secours Cottage mental health professional at a free luncheon lecture on National Alcohol Screening Day, Thursday, April 11. The program is from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Cottage Hospital.

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Free parking in the deck on Muir is available. Bring your ticket with you to the program for validation.

Talk will be about vitamins

Individuals who take prescription drugs and those who may not be getting proper nutrients from the foods they eat, can benefit from taking vitamin supplements. However, selecting the correct vitamins to take can be confusing.

Learn from Dr. Pamela Smith as she explains how vitamin supplements can help prevent age-related conditions and offers tips on choosing the most appropriate supplements at a free Health Talk lecture.

The community program, sponsored by Bon Secours Cottage Health Services,

will be presented from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Thursday, April 11, in the first-floor conference rooms at Cottage Hospital. The lecture will be repeated on Thursday, April 25, at the same time and place.

Cottage Hospital is located at 159 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms. Free parking for attendees is provided in the deck on Muir Road. Attendees must bring their tickets to the lecture for validation.

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Caregivers need self-care to battle compassion fatigue

Compassion literally means "to suffer with," and that is just what can happen to those who practice great empathy — they absorb the pain and trauma of others until they themselves become mentally, physically and spiritually exhausted. This condition is often called "compassion fatigue."

Colleen Breen, the author of "Making Changes: A Guidebook for Managing Life's Challenges," describes it as a kind of "soul sadness" because there is an inner, core reality that closes down when people become so overwhelmed by the needs and concerns of others that they forget to take care of them-

Living alone has challenges

Living alone in one's own home or apartment is a choice made by many seniors. But what happens when that choice becomes a challenging task? There are options available.

Join Barbara Bremer, director of social work, St. John Hospital; Ann Kochanski, director of continuum of care services, St. John Health System; and Patti Sullivan, corporate director residential services, senior services division, St. John Health System. They will discuss the options available for assistance in home or apartment and ideas for alternative housing arrangements.

This free program will be offered from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 11, in the St. John Hospital and Medical Center auditorium. Advance registration is recommended.

To register or for more information, call St. John SeniorLink toll-free at (888) 751-5465.

The program is part of the St. John CareLink education series. Free CareLink membership offers a special link to health services, education and benefits for those age 55 or older. Health care professionals are also available to community groups to address a variety of health and wellness topics for older adults. Call St. John SeniorLink for a Senior Speakers' Bureau listing.

Positive thinking will be topic

Widespread research has indicated that imagery — the power of positive thinking — is an effective aid in treating all types of cancer, auto immune disorders, heart disease, as well as many other diagnoses. It also has been effective in helping to overcome multiple fears and addictions. Come and learn more about imagery and its power to heal at a free "Health Talk" lecture offered by Bon Secours Cottage Health Services. The program takes place from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Thursday, April 11, in the Bon Brae Center Classroom, 22300 Bon Brae in St. Clair Shores.

Geri Day, chairperson of the Bon Secours Cottage integrative therapy team, explains how the use of positive imagery can actually produce positive physical changes in your life. According to Day, "Over the past 25 years, many research studies have been completed which have proven the effectiveness of imagery on health, creativity and performance.

Imagery is a natural, non-invasive, empowering and user-friendly tool that can enhance the quality of your life."

Although the program is free, preregistration is requested by calling (586) 779-7900.

Medical and mental health care professionals, emergency care workers, clergy, counselors and volunteers who work with very sick or troubled people are particularly susceptible to compassion fatigue. But anyone who is called upon to perform frequent acts of care, such as caring for a gravely ill or elderly loved one or doing volunteer work at a crisis center, is vulnerable.

Breen says that during her 27 years as a licensed social worker and psychotherapist in Minneapolis and St. Paul, she has worked with thousands of caregivers who have so overextended themselves in the service of others that they suffer from "caregiving shutdown." They often become withdrawn and joyless, irritable, depressed, uninterested in intimacy and sex. They feel like they're "just going through the motions" of their lives

with no sense of purpose or meaning. They might also employ what Breen calls "negative coping skills" by turning to smoking, drinking, drug use or other addictive behaviors.

Breen speculates that there is a resurgence of interest in compassion fatigue in the wake of the terrorist attacks and tragedies of September 11, when millions of people all over the world experienced a sort of "secondary trauma" as they watched the images of wide-scale horror. When all the human suffering from such a catastrophic event is added to the mix of grief, worry and empathy that we've already got stored up inside ourselves, we become like over-inflated balloons, ready to burst from all we are trying to contain. We might have nightmares, develop stress-related illnesses or exhibit the other symptoms of compassion fatigue.

Because compassion

fatigue adversely affects body, mind and spirit, it makes sense to concentrate on those areas when attempting to treat or prevent this condition.

People active in Twelve Step mutual-help groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous or AlAnon are steps ahead of the game because they learn the importance of self-care and living a well-balanced life.

Breen also stresses the importance of nurturing body, mind and spirit. She says that caretakers should have some kind of physical regimen to deal with the stress that settles in their minds and bodies. It is equally important to take quiet time for reflection, prayer or solitude and to engage creatively with things other than caregiving. Hobbies, engaging in the arts and listening to music are wonderful ways to tend your soul, says Breen.

Many people in recovery

from addiction have also discovered how critical it is to reach out to others when the weight of the world seems too much to bear alone. But asking for help is often difficult for those whose job or nature is to care for others. Caregivers suffering from compassion fatigue have expressed grief, shame and fear about the emptiness they feel. "They wonder," says Breen, "how they can tend to others if they feel like they've lost their compassion?"

Loved ones can often be catalysts for someone getting help. Breen suggests that you voice your concerns in a loving way in order to start a conversation with someone you think is exhibiting symptoms of compassion fatigue. Sometimes such an expression of concern is the first step toward addressing the problem.

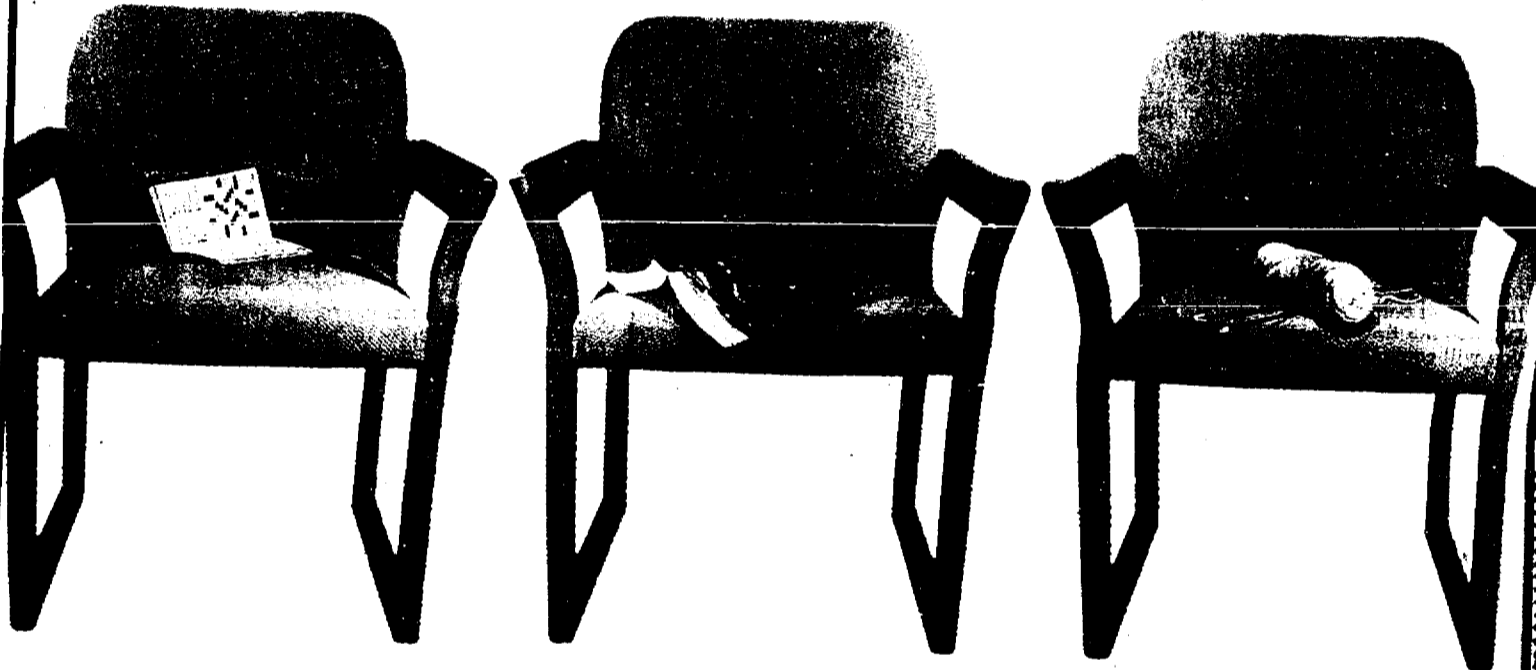
Breen takes great hope in the fact that more and more mental health care organi-

zations are paying attention to the issues surrounding compassion fatigue and discussing ways to prevent this occupational hazard.

"There is this myth that we have unlimited energy; but we are not Energizer Bunnies," says Breen. "We can't just keep going and going and going, giving and giving and giving. Self-care is a way to charge our inner batteries so we can continue caring for others."

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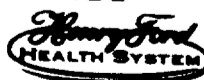
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Staying close to grandchildren

When grandchildren live far away, it's hard to maintain the closeness that we'd love to have with them. Three of my grandchildren live in Oregon. I see them at least once a year, but that's not enough.

Telephones and e-mails are helpful, but they're impersonal, not as intimate as a face-to-face conversation. I was delighted to hear suggestions from a friend who has eight grandchildren and has developed ways to establish the closeness that is difficult when they're far away.

She suggests taping a story they haven't heard. This is primarily for younger grandchildren. Or send a taped message about what you're doing. Ask them to tape the same kind of information for you.

If you have a family gathering, or if Grandma and Grandpa play golf or tennis, have a friend videotape the event, along with messages. I think grandchildren are interested in how we live and that we really do have a life.

Start a family newspaper. It's not hard if you have a computer. Write what's going on in your house and ask your grandchildren to be correspondents and write

Senior Scene

By
Ruth
Cain

or e-mail what's new. Offering a small cash reward for each correspondence might get them started. The letter can list birthdays, who's traveling where, honor roll listings, what sports they're playing or what they're involved with at school. Ask your correspondents to include photos or drawings. Computers make it easy to print pictures. If you don't know how, join a computer class.

Prepare a questionnaire that reveals personalities. Questions can include favorite TV programs, favorite foods and what they like to do best. You can ask what was the best birthday or Christmas present they ever received or which vacation they enjoyed the most.

You also have to answer the questionnaire yourself. Send an album with pictures of family members

along with a taped narrative that tells who they are and how they are related to the grandchildren.

Play chess with a grandchild through the mail. Keep a book handy when you telephone them so you can record their activities, making it easier to keep track of their soccer seasons or other events.

If you regularly wear the same perfume, send a sachet with that scent so they can put it alongside your photo. These activities are time-consuming. But what a wonderful reward when you and your grandchildren become great friends.

I've wanted to run a column of funny sayings from children. They say the darndest things.

I heard this story from my parish priest. A little boy was attending church with his family for the first time. He noticed the usher coming around with a plate and people dropping money into it. When the usher got to his row, the little boy announced, "I'm only 4 and I don't have to pay."

If you'll send me some of your funny tales, I'd love to run them so we could all enjoy them. E-mail me at ruthcain@aol.com or write to me at the G.P. News.

I promised to tell about the exciting research activities that are part of the mission of the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology and its founder and president, Dr. Philip Hessburg. I did write it, but the computer loved it so much it refused to release it to me.

In spite of more than two hours of efforts by my dear son-in-law David Posavitz to locate and print it, the computer was adamant. It's still there. By my next column I will have re-created it and to heck with you, Bill Gates.

SOC Options

Exercise relieves stress

By Sharon Maier
SOC Executive Director

Dealing with stress can be as easy as getting out of your chair and doing something.

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) is adding another exercise class each week in addition to the four classes currently available. Classes are affordable (\$2) and are pay-as-you-go, requiring no commitment.

SOC has stress-free exercise classes five times a week. On Monday,



Maier

Wednesday and Friday at 9:45 a.m. we offer an exercise class especially designed for seniors. On Tuesday and Friday,

classes are at 12:15 p.m. Nia classes bring a variety of techniques to participants, including Tai Chi, Yoga, and African dance. Nia is designed to benefit each participant on an individual level. It's a unique mix of stress busters that caters to each participant's need and ability.

"This class is incredible. It's a workout I enjoy. I actually look forward to Fridays and now, Tuesdays. It's a great release for everyday stress," said Lucy Wright, 60, of Harper Woods.

Physical inactivity is associated with many age-related medical conditions such as high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, obesity and osteoporosis. Mounting evidence from research has painted a clear picture that if you do exercise, you benefit; if you don't, you increase your risk of disease.

The senior years are often perceived as a period of loss and decline with an accompanying loss of physical vitality and health. To say that older

people are best confined to the couch or rocking chair tends to perpetrate harmful myths about aging which may, in some cases, become self-fulfilling prophecies. If you think you're not well enough to exercise, you won't do it, which may cause you to be not well enough.

Now is the perfect time to learn the truth. Talk to your primary care physician. Ask about the actual risks and benefits of exercise for you. Find out what form of exercise is beneficial, safe and consistent with your lifestyle.

Unless you have major medical problems that prevent you from exercising, chances are your doctor will give his or her blessing to a regular exercise program for you. It can be good for you now and it will help to enhance the quality of your life in later years as well.

Exercise for seniors can produce a variety of beneficial physiological changes and may slow the progressive decline in function that occurs with inactivity. Exercise provides such benefits as increased muscle strength, flexibility and range of motion. It reduces the chances of heart disease and other health problems. Exercise can help you sleep better, make you feel better and look better, and provide you with an enhanced self-image and self-concept. Exercise also acts as a buffer against stress-illness relationships.

Everybody talks about stress. People say they're "over stressed" or "stressed out." Most people associate stress with negative events: the death of a close relative or friend, financial problems or other unpleasant life changes that create nervous tension.

But stress isn't merely nervous tension. And it isn't something to be avoided at all costs.

Consider this list of common stressful situations or events: joining a new group, remarriage, the birth of a grandchild, taking a class, increased income, a new relationship.

Obviously, stress doesn't arise just from unpleasant situations. Stress can be associated with physical challenges and achievement of personal goals.

Physical and psychological stress-producing factors can be either pleasant or unpleasant. What is crucial is how you respond, whether in positive, life-enhancing ways or in negative, counterproductive ways.

As a senior citizen, you may be in one of the most stressful periods of your life. You may be on your own for the first time in a long time or you may have recently lost a family member or close friend. Financial pressures may be intense. Housing and transportation may be sources of additional worry. You may be watching grandchildren grow and meeting new ones as they arrive.

Good and bad, all these changes and challenges are likely to have a powerful effect on you, both physically and psychologically.

Respond ineffectively to stress, and eventually it will take a toll on your sense of wellness. Learn effective responses, however, and you will enhance your health and gain a feeling of control over your life.

Exercise and good nutrition are both effective responses to stress.

Louise Snyder will present "Nutrition and Supplements" at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 10, at SOC, 17150 Waterloo in the City of Grosse Pointe. The lecture is free but the material to be presented is priceless.

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DAYTIME PROGRAMMING FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 8 - APRIL 14

8:30 AM THE S.O.C. SHOW Guest: Dr. Dan Guyer, "After 9-11" Host Fran Schonenberg and her guests discuss topics and events of particular interest to senior citizens. Repeated: 11:30PM	"Inside Art" on WMTV-5, an exploration into the creative process of art spirits right in our backyard.
9:00 AM VITALITY PLUS A half-hour aerobics exercise class. Repeated: Midnight	1:30 PM CONVERSATIONS WITH COLLECTORS Ken's Old House Part III Host Susan Hartz focuses on local interesting collections. Repeated: 4:30 AM (8:30 PM, Tue., T. Sat.)
9:30 AM POSITIVELY POSITIVE Guests: Swami Krishnapada & PSO Robert L. Plotke Hosts Jeanie McNeil and Liz Aiken - an uplifting half-hour of positive attitudes and ideas. Repeated: 12:30AM, M.W.F. & Sun	2:00 PM THE LEGAL INSIDER Guests: Dave Draper, James A. Callahan, Attorney Hosts local attorneys David Draper and Douglas Dempsey take an inside look at current legal issues. Repeated: 5 AM, 6 PM
10:00 AM WHO'S IN THE KITCHEN? Guest: Michelle Bommarito "Coconut Chicken" Host Chuck Kaess cooks with local celebrities. Repeated: 1 AM, 6:30 PM	3:00 PM THE EASTSIDE EXAMINER Guests: Phil Demartini, Cathy Broderick & Cheryl DiMaure, G.P. Academy Host Julia Keim and guests highlight upcoming local, non-profit special events. Repeated: 6 AM, 7 PM
10:30 AM WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP Winter Wonderland Renowned local artist Carol LaChiusa demonstrates watercolor techniques simple enough for beginners, yet challenging to the experienced artist. Repeated: 1:30 AM, 7:30 PM	2:30 PM POINTERS WITH PROST Guests: Jon Gandelot & Gareth Lloyd Jones, Ecumenical Breakfast & Speaker Host John Prost interviews local celebrities about timely topics. Repeated: 5:30 AM, 10 PM
11:00 AM THINGS TO DO AT THE WAR MEMORIAL Mark Weber, GPWM History Bunny Brooks hosts an informative look at what's happening at the War Memorial. Repeated: 2 AM, 8 PM	3:30 PM MUSICAL STORYTIME JAMBOREE Hosts Miss Gloria from the Central Library and Miss Paula, the Merry Music Maker, offer a half-hour of stories and music for children. Repeated: 6:30 AM
11:30 AM OUT OF THE ORDINARY... INTO THE EXTRAORDINARY Guest: Chris Attaway, Artist Host Robert Taylor presents an extraordinary half-hour of people, places and ideas. Repeated: 2:30 AM (9:30 PM, Tue., T., Sat.)	4:00 PM VITALITY PLUS A half-hour of body toning and step/kickboxing exercise class. M/W/F/Sun: Step/kickboxing Repeated: 7 AM (9 PM - M, W, F, & Sun.); T/Th/Sat: Tone. Repeated: (9 PM Tue, T. & Sat.)
12:00 PM THE ECONOMIC CLUB OF DETROIT Guest: Richard B. Priory, Chrmn. Pres. CEO, Duke Energy Corp., "Building Value and Trust in Today's Business World" Features nationally known guest speakers discussing current topics in the business community. Repeated: 3 AM, 10:30 PM	4:30 PM YOUNG VIEW POINTS Upbeat youth show featuring students reporting on a variety of educational topics. Repeated: 7:30 AM (8:30 PM M, W, F, & Sun.)
1:00 PM INSIDE ART Guests: Dennis Wickline, GPT Auditions	5:00 PM POINTS OF HORTICULTURE Guest: Jackie Walley, Herbs Host horticulturist Jim Farquhar shares tips, gives advice and interviews local authorities on gardening. Repeated: 8 AM

* Schedule subject to change without notice. For further information call: 313.881.7511.

April blooms with cultural inventory, glass, music

The Grosse Pointe Arts Council's "inventory" of arts and cultural resources is well under way. The final report will be presented in a public forum, probably in early May. The main reason for this inventory project is that many in our community find it difficult to know what is offered and what is open to whom, where and how. The perception is that there are fewer than a dozen arts and cultural organizations in the Pointes and not much happening on the east side — that one should go to Detroit, Birmingham or Macomb for things to do.

But so far, through this Arts Council survey, we have made contact with 92 local organizations, groups and institutions, with another 12 identified but not yet contacted.

The trouble is, many operate all by themselves, using schoolrooms, church basements and/or neighbor's living rooms. Every one of our managers (that is, city officials, War Memorial personnel, school officials, libraries, etc.) was caught by surprise when we showed them the list.

You'd think someone would have known.

Most communities in Michigan, even out-state, do a better job. In centralized towns with one city hall or community center, residents can find out about local events with a single phone call. But in the Pointes, how is this supposed to work? What can people expect their city to know about cultural happenings in all the different cities?

Should people ask the War Memorial first? Does the War Memorial list or support events and activities happening elsewhere? Should the library or maybe the school system help get the word out?

Whose job is this anyway?

Additional concerns bubble to the surface. The content of our questionnaires includes not only the objective facts (mission, membership, meeting places, activities schedules, etc.) but also more subjective issues that we dubbed the JFK principles: Ask not only what different volunteer groups can do for the community, but also how the community can help these groups better pursue their missions.

Even on the JFK principle, perceptions are mixed.

Some organizations welcome community support; others prefer to go it alone. Several expressed a desire to do more work with students, but their frustration with the rules and regulations of our school systems blunted their efforts and, as a result, both sides lose. Students learn little about what is available for them in their community and volunteers have to go elsewhere to find students. On both sides (groups and institutions) there is a feeling that in this community, cooperation may be more frustrating than it's worth.

Stay tuned for the full report. If you have a point of view or welcome public discussion of these issues, don't miss the public forum on the findings of this survey. In the meantime, if you know of a group that should be part of this inventory but has not yet been contacted, call the Arts Council's Arts & Culture Survey committee at (313) 881-9085. If you are part of one of the 17 organizations that have not yet returned our questionnaire, please hurry up.

What is more beautiful, more charismatic than an extraordinary piece of vibrant glass or a dynamic sculpture that radiates remarkable color or pristine clarity?

With the advent of spring and its colorful grandeur, April is certainly the appropriate time of year for Michigan to be celebrating Glass Month, a promotion

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to educate and support public awareness of the various types of glass, its use in industry, in the home and in art. One of the goals of Michigan Glass Month is to focus on Michigan artists who use glass as their chosen material to express themselves artistically. Since its inception in 1980, participants in Michigan Glass Month have celebrated the timeless splendor of glass articles and the diversity of glass artisans.

In keeping with the event, from April 2 - 30, the NovusArt Gallery, 15200 E. Jefferson in Grosse Pointe Park, will feature "Eye Candy, a Festival of Color."

The work of six artists will be highlighted, all presenting an exciting collection of exquisite glass masterworks. They include: Bruce Boatman, Barbara Hollosy, Theresa Pierzchala, Rick Shapiro, Jordan Tenjeras and John Rizzo, who will exhibit decorative and functional works, plus glass bead jewelry.

One hundred pieces will be on display. An artists' reception will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, April 13, at NovusArt Gallery. Regular hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. For more information, contact Annette Boyer at (313) 822-1500.

The Dante Alighieri Society, with local support from the GPAC, is presenting its second benefit concert, featuring Maestro

Flavio Varani, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Varani, a native of Sao Paulo, Brazil, began his distinguished piano career at the age of seven as a featured soloist on Brazilian radio and TV. Two years later he toured with the Brazilian Symphony Orchestra. Based in France for seven years, he presented concerts in the USSR and Europe and won the coveted first prize at the Chopin International Competition when he was 18. Among his honors is the Musician of the Year award by the Michigan Foundation of the Arts. He has played concerts in major music centers and festivals throughout the world and returns annually to Japan, where he performs as soloist and teacher.

His recent CD of Villa Lobos piano music was designated Outstanding Classical Recording of 1999. Varani is artist-in-residence at Oakland University in Rochester, and is director of the International Chamber of Music Academy in Germany.

During the April 9 concert, Varani will perform: Bach's "Italian Concerto," Chopin's "Ballade in A Flat" and "Scherzo in B Flat," "Prelude of the Gate of Wine" and "Sounds and Fragrances of the Hills of Anacapri" by Debussy; and music from Villa Lobos, including "African Dances," "Farrapos," "Kankukus" and "Kankikifit."

A truly cultural experience, the event will also include a special exhibition of Brazilian photographic works by Varani's grandfather, Vincenzo Pastore of Sao Paulo. A reception will follow and refreshments will be served. For additional information about the concert and the Dante Alighieri Society, contact Paula Morabito, at (313) 886-3224.

Sixty male voices will present a diverse program

of choral favorites, including a selection of styles from different periods, as Measure For Measure, the talented men's choir, presents its final concert of the season.

Under the direction of Leonard Riccinto, Measure For Measure will appear at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 14, part of "Music at Memorial 2001-2002," at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Measure For Measure members come from all over southeastern Michigan, have performed for choral conventions and orchestral concerts and have appeared at international festivals and at Tiger Stadium.

Choral selections for the season's final performance will include: "America the Beautiful/Battle Hymn of the Republic," two renditions of "Ave Maria," "Shenandoah," "Go Down Moses" and a medley of songs from "Phantom of the Opera," to name a few.

The Men of Pointe Singers, a sub-group of Pointe Singers at Grosse Pointe South High School, will also perform. A freewill offering will be collected at the concert, which will be followed by a reception. For more information, call Mary Lloyd at (313) 865-8769.

As a result of a grant received from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs and the City of Detroit Cultural Affairs Department and with the support of Grosse Pointe Rotary, the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra, with Maestro Felix Resnick conducting, will present DSO violinist Gregory Staples in a special concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 28, in the Parcels Middle School auditorium.

The program will feature: Tchaikovsky's "Romeo and Juliet Overture;" "Romance No. 2" by Beethoven; Chausson's "Poeme for Violin and Orchestra;" and "Romanian Rhapsody No. 1," by Enesco.

As a special feature, Jack Dubois will present a free music history lecture on the works to be performed, at 2 p.m. preceding the concert, in the Parcels choir room.

Adult tickets are \$15; seniors, \$12. The grant is also being used to provide free tickets to all Grosse Pointe area string students and their parents. To request free tickets, call (313) 882-0077, between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Leave your name, address and the number of tickets you would like mailed to you.

The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra has been presenting concerts of classical music in the community for 50 years. It offers local musicians, high school-aged through adults, the opportunity to perform outstanding symphonic works under the baton of DSO violinist, Felix Resnick. For additional information, call Laurie Strachan at (313) 882-0077.

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association at the corner of Maryland and Jefferson in Grosse Pointe Park offers ongoing classes in oil painting with instructor, Patti Haarz from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays, and watercolor classes taught by Charmaine Kaptur from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Acrylic painting

classes, with Mary Ewald, will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Sundays, June 9-July 7.

A certification of jewelry workshop, featuring Linda Bernstein from Chicago, is scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, May 21, 22 and 23, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and a hand-printed paper workshop, with Lilly Dudgeon, is planned for Friday and Saturday, June 14, 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Children's sessions now in progress include: watercolors for children with instructor Susan Macdonald, through April 27, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., and drawing for children, Margherita Wiszowaty, teacher, through April 26, from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

GPAA gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday, from 1 to 5 p.m. Contact the art center to enroll for classes and workshops. For additional information, call (313) 821-1848.

April is the perfect time to get involved with the GPAC — we're always looking for volunteers to help with promotions, web site development, publicity and mailings. Give us a call at (313) 438-2434. Happy springtime!

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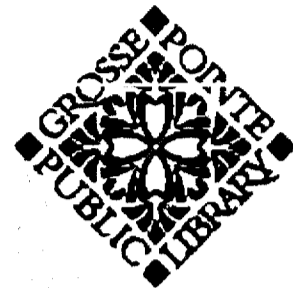
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100 best characters? —What about Bugs Bunny?

By Helen Gregory
Special Writer

What is it that drives us to make lists? What makes us read and automatically edit them? I don't mean grocery lists. Those are practical. They're also boring.

No, the lists we have to make and read and argue



The Book Return

about are the best, the worst, the most, the whatever. Guinness made a fortune off this addition we have. And by the way, do you feel as I do that the Guinness list has deteriorated radically since it got slick? It had such a short distance to fall, but it gave the appearance of plummeting.

The list thrust in front of me this week by a fellow staff member is fraught with potential. Book, a magazine for anyone interested in books, has a lot of stuff in it for a wide range of readers. The current (March/April) issue's cover come-on ("Nora Roberts Steers Romance in a New

Direction") may put off more serious types.

But there is something for almost everyone: "Elmore Leonard's Bad Behavior," "Forever Young: Book Groups & Kid Lit," "Garth & Britney Face-Off Over Literacy."

"Rediscovering a Classic: Kesey's Cuckoo's Nest," Caleb Carr, Maya Angelou, Richard Ford and Joe Klein. Inside, there was much more, including an article on Aerosmith's lead singer Steve Tyler's literary influences, including a sidebar headed "Tyler isn't the only rock star with a library card, you know" that lists the musicians, their songs, the literary lyric, the source and background info.

Regular features include reviews and author appearance schedules.

But I digress. I failed to mention the banner across the top of the cover, which was why the magazine appeared open before me. The banner reads "The Hundred Best Characters in Fiction: From Sherlock to Harry Potter — See How They Rank."

A panel of more than 50 literary luminaries, writers, editors and critics, chose 100 characters from fiction since 1900. Included, you'll find everyone from Charlotte ("Charlotte's Web") and The Cat in the Hat to Gregor Samsa ("Metamorphosis"), and Babbitt.

I was pleased to see Guile Jimson ("The Horse's Mouth"), Yossarian ("Catch 22") and Boo Radley ("To

Kill a Mockingbird").

Some oddities included Nick and Nora Charles listed as one in No. 65 while Leopold and Molly Bloom, Winnie the Pooh and Eeyore, Holden and Phoebe Caulfield ("Catcher in the Rye") were listed separately.

Ondaatje's nurse Hana from "The English Patient" made the list and Ondaatje was on the panel. V.I. Warshawski didn't make the list, but Sarah Paretsky was also on the panel. I guess she didn't vote for her own brainchild.

You might say they're not in the same class. But Sam Spade, Philip Marlowe, the pre-mentioned Charles's and James Bond all made the cut. So did Sherlock Holmes (not surprising) but Poirot, Miss Marple and Peter Wimsey did not.

Book magazine's top 10 characters

1. Jay Gatsby — "The Great Gatsby"
2. Holden Caulfield — "Catcher in the Rye"
3. Humbert Humbert — "Lolita"
4. Leopold Bloom — "Ulysses"
5. Rabbit Angstrom — "Rabbit Run"
6. Sherlock Holmes — whole series
7. Atticus Finch — "To Kill a Mockingbird"
8. Molly Bloom — "Ulysses"
9. Stephen Dedalus — "Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man" (but he was in "Ulysses," too)
10. Lily Bart — "The House of Mirth"

Harry Potter was in, but Bilbo Baggins, Gandalf and Frodo were out. Hazel from "Watership Down" was out. Lennie ("Of Mice and Men") made it, but not Tom Joad. Some authors have multiple listings (Nabokov, Joyce, Salinger, Bellow) while Vonnegut, Tom Robbins and Malamud, among others, missed altogether.

I would have included Jacob Bok from Malamud's "The Fixer," Burlingame from Barth's "The Sotweed

Factor," Pynchon's Benny Profane from "V" and Marvin, the depressive robot from Doug Adams' "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy."

If Tarzan is on the list, why not include Hannibal Leichter?

Charlie Marlow was No. 98. I never thought he had a first name. He was always Marlow in Conrad's books. They like him in "Heart of Darkness." Kurtz is in there, too. But not Lord Jim. Remember Garp's initials? T.S. That threw me, too.

The list also included comments after each choice. Some, however, were just filler info and didn't explain the choice.

Back to the panel of experts: I tried to imagine the group meeting and couldn't. My guess is Book sent out 100 or so letters; then tallied the responses. The premise was to "rank the top 100 characters in literature since 1900." We were given no further guidelines, though they may have sent some additional thoughts.

So, I was wondering how you feel about this. I'm including a sidebar of the top 10 choices without comments, theirs or mine. For the rest of the list you have to read the magazine. It's currently available at Grosse Pointe Central Library. You can get your own copy at Border's in the Village or Barnes & Noble on Mack.

After you've seen the whole list (no cheating), I'd love to hear from you. Do you agree or disagree with their choices? Maybe you could make your own top character list. They must be unforgettable and published after 1900. They can be from any genre.

You can reach me online at hgregory@gp.lib.mi.us or drop it off for me at Central Library.

No promises, but maybe we'll run another column on this down the line.

If you want Book's editors to know your thoughts, you can contact them online at letterstoeditor@book-magazine.com.

Oh, and Bugs Bunny is not allowed. Save it for your film list.

'Lampon'ing the new millennium

By Jason Sweeney
Staff Writer

The continuation of the tradition set by "National Lampoon's Animal House," the updated "Van Wilder" is exactly what you'd expect, for good or ill.

This millennial reworking of the '80s college party film is largely

representative of the genre. It plays on both tried and true formula and tired premises at the same time.

The film, like its predecessor, turns on a loose plot, relies upon crude and coarse toilet humor that panders to the least common denominator of society and delivers a very unrealistic view of causality and responsibility.

Isn't debauchery grand? Ryan Reynolds (ABC's Two Guys and a Girl) plays the title character,

Van Wilder. Wilder has spent seven years in an expensive East Coast prep college, dodging his place in the adult world.

Reynolds carries it off with a decent degree of success and glibness that incorporates the influences of Lampoon's most notable protagonist, Chevy Chase, and the more current funny man, Jim Carrey.

While the script is shallower than current lake levels, Reynolds does a good job of keeping the film from dragging

through the worst of the muck.

The supporting cast can be most easily described as a menagerie.

Tara Reid (American Pie, American Pie II) plays the same role once again in this film of a good-looking college aged girl who ends up with the guy.

Teck, notorious for his appearance in MTV's "Real World: Hawaii" and Curtis Armstrong, best known as "Booger" from the "Nerds" movies are a good indicator of the level of the rest of the talent.

Billed as "A fast-paced comedy worth cutting class for," this installment of Lampoon does move along, but it doesn't go anywhere important.

Gutter humor and language, objectification of women and crudely-earned laughs near the top of its game, this film will have appeal to the college crowd and the rest of the 20 and 30-something crowd.

Parents, however, should think at least twice about letting their kids go to see this one.

The audience at the test screening, regardless of age and relative prudishness, laughed quite a bit. But they didn't have to pay to get in.

Final word: Guilty pleasures are sometimes the most enjoyable. No matter how hard one laughs, though, this film is still nothing special.

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Star Power
The star rating system is, admittedly, subjective. Here is a guide to the meaning behind the stars given to movies reviewed in The Grosse Pointe News.

★ — This film will be on cable soon enough. Don't waste time or money on a trip to the theater for a one-star movie.

★★ — This film has somehow missed the mark. Two-star films may appeal to a limited audience, but you're better off renting.

★★★ — Average is a mean word, but accurate. Pictures with three stars are worth the price of admission if you like the actors or the subject.

★★★★ — This film is more than worth the price of admission. Four-star films are well made movies that your friends will be talking about.

★★★★★ — This film will or should be a major contender for awards or a cult following. Five stars indicates movie magic at its best.

War Memorial for kids

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, offers a full schedule of educational and social adventures for children. Little artists, ages 6 to 12, can brighten their day by making Mosaic Flower Pots, Saturday, April 13, from 10 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$30. Spend a delightful afternoon with your youngsters, ages 6 and up, when Cyndee Harrison presents A Teenie Weenie Tea Time For Mommy and Me, Thursday, April 18, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. The fee is \$35 per couple and \$10 for each additional child. Register today for the Spring Middle School Dance, Friday, April 19, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and students must have a War Memorial Identification Card. Preregistration is required for most programs. Call (313) 881-7511.

Respite Care

Learn more about the Respite Care program for members of ARC Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods, formerly the Grosse Pointe Association for Retarded Citizens, during an Open House, Sunday, April 7, at 1 p.m., at the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook. Call (313) 881-1843.

Books & videos

Enrich your child's world with a six-week Story Time at the Harper Woods Public Library, 19601 Harper. Sessions for 4- and 5-year-olds will be offered on Tuesdays, at 1:30 p.m. Programs for 3-year-olds will be held on Wednesdays, at 10:30 a.m. Older students can enjoy movies and refreshments as part of the After School Video Club, Thursdays, at 4 p.m. Preregistration is required. (313) 343-2575.

Special needs soccer

Register today for Top Soccer for Special Needs Children, a program that runs Saturday, April 27 through Saturday, June 3. The fee, payable to the Grosse Pointe Soccer

Association, is \$15. The spring uniform is \$25 or \$15 for those who need to replace the top only. Call (313) 886-3445.

Promoting the positive

Dr. Ruth Anan, director of the Early Childhood Program at Beaumont Hospital, will address the subject of Promoting Positive Behavior in Your Child, Tuesday, April 9, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at Beacon Elementary School, 19475 Beaconsfield in Harper Woods. The lecture is a Parents' Education Series for Young Families program, presented by the Barnes Early Childhood Center and the Family Center. Donations of \$10 will be accepted. (313) 371-0070.

All that jazz

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra's free Tiny Tots Series will present its first ever Jazz for Tots concert, Monday, April 8, at 11 a.m., at the HOPE Conference Center, 1400 Oakman. (313) 576-6111.

In the swim

The Grosse Pointe Shores Sharks Swim Team extends an invitation to all residents between the ages of 5 and 17 to join in the fun of a Kick-Off Swim Night, Saturday, April 13, at 5 p.m., in the pool at Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier.

This free family fun event includes diving games, complimentary National Coney Island Dinner for the entire family, a raffle and free team shirts for all new Sharks. Call (313) 882-5076.

Jr. book group

Little literature lovers, ages 10 to 13, can participate in a free Children's Book Group Meeting, featuring The Bronze Bow, Tuesday, April 9, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Grosse Pointe Central Library, 10 Kercheval. Registration is requested. (313) 343-2074, ext. 218.

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Folk - Art of Mexico

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Zoo news

Experience the animals and more at the Detroit Zoo, at Ten Mile and Woodward in Royal Oak. Look at the amazing anatomical adaptations of anteaters via the single kiosk interactive exhibit Anteaters: Past Food Specialists, through Sunday, Sept. 8, in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery. Chill out with the polar bears, arctic foxes, seals and snowy owls at the Zoo's new 4.2 acre Arctic Ring of Life exhibit. Visitors can catch the underwater action with a trip through the Polar Passage, a unique 70-ft. long clear tunnel, to catch all the exciting underwater action. Take a ride on the wild side and get an animal's eye-view of life on the Wild Adventure Simulator. Tickets are \$4. Along with visits to the other great animals, guests can see the spectacular \$6 million National Amphibian Conservation Center dedicated to the conservation, preservation, exhibition and interpretation of amphibian life. The Zoo is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Zoo admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and children, ages 2-4, 12. Parking is \$4. (248) 398-0903.

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Nautical history

Experience the new exhibition Working the Inland Seas: Stories of African Americans on the Great Lakes, through April 2003, at Belle Isle's Dossin Great Lakes Museum, accessible via the MacArthur Bridge at E. Jefferson and E. Grand Boulevard. View the historical documentary The Passenger Steamer Sealand on the Detroit River, Saturday, April 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults; \$1, children, ages 12-18. (313) 852-4051.

History alive

The Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood in Dearborn, will open its new season with a visit from television's Thomas the Tank Engine, Thursday, April 18 through Sunday, April 24 and Saturday, April 17 and Sunday, April 29. Palette International Ford Design Art Show exhibit, featuring

the work of Ford designers and sculptors created after hours, runs through Monday, May 17. Fabulous in the Fifties: The Fashions of Elizabeth Parke Firestone will be on display at the new Benson Ford Research Center, a \$17 million facility housing the museum's reading room, reference resources and staff and changing gallery space, through Sunday, July 14. The Museum and Village are open Monday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, from noon to 5 p.m. Admission to the Museum ranges from \$7.50 to \$12.50. Admission to the Village ranges from \$8.50 to \$14. Children under the age of 5 and members are admitted free. Daily screenings will be offered after the IMAX Theatre, beginning at 9 a.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$5, seniors and children 12 and under. (313) 982-6001.

Detroit's past

Stroll the Streets of Old Detroit; trace more than 100 years of automotive history and travel from Frontiers to Factories through the permanent exhibitions of the Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward in Detroit. The new exhibit, Pewabic Pottery: The Legacy of Mary Chase Perry Stratton, salutes one of Detroit's most enduring contributions to the world of art, through Sunday, Oct. 13. Take in the exhibit The Polish Presence in Detroit, through Sunday, June 9. Relive the history of Detroit's original settlers through the exhibition, Land, Lives and Legends: Native Americans in Detroit. Detroit's 300th Birthday is the inspiration for the special exhibition 300 Who Dared. The Museum is open Tuesday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The suggested admission is \$4.50 for adults or \$2.25 for seniors and children, ages 12 to 18. Children under the age of 12 enter free. Call (313) 833-1805.

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Blue Demons chalk up another basketball tournament win

There's a bright future in store for Grosse Pointe's high school basketball teams.

Part of that future is a group of sixth graders called the Grosse Pointe Blue Demons, who won a recent all-star tournament in Ann Arbor that attracted 15 of the best sixth-grade teams in the state.

The season-ending tournament win gave the Blue Demons a 29-7 overall record. They also won tournaments in Detroit during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

"Our goal was to try to

play the best sixth and seventh grade teams in the city of Detroit and around the state," said head coach Jim Saros, who pointed out that the Blue Demons are exclusively a sixth grade team.

The Blue Demons won their final tournament of the season with a thrilling come-from-behind 49-44 victory over Northville.

Grosse Pointe trailed by 12 points at halftime, but in the second half, Jimmy Saros and James Costa took over. Saros finished with 21 points, five rebounds, three steals and five blocked shots. Costa had eight

points, four rebounds, six steals and four assists.

Other key contributions came from Mike Koltun, who had five rebounds; Gale Mannesto and Tommy Quinn, who had three steals apiece; Alex Rossi, who played a strong game at point guard; Ryan MacTopper, who hit a pair of three-point shots; and Frank Ferretti, who along with Mannesto, led a smothering full-court defense.

The Blue Demons began tournament play with a 45-35 win over Brighton. Patrick Gustine was outstanding at point guard with six steals and six points.

Mac Topper and Alex Jones had four rebounds apiece and Brian Gillum had a strong game at center. Brad Vandevorde also played well.

Eight Grosse Pointe players scored points. Vandevorde led the way with 11 points and Koltun had 10 points, four assists and five steals in the Blue Demons' 55-33 win over Birmingham. Quinn added six points and six rebounds.

The Blue Demons found some of their toughest competition close to home.

"One of the best teams we played was St. Clare Montefalco in our own neighborhood," Saros said. "That game is always close and is always fun. The players all know each other. St. Clare has excellent coaching and a great basketball tradition. The players want to beat each other but are great buddies off the court."

St. Clare and Blue Demons teams play in the same Little League baseball programs.

Although teams are allowed to add players for the All-Star tournaments, the Blue Demons go with

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Notre Dame starts season with 2-1 loss

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

For years Notre Dame's baseball team owned South Lake.

Last year head coach Ray Buccilli and his Cavaliers broke a decade-long streak of losing to the Fightin' Irish, winning 3-1 — and last week they made it two wins in a row, pulling out a 2-1 thriller.

"This is a great win for us," Buccilli said. "We have been waiting to start the season against a good team like Notre Dame."

"To beat them for a second straight season is great." The host Cavs won the game with a two-out double by junior James Osmulowski, scoring junior Mike Abeli from first.

Fightin' Irish pitcher Steve Schwartz (0-1) struck out the first two hitters he faced in the bottom of the seventh.

"He came in and pitched well, but he got that last pitch up and South Lake's hitter crushed it," Notre Dame head coach Angelo Gust said. "I thought we

might have had a play at the plate, but the ball kept on rolling in the outfield."

"This was a well played opener and unfortunate we had to come up on the short end again."

South Lake sophomore Mike Powers (1-0) went the distance, scattering six hits and throwing only 89 pitches.

"Mike was solid and looked to be in mid-season form," Buccilli said. "We have 10 returning players, which is a first for me during my several years as head coach."

For the Fightin' Irish, senior James Embree had two hits, including a double, scored the team's only run and had a walk.

"Jamie is going to do some nice things for us this season," Gust said. "He is a smart hitter and plays good defense."

Senior Mike Horne started for the Irish, giving up two hits and striking out four in five innings.

The Notre Dame baseball team is 0-1.

Harper Woods off to a rock-solid start

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Harper Woods and Bishop Gallagher will have to wait until April 13 to play their soccer game that was scheduled to be played last week.

"The snow two days before the game made it impossible to chalk the field," Harper Woods head coach Matt Naidow said. "We really wanted to play, but now we will have to wait until after the break."

The Pioneers officially began their season the week before, finishing 1-2 in the Hazel Park Tournament.

"It was a long, cold afternoon, but at least the girls were able to play some soccer outside," Naidow said. "We had some positives to build on."

The Pioneers lost 2-0 to Warren Woods-Tower, but came back to beat Hazel Park 4-0 behind sophomore Khara Fox's hat trick.

Senior Amanda Shugart also tallied for the Pioneers, which ended the tournament with a 7-0 loss to Warren Cousino.

"We have some speed that we didn't have in the past," Naidow said. "Cousino took it to us, but overall I was happy with our effort in the three games."

The Harper Woods soccer team is 1-2 overall; Bishop Gallagher remains 0-0.

Coming up for the Pioneers is a tentative home game on Tuesday, April 9, against Riverview, while the Lancers will play at Royal Oak Shrine on the same day.



Notre Dame's baseball team couldn't get any offensive consistency in its opener against South Lake.

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Demons

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their regular-season squad.

"If we picked up a few of the players from St. Clare, St. Matthew and St. Paul, no one could touch us," said Jim Saros. "But one day, they'll all be playing together in high school. They're only in the sixth grade. It's hard to believe these kids are already this good."

May is North hockey month in the Woods

For the second consecutive year, the Grosse Pointe Woods city council has honored the Grosse Pointe North High School boys hockey team for winning the state Division II Championship.

Therefore, the month of May has been designated Grosse Pointe North Boys Ice Hockey Team Month in the Woods.

"We express the appreciation of the community in the efforts of the players, coaches and staff of the Grosse Pointe North hockey team in their accomplishment," said Mayor Robert Novitke.

The Norsemen finished the season with a record of 20-7-2. In addition to winning its second state championship in a row, the team won its third consecutive Michigan High School Athletic Association regional championship.

— Brad Lindberg



The Grosse Pointe Blue Demons took first place in a recent all-star basketball tournament in Ann Arbor that included 16 of the best sixth-grade teams in the state. In front, from left, are Alex Rossi, Brad Vandevorde, Frank Ferretti and Pat Gustine. In the second row, from left, are Cale Manneato, Mac Topper, Mike Koltun, James Costa and Ryan Krupka. In the third row, from left, are Keith Gillum, Alex Jones, Jimmy Saros and Tim Quinn. In back, from left, are coaches John Costa, Jim Saros and E.F. Rossi.

Kammy Miller, state's finest, honored

Kammy Miller, the state's top high school female athlete and a swimmer at Grosse Pointe North High School, is being honored in Grosse Pointe Woods during April.

Woods Mayor Robert Novitke this week designated April as Kammy Miller Month.

Miller was recognized in

March as the Michigan High School Female Athlete of the Year at the National Athletic Awards.

Members of the Detroit Athletic Club selected Miller from thousands of candidates.

Miller is an All-American and multi-state champion swimmer for the Norsemen.

She will continue her career as a student-athlete this fall with a full scholarship to the University of Southern California.

"We extend the best wishes on behalf of the city council and residents of Grosse Pointe Woods for her continuing success and well-being," Novitke said.

— Brad Lindberg

St. Paul finishes perfect season

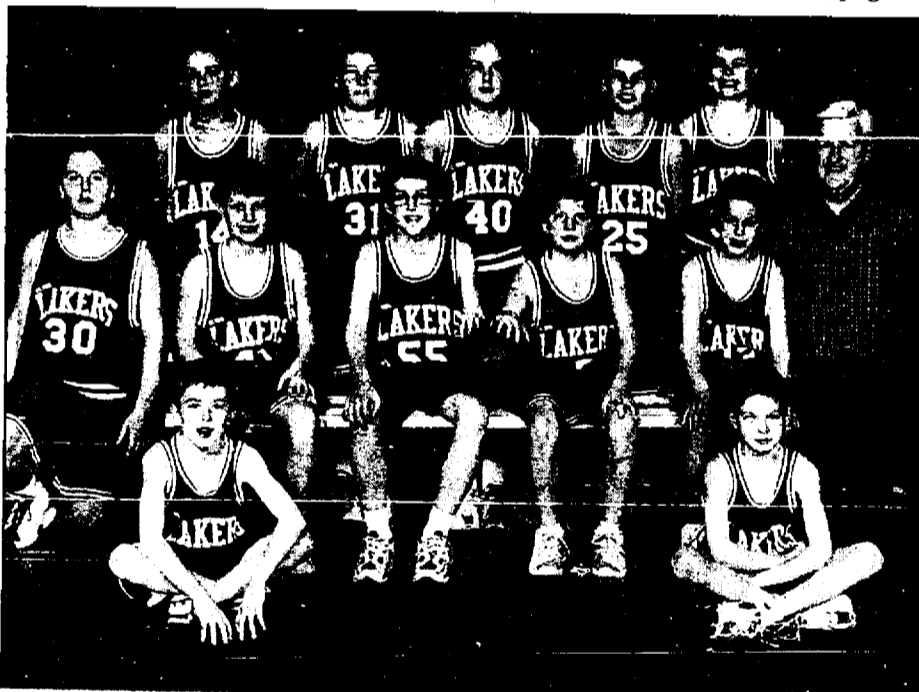
The St. Paul Lakers fifth grade basketball team completed a perfect season with a 22-6 victory over Mount Clemens St. Mary.

The victory gave the Lakers a 10-0 record and the championship in the Catholic Youth Organization Grade 5-6 Macomb Second

Division.

Patrick Deters led a balanced St. Paul scoring attack with seven points and

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The St. Paul Lakers won the Catholic Youth Organization Grade 5-6 Macomb Second Division basketball championship with a 10-0 record. In front are Joey Dempsey, left, and Jake Boettcher. In the second row, from left, are Adam Mitchell, Casey Fiddler, Kevin Ginnebaugh, Vince Watson, Patrick Deters and coach Steve Deters. In back, from left, are Adamo Legghio, Alexander Kirles, David Calcaterra, K.C. McCluskey and Tommy Graves. Not pictured are Reid Fragel and coaches Dave Mitchell and Tom Graves.

South squad helps Children's Hospital

Grosse Pointe South's girls basketball season ended in November but the Blue Devils' efforts are still helping Children's Hospital of Michigan.

The team, led by captains Liz Laciura, Lawren Morawski and Stephanie Shepard, launched a "Points for Pediatrics" program to raise money for the hospital, based on each point the team scored during the season.

South's players recently presented a check for \$5,000 to the hospital.

"We scored 836 points," Laciura said. "Each member of our team secured sponsorships in the amounts of 10 cents, 50 cents or one dollar for each point we scored. Everyone's hard work resulted in \$5,027.17 being raised."

"We've also asked Children's Hospital to allocate \$2,500 to the cardiology department and specifically to Sarah McPharlin," Morawski said. "That will help defray some of the family's expenses."

McPharlin, a Brownell Middle School student, recently had heart transplant surgery at Children's.

Children's Hospital is recognized nationally as a leading center for pediatric health care and research and has a national reputation for performing major surgical procedures on newborn and prematurely-born infants.

"I'm really proud of this

team," said coach Peggy Van Eckoute. "Not only did they work extremely hard on the court, they also worked very hard in the community, creating awareness of the program and raising the money."

"It's important to be actively involved in the community and Children's Hospital is a superb focal point for their efforts. Next season we hope to also have our ninth grade and JV teams involved in Points for Pediatrics."

Other members of the South squad were Colleen Buckley, Katie Caretti, Liz Halpin, Lauren Harrington, Beth Mumaw, Stacey Peppler, Liz Ridgway, Kate See, Kirsta Wierda and Meredith Whims.

South grad does well on court and off

Grosse Pointe South graduate Adam Hess made quite an impression on and off the court in his first season on the William and Mary basketball team.

Hess, who transferred from Eastern Michigan, was selected to the All-Academic team in the Colonial Athletic Association. He is majoring in finance and carries a 3.7 grade-point average.

Hess became eligible at midseason and was second on the Tribe in scoring (10.3 points-per-game) and rebounding (4.6).



Grosse Pointe South's varsity girls basketball team and coach Peggy Van Eckoute surround Dr. Tom Forbes of Children's Hospital of Michigan after the team presented him with two checks for \$2,500 each. One check was for Children's Hospital and the other was for Brownell Middle School student Sarah McPharlin, who underwent heart transplant surgery in October. The team raised the money through sponsorships of the total points scored by the squad during the season.



Mighty Mites

The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Mite AA Bulldogs won the Little Caesars Tier II championship with a 4-3 victory over Trenton in the title game in Dearborn. In front is goalie Jeffrey Ryan. Kneeling, from left, are Amy Henderson, James Brophy, Alex Stewart, John Wendzinski, Shawn Miele, Joey Aliotta, Alex Bedan and Jake Murphy. Standing are Andrew Holder, left, and Jake Gorman. In back, from left, are head coach Mike Wendzinski and assistant coaches Jim Miele and Pat Ryan. Not pictured is manager Kurt Murphy.

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Lakers

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Tommy Graves and K.C. McCluskey added six apiece. Adam Mitchell was a defensive standout with three steals. Kevin Ginnebaugh pulled down five rebounds, one more than Adamo Legghia.

The Lakers, who had an overall 18-2 record, were led in scoring by McCluskey, followed by Deters and Joey Dempsey.

Reid Fragel, Alexander Kirles and Mitchell were the leading rebounders. McCluskey, Deters and Dempsey were the assist leaders.

Dempsey and Jake Boettcher led the aggressive St. Paul defense in steals

and Fragel and Mitchell topped the squad in blocked shots.

Vince Watson and David Calcaterra provided solid backup play at guard. Legghia, Graves, Casey Fiddler and Ginnebaugh were strong on the boards.

Stingy defense was a trademark of the Lakers as they held opponents to an average of 11 points-per-game while scoring at a 26 point-per-game clip. In five games, St. Paul held the opposition to fewer than 10 points and only one opponent managed to score more than 15.

Steve Deters, Dave Mitchell and Tom Graves were the Lakers' coaches.

GPFA house league result

MITE HOUSE
Wolverines 6,
Mighty Ducks 5

Goals: Cameron Dabir 3, Scott Donnellon 3 (Wolverines); Brown, Alan Jacquemotte, Trey Shields 3 (Mighty Ducks).

Assists: Dabir 3, Decker, Donnellon, Vens 2 (Wolverines);

Jacquemotte (Mighty Ducks).

Comments: The Wolverines scored three unanswered goals in the third period to win the tight game. The Wolverines' defense did a good job of keeping the play out of their zone during the final period. Patrick Kuchta, Dovi Coole and Marty Moesta played well for the Wolverines in their season finale.

Local figure skaters second in state meet

The Grosse Pointe high school figure skating team finished second in the state "high level" championships at the Dearborn Skating Center.

Farmington took first place with 11 points, while the Grosse Pointe squad had 10 points.

Grosse Pointe South senior Leah Karchin is captain of the team. The other four skaters who participated in the state meet were Grosse Pointe North sopho-

more Brooke Castile, South juniors Cammie Cusack and Christine Semmler and North junior Eric Field.

Grosse Pointe finished second in both the spins and moves categories.

Field also won a bronze medal in novice freestyle preliminary dance.

In order to qualify for the state championships, teams had to earn points in three district events.

Team members unable to compete in the state cham-

pionships were North juniors Lauren Abke, Emily Mathias and Jillian Zylinski and North freshman Lauren

Ziemiacki. Thirty-three schools participated in this year's state figure skating competition.

LE sports called off

By Bob St. John
Staff writer

Lutheran East's spring sports events were postponed last week, due to the two inches of snow that fell.

"There is no way we can go," athletic director Don Justice said. "It's not good for the athletes to compete in the below-freezing tem-

peratures and the snow makes it impossible to play."

The track team was set to run against Bloomfield Hills Roper and Plymouth Christian, while the softball and baseball squads were going to face Warren Bethesda Christian.

No make-up date has been set.

Flurries postpone Gallagher sports

By Bob St. John
Staff writer

Bishop Gallagher's girls softball team will have to wait another week to start its season.

The Lancers were sched-

uled to host Royal Oak Shrine last week, but 25 degree temperatures and blowing snow made it impossible to play.

"This isn't the best time of the year to play, but we thought we could get a game in before the Easter break," head coach Dennis Gore said. "We have rescheduled it for Sunday, April 7."

The boys baseball team was also scheduled to face Hamtramck St. Florian, but the snow flurries canceled it.

Red Barons elect board for the 2002 season

The Grosse Pointe Red Barons football club elected this year's executive board at the group's annual meet-

ing. Rene St. Hilaire of Grosse Pointe Woods was elected president. Mark Riashi of Grosse Pointe Park is the vice president, Sandra Gallagher of Grosse Pointe Farms is the treasurer and David St. John of Harper Woods is the secretary.

The Red Barons have provided youth football to the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods for more than 30 years and is a charter member of the Eastern Suburban Football League.


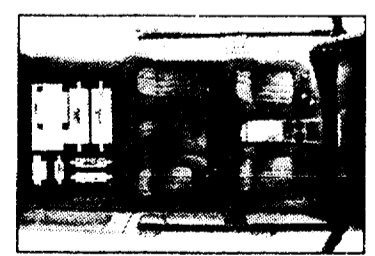
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