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2002/03 MEAP Elementary and Middle School Scores

5	Science	93	85	83	77
5	Social Studies	56	24	34	28
8	Math	76	43	57	52
8	Science	85	53	68	65
8	Social Studies	63	22	35	32

Students face three grueling MEAPs weeks

By Jennie Miller
 Staff Writer
 Ann Fouty
 News Editor

extra stress," said VanPeeran. "We tell the kids to do the best you can. It's just a test. We give them a snack in the morning and tell them to get a good night's sleep."

Truckloads of No. 2 pencils are being shipped to schools around the state as parents stock up on Cheerios in preparation for this year's MEAP test.

Students are given as much time as they need to complete each section. Schedules are different in each school district, but the tests must be completed in a three-week time period.

Testing begins Monday, Jan. 26, and will be staggered over the course of three weeks. Fourth-graders will be taking language arts and mathematics; fifth-graders will take science and social studies, and seventh-graders will showcase their skills in language arts.

Creating the MEAP

"The standards and content of what will be tested are decided by the Michigan Department of Education with assistance by Michigan professional teaching groups," said Marjorie Parsons, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction for the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

MEAP, which is based on state curriculum, is used as an informational tool for schools to confirm where students stand academically, compared to other schools in the state.

The tests are based on the state curriculum. Within each subject, such as mathematics or language arts, content areas are selected by the committee. Each content area is broken down into the number of questions that should be given as well as the type of questions that should be used, such as short essay, multiple choice or fill-in-the-blank.

"MEAP is one way to communicate to the public about our yearly performance," said Tracy VanPeeran, director of curriculum and instructional technology for Lakeview School District.

The Michigan Council of Teachers of English contracts a professional testing company, which writes the test and does all the trim work. Measurement Inc., in North Carolina, is in charge of scoring the tests. A new contract was recently awarded to a company in Georgia which creates a database for the results, which resulted in the late issue of scores this past year.

"It identifies where the strengths and weaknesses of the curriculum are and is a guidance of what happens instructionally."

"The results are always very interesting," Parsons

"It can identify shortcomings," VanPeeran said. "We have used the information to guide professional development to teachers."

"We work to not create

While success on the MEAP test is important, schools try not to put pressure on the students.

"We send a letter home (which informs parents to make sure their kids attend school, eat breakfast and sleep well). We help them to be aware it is important to do their best," said Sandra Stanley, assistant superintendent for curriculum for Lake Shore Public Schools.

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Crews handle all-day, half-a-foot snowfall

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

It wasn't so much the six inches of snowfall last Wednesday as the entire day it took to fall. An almost constant curtain of snow on Jan. 14 prevented crews from keeping roads and sidewalks clear.

"It never quit," said Tim VandenBoom, public works supervisor in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The storm began at about 7 a.m. Snow and below-freezing temperatures combined to make streets messy during morning drive time.

"When it gets cold like this, salt doesn't work unless you get some sunshine on it," VandenBoom said. "We salted once and plowed the whole city one time. Then we did the walks."

His crews worked until 7 p.m.

"Five guys came back in at 3 a.m.," VandenBoom said.

Workers plowed the Village and hauled away snow in dump trucks. A second crew came to work at 4 a.m.

"We spent a lot of time (Thursday) morning plowing, doing walks again and salting," VandenBoom said. "Some roads are a little more snow-covered than I want. That's due to a lot of cars being parked (on the street.) We'll do touch-up work tomorrow (Friday)."

Skip Fincham, chief of public safety, said meter enforcement officers were recording license plates of snowed-in cars.

"Car can't be parked on the street for more than 48 consecutive hours," he said. "Beginning Monday and Tuesday, they will start issuing tickets to those cars."

Fincham reminded residents that when shoveling driveways, don't bury fire hydrants with snow.

In the Farms, Terry Brennan, director of public works, said snow duty "went well. Crews have been trying to keep on top of things, including the sidewalks."

In the Shores, Brett Smith summarized the storm.

"It's Michigan," said Smith, head of public service. "We kept our full crew. We didn't let anybody go home."

Crews manned four snowplows and two loaders. Streets in the Shores were plowed at least three times.

None of the Pointes declared a snow emergency, meaning cars could not be parked curbside.

"I've been here 16 years and have never declared a snow emergency," Smith said. "We've been able to handle everything."



Photo by Brad Lindberg

Spin out!

Holly Krizmanich, a public safety officer in Grosse Pointe Farms, directs traffic around a car crash on eastbound Jefferson near the crescent curve onto Lakeshore.

It's a spot Emily Samra will remember. Samra, 16, was uninjured Sunday, Jan. 18, shortly before 12:30 p.m., when the Ford Taurus she was driving ended up lodged atop an ornamental boulder in the front yard of 80 Lakeshore.

"I was driving (eastbound) and a car swerved into my lane," said Samra, a City of Grosse Pointe resident and junior at Grosse Pointe South High School. "I tried to swerve over and lost control."

"No one got hurt. That's the good thing," said Tom Shimko, one of three Farms officers on the scene.

Fluid leaking from the Taurus engine compartment stained the snow around the boulder. Damaged headlights and a torn left fender hung from the body. Officers closed eastbound lanes while a tow truck pulled the vehicle away.

WEEK AHEAD

Monday, Jan. 26

The Grosse Pointe Park City Council meets at the Park city hall at 7 p.m.

The Grosse Pointe Public Library Board meets at the Neighborhood Club at 7 p.m.

The City of Grosse Pointe City Council meets in the City municipal building at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 27

Dr. Mark Weber, president of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, will be the keynote speaker at the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe luncheon at the War Memorial at 11 a.m.

For more information, call (313) 881-5592.

Wednesday, Jan. 28

The Lakeshore Optimist Club presents Richard Paul, a motivational speaker and ventriloquist, at its meeting at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Paul will offer a humorous, yet practical down-to-earth picture of how we can empower ourselves and others.

Guests are welcome at all Optimist Club meetings. For more information, call Bill Murray, president, at (800) 900-1639.

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Patricia Pawsat

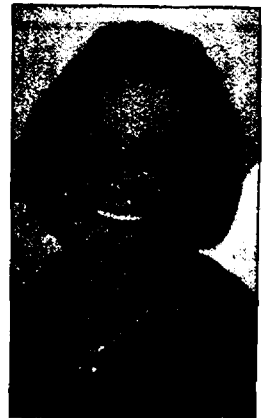
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Age: 66

Family: husband, Ethan; children Dennis, David, Jeffrey, Colleen and Pam

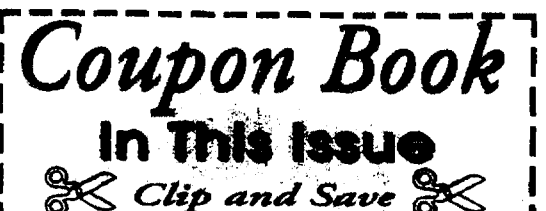
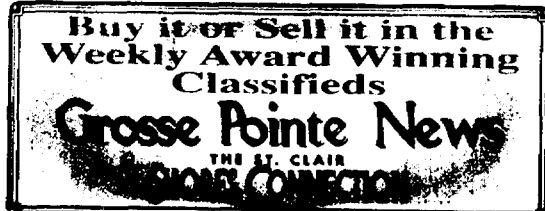
Occupation: artist and owner of business "Art to Walk On"

Quote: "One of the greatest gifts I have is love of color, and that's what makes it come alive. I realize that this is my life coming out on canvas."



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Patricia Pawsat



HW police department promotes three officers

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

Tamera Eschendal, James Burke and Ted Stager moved up in the ranks of the Harper Woods Police Department.

The promotions came as a result of the retirement of Harper Woods' longest-serving employee, Lt. Dennis Krezenski, who has served since 1969, the same year Chief of Police Larry Semple was hired. Semple announced the promotions on Wednesday, Jan. 7.

"The promotional process is extremely difficult here because we probably have the highest caliber of employees that we've ever had," said Lt. Randolph Skotarczyk. "There are so many deserving people. It's a tough list because they've got a lot of competition out there. They are all good people."

Eschendal was promoted from patrol officer to patrol sergeant. She has been with the department since 1989 and is the only female officer on staff.

To be considered for the position, Eschendal underwent a testing process. "She scored high on the test," Lt. Skotarczyk said, adding that Eschendal has a great reputation within the department. "She's done an outstanding job for us."

Eschendal was one of the department's field training officers, work Skotarczyk credits as instrumental in getting her the promotion she sought.

"She did an outstanding job in field training," he said. "At least the last six officers that we have on patrol were trained by her. She does good work and we're sure she's going to do a fine job as sergeant."

As patrol sergeant,

Eschendal will have many new leadership responsibilities.

"She'll be responsible for managing personnel, reviewing case work, addressing community needs, coordinating administrative functions and answering directly to the uniformed lieutenant," Skotarczyk said.

She is thrilled with the new position and the opportunities that await her in the department.

"I've been trying for this for a long time," Eschendal said. "It's a great opportunity to show the people of the community what I can do in this supervisor capacity. I'm really looking forward to it, and I will focus on doing the best job I can possibly do."

James Burke, having served as sergeant for ten years, has been promoted to lieutenant. Having been with the department since 1983, Burke hired on as the youngest police officer Harper Woods has ever had.

"We had never hired anyone that young, and we haven't since," Lt. Skotarczyk said.

During his tenure in the department, Burke has had numerous responsibilities.

"He had road patrol responsibility, where he was in charge of managing the shift," Lt. Skotarczyk said. "He was the field training supervisor and also the live scan supervisor and civilian aid coordinator."

Last year, Burke was awarded police officer of the year by the Fraternal Order of Police.

Thanks to this recognition and the superior performance of his duties, Burke will now serve as the uniformed lieutenant.

"He will be responsible for all the road patrol activities,

doing crime analysis and responding to crime problems," Lt. Skotarczyk said. "There is a large list of administrative functions that he'll have to do including maintaining statistical databases; helping to monitor, upgrade and maintain policies and procedures of the department, and answering to the Chief of Police for anything that has to do with road patrol functions."

Ted Stager is the third officer to be promoted last week. He will now serve as detective, having been a public safety officer after coming to Harper Woods from the Detroit Police Department.

"He served with the 11th precinct for six years," Lt. Skotarczyk said of Stager's previous work experience. "(In Harper Woods), he served most recently as traffic officer on the day shift, and he's done an outstanding job at that. He's also shown a strong propensity for going after criminal investigations. He was the originator of a lot of information on recent narcotics arrests. He's shown a lot of dedication to not just doing what's asked of him but digging a lot deeper."

Stager looks forward to his new role as detective. "I am very happy, honored and appreciative for this new position," he said. "I will be dedicated to helping make for a more efficient department in crime fighting."

Stager's promotion, granted on Wednesday, Jan. 7, will not take effect until a road patrol replacement is found.

"We won't remove him from the road until we have someone to take his place," Lt. Skotarczyk said.

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Shooting suspects nabbed

Harper Woods police officers assisted in the capture of two suspects who fled from Detroit Police Department officers on Sunday, Jan. 18, between 2:20 p.m. and 4:10 p.m.

Harper Woods officers situated near Harper and Vernier were advised of a DPD vehicle following a white Ford Taurus wanted for a shooting that had occurred in Detroit. The vehicles were on I-94, exiting at Vernier.

HW officers observed the vehicles turning westbound onto Van Antwerp from S. Harper. In an attempt to elude the DPD vehicle, the Taurus, which contained three individuals, turned around in a driveway and came back eastbound on Van Antwerp before heading south onto Harper. The Taurus stopped on Kenmore, just west of S. Harper, and the suspects exited on foot.

HW officers remained with the suspected vehicle while DPD officers located and arrested two of the suspects. The third individual was never located, his tracks lost near a local high school.

The two suspects were a 20-year-old black male of Detroit and a black male, 18-20 years-old, who would not give any information to his arresting officers.

Auto thefts

A 23-year-old resident of the 21400 block of Kingsville discovered her 1991 white Plymouth Acclaim was missing at 4:35 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 14. The victim parked her vehicle in the rear parking lot of an apartment complex at 10:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 13, and it

was gone upon her return the following morning.

A 71-year-old Grosse Pointe Park resident discovered his car was missing while working at his office in the 20000 block of Kelly on Monday, Jan. 12. The victim parked his 2004 blue Chrysler Pacifica in the rear parking lot at 9:50 a.m. Twenty minutes later, he noticed his office and car keys were missing from the office door lock where he had left them. The victim went to check to see if he had left them in his car when he discovered it was missing. Officers checked with office personnel; however, no one reported anything out of the ordinary. No video surveillance cameras were positioned inside or outside the offices.

B&E

Between 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 15, and 9 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 16, a storage shed was broken into on the 19200 block of Rockcastle. A 53-year-old resident went to his storage area in the basement of his home in the morning and discovered someone had removed the screws from the hinges to the door and took items from the shed. Missing were a television set valued at \$140, a vinyl inflatable bed, two bottles of Orange Clean and one bottle of Kaboom cleaning solution. The perpetrator had replaced the door in the frame but did not resecure the door.

Stereo theft

A stalled car on the shoulder of the freeway was the scene of a crime on Saturday, Jan. 17, between 11:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. An 18-year-old St. Clair Shores resident reported that the car stereo and CD

collection were stolen from her father's green 1994 Plymouth after she parked the disabled vehicle on the shoulder of eastbound I-94 near Vernier. Upon returning to the vehicle, she noticed damage to the right rear opera window and dashboard. The stereo, valued at \$500, was gone, along with a case of 50 compact discs valued at \$1,000.

Attempted theft

A 1996 dark gray Ford Taurus was broken into between the hours of 6 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 11 and 9 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 12. A 54-year-old resident of the 20300 block of Beaconsfield discovered fresh damage to the ignition and steering column of her locked vehicle. Nothing was reported missing.

Attempted home invasion

A 15-year-old female discovered her family's home was broken into while she was at school on Friday, Jan. 16. Between the hours of 7:15 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., someone had kicked in the front door of a home on the 20400 block of Hollywood. Damage was discovered to the front door, the door frame and the door lock.

The girl and her mother searched the house and reported that nothing was missing or moved. The daughter suggested her dog might have scared off the perpetrator.

The mother reported that her vehicle had been stolen on Nov. 12, and upon recovery, she noticed that papers were missing which contained her address. She felt the same suspects were involved in both cases.

Neighbors were questioned but reported nothing out of the ordinary.

Seniors can enrich body and mind at St. Peters

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

Marion McCarthy is on a mission to erase the stigma that is branded on senior citizens in our society.

"The attitude on aging is negative," she said. "My whole purpose is to get to the beauty and advantages of aging."

McCarthy, a proud senior citizen and a social worker by trade, is the director of the St. Peters Senior Learning Center. She hosts a myriad of programs which

aim to enhance the mind.

"You always hear the negative aspects of aging, like I'm getting so old, I creak, and my digestive system is going," she laughed. "But you never hear, I'm growing wiser too as I get older from all my life experiences. Society does not prepare us for retirement time, as to what we do to fill up our spaces. You keep sharp by keeping active mentally and physically. There's more and more research going on about the integration of

exercising the body and the mind. It's not going to do you any good if you don't exercise the mind."

For the past five years, the Senior Learning Center has been offering programs such as health, current topics, book discussions, exercise and computers.

"Most of the things we do are cognitively-based, to keep their minds moving to keep them active mentally as well as physically," said Betty Woods, a social work intern, 48-year old grand-

mother of four and graduate student at Wayne State University. Woods teaches two courses for the Senior Learning Center; Mind Matters and an intergenerational music program.

"Society has a perception of seniors being feeble and addle-minded," Woods said. "That's not the case. They have so much to offer, if people just take the time to listen. We're talking about decades of wisdom that have been compiled in people's lives that they want to

share."

Mind Matters is a spin-off from a previous class called Growing Wiser, which had gotten quite a bit of praise from its students.

"Growing wiser was a fabulous course," McCarthy said. "It discussed the four areas of mental fitness: awareness, communication, curiosity and willingness to accept mental challenges."

"I'm going to pick up from that program with Mind Matters," Woods explained. "This program will offer people a way to examine the way they think and how the thought process is interconnected to the way they feel. We're going to hopefully give them skills that will help them sit down and think about the stresses that they are facing in life and the way they think about them which ultimately affects the way they react."

Other programs offered through the Senior Learning Center are computer courses, from the basic beginner level to Microsoft Word, cardmaking and Excel.

"These are geared for the very beginners; they don't have to own a computer," McCarthy said. "People can take a class for only \$35. It's the bare basics. If they like it, they can take the next course. It meets once a week for two weeks, two hours each day."

A great benefit from all the programs offered is the encouragement and opportunity to regain an active social life. The Senior Learning Center is doing this with the intergenerational music program and Chew n' Chat, which allows seniors to share different sandwiches while getting to

know one another.

"This will also give our participants the chance to dialogue and network with each other," Woods said.

"In all my research when they talk about longevity, sociability is one of the earmarks of longevity," McCarthy said. "It's hard to make friends as you get older because you're not as involved. It's really hard. This is one form to give people something to do, to fill up some of the voids and allow them to socialize with others."

McCarthy is excited about all that the Senior Learning Center has to offer, and the growth it has shown since its inception.

"People really enjoy the programs," Woods said. "At the end of each semester, they are already looking forward to the next program. We try to keep them new and keep them fresh so that people will want to come back again."

McCarthy stressed that now is the time for seniors to utilize their spare time.

"When we were younger, we didn't have time to do some of these things," she explained. "The beauty of being older is that you can really enrich your life. Learn a new language; take dance lessons, enrich the quality of your life."

The programs are affordable, and registration is required for all courses, with the exception of the exercise program. Seniors can drop in the school's gym on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. at a cost of \$3. For more information, or to register for a class, contact Nancy at (586) 421-1193.


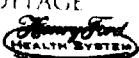


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Dad's Club to hold pancake breakfast

The Harper Woods Dad's Club is holding its annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 25, at the Harper Woods Community Center. The breakfast will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at a cost of \$4 for adults and \$3 for children under 10.

Theft suspect left behind

Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officers arrested one half of a team suspected of stealing baby formula from a grocery store in the 20400 block of Mack on Tuesday, Jan. 13.

A store employee saw the woman exit the store without paying for cans of baby formula that were stashed in the woman's purse shortly before 1 p.m. The woman was with an unidentified man who took off with the purse and fled in a purple 1998 Dodge Neon with the license plate WDX 353 when store employees tried to detain them.

The woman, a 38-year-old Warren resident, was arrested for retail fraud. She also had outstanding warrants for disorderly conduct and narcotics charges out of Detroit.

Driver ignores crossing guard

The driver of a 1996 blue or burgundy Chrysler convertible whizzed past a crossing guard holding up a stop sign so children could cross the intersection of Cook and Holiday in Grosse Pointe Woods at about 8:45 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 16.

The crossing guard said she had to hold the children back at the curb when the motorist disregarded the sign.

No one was injured.

The motorist was described as a man in his mid-40s with brown hair. The owner of the vehicle was notified of the offense by mail.

Car B&E, theft attempt

A silver 2004 Chrysler, parked in a Grosse Pointe Woods municipal parking lot at Mack and Anita, was broken into sometime between 1:10 and 2:20 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 16.

A door handle and the

ignition of the car were punched. A cell phone was stolen from the car.

Kitchen fire

Grosse Pointe Park firefighters were called to put out an electrical fire in the kitchen of a house in the 800 block of Bedford at 4:53 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 12.

Parts-time thefts

A 17-inch tire and four center hub caps were taken from a 2000 Cadillac parked in the 1000 block of Lakepointe in Grosse Pointe Park during the night of Monday, Jan. 12.

Two salt spreaders were taken from the back of a pickup truck parked in the rear of a house in the 1400 block of Lakepointe in Grosse Pointe Park between midnight and 4 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 16.

A spare tire was taken from a 2004 Dodge truck parked in the 1100 block of Bedford in Grosse Pointe Park sometime between Friday, Jan. 16, and Saturday, Jan. 17.

Jeep jacked

A 1998 Jeep Cherokee parked in the street in the 1100 block of Bedford was taken during the night of Monday, Jan. 12.

— Bonnie Caprara

Slip slidin' away

A number of seasoned motorists got a refresher course in winter driving last week in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Numerous crashes occurred when drivers couldn't handle the all-day snowstorm Wednesday, Jan. 14, and curtain calls Saturday, Jan. 17.

Most crashes took place in the 1100 block of Lakeshore where the road curves 90

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degrees at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.

The following spin outs and wrecks occurred at Ford curve on Saturday, Jan. 17:

• At 10:40 a.m., a 70-year-old Grosse Pointe Park woman ran her 1992 Cadillac Deville four-door off the road.

"Two officers were able to rock the vehicle free," police said. "There appeared to be no damage."

• At 11:06 a.m., a 41-year-old St. Clair Shores woman caused "substantial damage" to her 2002 Ford Taurus when spinning off snow-covered southbound Lakeshore.

"Due to snow on the roadway (she) lost control and struck the curb," police said.

Damage included driver-side tires, rims and possibly undercarriage.

• At 12:20 p.m., a woman from St. Clair Shores heading southbound spun her 1998 Buick and came to rest pointed northbound into oncoming traffic.

Two Grosse Pointe Shores residents, trailing at low speed in a red 2003 Cadillac, were unable to stop. The Cadillac hit the Buick on the driver side, causing minor damage.

On Thursday, Jan. 15, at 8:18 a.m., a 23-year-old woman from Washington Township lost control of her 1995 Nissan Altima and hit a snow pile on Lakeshore near Fontana.

The impact knocked loose a radiator hose. She drove the damaged car to Village Hall and waited for a tow truck.

The following incidents occurred during snowy weather on Wednesday, Jan. 14:

• At 9:09 a.m., a vehicle driven by 39-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man hit a tree and came to rest in the Lakeshore median near Colonial Court. Police said there was moderate damage

to the vehicle and minor damage to the tree.

• Shortly after 10:30 a.m., a 70-year-old man from Grosse Pointe Woods lost control of his green 1998 Pontiac and spun off Lakeshore at Ford curve.

While tending the crash, which resulted in minor damage but no injuries, a Grosse Pointe Shores officer noticed an oncoming vehicle.

"(It was) traveling too fast for conditions," the officer said. "The vehicle was also losing control and striking the curb."

The driver, a 41-year-old Detroit man, was wanted on two outstanding traffic warrants from 36th District Court totaling \$210. His driver license had been suspended four times.

Officers cited the man for speeding and driving while suspended. At 2:50 p.m., he posted \$100 bond and was released.

• At 11:23 a.m., a 28-year-old Detroit woman was driving too fast for snowy conditions on southbound Lakeshore near the Lochmoor curve.

Her white 1991 Chevrolet convertible slid onto the median, back onto the road and into a silver 1998 Ford Taurus driven by a 76-year-old woman from Grosse Pointe Farms.

"(The Detroit woman) said she lost control of her vehicle due to snow," said an officer.

The impact caused minor damage to both vehicles.

On Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 9:08 a.m., Grosse Pointe Shores police found a fully-loaded, .40-caliber Glock pistol in the center console of a blue 2003 Dodge four-door driven by a 25-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man.

The driver had been speeding more than 50 mph on southbound Lakeshore near Stratton Place, a 35-mph zone.

"(He) said his dad must have left (the weapon) in the vehicle," police said. Officers confirmed the vehicle was registered to his father.

The driver had an expired concealed weapons permit. He posted \$100 bond and was released. The pistol and Dodge were picked up by the father.

Pistol packin' Park man

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Fireplace snafu

On Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 10 p.m., Grosse Pointe Shores public safety officers vented smoke from a home in the 1000 block of Lakeshore shortly after the owner lit a fire in the fireplace.

More than he should

A 33-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man admitted drinking "more than I should" before driving during the early morning hours of Saturday, Jan. 17.

At 2:17 a.m., a Farms officer stopped the man's silver 2004 Chrysler Pacifica for speeding on eastbound Mack near Kerby. A test showed the man's blood alcohol level at .129 percent.

Saab story

A 25-year-old City of Grosse Pointe man was arrested in the Farms on Saturday, Jan. 17, at 12:41 a.m., for driving his black 2003 Saab while drunk.

An officer stopped the man's car near the intersection of Kercheval and Provençal.

The man admitted drinking and registered a .129 percent blood alcohol level. At 9:30 a.m., he posted \$500 bond and was released.

Plow driver gets in trouble

A snow plow driver gave Grosse Pointe Farms police a fake name upon being pulled over on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 2:32 a.m., on

Chalfonte east of Champine Place.

The man had just finished clearing a resident's driveway.

"When (he) drove away, he left a triangle-shaped pile of snow that extended five feet into the roadway," the officer said.

Police soon learned the man's real name, which revealed a suspended driver's license and outstanding warrant.

Police took the man to jail. The red 2000 Ford F-250 pickup truck he'd been driving was turned over to its owner.

Attempt B&E

Grosse Pointe Farms police think would-be housebreakers used a screwdriver when failing to pry open French doors of a home in the 300 block (the private section) of Provençal.

The homeowner reported the damage during the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 13.

An officer saw "dozens of pry marks."

Burglars may have tried to enter the house while the homeowners were out of town from Dec. 27 through Jan. 4.

Or, police said, the crime could have taken place between 12:15 and 2:30 p.m., the day it was reported while the home was unoccupied.

61 mph on ice

A 21-year-old Detroit man with a suspended driver license was detected on Sunday, Jan. 18, at 2:30 a.m., speeding 61 mph in a 30 mph zone of icy southbound Moross near Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms.

A patrolman had a hard time catching the man because of slippery road conditions.

A stop was made at Beaupre.

The man was wanted on two Detroit warrants totaling \$525 and two warrants from Allen Park totaling \$200.

Upon posting \$500 bond in the Farms, officers released the subject to Allen Park authorities.

2nd time loser?

On Sunday, Jan. 18, at about 1:15 a.m., Grosse Pointe Farms police arrested a 24-year-old City of Grosse Pointe man for drunken driving on westbound Mack near McKinley.

The man reportedly drove his blue 1991 Ford ranger into the curb twice while ignoring a cruiser's siren and emergency lights.

Police measured the man's blood alcohol level at .13 percent.

Farms officers searched the Ranger and found open bottles of beer.

Records showed the driver was arrested in December on alcohol charges in Kalamazoo but hasn't been to court. Police said the Farms incident might be upgraded to a second offense.

Bar talk

While investigating the snow-covered license plate of a black 2003 Chevrolet Blazer, a City of Grosse Pointe policeman discovered the vehicle's driver was drunk.

During a traffic stop on Friday, Jan. 16, at 2:20 a.m., on eastbound Waterloo near University, the man tested positive for a .20 percent blood alcohol level.

The man initially denied drinking.

Then, having failed a field sobriety test, admitted consuming "a couple of beers, then 'four or five at least.'"

Punked

On Wednesday, Jan. 14, shortly before 4 p.m., a 14-year-old male from Grosse Pointe Park was caught at a store in the City of Grosse Pointe trying to steal a two-disk digital video recording of the television series "Punked."

The boy had taken the \$24.99 merchandise to the men's lavatory and hidden

the plastic wrapping in a toilet paper dispenser.

Police released him to his father. Store officials haven't decided to prosecute.

Two warrants, 9 suspensions

On Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 8:50 p.m., a 48-year-old Detroit woman who was stopped for a traffic violation on eastbound Mack near University in the City of Grosse Pointe was arrested on two outstanding warrants.

The woman also was arrested for driving while suspended nine times.

She was wanted on a \$350 warrant from Westland for contempt of court. Allen Park authorities wanted the woman on a \$270 warrant for failure to appear in court.

Icebreaker

A 54-year-old construction worker fell through the ice last week while helping build the new marina at Neff Park in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Six public safety officers responded to the emergency on Friday, Jan. 9, at 8:20 a.m.

The man's coworkers pulled him from the water. He refused medical attention and headed to the construction trailer to dry out and warm up.

— Brad Lindberg

Anti U-turn campaign in Village

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Drivers in the Village are being reminded to go with the flow — of traffic.

Police in the City of Grosse Pointe have been instructed to pull over motorists making U-turns.

Instead of lowering the boom with citations, officers are generally conducting a low-key awareness campaign.

"If officers see U-turns in the Village, they will stop the person responsible," said Skip Fincham, chief of public safety. "Whether they write a ticket is up to the individual officer's discretion."

He said tickets will be more likely if the turn almost caused a wreck.

Michigan's traffic code is clear about U-turns in commercial districts: "The driver of any vehicle shall not turn such vehicle to proceed in the opposite direction on any street in a business district."

"It's clearly enforceable," Fincham said.

One resident advocating enforcement is City Councilmember Jean Weipert.

"It's crazy," she said. "Every time I drive through the Village, somebody is doing a U-turn."

"If it's a law, we need to enforce the law, especially if there's a problem," said Mike Overton, city manager.

U-turns have become more common in the Village. Fincham attributed the increase to people ducking into coffee shops and bakeries, especially during morning hours.

"I'm guilty," said Mayor Dale Scrae. "I've done it."

So has Joseph Jennings, council member.

"I don't do it when it's busy," he said.

Weipert is particularly bothered by drivers who can't manage 180-degree turns in one swoop. Three-point turns, as they're called, clog traffic on both sides of the street.

"Somebody almost backed into me once," Weipert said. "I think people see other people do it, so everybody's doing it, except me."

"From time to time, people need to be reminded," Overton said.

He preferred Fincham's awareness campaign over cluttering the Village with "No U-turn" signs.

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Designation marks stepped-up defense

State declares ash borers a nuisance

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

"Beat it, ya punks."
That's the answer given to a pack of exotic border-jumpers seeking opportunity in an unforgiving land.

Why can't we all just get along?
Because Dan Wyant, head of the state agriculture department, says so.

Wyant has declared invading emerald ash borers a public nuisance.

"Michigan faces a tremendous environmental and economic challenge from this pest," Wyant said.

His ruling last week wasn't meant to conjure images of leather-clad biker bugs terrorizing small-town America. The finding signaled the state's stepped-up fight against an invading insect that has killed six million ash trees in southeast Michigan and is spreading out for more.

"Our state plant health law requires this formal process," said Sara Linsmeier-Wurfel, agriculture department spokesperson. "Basically, it allows us to do eradication activities, which in a lot of cases in outlying areas is going to be tree removal. Unfortunately, it doesn't mean we will get any more money (for research and eradication), such as if we were to make a disaster declaration."

Agriculture officials are also traveling Michigan seeking public advice on how to conquer the borer.

"It gives people the opportunity to comment for the record," Linsmeier-Wurfel

said. A session in southeast Michigan is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 10 a.m., at the Wayne County RESA Annex Auditorium, 6200 State St., in Wayne.

Wyant said, "Every effort is being made to overcome this challenge by pooling resources to create a scientifically-based plan that will prevent further spread of the borer and the financial, natural resource and social losses it causes."

Few enemies

Emerald ash borers were delivered accidentally to North America an estimated six years ago. Insects most likely stowed away inside a wooden crate of manufacturing components shipped from Southeast Asia to an unknown company in western Wayne County.

Borers took hold but were unidentified until summer 2002. They kill trees by eating tunnels through a vital layer of wood just beneath the bark. Tunnels disrupt the tree's flow of water and nutrients.

As with other foreign species that have made life

rough for native plants and animals in the Great Lakes region, borers have flourished almost unbridled.

In North America, the insects enjoy the unfamiliar luxury of few natural predators.

Woodpeckers are an exception, as evidenced by a study begun last

"They're interesting little insects, but, man, I hate to see what they're doing," said Deb McCullough, a forest entomologist at Michigan State University. McCullough has been at the forefront of ash borer

While state, federal and university scientists attempt to reverse borer expansion, municipalities and tree companies have gotten into the act.

During the fall of 2002, shortly after borers had been identified, Grosse Pointe Farms officials took preventive steps to protect city-owned ash trees.

Contractors injected the trees with a pesticide containing Imidacloprid. Imidacloprid is the active ingredient of numerous pesticides, including Imicide, Pointer, Merit and Bayer Tree and Shrub Insect Control.

All Farms trees treated for the last two years have survived borer-free.

Plymouth turnaround

Even more promising, given the 625-square-mile infestation fanning out from Wayne County, infected trees in a westside neighborhood have been nursed back to health.

"We treated the trees with Imidacloprid," said Mark Baldwin, owner of Mark J. Baldwin & Assoc. of Plymouth.

In 2000, before the emerald ash borer was discovered, Baldwin's company planted 30 ash at a gated community in Plymouth. The following spring, the tree looked sickly.

Baldwin injected ill specimens with a pesticide containing Imidacloprid. Fertilizer followed.

"Lo and behold, the next year the trees looked good," Baldwin said. "By the next year after that, tunnels beneath the bark had collapsed. The trees put on a foot of growth in 2003."

Trees almost completely girdled with tunnels came back to health.

"For this particular situation, with those sized trees, this treatment appears to be working very well," said MSU's Roberts, who has examined the site several times. "Whether that will repeat itself across Michigan and the country — we just don't know."

"Ash is a very resilient tree," McCullough said. "It recovers from quite a bit of damage."

McCullough spent time last summer researching borer reactions to various insecticides.

"We tested Imidacloprid and several other compounds with different ways of injecting," she said. "The good news is pretty much all the products and kinds of applications we tried worked in most situations."

Studies at five locations matched different combinations of insecticides and applications.

She posted findings this week on a newly-created multi-agency Web site: www.emeraldashborer.info.

Preliminary interpretation indicates preventive applications are the most certain strategy.

Soil injections of Merit at one site killed 88 percent of larvae in small ash trees, and 86 percent of larvae in medium-sized trees at the Huron Hills Golf Course.

Trunk injections of Imicide at another site killed up to 96 percent of larvae in trees having minor infestation.

Adult borers had better luck, despite the Plymouth evidence.

"Imidacloprid was not highly toxic to adult beetles," McCullough concluded. Yet the chemical appeared to have repelled borers from treated trees.

"We're in the process of coming up with guidelines for insecticides and planning for next summer," McCullough said.

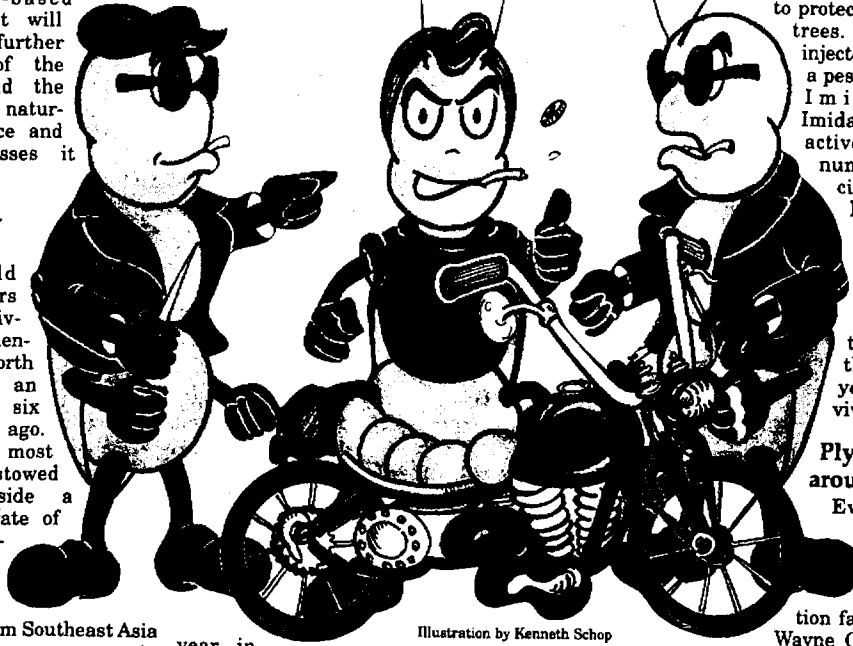


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year in Grosse Pointe Park by city forester Brian Colter and volunteers from the Grosse Pointe Audubon Society.

Borers have been able to reproduce 10-fold each year and spread into fresh territory with relative impunity.

Borers have been confirmed in all five Grosse Pointes.

research.

McCullough and colleague Dave Roberts, an MSU plant pathologist and extension specialist, gave the virtually unknown half-inch insect its common name.

Linsmeier-Wurfel called McCullough "one of our lead scientists" addressing the problem.

Park may tap into own water supply

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

After several years of double-digit wholesale water rate increases, Grosse Pointe Park City Manager Dale Krajniak announced the city is looking at creating its own water source.

"Our engineers are looking at building our own water plant," Krajniak said.

City engineers have determined the city could build its own water treatment plant for about \$14 million to \$15 million. The plant, proposed to be built near the city's municipal complex, would include a small pump station, a water treatment plant, and a 4 million-gallon retention facility. Such a plant would be paid for through revenue bonds, which would be repaid

through water sales. "It would take us about three years to achieve a break even point," Krajniak said.

Krajniak said the city council will be considering such a project in about a year and a half. For the time being, Krajniak said the city has other priorities it would like to pursue.

Like Grosse Pointe Shores, Harper Woods and several other east side communities, the Park has considered a number of alternatives to buying water from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD).

About three years ago, the Park considered tying into Grosse Pointe Farms' water system, which also sells water to the City of Grosse

Pointe, but estimated it would cost about \$17 million to erect a supply line along Lakeshore and Jefferson.

"When we're sitting along the lake, does it pay to put in an additional \$2 million to \$3 million to run two to three miles of water main?" Krajniak said.

Krajniak said the Park has rejected tapping into the Highland Park water treatment plant in the Farms and a possible new St. Clair Shores-Warren water treatment plant for the same reasons.

The Park is looking at making a proposed water treatment plant for Park customers only.

The Park currently pays \$7.66 per 1,000 cubic feet of water and anticipates a 3 to 4 percent increase this year

from DWSD. Between 1999 and 2003, Krajniak said, yearly wholesale water charges have risen from \$425,000 to \$625,000.

Although DWSD rates are not anticipated to rise as dramatically as they have in the past four years, Krajniak said the Park having its own plant would "offer us an opportunity to control costs in the future."

It is unlikely the Park will be considering opportunities to build its own sewage plant to combat even higher increasing sewage treatment wholesale rates charged by DWSD.

"We cannot build a sewer plant unless we have hundreds of millions of dollars," Mayor Pro Tem Greg Theokas said.

1st water/sewer rate hike in 8 years

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Beginning March 1, it will cost Grosse Pointe Woods water customers an additional 15 percent to turn on their faucets and an additional 14 percent to flush that water down the drain.

Customers will see variable water rates go up from 78 cents per 100 cubic feet (CCF) of water used to 90 cents per CCF. Variable

sewer rates will go up from \$1.93 CCF to \$2.02 CCF. The billing expense charge has also gone up 15 percent — from \$1.30 to \$1.50 per bimonthly bill.

The Woods' water flat rate, sewer flat rate and capital improvement charges will remain the same at \$16.80, \$2.50 and \$8 respectively.

Overall, water bills will go up anywhere from 0.70 per-

cent to 11.79 percent.

"It's all dependent upon how much water you use," Finance Director Clifford Maison said.

The increases are, however, the Woods' first water and sewer increases in eight years.

"The cumulative effect of the proposed rate change is to generate additional operating revenues of approximately \$300,000 annually,"

Maison said. "The increase is necessary since the city will once again be facing double digit increases in its water and sewer base rates. This is in addition to the annual inflationary increases the city incurs in its other operating expenditures."

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department currently charges the Woods \$6.06 per 1,000 cubic feet (MCF) for water and \$9.28 per MCF for sewage processing. Those wholesale rates are up from \$2.83 for water and \$6.32 for sewage in 1994.

"Lastly, there will be a need to refinance the reserve for future liability and property claims that have been depleted," Maison said.

City attorney Don Berschback said he could not divulge the amount in dispute in the Woods' water and sewer liability reserve fund, but did say: "Negotiations and discussions are still continuing of the sewage discharge claims of June 21, 2002."

The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council unanimously voted to approve the rate increases at its Monday, Jan. 19, meeting.

Giovan appointed to No. 2 post in Third Circuit Court

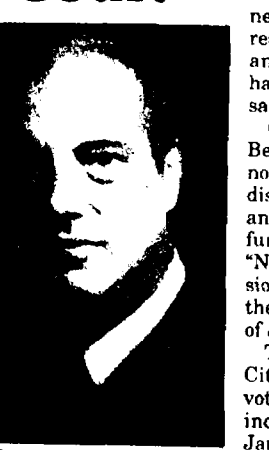
Chief Judge Mary Beth Kelly of the Wayne County Circuit Court has appointed Judge William J. Giovan, a resident of Grosse Pointe Park, as chief judge pro tempore of the court. Giovan will act as chief judge of the court in the absence of Kelly, and will handle other administrative duties.

Giovan presently serves as the presiding judge of the civil division of the court. He will continue to serve in that capacity as well, while still maintaining a full trial docket of his own.

Giovan has served on the Circuit Court since January

1976. Earlier he served as judge of the Common Pleas Court of Detroit from 1973 to 1976. His first judicial service was as a judge of the Records Court of Detroit, where he was elected to a vacancy in 1966.

Giovan also serves by appointment of the Michigan Supreme Court as chair of both the Advisory Committee on the Rules of Evidence and the Committee on Model Civil Jury Instructions. He regularly lectures to the bench and bar of Michigan on topics of civil procedure and evidence.



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A late bloomer, Farms woman paints from within

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

Patricia Pawsat always knew she wanted to be an artist. She took art classes as a child but was thwarted by constraints imposed by teachers. For a long period, she was unable to perform at the level she desired.

"Art is something that is

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an internal thing. It comes out not with the way that the teacher sees it but the way the person sees it," she said.

Pawsat was able to paint the way she sees things in her 50s. She took a water color painting class 16

years ago at the War Memorial and was instructed by Carol Locusha. She also took a class at Barnes school with Nancy Patek. She barely knew how to draw a line when she began. She listened to her teachers as well as fellow students who were schooled in art and consulted many art books.

"A lot of it is self-taught," she said. "It doesn't just happen. It's truly a process."

Today, Pawsat has created scores of artwork of many different types. She paints in her favorite water color as well as pastel and acrylic. She has drawn still lifes like flowers in vases, landscapes and family portraits.

"One of the greatest gifts I have is love of color, and that's what makes it come alive," she said. "I realize that this is my life coming out on canvas."

Pawsat also paints rugs and furniture, and she creates stencils for wall paper.

For the past couple of years, Pawsat has had her own business, "Art to Walk On," in which customers can bolster the look of their home or office with her many creative designs.

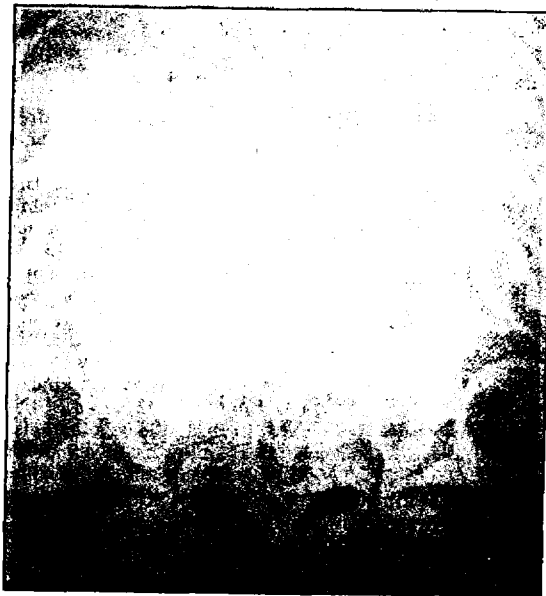
Pawsat's work is displayed in many shows and galleries. Her work has been at the Merchandise Mart in Chicago, the Ann Arbor Holiday Fair, Junior League show houses and fairs in Indiana. The Butterflies Are Free gallery in Harbor Springs and the Miscellaneous Gallery in the Florida Keys display her work.

Pawsat is married to



Patricia Pawsat paints with water colors, like the picture above of her grand children, Meghan and Brett, at the sea shore.

Photos by Carrie Cunningham



Pawsat also designs stencils, like the one above in her dining room, to be used when producing wall paper.

husband Ethan, who is very supportive of her art career. They have five children: Dennis, David, Jeffrey, Colleen and Pam. She grew up in Ann Arbor on Lake Whitmore and attended the University of Michigan and Cleary Business School in Ypsilanti for a few years. She moved to Grosse Pointe when she married.

She spends a lot of time sailing with her husband, who has raced in the Mackinac. The couple have a sail boat at the Farms Pier, and she says sailing on the lake gives her a sense of freedom.

"I absolutely love the water," she said. A very important aspect of Pawsat's life is her Catholic faith. She inherited her beliefs from her mother and grandmother, who were very spiritual people. She has a pastoral minister degree and taught

religious education at St. Clare of Montefalco and St. Paul for 22 years.

"I thought I was given a strong foundation when I was a kid, and I just think kids have a hard time today. Someone needs to fill in the cracks," she said. "I say kids 'If you can't remember anything else remember that Jesus wants you to be kind.'"

Pawsat got the chance to meet Mother Theresa through her involvement with St. Agnes Church in Detroit. She was in awe of Mother Theresa's epic altruism but said she was approachable at the same time.

"She saw a need, and she helped those who weren't wanted," Pawsat said. "She was ordinary like you or me."

Pawsat says her artwork reflects God in the sense that He is in everything.

"I always knew who was

in the driver's seat: God," she said.

Pawsat says her blooming into an artists reveals a truth for women: they can't perform in every aspect they want to at one time. Piecemeal steps have to be taken at different times in their lives. Pawsat put her nascent wish to become an artist on the back burner when she raised her five children but then later had the time and energy to develop her innate gifts.

Grosse Pointe is a wonderful community in Pawsat's opinion.

"I love the opportunities it presents. I love that it is a family place," she said.

Pawsat likes the sense of deja vu and nostalgia she receives when she looks at a picture she has painted in the past.

"You go back a couple years, and you look at it, and it takes you right back," she said.

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Ear ye! Ear ye!

My 3 1/2-year-old grandson stood up and backed away from a miniature fleet of cars and trucks spread across the family room floor. He sidled up to one of his adoring aunts, leaned on her knee, opened his eyes wide and whispered: "Look in my ear and tell me what the family is doing."

My daughter (his aunt) moved closer, grasped his left earlobe firmly, closed one eye and squinted as she peered inside his ear.

"They're singing Christmas carols," she said. "They're gathered around

the piano and the father is playing the music. They're singing 'Away in a Manger.'"

He smiled, satisfied. He returned to his trucks and the ongoing perfection of those "Vroom, vroom, vroom" sounds that trucks make.

Last October, when this particular aunt was in town, she told him he had a family of five people living in his left ear.

I think he knows this is a made-up story, but I'm not absolutely sure.

How do kids learn the difference between truth and fiction? Between scary nightmares and real life?

I know I had some imaginary playmates when I was his age. We were triplets. We all looked alike, but I



I Say
Margie Smith

was the only visible one. The other two could not be seen by ordinary run-of-the-mill people, like my mother. I often blamed those two for my misdeeds.

My mother, however, was no dummy.

At age 3 1/2, sometimes I think my grandson knows his mother and father are no dummies. Other times, I

wonder.

Last summer, while I was babysitting for him and his little brother, we took a walk to a nearby school playground to swing on the swings, slide down the slide and run around the bases of the baseball diamond. (He swings, slides and runs; I push, catch and watch.)

We set out on our adven-

ture. Grandson No. 1 was on his brand-new two-wheeled bike with training wheels. His baby brother was in a stroller. Mr. Big-Shot-on-the-bike was decked out in full bike-riding gear. That is, he wore a helmet.

How did my children survive childhood without helmets and safety car seats and shin guards and elbow protectors and warning labels on just about everything? How did my own generation of pre-Baby Boomers survive without training wheels and child-safety caps and seat belts and No. 45 sunscreen and cribs with slats that were much too far apart?

My mother would have said, "They didn't all make it. We just remember the

survivors." Anyway, Grandson No. 1 rode his bike alongside the stroller, chatting amiably and stopping to get off his bike and look both ways as we crossed each street, exactly as he had been taught.

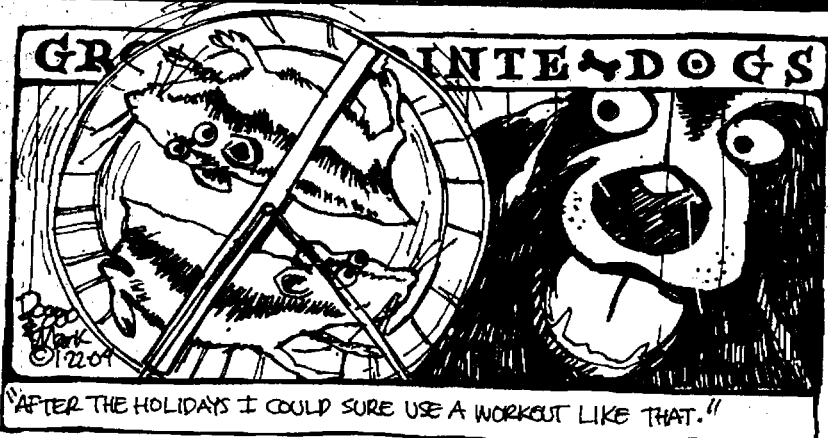
The next morning while he was eating breakfast, his mother tells me he announced:

"Gramma let me ride my bike in the street, no-handed, without my helmet."

I hope there is a page in his baby book, along with "First Tooth," "First Birthday," "First Haircut" and "First Words" for "First Fantasy" and "First Big Fat Lie."

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by Ben Burns



Gift of life

When Cherie Baer bumped into an old friend at a party two years ago and noted that he didn't look well, she didn't know she would be the person who would save Buz DeMeyer's life.

DeMeyer, 61, of Harper Woods, explained that he had started dialysis because his kidneys were failing, and he and family members were going through testing to see if one of them was a good match for a transplant candidate.

Cherie had known DeMeyer on and off for 20 years. Like any good soul, she said if there was anything she could do to help, let her know. It is the kind of sympathetic thing thousands of us say when confronted with a friend's crisis. But most don't follow through. It falls right behind, "We've got to get together" and "Let's do lunch."

Cherie is the mother of two grown children — Christine Crawshaw, 33, and Katie Pine, 25 — and she and her husband, Skip, who live in the Woods, are career real estate professionals. They used to be the latter half of Champion and Baer and now work with Bolton and Johnston.

Cherie attended classes at St. John Hospital and Medical Center designed to inform potential donors about the risks and life-giving blessing of donating one of their kidneys. There is always a kidney donor present to tell about his or her

personal experience.

"My best friend's husband had had a kidney removed, and he was getting along fine," Cherie said. "I decided it was the right thing to do."

The kidney donation center at St. John made it easy, she said. They coordinated the whole thing, which involves considerable testing because you not only need to have the same blood type, but it also has to be a match with the recipient.

"St. John's keeps everything very, very private," she said. "And no one knows whether anyone at one of the sessions ever donates a kidney."

DeMeyer's family members were not a match. Cherie was. So earlier this month, she and DeMeyer checked into St. John, and Dr. Abdelkader Hawasli, a laparoscopic surgeon from Eastside Surgical Specialists in St. Clair Shores, removed one of Cherie's kidneys and transplanted it into DeMeyer.

Cherie was in the hospital one day. "It is not an invasive type of surgery," she said. "I'm a little sore, but that is all."

Cherie said she hopes to help educate others that donating a kidney is not that difficult to do.

"I would like to make the public more aware," she said.

If St. John doctors ask, she said she would be happy to be the kidney donor to speak at their educational sessions.

She said the process was an emotional thing to go

through with test after test to make sure there was a match.

"You have to have the support of your family and friends," she said. "I got great support from the members of my bridge club, whom I have played with for 36 years."

Asked if she now had a scar she would be showing her friends, Cherie said, "I have one, but I don't think anyone would want to see it. My bikini days are over."

Top speaker

In the 19th century, thousands of folks would turn out to hear a good orator, no matter the subject. Our instant communications and addiction to the tube have pretty well ended that. But if you enjoy listening to a fellow who can talk about anything from Shakespeare to religion to diversity and all points in between, you might check out tonight's (Thursday) Friends of the Library talk in the Grosse Pointe South Library at 7:30 p.m.

Never mind the title of the talk: "Oedipus at Colonus" by Sophocles as related to "The Tempest" by William Shakespeare." I even have trouble getting my computer to put the quote marks in the right place when I wrote it.

But the fellow speaking is a dazzler. Dr. Ralph Williams is a University of Michigan English professor. Undergraduate students at U-M have repeatedly voted him the Golden Apple

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Streetwise

Question of the Week:

With the cold weather, where would you rather be right now?



Sheri Giannosa

"Arizona, because it's hot there."
Sheri Giannosa
Oak Park

"Cancun, it's beautiful, and I love the weather, beaches and water."
Aimee Rose
Grosse Pointe Park



Aimee Rose



Soubhik Banerjee

"I'd rather be at work at Hickey's Walton Pierce. I like working there; it's warm."
Soubhik Banerjee
Detroit



Lori Rowe

"Mexico, because I really like it there. I love the sun, the restaurants, and the beaches."
Lori Rowe
Fraser



Dick Sheppard

"North or South Carolina. They offer some of the same things as Florida, and it's only a day's drive."
Dick Sheppard
City of Grosse Pointe



Kai Rasmussen

"Rio, because culturally, it can be different and give me warmth, some familiarity and uncertainty."
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If you have a question you would like asked, drop us a note at 96 Kercheval on The Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or email to editor@grossepointenews.com

Points about the Pointes

The March School Millage Vote...is it really a 'stealth' election or is it a 'survival' election?

Since our School Board announced that there will be a March vote to approve another bond, I have been bombarded with e-mails and phone calls asking me for answers to variations of these same five questions...

"We just passed a \$60 million dollar bond to improve our buildings. Why are using this money to put in Astroturf instead of fixing our buildings so that we don't need another bond and tax increase?"

"I understand the State has cut some school funding and the cuts aren't going to end. Is this new bond going to solve the anticipated shortfalls during the years the bond is in place, or are we going to get hit up next year for another bond?"

"The School System knew they were going to be short of money months ago. Why does this 'stealth' election have to be so soon before I have gotten all of the facts and when a lot of us seniors are not in town? Can't it wait until the regular June election?"

"I keep seeing people on the televised Board meetings saying that there are too many people in the Board Office. Is there somewhere I can get a line item listing of exactly what cuts are being made at the Board Office to help reduce the amount of the shortage to be covered by this new bond?"

"If this bond doesn't pass, what classes will be cut and/or how many more kids will be in my child's classroom in the Fall?"

Those of you who asked these questions know I that I really couldn't totally answer all of your questions, even though I read over most of the internal Board memos and attend most of the televised and un-televised Board meetings.

I can tell you from sitting in on these meetings, the budget problems are very real, and our School Board is doing what they feel is best to solve them. Their challenge now is to convince a doubting community in 60 short days that bond is truly the best solution to the problem.

...Ahmed Ismail (ahmed.ismail@comcast.net)

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St. Paul class exchanges with South Dakota school

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

Like a mosaic full of tiles of different shapes and colors, America has an array of diverse customs, traditions and lifestyles in its 50 states.

In a program called ClassMatch sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution, students in St. Paul Catholic School are learning about their own community's contribution to America's beautiful picture as well as the gifts given to it by a community in Rapid City, S.D.

Betty Lolich's third grade class is corresponding with a third grade class at Rapid City's Knollwood Elementary. The two classes are sharing information about their lives via letters and cultural materials.

"It is a great enhancement to students," said Lolich. "It



Third-grade St. Paul student Andrea Mackin shows off paper moccasins with teacher Betty Lolich. She received them in the ClassMatch exchange with South Dakota's Knollwood Elementary.

gives them experience to learn about other communities (and) about our communi-

ty." "We get to see a different state," said student Grant Corbin.

On Wednesday, Jan. 14, Lolich's students opened a box full of goods illustrating the culture and lifestyles of Rapid City and South Dakota. Famous sites like Mount Rushmore, the Badlands, the Black Hills, Sioux Falls and Harney Point were illuminated in postcards, pictures and brochures. The Rapid City Journal, the town newspaper, was full of local news about the students' city, and ears of corn, staple crops in South Dakota, were given. A feather from a pheasant was also in the box.

Elements of the vast Native American culture in South Dakota were included. Pictures of Native American Plains were drawn depicting teepees amidst lush space. Student Andrea Mackin received a pair of paper moccasins, and others got information about the Native American leader Crazy Horse and the Lakota Native Americans.

"We learned about the leaders of great tribes," said student Amy Bodein.

"I liked what they told us about Crazy Horse," added student Kenny Snapp. "I like how they explained the culture."

"They grow all those crops,

and they have a lot more open space," said student Jack Doyle.

Altogether, the students from Knollwood Elementary sent 24 items for Lolich's class to explore and ponder.

The St. Paul third-graders have been to the Detroit Historical Museum to learn about their hometown culture in order to prepare for sending the South Dakota students material.

The students have already sent them information about Grosse Pointe. They told them their addresses, what they like about the city and where they shop.

Lolich's class plans to continue the exchange throughout the whole school year. ClassMatch not only opens

doors to different cultures, but it also helps students with literacy skills and self-expression, which can cultivate values.

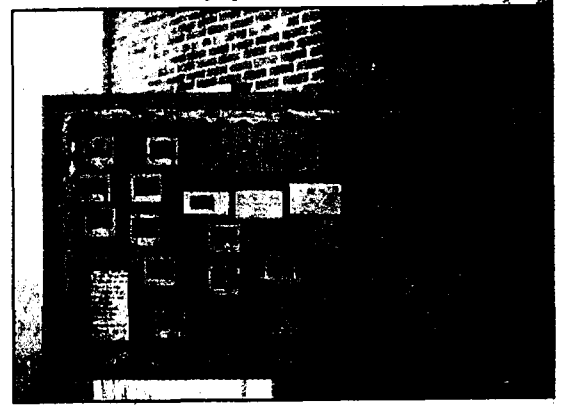
"At the end of the school year, both classes will have a broader perspective on what's important to them and to others and (be able) to use this knowledge to shape their own opinions and goals," Smithsonian literature on ClassMatch says.

Perhaps one of the best results of ClassMatch is the camaraderie St. Paul students have developed with their South Dakota counterparts.

"I like it because we're pen pals, and we're making new friends," said student Haley Meier.



Twins Haley, right, and Hannah Meier stand with Lolich, holding pictures and brochures of South Dakota.



ClassMatch promotes an understanding of home and different cultures as well as developing children's values.

Klein commends board for planting educational trees

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

Superintendent Suzanne Klein heaped praise on the members of the school board at the Monday, June 12, board meeting. She

extolled their commitment to education as well as their prudent decisions that bring bright and positive developments in students' and families' lives. From land to construction and

expansions to changes in the curriculum, school board members make momentous choices that have made the Grosse Pointe school district one to be envied.

"This particular community is a wonderful place for people to live as well as for students to grow and be educated," Klein said.

Tapping into a theme of development, Klein recited a quote that says, "a society grows great when wise men plant trees in whose shade they shall never sit."

In honor of how board members plant educational trees, Klein donated a book by Jean Giono titled, "The Man who Planted Trees," to the Wicking Library at

Grosse Pointe South High School.

She also gave the board members a certificate of appreciation for their service and promised that actual trees would be planted as a tribute to them.

"You are not only planting for today, but you're planting for tomorrow," Klein told the board.

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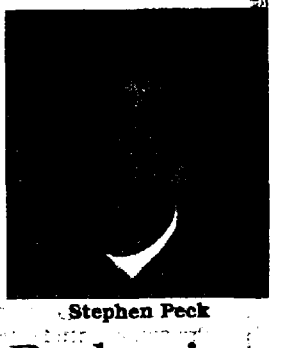
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TAKING THE LEAD



Peck wins geography bee

For the 16th year, the National Geography Society has held the National Geographic Bee for students in the fourth through eighth grades in thousands of schools across the U.S., the U.S. territories and Department of Defense Dependents Schools around the world. St. Clare of Montefalco has participated in the bee since its inception.

Repeating his performance of last year, Stephen Peck, of Grosse Pointe Park, is the 2004 St. Clare of Montefalco Geography Bee winner. Peck advanced to the next level of competition by taking a written examination used to determine the state competitors. State winners compete in Washington, D.C. at the national level for a \$25,000 college scholarship.

The runner-up for the bee was Jonathan Henderson, of Detroit, and placing third was Joe Beels, also of Detroit.

North Student/Parent Meeting

On Thursday, Jan. 29, at 7 p.m., the administrators, department chairpersons, and the counselors of Grosse Pointe North High School will present information designed to help parents and students in course selection, schedule planning and pupil adjustment for students beginning Grosse Pointe North in the fall of 2004. The meeting will be held in the Performing Arts Center. Any students planning to attend North and their parents are invited to attend.

After the formal presentation, parents and students will have the opportunity to tour the building and visit classrooms where department chairpersons, teachers and students will be available to answer questions.

Robotics club building a robot to compete in game

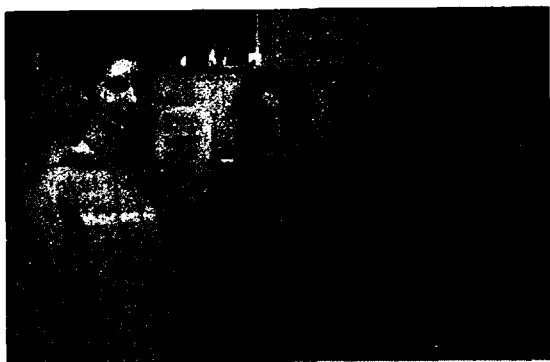
By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

For members of Grosse Pointe North and South's Robotics Club, marketing and science come to life.

The students in the club are constructing a robot that will compete against other robots made by Midwestern high schools in a sports-like game similar to basketball. The competition is sponsored by the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Organization, a nonprofit which motivates young people to pursue opportunities in science, technology and engineering.

The team from Grosse Pointe, which has six weeks to build a robot, will compete in tournaments in Cleveland and Ypsilanti against close to a hundred teams. It has two facets: business and engineering/science.

"It's not just building. It's marketing, sales and promotion. A bunch of disci-



Students Taylor Dodson, Karen Koski and David Anderson enjoy the business and scientific aspects of the Robotics Club.

plines are covered," said CAD instructor and club adviser Ken Ginger.

The business side works on the design concept and marketing.

The science side works on the chassis, or developing the shell of the robot and electronics, which makes the robot move around.

To have the robot go from one place to another, stu-

dents employ infrared sensors as well as a concept called dead reckoning, which instructs a robot to move a set number of spaces.

"It's a combination between a science project and a sports project," said North student Katy Ralko.

Students from the two high schools who are in the club and working on the

project are attracted to tackling scientific concepts as well as jumping marketing hurdles.

"I love the engineering side of it," Ralko said. "It's challenging no matter what kind of kid you are."

"I enjoy math and science, and I was looking for something along those lines," said North student Karen Koski.

"I plan to major in electronic engineering. After college, I want to go into sales and marketing. This club has both," said South student David Anderson.

The game has robots placing balls in certain areas. The technology enabling the machines to move is very complex, and getting them to work is a significant scientific and adult-like feat.

"They get to work in a real-life situation," said Ginger.

With 30 students in grades nine through 12, the club has many corporate sponsors. GM Research and



Student Katy Ralko talks with club adviser Ken Ginger about team issues.

Development is a major contributor. Other sponsors include NASA, Metaldyne and Biomet. The Grosse Pointe North Parent's Club contributed a grant of \$1,500.

Many adult volunteers in Grosse Pointe capable in engineering and business have signed up to help the club with the project. The mentoring relationships are invaluable for the students,

Ginger said.

With the deadline ticking for the completion of the robot, the club needs more adult volunteers with knowledge of science or marketing or who merely like working with kids.

To find out about helping the Robotics Club, call Jane Bashara at (313) 824-5286 for South and Vicki Staniszewski at 313-884-0559 for North.



Photo by Carrie Cunningham

Dr. King's Peace

Pre-school students in Beth Moran's Burns class celebrated Martin Luther King Day on Monday, Jan. 19. They wrote a book called "I Have A Dream" in which they stated what dreams they have and drew a corresponding picture.

Some things students wished for included hopes of reading together, to be friends with everyone, to paint together and to have a picnic under a rainbow. Moran reads the book above with student Zoe Dedejne.

After perusing the book, the students sang a peace song. "There was a man who worked for peace. His name was Dr. King. P-E-A-C-E. Peace and understanding," they sang.

Students also made signs which hang in the hall that stress how students are both alike and different from one another.

Monteith talent show full of ability

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

Talent beamed from Monteith Elementary's gymnasium on Friday, Jan. 16.

The school was hosting its weekly talent show with a range of second graders playing a variety of music.

"We've had a fantastic time at the talent show," said Monteith principal Sandra Walby. "We had some wonderful entertainment."

A throng of students sitting at tables in the gymnasium cheered as the various contenders in the show displayed their musical talent.

Coming in first place was Madeline "Vyleter" for her piano rendition of the song, "Turkey in the Straw." Playing "Hot Cross Buns" on the violin, Chelsea Thomas came in second, and Carter Bock with assistant Ricky Emig won third place for singing U2's song "Beautiful Day."

"It felt great," said Bock of his chance to perform in front of his peers. "I was very happy, and it was a lot of fun."

For their efforts Carol Pokladek, the lunch room coordinator who organized

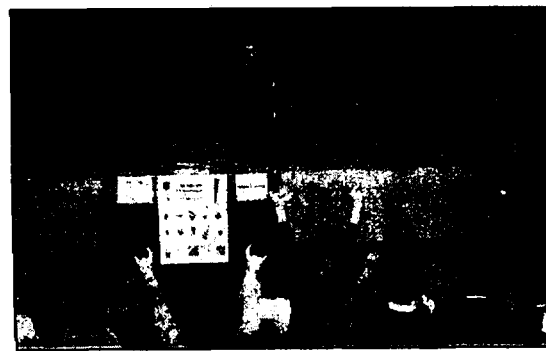


Photo by Carrie Cunningham

Monteith Elementary presented a talent show on Friday, Jan. 16. The productions are going to be a weekly event through April. Above stands third place winner Carter Bock with assistant Ricky Emig performing U2's song, "Beautiful Day."

the show, gave the winning students a certificate for an outstanding performance.

Pokladek has assigned talent shows for first through third graders every Friday during the month of January and February. The previous week the school got to witness a magic show and the singing of "God Bless America." For the months of March and April, fourth and fifth graders will perform.

Pokladek, who developed an affinity for singing, dancing and choreography while she was growing up, was very pleased with how the students played their songs.

"We have such talented people," she said.

At the end of the show, Walby quieted the ecstatic crowd down and teachers shuffled the students back to their respective classrooms.

A fun day was had by all.

Veterans can receive school diplomas

Grosse Pointe Schools are prepared to recognize war veterans and the invaluable service they perform in protecting our country's freedom. The school is offering applications for veterans who left high school during either World War II or the Korean War to apply for a diploma.

The initiative is part of Public Act 181 of 2001 which authorizes Michigan school districts to give diplomas to veterans. It was borne out of the tragedy of Sept. 11 and nostalgia for honorable military service displayed in such books as Tom Brokaw's "The Greatest Generation," superintendent Suzanne Klein said.

Approximately 653,000 Michigan men and women served during WW II, and 220,000 Michigan men and women served during the Korean War. Some 175,000 WW II veterans live in Michigan now as well as 125,000 Korean veterans, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Interested veterans or their family members must fill out an application, which requires a copy of discharge from military service. The veteran must have been in service between Dec. 16, 1940 and Dec. 31, 1946 or between June 27, 1950 and Jan. 31, 1955. The district will verify that a veteran had attended a Grosse Pointe school.

To get an application or for more information, call (313) 432-3003.

Defer 2004-2005 kindergarten information night

Parents are invited to an information session in room 203 at Defer Elementary, 15425 Kercheval, on Tuesday, Jan. 27, from 7 to 8 p.m. To find out residency requirements, call 432-4000. For a kindergarten information letter from Defer, call the school's office at 432-4000.

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G.P. News staffers earn top awards

Grosse Pointe News staff writers earned four awards in the 2003 Editorial Contest by the Suburban Newspapers of America.

Staff writer Brad Lindberg, who has collected many SNA awards for his reporting, writing and photography over the years, garnered three more this time around.

Staff writer Jennie Miller, who covered the public and private schools in the Pointes for the past two years, also earned a top award.

Lindberg topped all other weekly newspapers in our category by taking a first place in the Best Breaking News Story category.

The story that earned him the award was titled, "Fisherman Pulls Man from Lake." The Aug. 14 story related how a teenage laborer rushing home from work in order to get first dibs on his favorite fishing hole was sidetracked when he saw an elderly, male driver drift off the road into Lake St. Clair.

Lindberg was one of the first on the scene. While talking and mingling with witnesses and rescuers, Lindberg gathered rich detail about

the rescue efforts. The Good Samaritan, after pulling the near-drowning victim from the vehicle, quietly left the scene.

Lindberg obtained the name of the rescuer from public safety officers and was able to track down the Good Samaritan by calling everyone in the local phone books with the same last name until he was successful.

Once again, Lindberg's extraordinary efforts paid off for readers and for getting the Good Samaritan the recognition he deserved.

Lindberg took a third place in Best Environmental Coverage with his entry, "Emerald Ash Borer Invasion." This is the second award our reporter has earned in his leading coverage of the ash tree invader.

In late 2002, a mysterious bug was discovered killing ash trees in south-east Michigan. No ash trees survived an attack. The insect was identified as an invasive pest from Asia that had no known predators to control its spread in North America.

Lindberg jumped on the story and has been in the forefront of coverage

ever since. The region's dailies have been scooped repeatedly.

In his coverage efforts, Lindberg has tapped top state and university researchers and attended many conferences on the ash borer threat.

In his "spare time," Lindberg does day trips and comes home to write about them. They are part of the Grosse Pointe News' "All in a Day" features series.

Lindberg's mini-travelogues earned him a second place in Best Features Series in the 2003 editorial contest.

His trips and topics range from special showings of renown artwork to an exhibition of relics from the Titanic raised from the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean. A story about an air show took readers for a ride with a stunt flyer. A sidebar to the same story told about a local fighter pilot who guarded the skies over Detroit on Sept. 11, 2001. A story about a tall ship festival recounted a windjammer's struggle with a sudden thunderstorm on Lake Erie.

The series hopes to inform, entice and educate readers about the people

behind the events to be attended. We think, as do the impartial SNA judges, that Lindberg reaches his goal of engaging readers through good reporting, prose and photography.

Two years of hard work were recognized with Miller's third-place award for Best Coverage of Local Education/School District Issues.

Miller's entry had to include school pages from three consecutive issues during the year. Miller's work had to stand on its own.

We were not surprised, then, when her exceptional, prolific efforts were recognized by the judges. Miller weekly contributes many bylined stories and includes myriad photos and other related copy to her schools pages. Further, Miller's coverage of private and parochial schools equals that of public schools, which is usually not the case at most newspapers.

Miller is now covering Harper Woods and South Lake school districts, as well as the parochial schools there. She is also covering Harper Woods police and city government. We are sure readers there will be well pleased with her efforts.

We are also confident readers will be pleased with Carrie Cunningham inheriting the Grosse Pointe schools' beat. She has an outstanding example to follow.

Congratulations, Brad and Jennie, for your outstanding work and to the publishers, editors and staff at the Grosse Pointe News who let your efforts shine.

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Letters

The employees

To the Editor:
I read the Dec. 25 Grosse Pointe News Pointer of interest article: "Village Food Market owner retires after decades of work," with great interest as I have shopped there for over 25 years.

I was surprised and disappointed that the article did not mention the greatest asset the market has, its employees.

The butchers, cashiers, stockers and those who service the deli, produce and dairy areas are all outstanding customer service people. People who shop at Village Food Market do so because of them.

As a CEO, I know that without committed employees, a business simply cannot compete for long.

The employees of Village Food Market have given the store its reputation for service and quality for many years. Without them, the market would not have thrived.

Peggy Beadle
CEO, TEC Detroit

Opposes school 'money grab'

To the Editor:
I write to express my opposition to the latest money grab by the Grosse Pointe Board of Education in the guise of the "sinking fund" which they suggest is only a temporary tax "needed" for maintenance.

There is no such thing as a temporary tax; so we know right away there are false premises here.

Maintenance is a fundamental part of any operating budget. It is the first duty of the school board to maintain the assets of the district. If the board has overspent its budget, it needs to go back to work and figure out where it went wrong before running to the taxpayers for more money.

I would suggest Pointers compare their tax bills to a few years ago to see how much they have grown since Proposal A went into effect. You will recall that at that time we traded a 4 percent sales tax for a 6 percent property tax relief.

Somehow we still have the

6 percent sales tax, and property taxes are higher than ever.

I would also ask Pointers to consider this question: Could you afford to buy your own house? If you have lived in your house for any considerable length of time, selling and then buying your own house would result in a serious increase in real estate taxes as the taxable value catches up with the state equalized value.

What makes you think some young couple with children can afford to buy your house and pay those taxes? Taxes go up every year, tied to the rate of inflation, whether your income goes up or not. It's time for the board of education to do its job with the money available and stop trying to sneak more tax increases by the voters with carefully timed (and expensive) "special elections."

Dennis Cotter
Grosse Pointe Park

First and last

To the Editor:
Public classroom teachers not only provide our child's needs, but must cope with a nonteaching bureaucracy. There are lots of nonteachers. Let's examine two of them. The results of any two would be the same. Let's examine counselors and assistant principals.

Counselors are former classroom teachers. They are not psychologists. Your child, Johnny, has a problem. To whom will Johnny go? Johnny will go to someone who has demonstrated a real interest in him — his classroom teacher. Counseling has always been a natural part of teaching.

The job of counselor has caused an artificial dichotomy between classroom teaching and counseling. The counselor is public education's "Maytag Repairman."

K/12 education is found in the classroom. The indispensable job, the star of the system, is the classroom teacher. So why, brother and sister taxpayer, do you pay the counselor more than the classroom teacher?

In place of counselors, each year the school board should hire a professional testing group to plumb the

depth of each 11th-grade student to explore the area of life's endeavor that would be most gratifying, most fulfilling. This information should go directly to the parents and the parents should pay for this. This should cost less than a weekend family vacation.

We have lots of assistant principals — three in each high school, and two in other schools. For classroom teachers to earn as much as assistant principals, the classroom teacher would have to receive from 16 percent to 55 percent increases. That's wrong!

The school board should enthusiastically embrace and enforce the following:

1. The mission of public schools is to educate children. The classroom teacher provides that education. Therefore, the classroom teacher should receive the largest salary, except for the principal and superintendent.
2. When "layoffs" occur, the nonteaching jobs must go first, the classroom teacher last.
3. Also, less than 1 percent to 2 percent of our population at any one time is 75 years and older. At 75, these seniors must be free from all taxes. They have picked too much cotton already. It's time for emancipation.

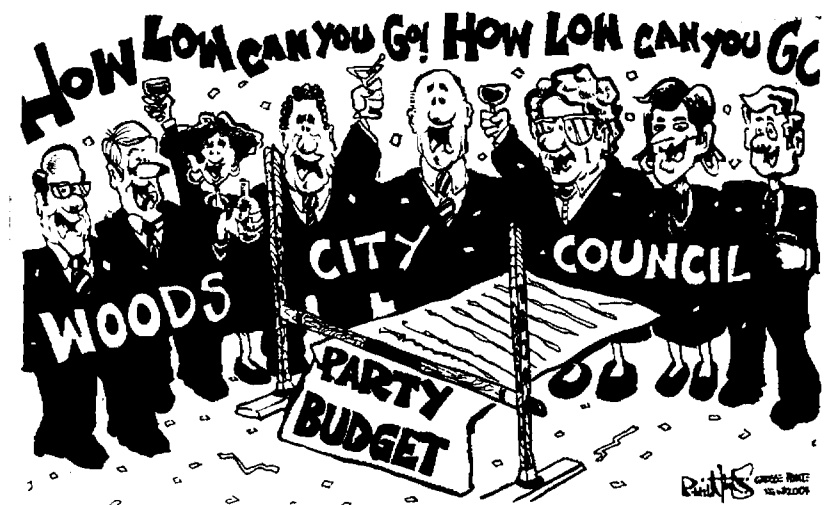
S.E. Girardin
Grosse Pointe Farms

Vote down proposal

To the Editor:
We believe that the new millage proposed by the Grosse Pointe Board of Education at a March 16 special election should be voted down ("Special election for sinking fund tax set for March," Jan. 15).

A couple of years ago we received "tax relief" by trading a slight reduction in our real estate school tax for an increase in our sales tax. Ever since, the real estate school tax has been increasing while we continue to pay the increased sales tax. This is another effort to continue the increase.

Special elections are notorious for achieving the ends of special-interest groups. It is well known that special elections draw mostly those



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voters who support the special purpose with a result that is not reflective of the general community, if the issue had been presented at a general election. Special elections are not a fair test of the community's will. The cost of a special election is an additional burden on the community. All of this is reflected in a new state law which limits special elections.

The school system is by no means in dire straits. Like all of us, when we may be a little short, the board needs to "make do" with what it has. Let's sink the "sinking fund" by showing up and voting no.

Thomas and Marilyn
Richard
Grosse Pointe Park

Support millage

To the Editor:
I take exception with several points in the Grosse Pointe News editorial of Jan. 15, "School tax request begs questions," regarding the school board's millage request.

The capital improvement millage passed last year did not include monies needed now because the cuts from state funding were not defined at that time. The millage that was approved is paying for long-overdue physical improvements to our schools in order that our aging facilities remain competitive with other comparable districts with newer buildings.

One visit to newer high schools in Troy, Northville, etc., demonstrates how

physically antiquated some of our buildings and facilities had become.

Your suggestion that the school board could "scale down" the improvements for performing arts and "other nonessentials" is ridiculous. Since when have residents from the Pointes wanted only the "essentials" at our schools? If we wanted only the essentials we could live in many other communities — we chose the Pointes because of the excellence of its school system, its depth and variety.

One of the largest components of the value of our homes is our fine educational tradition.

One only needs to look to Harper Woods where homes in the Grosse Pointe School District have always had a significantly higher value than those Harper Woods homes outside of the Grosse Pointe district.

Grosse Pointers have always taken pride in excellence. Great city services, great parks, great neighborhoods and great schools. Excellence has a price tag attached to it, but if excellence is what one desires from one's community and for one's children, then one must be willing to pay for it.

Having experienced school systems in several communities, in four different states, I am thrilled to be in the Grosse Pointe district and extremely pleased with all the district has offered my children. Very few districts can live up to the standards in Grosse Pointe.

I encourage everyone in

the Pointes to support this millage request.

Andy Sullivan
Grosse Pointe Farms

Thanks for honor

To the Editor:
The residents and staff of both Dawn's and Mary's Center for Seniors would like to take this opportunity to thank the Good News Singers and the Grosse Pointe Barbershoppers.

For six years, this fine group of gentlemen has honored our centers with a marvelous Christmas concert. They have given so generously of their time and splendid talents to bring the true meaning of Christmas to our residents of peace, joy and love, through song and sharing of friendship.

Two of the singers had parents who once resided at Dawn's Center so they come with the group annually in remembrance.

We applaud them all and sincerely thank them for their kindness and goodness.

Mary Lorence
Activities Director
Dawn's and Mary's
Center For Seniors
Clinton Township

Deadline
for Letters
to the Editor is
3 p.m. Monday

Democratic caucus slated at Children's Home Feb. 7

The Michigan Democratic Presidential Caucuses are scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Children's Home of Detroit in Grosse Pointe Woods. The following Q&A factsheet has been provided by Mark Brewer, executive chair of the Michigan Democratic Party.

Q: When and where will the Democrats nominate a Presidential Candidate?

A: Democrats will nominate their candidates for President and Vice President and adopt a platform at the 2004 Democratic National Convention. The Convention will be held in Boston, Mass., on July 26-29.

Q: Who will represent Michigan at the National Convention?

A: Michigan will be represented by a delegation of 153 delegates, 22 alternates, 18 convention committee members and 4 pages.

Q: How will that delegation be selected?

A: The delegation will be selected in 3 steps. First, on Saturday, February 7, people can attend a presidential caucus in the county where they live to vote for their preferred candidate for President. Delegates to the National Convention will be apportioned based on the total vote for each presidential candidate from caucus sites, by mail and over the Internet.

Then, on April 3, 2004, 83 delegates and 15 alternates will be elected at 15 congressional district conventions based on the results of the Feb. 7 caucuses.

Finally, on May 15, based on the results of the Feb. 7 caucuses, 47 delegates, 7 alternates, 18 convention committee members and 4 pages will be elected at a meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee in the metro Detroit area. All of these elected delegates, alternates, committee members, and pages, together with 23 super-delegates — Michigan's governor, 8 federal lawmakers and 14 Democratic National Committee members — will make up Michigan's delegation to the national convention.

Q: How will the Feb. 7, 2004 caucuses work?

A: The caucuses will be open on Saturday, Feb. 7, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

You can vote anytime during those hours and people in line at 4 p.m. will be permitted to vote. Ballots will be available in Spanish and Arabic as well as English. All voters must provide proof of residence and complete a ballot, including a public declaration that they are a Democrat and are or will be a registered voter before the November election. After the caucuses close at 4 p.m., the votes will be counted, and the results reported back to the Michigan Democratic Party (MDP) that day where they will be added to the vote by mail and Internet vote totals.

Q: How many caucus sites will there be?

A: There will be over 400 caucus sites statewide, with at least one caucus site in every county.

The sites are apportioned based on population and voting performance. Each site will serve a specific caucus zone. The people in the zone vote at the site for that zone. Any building may be used as a caucus site, except a private home. All of the sites must be accessible to people with disabilities.

Q: Who is in charge of the caucus sites?

A: The county and congressional district

Democratic parties are in charge of locating, staffing and running the sites on Feb. 7.

Q: How can I find out at which caucus site I vote?

A: You can vote only at the caucus site in the caucus zone where you live. Once the sites and zones are established in late October of 2003 the list will be given to the press, local party organizations and local clerks, published in the Michigan Democratic Party newsletter, posted on our Web site at www.mi-democrats.com and made available in other ways.

Q: Do I have to be a member of the Michigan Democratic Party in order to vote at a caucus site?

A: No. However, at the caucus sites, on the mail ballot and on the Internet ballot, everyone must publicly declare him or herself as a democrat for purposes of voting in the presidential caucus.

Q: Can there be campaigning at caucus sites?

A: Yes, campaigning, collection of petition signatures and similar activity will be allowed under rules to be set out by the Michigan Democratic Party.

Q: Can I vote by mail?

A: Yes, you can vote by mail if you qualify. On and after Jan. 1, 2004 a person may apply for a mail ballot (for themselves only) by visiting our Web site at www.mi-democrats.com or by mail, fax, or email. Unlike traditional absentee voting in Michigan you do not need a reason such as age or disability to vote by mail. Applications must be returned by Jan. 31, at 6 p.m.

Q: How can I get a vote by mail application?

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Farms 'generating' rules

Last summer's power failure sparked numerous Grosse Pointe Farms residents to buy backup generators.

Recollections of the resulting drone of gasoline engines during the two days it took for power to be restored have prompted city officials to propose generators should be regulated.

Rules will govern where the often noisy gasoline-powered units can be located.

Louis Theron, chairman of the Farms city council ordinance committee, said regulations being outlined will be modeled after stipulations governing the placement of air conditioners.

"Things we will work on in this draft ordinance are maintenance checks only between 2 and 5 p.m., (mail) a 300-foot notice to residents (when applying for a generator permit), get neighbors to sign off on it and look at fuel issues for safety purposes," Theron said.

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Pointes for peace

Grosse Pointe South juniors Alex Hands, Daniel Zettner and Susannah Goodman talk with U.S. Rep. John Conyers, D-Detroit, following his remarks at a public forum sponsored by Pointes for Peace on Jan. 12. The forum, "Iraq: Where Do We Go From Here?," drew around 125 area residents to the Albanian Islamic Center in Harper Woods.

Below, Conyers talks with organizers Carol Bendure and Mary Read following the forum.

An upcoming Monday, Feb. 23, Pointes for Peace public forum will welcome Bishop Thomas Gumbleton to St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park. For more information call (313) 882-7732 or (313) 822-2702.



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Shirley V. Denise

Grosse Pointe resident Shirley V. Denise, 89, died on Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004, at Bon Secours Hospital in Grosse Pointe.

Born to Peter and Bertha (Taylor) Verner in Detroit in 1914, Mrs. Denise lived in the metro area all her life. She graduated from Eastern High School in 1931 and the University of Michigan in 1935, where she earned a degree in English as well as a teaching certificate. She was a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority. In 1938, she married her college sweetheart, Malcolm L. Denise.

Her diverse interests were reflected in many charitable contributions and activities. She was an active volunteer in the Junior Group of Goodwill Industries, Boy Scouts of America, and the Mother's Club of Grosse Pointe High School. She also served as treasurer of the Theta Chapter of her Alpha Chi Omega sorority for 25 years.

She loved gardening, photography and was an avid reader. Privately, she wrote wonderful stories demonstrating an engaging and humorous style that has been a delight to her family. She enjoyed her many friendships.

Mrs. Denise was a loving and caring mother and was always happy when surrounded by family. She is survived by children Richard (Rody), Douglas (Julie), Gregory, David (Debbie), Sharon (Timothy) Russell, grandchildren Peter, Jeremy, Charles, Joseph, Melissa (Jim), Jason, Jessica (Josh), Lisa, Ian, Craig and great-grandchildren Kylie, Jacob and Cade.

Mrs. Denise was preceded in death by her husband Malcolm L., her son Jerome and her sister Lois Verner.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 31, at 3 p.m. at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Boulevard, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit Foundation, 3111 Grand River Ave., Detroit, MI 48208.



Irene M. Jensen

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Grosse Pointe Farms resident Irene M. Jensen, 79, died on Thursday, Jan. 1, 2004, in her home.

Born in Chicago, Ill., she was married in 1942 and moved to Grosse Pointe in 1956. She made great friends with her neighbors on Whittier Road in Grosse Pointe Park where she lived with her family for 37 years, and later while in her home in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Her family was important to her. She was also known for her love and compassion of animals. She helped friends and neighbors with chores, meals and driving them to appointments. Mrs. Jensen donated to numerous charities and was a devout Catholic and a member of St. Paul Catholic Church for many years.

She is survived by her daughter, Jacque Lauth,

and brother, Robert (Carol) Marantic. She was predeceased by her husband, Walter; and her two youngest children, Daniel and Jeanne.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, Jan. 6, at St. Paul Catholic Church. Interment is at Elmwood Cemetery in Detroit. Arrangements were made by Chas. Verheyden Inc., in Grosse Pointe Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, 26711 Northwestern Highway, Suite 175, Southfield, MI 48034, or the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society, 13569 Joseph Campau, Detroit, MI 48212.



Albert H. Lieder

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Grosse Pointe Woods resident Albert H. (Bud) Lieder, 82, died on Monday, Jan. 12, 2004, at his home.

He attended Eastern Michigan University and graduated from the University of Detroit College of Commerce and Finance. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He spent his career in the automotive industry and retired in 1987 from Active Tool and Manufacturing Co.

Mr. Lieder served as a deacon, usher, Sunday school teacher and audit chairman of the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Grosse Pointe Woods. He was a member of the Senior Men's Club. An avid reader, he was a member of the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library. His special interests were the Bible and world history, church organs and model railroading.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Loraine Valade Lieder; his sons, Robert (Mary Beth) and James (Suzanne) and his grandchildren Ellen, Charlie, Laura, Julie, Jaclyn and Jeffrey.

A funeral service was held at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church on Friday, Jan. 16. Burial was at the Greenhill Cemetery in Kingsville, Ontario, Canada. Arrangements were made by the A.H. Peters Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First English Lutheran Church Building Fund, 800 Vernier Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 or St. John Hospice, 37650 Garfield, Clinton Township, MI 48038.



Joseph John McCowell

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Grosse Pointe Woods resident Joseph John McCowell, 60, died on Friday, Jan. 16, 2004.

Born in Ingersol, Ontario on Feb. 20, 1943, Mr. McCowell went to St. Anne's High School in Tecumseh where he was a standout on the school's hockey and football teams. He studied business administration at the University of Detroit and moved to Grosse Pointe in 1976.

He owned J-Mack Corp., which has represented numerous automotive suppliers. He also managed the Grosse Pointe Old Devils, a senior men's hockey club, which plays locally and in North American tournaments.

An avid and active sailor, who competed in 22 Port Huron to Mackinac races, he also coached youth sports, especially hockey.

Mr. McCowell had an active interest in the career of Olympic women's hockey gold medalist Angela Ruggiero, a Detroit area resident now attending Harvard University. He organized an Old Devils Detroit dinner for the USA Women's Hockey Team in 2002 just prior to the start of Olympic Competition in Salt Lake City, Utah.

He was a longtime member of Bayview Yacht Club and St. Joan of Arc Parish.

On Jan. 18, 1965, Mr. McCowell met Marilyn Novakovich at a family wedding. They were married six months later on Sept. 25, 1965, and have one son, Sean P. (Kristin) McCowell.

Besides his wife and son, Mr. McCowell is survived by two grandchildren, Patrick J. McCowell and Conner S. McCowell; his mother, Jeanne D'Arc Bezaire; his mother-in-law Stella Souchak; brothers, Paul, Brian and Jerome; and sisters, Harriet and Monica. He was preceded in death by his father, Anthony McCowell.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 21620 Mack Ave. in St. Clair Shores.

Memorial contributions may be made to Focus Hope or the American Heart (Michigan) Association.

1924, Mr. Rodger received a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Michigan. He was a vice president of Smith, Hinchman & Grylls when he retired in 1991.

Mr. Rodger was an avid sportsman. He skied, sailed, biked and played handball. He sailed in at least 15 Port Huron to Mackinac races and was one of the first people to ski at Boyne Mountain when it originally opened.

He also was a bridge enthusiast and was a supporter of the "Old News Boys."

Mr. Rodger is survived by his wife of 50 years, Ruth; his daughter Robin (William) Heller; grandchildren Bill III and Elizabeth; and sister Janet (Ken) Dalrymple.

A memorial service will be held later in the spring.



Mary MacIvor Wilcoxon

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Grosse Pointe Farms resident Mary MacIvor Wilcoxon, 88, died peacefully in her home on Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004.

Born in Detroit in 1915, Mrs. Wilcoxon graduated from the Kingswood School, Cranbrook and the University of Michigan, where she was affiliated with the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Though Mrs. Wilcoxon was blind for the last 25 years of her life, she continued to read prolifically because of the books on tape provided by the Wayne County Library for the Blind.

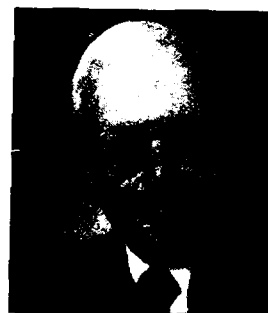
She was an active member of the Pointe Garden Club and Friends of Vision as well as a longtime member of the Grosse Pointe United Church.

She traveled extensively with her husband Rolo Wilcoxon, who preceded her in death. After his death, she shared her love of travel with her family. Her most recent trip was last December with her family to Antigua.

Mrs. Wilcoxon is survived by daughters Mary Lee McNaughton (James), Claire W. Perry (Kenneth) of Grosse Pointe Farms; and Ann W. Mullen (Donald); and grandchildren Katherine R. Perry, Kenneth C. Perry, Kristen M. Perry, Gregory O. Mullen, Brendan J. Mullen and Alexander R. Mullen.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, Jan. 15, at the Grosse Pointe United Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wayne County Library for the Blind, 3055 Michigan Ave., Westland, MI 48186.



John Rodger

John Rodger

Grosse Pointe Farms resident John "Grumpa" Rodger, 79, died on Sunday, Jan. 18, 2004.

Born in Detroit on Nov. 15,

Secretary of state offices use magnetic strips to speed process

According to Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land, driver's license renewals are speeding up at secretary of state branch offices by retrieving data stored in magnetic strips on back of licenses.

"Using this technology enables us to record license data more quickly and accurately. The result is a shorter waiting time for the public and greater efficiency for branch office employees," said Land.

Each employee workstation now has a keyboard that is equipped with the magnetic-strip reader. Retrieving data directly from the license eliminates the need to enter it manually. That provides faster and more accurate inputting.

Many law-enforcement agencies are making use of this technology as well.

Because the magnetic strips are tamper-resistant, police can make certain that the data contained in the magnetic strips matches the information listed on front of the license.

By law, the magnetic strip contains no personal information other than the holder's license number, date of birth and license expiration date.

About 10.5 million driver's licenses and 1.4 million personal identification cards have been issued since Michigan began using magnetic strips in April 1998.

A computer system installed last year in the branch offices now enables the department to take advantage of the magnetic strip capability.

The Department of State expects all licenses to be upgraded with the strip by 2006.

PET PARADE

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Chrysler's version of a sports tourer

By Bruce Hotchkiss

The Pacifica is a great looking vehicle. Don't just take my word for it. It's at a dealer near you.

Steve Sowinski, the senior designer of the Pacifica, calls it the "Handsome Protector." Nice name but it sounds somewhat masculine and Pacifica is a lady, at least it was at the Golden Gate International Exposition of 1939-40. Pacifica was an 80-foot statue by sculptor Ralph Stackpole, created as the theme lady for the Exposition.

I told Steve that when looking at a Pacifica in the rearview mirror I saw the updated face of a 1956 Chrysler. He said it was not intentional and asked if it was a good thing. Yes Steve, it's good. Take a look at that 1956 — it's strong and friendly looking. So is the Pacifica.

One thing I noticed is that the Pacifica looks better in person than in photos. Pacifica is not a small car but it looks smaller in real life. The design helps by drawing it out with horizon-

tal lines and by "squishing" it with the blackout lower rocker area (below the doors). Overall, I am impressed with the design — from every angle, it looks good, but I especially like the front.

What is the Pacifica? Is it a mini van? A SUV? Or horror of horrors, a station wagon? Chrysler calls it a "sports tourer." What is a sports tourer? I do not know. It's one of those vague phrases that mean something different to each of us. The Pacifica is a six-passenger, luxury, sporty, car. That's right, I'm calling it a car. It has ride and handling on par with many sports sedans. It has the comfort and amenities of many luxury cars. It has the utility of, well a station wagon. Chrysler allegedly has banned that name but I like station wagons. Both the rear and middle seats fold to give an almost flat load floor. There is a slight slope up toward the front seats, but the floor is flat.

Chrysler sees its competition as cars like the Acura MDX, and Honda Pilot. I'd

add the new Nissan Murano and Infiniti FX. How does the Pacifica compare? In the long run, who knows? In the here and now, I'd say pretty well.

I drove the Pacifica over a wide variety of roads. I was extremely impressed with its ride and handling. Weighing in at about 4,675 lbs. the Pacifica is no lightweight yet it handled the very twisty two-lanes going up into the hills nicely. The 3.5-liter, 24-valve, SOHC, 250 horsepower V6 does OK but it is not as smooth as some of the competition. Some of the other auto writers felt it needed more power. Sure, I'd always take more power but when I look at the type of people who will own the Pacifica, more power probably will not be on their list of must haves.

The base Pacifica is front-wheel-drive (FWD) with all-wheel-drive (AWD) an option. Chrysler expects the majority to be AWD. I'm not sold that AWD is necessary but the downside is so small (extra weight, reduced performance) why not go for it. Any safety advantage, no

matter how small, is welcome.

Two other safety advantages are also neat. First is the optional navigational system. How can this be a safety item? Easy, for the first time the screen is placed within the driver's normal line of sight, right in the instrument cluster. It is neat. The other safety advantage is the optional Uconnect communication system. This was really tricky and comes at a time when many jurisdictions are looking at making cell phone use in vehicles illegal. Uconnect makes specific cell phones automatically hands-free as soon as you enter the Pacifica using Bluetooth™ technology. It is truly a hands-free system with incredible voice recognition. Push a button and

say the phone number, it dials it. Sometimes technology does make things better.

With the Pacifica, Chrysler has taken a page from some of the imports, more standard features, fewer options. You can choose between FWD and AWD, add heated front and second row seats (may not mean much to you but you know, when it's 10 degrees below zero your passengers will thank you), leather versus cloth seats, the navigational system, an incredible optional sound system (the base system will blow you away, the optional system will take you to another galaxy), Uconnect hands-free communication system, a DVD rear seat



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2004 Chrysler Pacifica

entertainment system, SIR-IUS Satellite Radio™, and high-intensity discharge headlamps (these should be standard in my opinion). Chrysler expects to sell about 100,000 Pacificas per year. The Pacifica should get about 17-mpg city and 22-mpg highway, not great but not too bad considering the size and capacity. The Pacifica will tow up to a 3,500 lb. trailer. Chrysler has priced the AWD Pacifica at \$32,980 and the FWD at \$31,230, plus an additional \$680 destination charge.

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Concept cars: The future is here today

Concept car styling exercises have been stars of the auto show circuit since the 1950s, when GM put bubble-topped, jet-fighter-inspired dream machines in its "Motorama" exhibits. Back then some dream cars became real — the Corvette was a Motorama car — but more often they were used to introduce styling laments that might appear on later models.

Concept cars have changed over the years. Many of today's dream cars are thinly disguised prototypes of eventual production models. That this new breed of concept cars is more "real" is both a blessing and a

curse. If you're really turned on by a prototype, you may be able to drive one someday. Well, you don't have to wait. Some, like Ford's Mustang GT and the Hummer SUT, were factory-built sneak peeks of future models. But others were grassroots dream machines based on current production vehicles. These cars could be built right now, not sometime in the future, using performance parts and accessories available today.

For example, American Racing Equipment mounted its newest wheels — measuring 28 inches in diameter — on a Hummer H2 and earned the distinction of

having the biggest production rims at the show. Other Hummers were so radically low they literally scraped the ground.

Sports cars more to your taste? Check out the winged Nissan 350Zs, turbocharged Mazda Miatas, and a V-8 powered Ford Focus that previewed an engine conversion kit coming next year.

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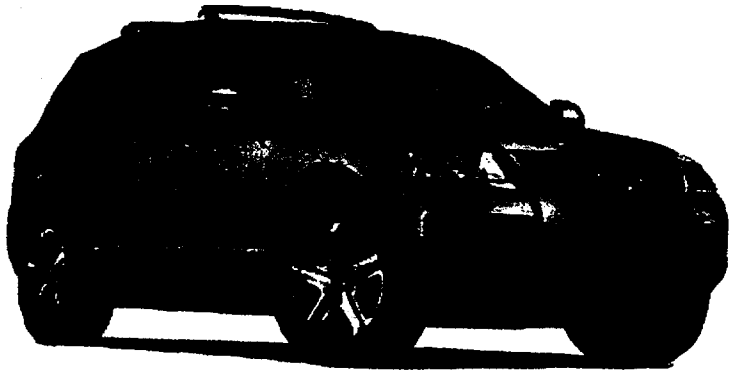
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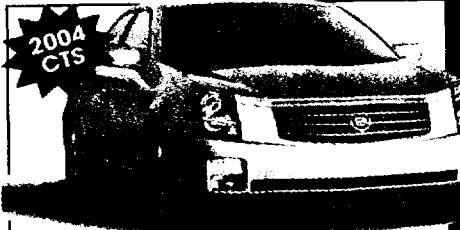
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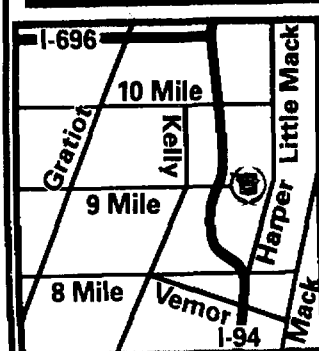
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Consumers make auto show survey

The hot new styling on an old classic is proving popular with consumers as the Chevrolet C6 Corvette was selected Best New Design at the 2004 North American International Auto Show held in Detroit. Yahoo! Autos Web site, autos.yahoo.com, asked the general public to vote for their favorite vehicles at the biggest auto show in the country.

More than 2,300 consumers voted in five different categories including Best Concept Car, Best Car to Impress a Date, Best New Design (production only), Best Family Car, and Best Looking Hybrid Car.

Following the trend of the minivan comeback, the Dodge Caravan was voted Best Family Car, while consumers selected the Ferrari 612 Scaglietti as the Best Car to Impress a Date. The Lexus brand's first foray into the hybrid segment looks promising, as consumers chose its RX 330 as the Best Looking Hybrid Car. Other category winners and runners-up include:

- Best Concept Car: Dodge Slingshot, runner-up: Jeep Rescue.
- Best Family Car: Dodge Caravan, runner-up: Volvo V50 Wagon.
- Best Car to Impress a Date: Ferrari 612 Scaglietti, runner-up: BMW 645i Coupe.
- Best New Design (production only): Chevrolet C6 Corvette, runner-up: Chevrolet Cobalt.
- Best Looking Hybrid Car: Lexus RX 330 (400h), runner-up: Honda Civic.

On Saturday, Jan. 10, and Sunday, Jan. 11, Yahoo! Autos distributed special cards to auto show attendees at several People Mover stations en route to the Cobo Center. A total of 2,309 consumers submitted completed cards.

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Almera Tino

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have a generous supply of Swiss francs, seek out a marked parking box, input some information like your license plate numbers and letters and feed it as many coins as will buy you the maximum 90 minutes. Parking structures are more sophisticated and can change bills. Here you put

in the ticket you received on entering, and you'll be charged for your time in the garage. You have perhaps 10 minutes of grace in which to hike to your vehicle and get the heck out.

Leaving Geneva before dawn posed a serious threat to our fun. We needed to drop off the nimble Almera at Promocar, hike to a nearby hotel and pick up a shuttle for a 7:50 a.m. flight at the airport. Maps and pen and paper in hand, we started the preceding afternoon to find our route to the dealership. Turn right at

the divided road instead of left. Take it to a road with alternately missing lanes; drive past customs; enter Switzerland. Pass the very inviting restaurant where everyone was having fun and speaking and understanding French. Bear left. Negotiate the second traffic circle leading to perhaps the smallest circle in the area — barely large enough to accommodate a rose bush, and, voila, the hotel and dealership are on the right.

Geneva, a bientot!



Side view of 2003 Nissan Almera Tino shows its balanced shape and pleasant styling.



This is the pisciculture, or fish farm, outside our accommodation in a valley in the French Alps just across the Swiss border from Geneva. The rectangular pond in the middle is where fish are bred.



Rear view of 2003 Nissan Almera Tino is not quite as exciting as the view from the inside with a video camera which comes on when the van is shifted into reverse to show the driver what is behind the vehicle. Beyond the vehicle, that pond is part of a fish farm in Varaz, France.



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GENEVA, Switzerland—Our request was for wheels — transportation through the winding roads of rural France and the clogged avenues of Geneva.

Sure, said Nissan. How about a diesel-powered car that is not on the market in the United States?

Perfect, we said.

The Almera is a small, five-passenger, station wagon-like vehicle that Nissan builds in Barcelona, Spain. Our model had a 2.2-liter, single-rail diesel engine and five-speed manual transmission.

The rest, we quickly learned, was going to be up to us. And our multiple maps. And a now-local family member. And our French-English dictionary. And fate.

A quick search for an owner's manual turned up only registration papers for the Almera. Pulling away from the Promocar Nissan dealership on the outskirts of Geneva, we had the benefit of following family in a new Peugeot 203 sedan who knew exactly where she — and we — were going.

We crossed the nearby border into France and began what seemed to us like the shortcut from hell. There was an odd section of road where the street suddenly loses a lane on one side, then on the other, forcing drivers to slow down and give way every 50 feet or so. Then we drove uninhibited, two-lane roads, turning here and there, en route to the tiny burg of Veraz and the Pisciulture bed-and-breakfast and fish farm/fishing ponds owned and run by the Auffret family.

What seemed like a narrow driveway was actually the tiny road leading up to the hostel where we would



hang our hats and coats for a week, enjoy delicious French breakfasts and be awakened well before dawn on Sunday morning by the voices of local gentlemen come to sit on white plastic chairs and fish in M. Auffret's large, rectangular oases.

Getting to where the rest of the family is living was another story. We followed the lead car, took copious notes (in English), including a description of one of the smallest traffic circles ever — a brick one perhaps 15 feet in diameter in the burg of Bretigny, detailing stop signs, a civic center at Moens, a riding stable and a divided road leading to the green cross of a pharmacy near our final destination.

Alas, not only did our Almera not have an owner's manual, it offered the temptation of a navigation system with which we could never make peace, in spite of a long and patient effort. We didn't get past the opportunity to enter a destination before it switched itself off. Again, no complete instructions were available, and one of the CDs for the system was missing. We ultimately contented ourselves with listening to a story, perhaps downloaded from another CD, told in lilting German about someone with the last name of Jones.

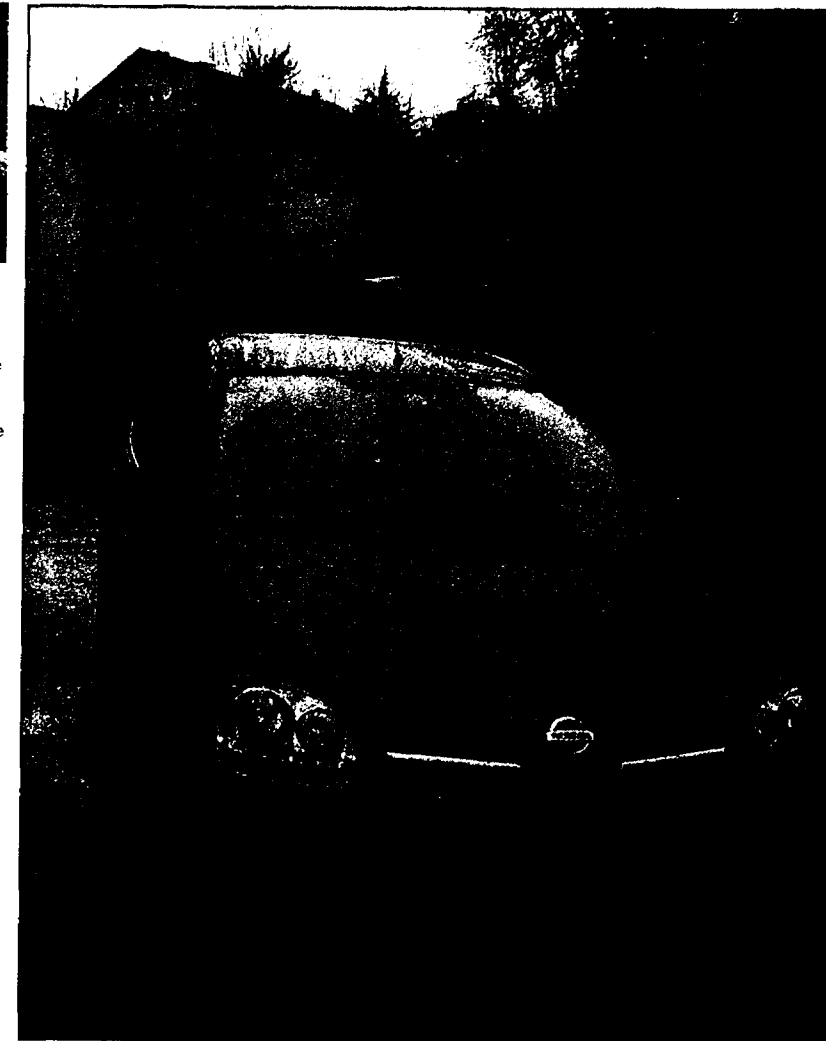
Accustomed to more traditional diesels from the past, we were surprised that the small engine in the Almera turned over immediately in 30-degree weather. There was no sign on the instrument panel of a "glow plug" to heat and thin the fuel. There was none of the usual diesel rattling and no detectable odor of burning fuel.

The automotive diesel engine, largely ignored by Detroit, seems to have been perfected by Japanese and Europeans.

The car, likely in the affordable range of well under \$20,000, also featured a video camera triggered by putting the car in reverse. The system beeped and then displayed one's rearward destination on the small information screen which earlier refused to allow us to enter our destination.

The Almera has backseat metal bars or latches to which newer child seats can clip. Easier said than done, but when it finally was secured in place, this is a better system than threading the safety belt through the base of the child seat and hoping it is tight enough.

Another helpful, if startling, feature on this car was the beep-screen display and spoken message that came on when the outside temperature was close to



Parked in a French Alpine valley near a rural home is the 2003 Nissan Almera Tino minivan, a 2.2-liter diesel-powered vehicle with Almera mechanicals and some of the better attributes of the Renault Scenic.

freezing. We usually thought it was trying to tell us we had made a wrong turn.

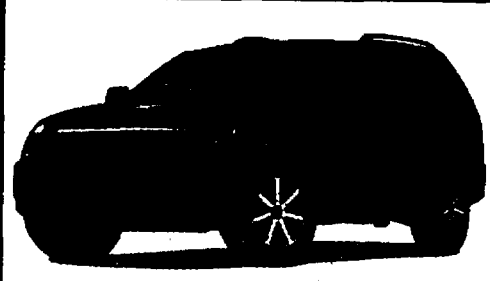


What can one say about driving in Geneva? Take along a navigator! Even then, negotiating the seemingly chaotic layout of

streets took patience both on the part of the driver and of everyone else on the road. Lanes disappear or are suddenly marked for right or left turns. Traffic circles require determination, and for the hopelessly confused, they offer the

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Maxima has winning formula

By Derek Price

It was only a few years ago when Nissan teetered on the brink of bankruptcy, nearly committing corporate suicide with a lineup of stale, flavorless sedans and generally unimpressive trucks. It was a sad sight, indeed. Nissan knew it needed a miracle to stay alive as a company, and that's what it appears to be getting today.

Over the last two years it managed to muster a pair of home runs — no, more like grand slams — with the redesigned Altima and sporty 350Z. Drawing on this newfound popularity, Nissan set out to redesign its 2004 Maxima as an upscale near luxury sedan with a sporty personality. Just like the hot selling Altima, it has an athletic stance with dramatic curves and muscular haunches, along with a powerful engine, sharp handling, and a stylish, roomy cabin.

In fact, its greatest strength — that it copies the Altima's best parts — may also be its greatest weakness. The Maxima is only slightly larger than the Altima and, despite its clear attempt at looking and feeling sporty, doesn't quite match the smaller Altima's impressive performance.

But the Maxima offers some distinct advantages. Among these, most noticeable is its styling, which features a more coupe-like curved roof, sportier lines, and swoopier body panels than the Altima. Along with the performance oriented style comes a little bit of prestige too, especially since Nissan only expects to sell a relatively small number of Maximas compared with the Altima.

The most important difference however is in the Maxima's cabin, where wonderfully sumptuous materials give it a feeling almost as



Photo courtesy of Nissan Internet Media

2004 Nissan Maxima

fabulous as in a full-blown luxury sedan. Its door panels are covered in a suede-like material similar to that in extremely expensive Mercedes Benz models, and the dash on our test vehicle was exquisitely assembled and rattle free.

Most controls are located where drivers would expect them, and the gauges are particularly stylish and readable. However, buyers who don't like superfluous technology could be turned off by the Maxima's in-dash control screen and multitude of switches and buttons.

One option that sets the Maxima apart from other mid-size sedans is the "elite package," which puts a classy center console between two heated bucket seats in the rear and adds a power rear sunshade. It makes the back seat feel like it's actually meant for adults, but it costs a hefty \$6,400 on the sporty SE and \$3,550 on the luxurious SL model.

While the Maxima's performance is not quite as neck-snapping as the less expensive Altima, it's still worth noting. Nissan's award-winning 3.5-liter V6 engine is responsive and smooth as it makes 265

horsepower, and brakes feel safe and competent.

How the Maxima handles depends on which version you pick, LE or SL. The LE model has a slightly firmer and sportier ride than the SL, which is geared toward luxury buyers who want a soft and comfortable ride. People who love the thrill of driving should opt for the LE because its suspension gives the driver a little more feedback from the road and, consequently, a little more excitement.

Prices seem just right for Nissan's upscale sedan. At \$26,950 for a Maxima LE, it costs significantly less than a similar BMW 5 series and not much more than a well-equipped Altima.

All in all, the Maxima's mix of luxury and performance is impressive, especially for the price. It probably won't be a grand slam in the showroom like the Altima and 350Z, but it's definitely enough to give Nissan a couple more RBIs.

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like the back of my hand," she said. "I prepare my list of items to purchase in the order they will appear in the store."

She shops during off-peak hours, when there's less congestion. When checking out, she arranges items in the order she'll unpack them at home.

5) Don't sweat the small stuff. "My husband and I love our kids deeply and unconditionally, but I try not to obsess about every detail," Miller said. "We set priorities: love our children, keep them safe and teach them something new each day. I don't micro-manage every activity."

Miller said having twins was good for her.

"They outnumber me," she said. "I find myself saying, 'Well, Amy, do the best you can.'"

Running a children's apparel boutique and running a household are definitely family affairs for Alison Haus.

Haus, the owner of Madi Lu and Ethan Too!, spends about four nine-hour days a week at the store outfitting children the ages of her own children: Madison, 6; Ethan, 4; and Parker 1. On the days she takes off, she's available to her employees by phone.

Haus said she probably couldn't run her business without her staff, most of whom have been with the business since its beginning 2 1/2 years ago.

"None of them have left except to go to college," Haus said. "I pay them a little more money than they would be making in other retail stores, and I give them some additional responsibilities. All seven of us are like mothers and sisters."

On the homefront, Haus relies heavily on her husband, Harry, who is an accounting consultant. He also spends about one day a week at home caring for the children.

"He's been a big part of the growing process," Haus said. "It's been less salary for him, but it's

allowed us more flexibility and the store makes up for the lost income."

As Haus prepares to open another boutique at the end of February — temporarily named Madison Avenue, which will be geared toward girls in the fourth to eighth grades — her husband is also switching career goals.

"He's starting a new quick books business, which will teach people who run small businesses how to take care of their own bookkeeping," Haus said. "He's starting the business off slowly. He'll also be at the store two days a week. He's excited about learning the children's apparel business."

Around the house, Haus and her husband split the chores.

"Harry's awesome at dishes and laundry and he's great at yard work," Haus said. "We alternate vacuuming, dusting and picking up toys. We don't hire anyone to do the cleaning and yard work, although some people have told us we should."

On the days Haus and her husband have to work, she leaves her two youngest children with a babysitter, who has a son who attends preschool with her middle child. The perk, she said, is that she and her babysitter have the same parenting styles.

Child care issues are partially solved with Haus' daughter attending an all-day kindergarten. And working only three miles from her daughter's school, she is able to work as a lunch mom once a week. However, it's a responsibility she has to pass on when she can't get away from the store.

"I feel guilty when I can't be there," Haus said.

When she can, she tries to involve her kids in her business.

"I've taken Madison to the market and she's helped pick out parts of collections," Haus said. "At 6, she's right on."

"Ethan knows I go to the store to make money. Sometimes, he'll come into the store for about an

hour or so and play with the train table. Everyone there knows who he is."

Running a children's boutique is always on Haus' mind. However, it's a reward and a challenge she claims she does not need an escape from.

"Sometimes I'll think about playing tennis once a week," Haus said. "I'm not someone who has high-maintenance hair and nails; I get my hair cut about once every six to eight weeks or sometimes I'll cut it myself. My one indulgence is about once every six months, I'll get a massage. I'm in the Village, so if I want to go shopping, I'll slip out every once in a while and shop my favorite stores."

Elizabeth Burt-Feller has had to juggle her career with the numerous activities of her children, but she wouldn't have it any other way.

Burt-Feller, 48, is a government contract attorney for the U.S. Army Tank, Automotive and Armaments Command in Warren, and she has two

children, Paige, 14, an eighth-grader at Brownell and Spenser, 12, a seventh-grader at Brownell.

Burt-Feller has worked on a future combat system for the Army as well as research and development projects. She works 40-hour work weeks.

"It's pretty interesting," she said.

Burt-Feller manages career and family because she has been

blessed with generous employers and favorable federal legislation as well as a helping husband, Coleman, also an attorney.

From 1989 to 1994, Burt-Feller worked at Fort Belvoir Research Development and Engineering Command. During this time, she had two children. Her employers allowed her to take three-month leaves after her deliveries.

If her children face any problems, she can take time from work because of the Family Medical Leave Act passed in the '90s.

"Now we can take our own sick leave if they're sick," she said.

Burt-Feller's children are

responsibilities associated with her children's activities with her husband. Burt-Feller often drives her son to the rink, while her husband drives to 26 Mile Road where Paige rides her horse.

"Both activities require parents to be involved," Burt-Feller said. "I can't imagine people whose husbands aren't committed."

Burt-Feller also divides other responsibilities like housekeeping with her husband.

She has faced challenges in having a career and a family.

When she worked on the future combat system, she had to work 50 to 60 hours a week. She found it difficult to help her children

when she had to work so many hours.

While work responsibilities like the future combat system sometimes require more work time, Burt-Feller said she has consciously tried to mitigate work hours. She says working for the government as opposed to a private firm has allowed her to have a mostly 40-hour work week.

Additionally, Burt-Feller turned down a job promotion when she was working in Washington because the job required longer hours and a longer commute.

"I think you can't be ambitious," she said. "I love my job, but it's not my No. 1 priority."

Burt-Feller says she has a fruitful life, one filled with a satisfying but not all-consuming job and a bountiful family. She is immensely grateful for the way her husband works with her to manage the many facets of their lives together.

"It's really a team effort," she said.



Photo by Carrie Cunningham
Elizabeth Burt-Feller is a government contract attorney with the U.S. Army. She has managed children and work with the help of employers, the Family Medical Leave Act and a giving husband.

involved in extracurricular activities. Spenser is an avid figure skater. He went to the junior nationals this year, and spends many hours practicing with the St. Clair Shores Figure Skating Club.

Her daughter, Paige, rides horses and competes during summers. Paige is involved in a group called 4-H, which nurtures riding.

Burt-Feller splits all the

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Supermoms tell all

How do working mothers juggle busy schedules?

By Brad Lindberg, Bonnie Caprara and Carrie Cunningham Staff Writers

After several decades of discussion about how working mothers can have it all — happy families AND successful careers — some local young mothers have quietly, calmly, simply solved the problem. They're doing it. The question is, how do they manage?

We've talked to three young working mothers (the first of an occasional series of interviews) about how they balance careers or part-time jobs with raising children and still finding time for themselves and their spouses.

There's been a lot of sugar and spice and everything nice around Amy Miller's house since March.

It was then that she and her husband Scott's 10 1/2-month-old, identical twin daughters entered the world.

Welcome Lydia and Caroline, or, when dressed in red and white Dr. Seuss garb for their first family Halloween party, Thing One and Thing Two.

As a mom twice over, Miller's days became longer, her nights shorter. Rest became a luxury; sleep a commodity. Housework tripled. Maternity leave helped. That's over.

Weekdays at the Miller household in the City of Grosse Pointe home start at 5 a.m. There's laundry and exercise. When the girls wake at 6 a.m., there's changing diapers (100 per week), feeding, getting ready for work, eating breakfast and commuting downtown to DTE Energy headquarters.

Miller writes executive speeches and articles for company publications. Scott is a controls project engineer for ABB Inc. in Troy. The company builds machinery and assembly lines for car manufac-



Photo by Brad Lindberg
 It's Saturday morning and the Miller twins are up and at 'em. Mom Amy tends to 10 1/2-month-old Caroline while Scott watches over daughter Lydia. The girls sometimes nap while snuggling Casey, the family golden retriever.

urers. Back home, evenings feature Amy preparing dinner, playing with the girls, tending to Casey the family golden retriever (who lets the babies snuggle against her furry flank), housework, changing more diapers and making baby formula. Amy also makes Scott's lunch. She said she hasn't missed a day during their seven-year marriage.

Weekends are more leisurely. The family sometimes sleeps until 8 a.m.

Sound like a schedule for a super mom?

Miller rejects the title with an

emphatic tone she may repeat 16 years from now if her daughters ask permission to stay out late on Saturday night.

"No," Miller said. "I am not a super mom. A couldn't ask for a better situation."

Miller calculated she'll spend more than 2,400 hours this year away from her children. Only about 1,600 hours with them.

"Every day is a balancing act," she said. "But, I've gained insight and tips that help me save time."

Miller admits it helps to have help.

Hence her first tip:

1) "Surround yourself with good people and don't be afraid to ask for help," she said.

Miller's support system includes husband Scott, her mother Diane Andreou of the Farms, "terrific parents-in-law" Dick and Lee Miller of the City, friends such as Muriel Brock of the Farms and two nannies, Ginny and Christine, both of the Pointes.

"I am not including the last names of the nannies because I don't want to have them stolen from me," Miller said. "I've learned to be territorial about day care. When you find someone good, don't let go."

2) Plan several routes to and

from work. In case of a traffic jam, switch to plan B.

3) Shop locally.

"I also shop via the Internet, but patronizing local stores is a good thing and saves time," Miller said.

4) Stay loyal to one grocery store.

"Grocery shopping can take a long time, but there's ways to make it go faster so you can recoup time to spend with family," Miller said.

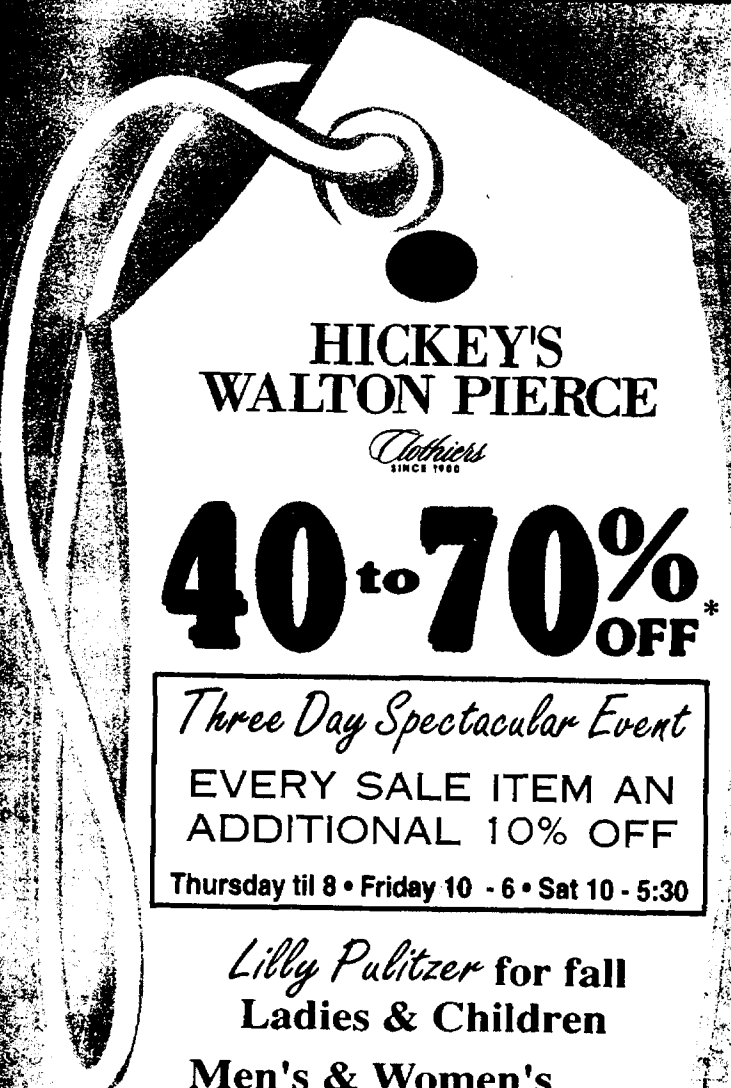
She purchases some specialty items from local markets, but for the most part has selected one grocery store.

"I know the layout of the store

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Photo by Bonnie Caprara
 Alison Hans, right, keeps running a home and her children's boutique a family affair with husband, Harry, left. They are pictured with their children, Ethan, 4; Madison, 6; and Parker, 1.



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The Pastor's Corner

Less tiring

By the Rev. Gustav Kopka Jr.
Pastor Emeritus, St. James Lutheran Church

When a little over five years ago I resigned from St. Peter's German and Saxon Evangelical Lutheran Church in another metropolitan suburb to accept the Bishop's appointment as Intentional Interim Pastor at St. James on the Hill, saddened but understanding parishioners exclaimed: "Oh, we didn't know you were going to retire already."

I responded: "I'm not retiring. I'm just taking on a less tiring assignment."

And so it has been. Like anything else meaningful in life, it has not been easy, but filled with unexpected shocks and surprises, some rumors and rambunctiousness, occasional deciduousness and declivity, with amazing grace enthusiasm and delight.

Among those surprising delights of being a parish pastor are — in this parish — the frequent messages received in the internal mailbox. There are bulletins from other congregations where members worshipped, clippings from publications read and copies of other publications. They are very enriching and delightfully encouraging in an often lonesome but not lonely vocation.

I've been sorting through several feet of accumulated goodies of that sort, now that I have the time. Today I came across "Engaging the Aging: A Timely Newsletter for Pastors and their Congregations." It signals a message of "Retirement Redefined." Maybe "retirement" isn't the right word, it says. Better words might be "repositioning," "reassessing," "recareering" or "redirecting."

At any rate, that is moving beyond what I heard a retiree say at one time: "I am bored with living. I feel unwanted. I am washed up. I have no purpose for living. I am in the way. I might as well die."

And it is equally not helpful to be driven by a sense of "here are more jobs to do than ever before." Some not-so-helpful parishioners want to invite me into that sort of cynic state of being.

God be merciful to me — and to them.

This cold winter month is good to me. There is time to rest and read, reflect and write. Television, which I have never majored in, is more boring than I had imagined. With the Psalmist I pray: "So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to all the generations to come."

Visiting, sharing and being with the second and third generation these days is different. It is a time of being wholly present in holy being, balanced between leisure and service.

Among the Ten Commandments for Retirement are these three:

- You shall savor the past, but not live in it.
- You shall be grateful for these extra years of living.
- You shall get your affairs in order.

Beginning in February, I will serve by Bishop's appointment as the less-than-full-time Intentional Interim Pastor at Salem Memorial Lutheran Church on Moross between I-94 and St. John Hospital. A less tiring task than before, the people of God gathering there in peace (Shalom; Salem) and remembrance

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Pot luck Picasso

Family Daze

By Debbie Farmer



I've always enjoyed taking an active role in my daughter's education until I received a note requesting a donation for the annual classroom "International Holiday Feast." I grew suspicious after I noticed it was similar to the lease agreement I signed for my car.

At first I was lulled into a false sense of security by the picture of smiling cherubs dancing around a Christmas tree. Then I noticed the words "family project" and "pot luck" farther down the page.

Under the line for my signature, the fine print said I had three days to produce my family's favorite dish for my daughter to share in the classroom.

I wanted to create something that would impress the other parents and make my young daughter proud, but most of my cooking knowledge came from the back of a Bisquick box. I decided to call my relatives to see if they had any traditional family recipes.

After making several calls, I realized my defective cooking gene was inherited. Instead of getting instructions on how to create a customary dish, I got directions for microwaving TV dinners, advice for making Minute Rice that doesn't stick to the pan, and the number of a local Chinese take-out

service.

I sat down at the kitchen table and began to plan our international cuisine. "We need to make something based in our family traditions," I said. "Something exotic and impressive."

"Like macaroni and cheese?" my daughter asked.

I shook my head. Then I remembered the Domestic Goddess Culinary Cookbook I had stored in the back of the closet since when I first became a mother of two. I dusted it off and skimmed through the pages.

"This is perfect," I finally said, pointing to a picture of a cream cheese igloo. It was surrounded by a pack of penguins constructed from olives and carrot wedges skewered on a toothpick. The recipe called it, "Penguin Paradise."

OK, so it was neither international nor traditional, but it was impressive, and I figured it wouldn't be too hard to make since cream cheese is close in texture to Play-Doh.

We went to the grocery store to buy the ingredients: eight boxes of cream cheese, five cans of olives, two carrots, and a box of toothpicks. As I stood in line, staring at it all, I started having flashbacks of my first pregnancy.

Then I noticed a woman behind me with 12 boxes of cheese balls, five boxes of raisins and a bag of marshmallows.

"Cheese ball snowmen with ear muffs and ski hats," she said cautiously. "And you?"

"A cream cheese igloo and enough penguins to feed a classroom for an entire week."

She nodded knowingly. That evening, we began to assemble our masterpiece. I worked on molding the cream cheese into an igloo while my daughter carefully made the penguins.

She poked a toothpick through two olives and then added carrot wedges for the beaks and feet.

When we finished, we had created our own Picasso, sort of. Several penguins had beaks sticking into their stomachs. Their carrot feet were on their heads. Meanwhile, the igloo looked like a large, yawning, white tur-

tle.

"We did it," my daughter said, holding up a penguin. "Just like the picture!"

I didn't have the heart to fix it.

The next morning, I took our contribution to school and put it on the back table before any of the other parents spotted it. As my daughter sat with the other children, I looked at the other culinary creations: a tray of lopsided cheese ball snowmen in ski hats, a wreath made by pouring macaroni and cheese into a Jell-O mold, three dozen store-bought cupcakes and a fruitcake still in the tin. I was relieved to find no sign of traditional family recipes anywhere.

I proudly slid our tray into the center of the table. "It's not so bad after all," I thought, as a group of children gathered around it.

"Hey, look!" a little boy said, pointing to the igloo. "It's a big, white turtle."

He reached over and flung an olive into the opening. "Cool."

Our creation was a success.

Debbie Farmer is a humorist and a mother holding down the fort in California, and the author of "Don't Put Lipstick on the Cat." She can be found at familydaze@oasisnews-features.com.

First in series of organ recitals is Sunday, Jan. 25

Erik Suter, National Cathedral organist, will open a series of Organ Recitals to be presented at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, on at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25.

Suter's program is a selection of music, including Imperial March by Edward Elgar, Piece Heroique by Cesar Franck, a Gospel Prelude on "What a friend we have in Jesus" by

William Bolcum, Prelude and Fugue in C by J.S. Bach, and other music by Sweelinck, Max Reger, Paul Manz and Petr Eben.

Suter has been associated with the Washington National Cathedral for many years. He holds degrees from Oberlin Conservatory and Yale University. He won first prize in the 1993 Chicago American Guild of Organists

Young Organist's Competition; the Gold Medal of the Mayor of Musashino/Tokyo in the 1996 International Organ Competition Musashino in Japan; and first prize in the 1997 Yale Biennial Organ Competition.

He was a two-time finalist in the AGO National Young Artists Competition in Organ Playing. Frederic DeHaven, organ-

ist of Christ Church, will perform a recital at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8.

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Chicken Paprikash: tasty winter entree

This week's feature is for Ida of the Grosse Pointe News' classified department. She asked me a long time ago if I had ever heard of chicken paprikash. I did know of the Hungarian dish but had never attempted to make it. The traditional recipe creates a spicy tomato and onion sauce using paprika (both sweet and hot) to give it fire and a finish of sour cream to balance the heat. This Bon Appetit version of paprikash called for veal but I used chicken instead.

en as it will finish cooking later in the sauce. Place the cooked chicken pieces on a plate and set aside.
Lower the heat to



À LA ANNIE
By Annie Rouleau-Scherff

Chicken Paprikash

- 3 tablespoons lard (or more)
- 2 cups thinly sliced onions
- 1 large shallot, minced
- 2 1/2 lbs. 1/4-inch thick boneless, skinless chicken breast (Tyson's thin 'n' fancy)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 cup petite diced canned tomatoes in juice
- 1 tablespoon sweet paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon hot paprika or cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon dried marjoram
- 3/4 cup sour cream

Heat the lard in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the onions and cook until they're soft, about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Turn the heat up to medium-high and add the shallots. Cook and stir for 5 more minutes. Using a slotted spoon transfer the onion mixture to a small bowl and set aside. Season the chicken on both sides with salt and pepper.

Working in batches, cook the chicken pieces in the same skillet over medium-high heat for a minute or two on each side, until browned. You may need to add a bit more lard to the skillet. Don't overcook the chick-

medium and return the onions to the skillet. Add the diced tomatoes, sweet and hot paprika, and marjoram. Simmer and stir for a few minutes. Place the chicken back in the skillet and turn to coat with the sauce. Cover and cook for 5 minutes or so.

Using tongs, remove the chicken from the skillet and place on a serving platter. Cover with foil to keep the chicken warm. Stir the sour cream into the tomato and onion sauce and heat through but do not boil. Taste and season with additional salt and pepper, if desired. Pour the sauce over the chicken and serve with cooked egg noodles. Garnish with sprinkles of dried parsley for a nice presentation.

Chicken paprikash is very tasty and very spicy. Softer palates will want to cut back on the hot paprika. I found thin 'n' fancy chicken breasts at Kroger's in the Village. They do cost more than regular breasts but they can be transferred right from the package to the skillet. They're a time-saver that makes this delicious take on chicken quick and easy to prepare.

Spicy chicken paprikash is a soul-warming choice during this deep freeze we're experiencing. I hope Ida likes it.

'SoupCity' fundraiser will benefit homeless

The Coalition On Temporary Shelter (COTS) and the Capuchin Soup Kitchen will receive a loving spoonful of charity as mutual beneficiaries of the fifth annual SoupCity fundraising gala on Monday, Jan. 26. The benefit runs from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Gem & Century Theatres, 333 Madison in Detroit.

More than 600 guests are expected to "stock" SoupCity in support of two of Detroit's most prolific charities.

For \$20 per ticket, SoupCity attendees will support the soup kitchens, food and clothing banks, shelters and outreach services offered by COTS and the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, as they enjoy delicious soups, bread and foods donated by the following restaurants: Agave, Atlas, Avalon Bakery, Forest Lake Country Club, Majestic Cafe, Meaghan's, Panera Bread, Tom's Oyster Bar, Traffic Jam & Snug, Trattoria Andiamo, Sweet Georgia Brown, Union Street, The Whitney and Zoup!

The event will also feature a cash bar and live entertainment by The Brothers Groove, magician Michael Mode and pianist George Higgins.

James Forbes, president of Gem & Century Theatres, donated the site for SoupCity, and Real Detroit is the event's media sponsor. This year's SoupCity chairman is Saule Jackunas, a dedicated COTS volunteer since 1999.

"The goal of SoupCity is to

provide a warm, cozy atmosphere where people can sample some of the best soups in the metropolitan area, while partnering with COTS to advance our mission of helping the most vulnerable in our community — homeless men, women and children," said Beth McKeown, COTS volunteer and Grosse Pointe Woods resident.

For more than two decades, COTS has worked closely with the Capuchin Soup Kitchen to offer services and programs that help disadvantaged people through difficult times, as well as empower them to become self-sufficient citizens.

This is the first time in the history of SoupCity that proceeds will benefit both organizations.

"The Capuchin Soup Kitchen is happy to partner with COTS on the SoupCity event," said DeWayne Wells, executive director of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. "We see it as a wonderful opportunity to warm the body with delicious hot soups and fellowship with old and new friends, while bringing attention to the challenges that clients of both agencies face, especially during the cold, inclement weather."

Tickets for SoupCity are \$20 a person and can be purchased in advance by calling (313) 576-0206; or at the door.

Founded in 1981, the Coalition On Temporary Shelter (COTS) is a private,

nonprofit organization that provides emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing and comprehensive support services for Detroit's homeless population. Its mission is to alleviate homelessness by providing an array of services which enable people to achieve economic self-sufficiency and decent, affordable housing. COTS' 140-bed shelter provides approximately 50,000 nights of emergency shelter each year.

Inspired by the spirit of St. Francis, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen provides the chronically poor and people in temporary crises with

food, clothing, encouragement and direction, regardless of their race, ethnicity, sex, age or handicaps. It works with other community agencies, volunteers and benefactors to provide an atmosphere conducive to growth and wholesome independence among its clients.

The Capuchin Soup Kitchen serves 2,500 hot meals a day and provides approximately 300,000 pounds of food for families each month. It also offers emergency food, clothing and household furnishings, as well as substance abuse treatment programs.



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Learn about Russia Jan. 27-31

The Rev. Nikolai Ozolin, a Russian Orthodox priest who lives on the island of Kiji in the Republic of Karelia, Russia, will present a week-long series of classes at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church from Tuesday, Jan. 27, through Saturday, Jan. 31. The community is invited.

The group will meet from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each morning to learn about the history of Russia and the Russian Orthodox Church, Russian religious tradition and culture.

Ozolin is the 2004 ecumenical minister at

Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. The Saturday class will include a Russian lunch prepared by those who attend. Child care is available by calling the church in advance at (313) 882-5330.

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9:30 am Pointes of Horticulture
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Repeated: 6:30 PM, 1 AM

10:30 am Things to do at the War Memorial
Guests: Frank Bunker - Astronomy & Bonnie Delsener - Fine Wine Group - California
LouAnne Watnick and Emmett Hynous Co-host an informative look at what's happening at the War Memorial.
Repeated: 7:30 PM, 1:30 AM

11:00 am Musical Story Time Jamboree
Miss Paula, the Merry Music Maker and Miss ReadAbook, offer a half-hour of stories and music for children.
Repeated: 6:30 AM

11:30 am Out of the Ordinary
Guest: Jeanie McNeil
Robert Taylor presents a show to help enhance Body, Mind and Spirit!
Repeated: 11 PM, 2:40 AM

12:00 pm Economic Club of Detroit
Guest: The Honorable Kwame Kilpatrick, Mayor, City of Detroit
Features nationally known guest speakers discussing current topics in the business community.
Repeated: 3 AM

1:00 pm Watercolor Workshop
Topic: Gondola in Italy Part I

Renowned local artist, Carol LaChiusa, demonstrates watercolor techniques simple enough for beginners, yet challenging to the experienced artist.
Repeated: 5:30 PM, 4 AM

1:30 pm Inside Art
Guest: Jim Pallos - Abstract Artist
Explore the artist's creative process and medium with host Robert Maniscalco.
Repeated: 10:30 PM, 4:30 AM

2:00 pm The Legal Insider
Guests: Helen Burton & Randy Wilger - Foster Care
Host attorneys, David Draper and Douglas Dempsey, take an inside look at current legal issues.
Repeated: 6 PM, 5 AM

2:30 pm The John Frost Show
Guest: Dr. Phil Hessburg - Visions to Remember Antique Show
Timely topics are discussed with Detroit and Grosse Pointe guests by long time host John Frost.
Repeated: 10 PM, 5:30 AM

3:00 pm Things to do at the War Memorial
Guest: Frank Bunker - Astronomy & Bonnie Delsener - Fine Wine Group - California
LouAnne Watnick and Emmett Hynous Co-host an informative look at what's happening at the War Memorial.
Repeated: 7:30 PM, 1:30 AM

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Miss Paula, the Merry Music Maker and Miss ReadAbook, offer a half-hour of stories and music for children.
Repeated: 6:30 AM

4:00 pm Vitality Plus
A half-hour of step or kick boxing exercise
Repeated: 9 PM, 7 AM
YOGA EXERCISE 7 PM Repeated: 2 AM, 6 AM

4:30 pm Young View Pointes
Upbeat youth show featuring middle school students reporting on a variety of educational topics.
Repeated: 8:30 PM, 7:30 AM

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Johnson-Pennekamp

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnson of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Emily Marie Johnson, to Tim Pennekamp, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Pennekamp of Loveland, Ohio. A November wedding is planned.

Johnson earned a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education and psychology from the University of Dayton. She is a second-grade teacher at Richard Allen Academy in Dayton.

Tim Pennekamp and Emily Marie Johnson

Bachelor of Science degree in management information systems from the University of Dayton. He is a global software engineer with NCR in Dayton.

Jenkins-Irvine

Kathy and Tim Jenkins of Macomb Township have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lea Jenkins, to Edward James Irvine, son of Ed and Debbie Irvine of Grosse Pointe Park. An April wedding is planned.

Jenkins earned a Bachelor of Science degree



Edward James Irvine and Jennifer Lea Jenkins

in behavioral science from Rochester College. She is pursuing a career in nursing.

Irvine earned a Bachelor of Science degree in logistics from Wayne State University.

He is a quality engineer with Detroit Diesel Corp.

Abowitz-Weber

Mr. and Mrs. Murray E. Abowitz of Edmond, Okla., have announced the engagement of their daughter, C. Alexa Abowitz, to Paul Raymond Weber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Weber of Harper Woods. A May wedding is planned.

Abowitz earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Science degree in education from the University of Pennsylvania and a J.D. degree from Villanova University School of Law. She is a senior associate in the Employment and Educational Law department of Gadsby, Hannah, LLP in Boston, Mass.

Weber earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Cornell University. He holds several patents. He is director of government and industry affairs for Key Safety Systems.



C. Alexa Abowitz and Paul Raymond Weber

Detroit Concert Choir performs

The Detroit Concert Choir will present "Benvenuti in Italia" at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, at the Italian Cultural Center, 28111 Imperial Drive in Warren.

Grosse Pointe Dina Soresi Winter is the DCC's director of opera programs. The performance will include the quartet from Verdi's "Rigoletto," the trio from Gounod's "Faust," "Una voce poco fa" from Rossini's "Barber of Seville," a three-soprano version of Musetta's Waltz from Puccini's "Boheme" and more.

The concert will be conducted by Gordon Nelson of Grosse Pointe Park.

After the concert, Italian desserts will be served, accompanied by more Italian songs performed by ukelele and guitar duo Joe Wanchik of Harper Woods and Bill Giovan of Grosse Pointe Park.

The choir meets and rehearses at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church.

Concert tickets are \$15 for adults; \$12 for seniors and students.

Call (313) 882-0118.

DSO presents world premiere of Walker's Sinfonia No. 3

It is especially satisfying when a composer with a long-standing relationship with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra brings in a new work that is admirably pleasing and interesting in its world premiere performance. That was the case last weekend when the DSO, which has performed several of George Walker's works and premiered his Sinfonia No. 2 in 1993, gave the world's first concert hearing of his Sinfonia No. 3.

The dramatic opening filled with ominous suspense was followed by a recognizable development of ideas that made clear musical statements. Notwithstanding the ultracontemporary nature of Walker's idiom, themes that stretched the definition of melody were nonetheless distinct and recognizable throughout the development and recapitulation.

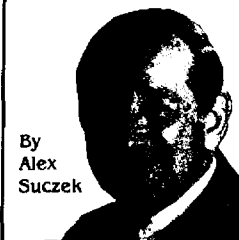
His orchestral color, meanwhile, is highly creative with inventive combinations of the flutes, clarinets, bassoons and horns, adding greatly to the interest of the music. There were many moments when it was also entertaining to watch the high level of activity in the percussion section.

While an air of suspense continued in the second movement, a more melodious line and gentler mood prevailed. It also did the job of preparing for the climactic last movement, bringing the musical experience full circle.

If there is a message in this music of today, it is one of turbulence and trouble, reflecting conditions of our time. It reminds us of the concept that art is a mirror of life. And yet Walker has couched his message in a form that was fascinating and rewarding to hear.

The second work on the program then mirrored life in the romantic era when its composer, Sergei Rachmaninoff, demonstrated his close association with the karma of a

State of the Arts



By Alex Suczec

century ago. His Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini, played by pianist Vardan Mamikonian, is a lush work filled with passionate harmonies and spectacular virtuoso effects. Conductor Andrey Boreyko and Mamikonian went at it with verve.

The tempo of the first statement of the theme would have suited Paganini himself who played with such fire that he was reputed to have a compact with the devil. It sparkled and raced along, providing a major opportunity for the pianist, conductor and orchestra to display their virtuosity. They produced a performance with an unusually high level of intense excitement. It projected a sense of the power that Rachmaninoff himself was reported to bring to a performance. In succeeding, slower variations, they also rendered the air of mystery and tenderness that invests some of the movements.

Boreyko brought out a very precise and accurate reading of the score even while following Mamikonian's highly expressive and fast-moving interpretation. There were busy moments when one might have called Boreyko a "Paganini of the baton."

In another fascinating aspect of the program, a different composer's set of variations on the same theme followed intermission.

Same theme, same format, but oh what a difference.

No more music of the age of romanticism, here

was the throb of fast-paced life: industry, discord and contention, as interpreted by contemporary Polish composer Witold Lutoslawski. Again, it was not unpleasant, just arresting. One of the variations even reflected a distinct jazz influence with piano rhythms redolent of Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" and jazz riffs of Charlie Mingus. No direct quotes, mind you, just the feeling, for Lutoslawski is an original.

Considering the intensity and pace of the performances, it is perhaps not surprising that in one or two moments, soloist and orchestra seemed not perfectly in synch. It may be a small price to pay for such an exciting performance. But the excitement was not over.

Conductor Boreyko topped the evening with a hard-driving treatment of a remarkable Suite that Bartok reduced from his ballet score, "The Magnificent Mandarin." This piece was banned when first introduced for being such a lurid story. The music matches the story in spades.

The segments representing the Mandarin's passion for his seductress demonstrate that it is possible to write totally modern music that is also lyrical. The intense throbbing of the orchestra describes, in sound, the confluence of love and death as the Mandarin grasps his seductress in a passionate embrace, then dies. It is a stunning piece of musical imagery to complete an impressive program.

The classical concerts continue on Thursday, Jan. 29, and over that weekend with Christoph Poppen, conductor, and violin, and violinist Regina Carter. Their program includes "Le Boeuf sur le toit" by Milhaud, "Four Sisters" by David Schiff (a U.S. premiere) and the "Four Seasons" by Vivaldi.

For tickets or information, call (313) 576-5111.

St. Paul Lutheran dedicates pipe organ Feb. 1

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church will dedicate its new pipe organ at 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, at the church, 375 Lothrop in Grosse Pointe Farms. The service will include the church's vocal choirs, handbells, Liberty Brass Ensemble and timpani.

St. Paul Lutheran Church purchased the instrument from Christ Church Grosse Pointe in January 2001.

"This is the culmination of a dream envisioned by the congregation of St. Paul when the church was built," said Linda Schrank, director

Senior men

Dr. Mark Weber will be the speaker at the Senior Men's Club luncheon at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, at the War Memorial. For information, (313) 881-5592.

of music at St. Paul. The church was built in 1949 with a pipe chamber in the front of the sanctuary, with the idea that a suitable instrument would be purchased later.

The three manual, 56 rank organ was refurbished; the original console was refinished; and a new expandable memory system

Pastor

From page 2B (commemoration, memorial) continue to reach out primarily to the Harper Woods, Pointes and Detroit communities in word and deed with good news of salvific wholeness. Rather than retiring from service in the church, I hope to be

was installed by the Renaissance Pipe Organ Co. of Ann Arbor.

"We want to invite everyone to attend worship with us that morning," said the Rev. Frederick J. Harms, pastor, "because this organ has ties to so many people in our community." A dedication recital will take place in fall.

among them as one living through the calendar of the second half of life reviewing, renewing and growing wiser.

That will be a privileged service, less tiring than ever before. "God has brought me thus far; He will take me the rest of the way." (Wanda Raker).

Friends of Vision's Antiques Show benefit will be Feb. 6-8

The seventh annual Antiques Show, "Visions to Remember: Eyes on Antiques," will take place from Friday-Sunday, Feb. 6-8, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Activities Center, 1100 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores.

A Mardi Gras preview party will be from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6. Admission to the preview start at \$50 and reservations are required. The Antiques Show hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$8 at the door; \$7 in advance.

"Visions to Remember: Eyes on Antiques" is a benefit for the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology (DIO). It is sponsored by the Friends of Vision, a charitable orga-

nization that helps the blind and visually impaired through support groups, education and research. For preview party or show information, call (313) 824-4710.

GPA classes

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association will sponsor adult art classes and workshops.

Two evening classes are: Painting with Watercolors and Painting Explorations.

Day classes are: Experimental Watercolor and Beginning Watercolor. Workshops are: Papermaking and Bookmaking.

The center's headquarters are at 1005 Maryland in the Park. Hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays. (313) 821-1848.

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Saving lives through cancer treatment trials

By Dr. Robert Leonard
Special Writer

When I picked up The New York Times at an airport while I was out of town recently, the story at the top of the front page caught my eye. The headline read, "New Drug Regimen Greatly Cuts Risk of Recurring Breast Cancer; Study Supports Using 2nd Drug After Menopause."

The article indicated that researchers investigating a drug's effectiveness in reducing the likelihood of breast cancer recurring in post-menopausal women had ended the study early and began offering the drug to the women taking the placebo.

This study was closed early because the study drug, letrozole (Femara), was found to be so effective. A total of 5,187 women were enrolled in the research, which was to determine if treatment would continue to help women after finishing a five-year course of tamoxifen, the standard breast cancer therapy. Tamoxifen is typically given for five years only; there is no benefit to taking it any longer.

Letrozole was found to suppress estrogen production and improve the outcome after the tamoxifen was stopped. The study showed that women taking letrozole following five years of tamoxifen could cut the risk of recurring cancer in half. Results of the study were to be published in a future issue of the New England Journal of Medicine, but the journal released the publication early due to the significance of the results.

What was of particular interest to me was the fact that this national story of a new drug therapy being studied included women participants from our own community — women who were being treated through the Van Elslander Cancer Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

Often people are surprised to learn that the vast majority of national clinical trials are available locally in our own community. This study is just another example of bringing national research to the local community.

Clinical trials can differ in scope. One of the most common types is the randomized trial in which patients are assigned to take one of several treatment options. The letrozole study was this type of trial. Some participants receive standard treatment for the condition being studied, and they become the control group against which all other results are measured.

Another group, or perhaps more than one group, may receive the promising new treatment. Once the trial is over, researchers examine the data and determine whether the new treatment stood up under scrutiny and should become the new treatment standard.

We offer many of these types of trials at the Van Elslander Cancer Center, and they're the same trials that are taking place at other university-affiliated cancer centers.

As a member of the Michigan Cancer Research Consortium, St. John Hospital is one of only 13 National Cancer Institute-recognized organizations nationwide that offers its patients access to virtually all national prevention and treatment clinical trials. This consortium allows access to select clinical trials from The University of Michigan Cancer Center.

It is also one of the only two local hospitals participating in the same trials that are being conducted by the Mayo Clinic.

The Van Elslander Cancer Center, through the Michigan Cancer Consortium, is affiliated with many research organizations, including Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group, North Central Treatment Group, National Surgical Adjuvant Breast Cancer and Bowel Project, Radiation Therapy Oncology Group, South West Oncology Group, Children's Oncology Group and Gynecological Oncology Group.

Affiliation with these research organizations gives the Van Elslander Cancer Center access to as many, if not more, cancer research clinical trials than most cancer centers.

When cancer research is the question, frequently the answer you or a loved one is looking for can be found close to home.

For more information regarding the clinical trials available at the Van Elslander Cancer Center in Grosse Pointe Woods, please visit the Web site at www.VanElslanderCancerCenter.org and click on the Clinical Trials icon.

Dr. Robert Leonard is an oncologist and principal cancer research investigator on staff at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. His office is located at the Van Elslander Cancer Center in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Fitness experts offer tips for seniors who want to be more active in 2004

It's the time of year when millions of people resolve to get off the couch and into the gym. While advice on how to become active floats around the airwaves or appears in print, it's mostly aimed at a general audience.

For older adults, these tips range from the helpful to the downright dangerous. To help combat this misinformation, The International Council on Active Aging (ICAA), the world's largest association for the senior fitness and wellness industry, and 11 members of its advisory board have come up with 30 tips specifically aimed at helping older adults become and stay physically active.

The ICAA is aware of the many considerations older adults face when beginning an active lifestyle. The 50-plus adult's physical capabilities and chronic diseases make this individual's needs different than those of a younger person. Too often, people jump into exercise or try to do what they did 20 years ago, injuring themselves in the process.

Yet, according to ICAA board member Dr. Steven Blair, CEO and director of research at The Cooper Institute for Aerobic Research in Dallas and the lead author of the Surgeon General's Report on Physical Activity and Health, which was released in 1996, "There are few things you can do that have a more profound effect on more bodily systems than exercise."

To encourage older adults to become active and to minimize their risk of injury, the ICAA has put together the following tips with the help of the organization advisers:

1. Get a checkup
Meet with your health care provider to see whether you'll need to consider any special modifications before starting an exercise program. If necessary, get a clearance to begin a program.
2. Know your options
Before starting any program, examine your options. Pick a program you know you will enjoy. Some individuals like to go to a gym and do a structured workout, while others enjoy a neighborhood walking club. Either will help improve your fitness, ability to function and quality of life, but only if you do it regularly.
3. Determine your participation style
Would you prefer taking a class or going solo? Are you a morning or night person? Does indoor fitness appeal to you, or would you prefer to play outside? Could you dedicate large blocks of time to physical activity or could you fit only shorter, more frequent intervals into your schedule? Be realistic about how you participate.
4. Start slowly
Many people are eager to get started and sometimes overdo it, which usually makes them sore and can make them want to stop. A good way to start slowly is to discover your baseline. Record all your activities during each waking hour or for two- or three-hour time blocks, tracking how much time you are sedentary (e.g. sitting at your desk) or

active (e.g. walking to the bus stop). At day's end, count how many hours you have and have not been physically active. Then look at when you could fit some short (e.g. 10 minutes) bouts of brisk walking into your day.

5. Make a date
Find a buddy to exercise with you and keep you motivated. Whether it's a friend to walk with in your neighborhood or a personal trainer in a gym, that appointment makes it more likely you'll do the walk or workout.

6. Set specific short- and long-term goals
Make goals as specific as possible. For example, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, I will do a brisk, 10-minute walk in the morning before my shower, at lunch time and after dinner. Being specific means you are planning for activity in your day and making it a priority. Long-term goals are also important. Is there an activity you would like to do that you feel physically incapable of at the moment, but may be able to do with a little effort? Set a long-term goal to help you do it.

7. Make a list
List the benefits you expect from your physical activity program, then make sure these are realistic and reasonable. Many people expect enormous benefits, such as losing 30 pounds in a month. When these benefits don't materialize, they feel disappointed and relapse because they feel like they've failed. Try to help maintain independence, increased energy, better sleep, etc. Keep this list in a visible place as a daily reminder of the long-term rewards.

8. Invest in your health
Do you want to spend money on joining a program? Or would you prefer to develop a program you can do for little cost, using objects or props in your home or office? Both options are available.

9. Check out the facility you want to join
Does the facility feel friendly? Can you change clothes comfortably? If the facility has a pool, what is its water temperature? About 84-86 degrees is comfortable for moderate to vigorous activity, while warmer temperatures are nice for range-of-motion and relaxation programs. Does the pool or workout room have an easy and safe exit/entry? Ask to try various programs, so you can decide which program feels the most comfortable and fun.

10. Check out the staff
Are the people who work in the facility friendly and interested in you? Are they qualified to work with older adults? Do the staff members each have a college

degree in health? Do they offer pre-exercise fitness assessments, with periodic updates? Are they interested in helping you learn how to modify exercises to fit your fitness level and conditions? Do they encourage social interaction? Talk to mature adults who currently participate in their programs to build a complete picture.

11. Make choices
To move forward, we need to leave some things behind. What are you willing to give up to make room for exercise? Bad habits? Nonproductive activities? Non-beneficial relationships?

12. Every step counts
Wear a step counter throughout the day to count how many steps you take. Less active people tend to take about 4,000 steps or fewer per day. Aim to do 250 to 1,000 additional steps of brisk walking until you reach 8,000 to 10,000 steps in a day.

13. Keep moving all the time
Stretch, walk, march in place, stand and sit as many times as possible when you're talking on the phone or during TV commercials.

14. Do your own house and yard work
Tell friends and family about your new goals and ask for their support and encouragement. Involving others often helps us to keep our commitments. Consider scheduling telephone reminders from your support network to help keep you on track.

15. Know your challenges
List things that keep you from being active and come up with a solution for each. Recognize that challenges can be overcome.

16. Use the principles of progressive overload and specificity
Exercise in a way that makes your muscles work harder than they are accustomed to, but in a gradual and progressive manner. And understand that you get what you train for, so exercise according to your desired outcomes.

17. Join a class
Select an exercise class appropriate for your health status and ability. Check with your local YMCA, JCC, hospital-based fitness program, city recreation program or health club to view the course offerings. Visit the local arthritis foundation for a list of all aquatic and land-based classes designed for those with

arthritis conditions.

18. Wear the right shoes
Foot comfort and support is important for all impact physical activities. If you have arthritis, diabetes or orthopedic problems, you can remain physically active with the help of appropriate shoes.

19. Participate in events
Once you're more physically fit, set a goal to participate in a charity event. Prepare to walk, run or bike to raise money for a special cause. Ask a friend to be your exercise and event partner.

20. If it hurts, don't do it.
Work around pain, not through it.

21. Focus on the major muscle groups in the legs, chest and back.
22. Do balance exercises, as well as strength exercises.
23. Keep a journal
Record activities that have become easier to do in your life, as well as those that may be more difficult. Instructors can help you progress and modify exercises, if needed.
24. Make your car work for you
Park at the outer edges of the grocery store parking lot, rather than looking for the space closest to the door. Walk up the first flight of stairs in a high-rise, rather than waiting for the elevator. Add another floor every week. Walk to the grocery store or other services when possible.
25. Reach up
Take items from the highest shelf you can reach in the kitchen and wash them. Do a different cupboard each week.
26. Follow a well-rounded program
Include all five components of a successful program: warm-up, flexibility, cardio, resistance and cool down.
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By Sharon Maier

SOC Executive Director
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It is not the hard-core gambling bingo that most bingo halls promote. No smoke-filled room; no large jackpots. It's a leisurely, social, fun and, according to research done at the University of Southampton, a good way to keep memory loss at bay.

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"While games such as chess and bridge have been studied before, nobody has focused on bingo, despite its having been voted one of the UK's most popular leisure activities," Winstone

said. "Age-related decline in mental abilities may be partially due to lack of use. Mental decline is inevitable, just like physical decline."

"However, just as keeping physically active helps ward off the signs of physiological aging, it may be that keeping mentally active helps to maintain mental alertness."

"If that is the case, there could be a valid therapeutic reason for recommending bingo."

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Norsemen nip Blue Devils in overtime

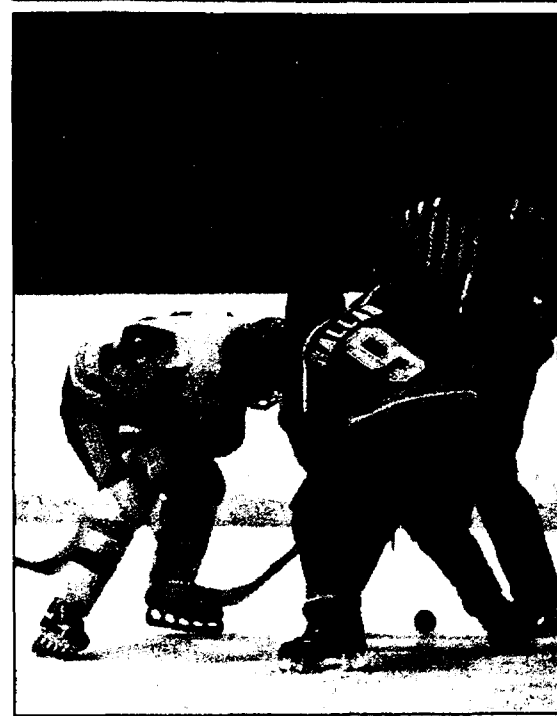


Photo by Lori Wilson
Grosse Pointe South's Ben Morawski and Grosse Pointe North's John Dallas face off during last Saturday's game.

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's hockey players don't waste time making amends for their mistakes.

The Norsemen's forward line of John Dallas, Andrew Tignanelli and Peter Baratta was on the ice when Grosse Pointe South's Joey Parke tied the game at 3-3 with 11.9 seconds remaining in the third period.

"I told them before the overtime that they owed us one," said North coach Scott Lock.

Payment was made at 1:56 of the overtime when Dallas scored to give the Norsemen a 4-3 victory in the non-league game between the crosstown rivals.

Dallas knocked in the rebound from the side of the net after Blue Devils goalie Mark Grignon had turned away shots by Baratta and Tignanelli.

"They paid their debt,"

Lock said.

Each team had its moments in the contest.

South jumped ahead at 4:27 of the first period on an unassisted goal by Mark Diebel, but North tied the game on a power-play goal by Jon Tibaudon on a deflection of Jim Solomon's shot from the point. Shaun Fulton also assisted.

"We came out strong in the first period, but when we gave up the power-play goal we lost some momentum," said South coach Bob Bopp.

The Blue Devils also lost one of their key players early in the game when defenseman Sean O'Brien suffered a broken hand.

"That really changed the game for us," Bopp said. "Sean has been outstanding for us all season on and off the ice, and we're going to miss him."

North dominated the second period and took a 3-1 lead on a pair of goals by Eric Dloski. On the first, he

came down the right wing, cut in front of the net and scored to break the tie at 4:38. Solomon and Eddie Tropp got the assists.

Dloski's second goal came on a breakaway after Colin Brown blocked a South shot.

"The second period was probably our worst of the year," Bopp said. "We were really slow moving the puck and our forwards were not staying with the forecheck we wanted."

The third period was a different story again. "There were a lot of different games within one game," Lock said. "South is a good team and they played hard. We did some good things, too, and the things that we did wrong can be corrected."

Brian Gatliff knocked in a rebound from Trey Shield's shot at 8:45 to cut North's lead to one. Diebel also assisted.

North applied some heavy pressure during a power play late in the period but

Grignon managed to keep the Norsemen from scoring.

"Their goalie made some huge saves," Lock said. "We had the puck in their end for nearly the whole power play but couldn't score."

North held its one-goal lead until Parke tied the game with an unassisted goal from a scramble in front of Norseman goalie Jordan Zielke.

"The third period was a real test to see what kind of heart this team had," Bopp said. "It was a big game with a huge crowd. We were coming off a poor second period, but the team came out and kept playing."

"Even though we lost in overtime, the two third-period goals will help us in future games."

Although Bopp was disappointed with the play of his forwards, he was pleased with the play of Grignon and the defense, especially Shield and Brandon Krajniak.

It's overtime for the girls, too, as South slips past North

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South girls hockey coach Bill Fox walked off the ice Saturday evening with the relieved smile of a man who had just dodged a bullet.

"That wasn't much fun," Fox said after Sarah Parker's overtime goal had given the Blue Devils a 2-1 victory over Grosse Pointe North in a Michigan Metro High School Girls Hockey League game.

Maybe it wasn't much fun for the coaches, but it was an extremely entertaining game for the packed crowd at the City Sports Arena. The game matched two of the upper echelon teams in the league, and featured the intensity of most North-South contests. It also showed just how much girls high school hockey has improved in the last five years.

The boys coaches who watched the game mentioned how much quicker the girls game has become, and how the players have become more skillful in

stickhandling and passing.

"Girls hockey has improved a lot," said Fox, who has been the South coach since the team's inception, and has guided the Blue Devils to the state championship game in five of the last six seasons. "I hope a game like this will bring people back."

It should. The contest featured two contrasting styles of play. North was the more physical team, and South's finesse game had trouble generating scoring chances in the first period.

"Our goal was not to let South get started," said North coach Tim Van Eckoute. "They're a momentum team and once they get going, they're very hard to stop."

"We came out attacking, and except for part of the second period we kept the pressure on all night. It was an aggressive game with nine roughing penalties, but none of them were cheap. The kids just played hard. We had an entire team effort."

South had only six shots on goal in the first period and most of them were from the perimeter. North returned five shots at Blue Devils goalie Lauren Stanek.

South did a better job of penetrating the Norsemen's defense in the second period. North goalie Kelley Peers made a good save on Stacey Campbell, but the Blue Devils got the first goal of the game when Hillary Inger scored on a shot that appeared to hit a North player's stick on its way to the net. Katie Gilbride assisted.

South held a 13-3 edge in shots as the Blue Devils' defense, led by Emele Williams, Kristin Inger and Katie Dosch, stymied the Norsemen's offense.

North regained control of the game in the third period, outshooting South 7-0, but the Norsemen couldn't get the equalizer until they pulled Peers for an extra attacker and Chelsea Skorupski scored on a wrist shot with 1.4 seconds remaining in regulation.

"We had been dominating in the third period but we were unable to beat Lauren Stanek, who was playing great in goal for South," Van Eckoute said. "We pulled our goaltender to get the 6-on-5 and for over a minute kept pounding away."

It appeared that South was going to clear the puck out of its defensive zone with four seconds to go and escape with the 1-0 victory, but North's Megan Irving blocked the clearing pass and dumped the puck into

the corner. Emily Nelson picked it up and found Skorupski all alone in front of the net.

That sent the game into overtime, and it ended at 4:61 on Parker's goal that was set up by a pass from Emily Shefferly. Campbell also assisted.

"I think the girls got a little angry after North scored," Fox said. "And I was a little upset with them."

The Blue Devils, led by Parker, Shefferly, Campbell, Amelia Altaverna and

Amanda Marsh, kept the puck in the North end for most of the overtime period.

Both goalies were outstanding in the low-scoring contest.

"Kelley was screened (on Parker's winning goal)," Van Eckoute said. "She didn't see the shot."

"The loss is disappointing, but it won't hurt for long," Van Eckoute said. "It was a moral victory for us. That's the first time we've ever held that team to one goal in regulation."



Photo by Lori Wilson
Grosse Pointe North goalie Kelley Peers gets ready to make a save on Grosse Pointe South's Stacey Campbell.

Pioneers hand foe first defeat

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

The Harper Woods boys basketball team began its Metro Conference slate last week, crushing host Lutheran Westland 80-48.

"We played one of our better games of the season," head coach Loren Ristovski said. "I could tell that playing our tough nonconference schedule has helped our kids prepare for our conference opposition. We're ready to compete at a high level."

The Pioneers took a 32-22 lead into halftime, but their full-court press worked wonders in the second half, helping them outscore the Warriors 48-26 in the final two quarters.

"They couldn't handle our press, and it was evident by our big second half," Ristovski said. "Everyone played well, but now we have to get ready for a huge road game against Lutheran North. It is not easy to win at their place."

Junior Justin Popov scored 27 points to lead the Pioneers.

He hit a three-point basket on four consecutive possessions to help the Pioneers put the game in the win column.

Three nights later Ristovski's squad schooled previously unbeaten Macomb Lutheran North 68-46 as Popov scored a game-high 23 points.

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Alumni turnout is a record

Christmas came early for Grosse Pointe South boys hockey coach Bob Bopp.

He had a record turnout of former South players and their families at the annual South alumni hockey game on Dec. 21.

"I am thrilled by the number of former players who return to take part in this homecoming fellowship," Bopp said.

"Our alumni are an important part of South hockey, and it is great that they continue to show this kind of support and respect for the program and for each other."

In addition to the former Blue Devils who return each Christmas season for the alumni game, many also support the team's golf outing, attend games and occasionally help the team at practice.

"You are a South hockey player for life," Bopp said.

Blue Devils gymnasts are second

Grosse Pointe South's gymnastics team finished second at the recent Fraser Invitational with a team score of 128.7.

The Blue Devils had solid contributions from all five all-around gymnasts, including freshmen Lindsay Holder and Regan Wedenoja, sophomore India Wilson, junior Liz Davison and senior Melissa Loveley.

"The meet was very exciting. It was close up until the end," said captain Kristin Zens. "This shows we have an amazing team that still has room to improve."

Holder and Wedenoja tied for fourth in all-around. Davison was eighth, one spot ahead of Loveley.

Holder won medals on balance beam and floor exercise with scores of 8.4 and 8.8. She was also ninth on vault with an 8.2 score.

Wedenoja medaled on uneven bars and vault with respective scores of 7.9 and 8.3. She was eighth on floor with an 8.4.

Davison and Loveley tied for fifth on vault with scores of 8.25. Loveley was also fifth on floor with an 8.5. Davison's 8.25 earned her a sixth place on beam. Wilson was 10th on floor.

"Lindsay Holder and Liz Davison had phenomenal meets with solid performances in all four events," said head coach Kelly Darlington.

"But we couldn't get it done without the amazing performances given by all five girls. They should be extremely proud of themselves."



There was a record turnout of former players for the annual Grosse Pointe South alumni hockey game.

South beats Cranbrook in another one-goal game

Nothing has changed in the girls hockey rivalry between Grosse Pointe South and Cranbrook Kingswood.

The games between the two rivals are as tightly-contested as ever.

In the latest meeting, South posted its third straight one-goal victory over the Cranes, winning 3-2 on Cranbrook's home ice.

Ten of the last 12 meetings between the teams have been decided by one goal.

The Blue Devils' victory left South and Regina as the only teams in the Michigan Metro Girls High School

Hockey League with one loss this season.

South took an early lead when Sarah Parker knocked in her own rebound at 3:14 of the first period. The Inger sisters, Hillary and Kristen, each assisted.

Shortly after, Stacey Campbell scored a short-handed goal to give the Blue Devils a 2-0 advantage.

South outshot Cranbrook 7-4 in the first period, but the Cranes fired five shots at Blue Devils goalie Lauren Stanek in the second period and midway through the period Ariel Magidson put Cranbrook on the scoreboard.

Knights' wins are a pair of contrasts

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

A one-goal hockey game is probably more stressful for the coach than it is for the players.

"I was having chest pains in the third period," said University Liggett School girls hockey coach Laura Owczarski after the Knights edged Port Huron 1-0.

"Every time the puck was in our end I was almost afraid to look. You never know what can happen when the puck starts bouncing around."

Fortunately for ULS, nothing happened.

Goalie Allison Jones and the Knights' defense corps, led by Erin Deane and Caitlin Hanly, kept the Rebels, who had beaten ULS 7-1 before the Christmas break, off the scoreboard.

"Allison came up with some big saves on odd-man rushes and Erin played her best game of the season," Owczarski said.

Sarah Hughes scored the only goal of the game at 1:25 of the second period. Elizabeth Palmer, who did a good job of forechecking, forced a turnover behind the Port Huron net and sent the puck to Alex Houghtalin. Houghtalin sent a pass to Hughes, who one-timed a shot past the Rebels' netminder.

"With every win we get more confident," Owczarski said. "The team morale is very high. I wouldn't say the girls are at the point yet where they think they're going to win every game, but they think they can win."

The Port Huron game was a stark contrast to the Knights' 9-0 win over Bloomfield United the day before.

In that game, nearly everyone figured in the scoring, which made things easy for backup goalie Monique Squiers.

"That was the first time she put on the goalie pads, and she got a shutout," Owczarski said. "Allison has been injured and we wanted to give her a day to rest."

Krista Murray led ULS with two goals and two assists. Deane also had a four-point game with a goal and three assists.

Palmer, Inga Moss and Kimmy Dickinson each collected a goal and two assists. Marianne Dabir scored her first varsity goal, and she also picked up an assist.

Hughes and Jordan McLroy had the other ULS goals, while defensemen Hanly and Julie Borushko had assists, along with playing well at the blue line.

ULS improved to 5-6-1 overall. All five of the victories have been shutouts.

However, with less than a minute remaining in the second period, Campbell scored her second unassisted goal of the game to boost South's margin back to two.

Cranbrook's All-State forward, Tarasai Karega, made it a one-goal game at 5:29 of the third period. The Cranes had five minutes of power play in the final period, and they pulled goalie Hillary Schreiber for an extra attacker, but they couldn't beat Stanek for the equalizer.

Stanek's biggest save of the night came with 1:04 remaining when she turned back an excellent scoring chance by Karega.

South's penalty-killing unit, led by Amelia Altavina, Katie Dosch and Parker, stifled the Cranbrook power play. The Blue Devils also got strong defense from Emele Williams, Megan McCaughey, Kristen Inger, Jessica Palffy, Dosch and Amanda Marsh.

Pioneers

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The Pioneers had a 33-30 halftime lead, but their in your face man-to-man defense forced the Mustangs into a dozen turnovers, which helped the visitors win the second half 35-16.

Harper Woods was the first tough game North has played this season, while Ristovski's nonleague schedule included Grosse Pointe North and Birmingham Detroit Country Day.

Senior Bruce Mosley had 14 points and eight assists, while senior Rodney Batts and junior Jerome Douglas each tallied 10 points.

The Harper Woods basketball team improved to 2-0 in the Metro Conference and 6-2 overall.

Coming up for the Pioneers are home games on Friday, Jan. 23, and Tuesday, Jan. 27, against Hamtramck and Livonia Clarenceville.

Wrestling

Head coach Adam Schihl could only shake his head and wonder after his Harper Woods wrestling team struggled in losses to Almont and Milford last weekend.

"We're going through a mid-season slump," Schihl said. "It seems as if our kids are just going through the motions, and that has to change because we have too much to lose during the next few weeks for us to be an average team."

The Pioneers were also scheduled to wrestle at Rochester Hills Stoney Creek earlier last week, but the snow storm prevented that from happening.

"We're going to practice very hard during the next few weeks," Schihl said. "Our guys have to refocus."

The Harper Woods wrestling team fell to 11-7 overall.

Next for the Pioneers is the Southgate Anderson Team Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 24, and a home Metro Conference tri-meet on Wednesday, Jan. 28.

Blue Devils beat Gabriel Richard

Bob Bopp is happy with the way his Grosse Pointe South hockey team is playing this season, but the Blue Devils' veteran coach wouldn't mind seeing his team pick up the scoring pace in the weeks ahead.

In last week's 4-2 victory over Riverview Gabriel Richard in a Michigan Metro High School League game, South peppered the Pioneers' netminder with 45 shots.

"When you have that many shots, you should win a lot easier than that," Bopp said. "We've faced some good goalies but our shot selection can improve. There are times that we're just throwing the puck at the net instead of waiting and getting a better shot."

"And there have been a lot of rebounds that have gotten past us."

Richard jumped out to an early lead, but South came back to tie the game on a power-play goal by Joey Parke at 6:06 of the opening period.

Parke took a pass from Robbie Barrett as he was skating through the slot and beat the Richard netminder. Sean O'Brien also assisted.

South went ahead to stay at 8:54 on a similar play. This time Brian Gatloff scored the power-play goal, assisted by Mark Diebel and Stefan Harris.

"We had good puck movement on both of the power plays," Bopp said. "We were

2-for-2 on the power play in the first period, and we out-shot Richard 19-3."

The Blue Devils also made the Pioneers pay for another indiscretion when Ben Morawski scored on a penalty shot at 11:14 of the second period. Morawski put a move on the goalie to get him out of position and shot the puck into the net.

Morawski also fooled his coach.

"I was thinking that he wasn't skating hard enough when he moved toward the net, but he knew what he was doing," Bopp said. "We really needed that goal to make up for all the missed chances we had."

Shortly after Morawski's goal, Gatloff scored his second of the game on a shot from the top of the faceoff circle. It was set up by passes from Tom Porter and Barrett.

Richard kept battling and cut the lead to 4-2 with a power-play at 1:21 of the third period.

Mark Grignon made 17 saves in goal for South.

Although he didn't figure in the scoring, Pat LaRiviere was a key factor in the Blue Devils' victory.

"He had a really strong game for us," Bopp said. "He was at the top of his game, which is to play all-out every second that he's on the ice."

South hosts Divine Child in a key league contest on Saturday at 7:25 p.m.

South swimmers still looking strong

There doesn't seem to be any midseason lull for the Grosse Pointe South boys swimming team.

The Blue Devils added three more dual victories to their total last week. They started with a 132-54 win over East Detroit in a Macomb Area Conference Red Division meet, and finished the week with wins over Ann Arbor Huron (136-50) and Saline (134-52) in a double dual meet hosted by the River Rats.

In the East Detroit meet, South swept four of the 11 events.

Andrew Graham won the 200-yard freestyle in 1:57.65. He was followed by teammates Robbie Browning and Ryan Gunderson.

Pete Stevens, who had a winning time of 2:10.50, Ben Jenzen and Joe Ryan finished 1-2-3 in the 200 individual medley.

Alex Glendening led a sweep in the 500 freestyle with Mike Dunaway and Waseem Ksebaty.

Jon Sax won the 100 backstroke, while teammates

Danny Basile and Ryan took the next two places. The times recorded by Stevens, Glendening and Sax qualified them for Michigan Interscholastic Coaches Association (MISCA) meet consideration.

Alex Bordyukov beat a pair of East Detroit swimmers in the 50 freestyle.

Casey Browning picked up his third individual state cut when he won the 100 butterfly in 55.58. Alex Garbarino edged a Shamrocks swimmer in the 100 freestyle, while Alex Smith and Carlos Padilla were third and fourth, respectively.

South freshman Grant Withers posted his first varsity win in the 100 breaststroke, and teammate Nick Hy was third behind East Detroit's Mike Soresi.

Blue Devils divers Justin Linne and Kieran Connolly finished 1-2.

South won all three relays. The team of Luke Richard, Jenzen, David Richardson-Rossbach and Jeff Tompkins was first in the 200 medley relay. Wilson Holm, Bordyukov, Adam Dziuba and Richardson-

Rossbach won the 200 freestyle relay, and the team of Mike Mullinger, Jamie Handley, Ksebaty and Ryan was first in the 400 freestyle relay.

South also had a pair of relay teams take third place. The team of Felix Johnk, an exchange student from Germany, Padilla, Tristan Cotter and Mike Robinson was third in the 200 freestyle, while Dziuba, Johnk, Chris Vella and Bordyukov was third in the 400 freestyle relay.

South won 10 of the 12 events at the meet in Ann Arbor.

Jenzen led the Blue Devils' effort with wins in the 50 and 100 freestyle races. He also anchored the winning 200 medley relay team of Robbie Browning, Stevens and Richard, which posted a time of 1:41.46, and the first-place 200 freestyle relay team of Holm, Dunaway and Richard, which was clocked in 1:32.26.

Richard also had an individual first in the 100 butterfly.

Casey Browning led the way in the 200 and 500 freestyle events. Tompkins (5:05.84) and Basile (5:08.00) turned in personal best times in the 500.

Casey Browning was also part of the winning 400 freestyle relay team, along with Sax, Dunaway and Richardson-Rossbach.

Sax had an earlier win in the 200 individual medley. Stevens won the 100 breaststroke, and Handley had a season-best in the event.


Richardson-Rossbach and Robbie Browning were second and third, respectively, behind Huron's Steve Weinberg in the 100 backstroke.

Huron's Paul Dorsey won the diving, but South's Linne and Dan Kastner were second and third.

Earlier, South finished second in the Saginaw Heritage Relays, but the Blue Devils broke their own meet record in the 200 freestyle relay.

The team of Jenzen, Dunaway, Casey Browning and Richard posted a time of

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Eric Berschback tries to dribble around a Chippewa Valley defender in Grosse Pointe South's Macomb Area Conference Red Division opener.

South basketball making progress

By Chuck Klionke
Sports Editor

It doesn't show in the bottom line, but Grosse Pointe South's basketball team is making some forward strides.

"We're making progress, although it's in baby steps," coach George Petrouleas said after the Blue Devils opened the Macomb Area Conference Red Division season with a 79-60 loss to Chippewa Valley.

"We lost by 19 points but I saw a lot of pluses. We went after them defensively. I'd say that on 80 to 90 percent of their possessions we got a hand on the ball. We'd either tip it, or knock it out of bounds or get a turnover. Unfortunately, when we did get the turnover we didn't capitalize."

And when the Big Reds got a shot, it usually dropped in. Chippewa Valley shot 62 percent from the field. South hit 40 percent of its shots, which is good enough to win a lot of high school games.

"They got a lot of their points around the basket," Petrouleas said. "And a lot of those were offensive rebounds."

Rebounding has been a problem for South all season, and the MAC Red opener was no exception. Chippewa Valley had a 41-17 advantage on the boards.

The Big Reds held a 49-34 halftime lead fueled by a 16-2 run that the Blue Devils weren't able to overcome.

"We're not a good comeback team," Petrouleas said.

"We don't have the firepower to come back from a double-digit deficit."

Kyle Bruen led a balanced scoring attack with 16 points. Eric Berschback had 12 points, Brett Read scored 11 and Andy Wolking added 10.

Earlier, South lost 67-54 to St. Clair in a MAC crossover game.

That contest turned in the third quarter when the Saints outscored the Blue Devils 19-3. St. Clair had led by three points at halftime.

"We missed some great scoring chances in the first half but we could have been ahead at halftime," Petrouleas said. "We forced some turnovers and failed to capitalize on them."

"In the third quarter we didn't take care of the ball, and all of a sudden we went from being down three to being down by 12 points."

South made another run at the Saints in the fourth quarter, cutting the lead to single digits, but St. Clair answered with three straight three-point baskets.

Wolking played a solid game for South, and finished with a career-high 21 points.

South is still looking for its first victory of the season, but Petrouleas said that the attitude of the team remains good.

"We're 0-6, but we're not playing like an 0-6 team," Petrouleas said. "The kids are still upbeat and they've worked hard in practice. I'd just like to see them get rewarded for their efforts."

Norsemen win opener in MAC White

By Chuck Klionke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's basketball team showed last week that it doesn't need to play its best every night to be a winner.

"I guess that's a positive we can take out of this game," coach Matt Trombley said after the Norsemen opened the Macomb Area Conference White Division season with a 62-54 victory over Stevenson.

"It wasn't our best game, but we still won. And it was

nice to see some other people step up in the fourth quarter and make some big plays."

Stevenson cut North's lead to six points in the fourth quarter, but the Norsemen answered with three-point baskets from Alex Sultan, Jacob Bloomhuff and Bryan Bennett.

"Stevenson played pretty hard the whole game, and we didn't play very well, especially in the first half," Trombley said.

"We weren't real unselfish

in the first half. It wasn't that we were taking a lot of bad shots, but we weren't sharing the ball. We were dribbling too much. We just didn't look good, but we played better in the second half."

North opened up a 12-point lead in the third quarter but couldn't put the pesky Titans away.

David Klein had another strong game for the Norsemen. He finished with 14 points, including 4-for-4 from the free-throw line,

and he grabbed seven rebounds.

Marcell Maxwell scored 12 points and made four of his five free throws, while Michael Bramos also wound up with 12 points.

North plays at Fraser on Friday, then returns home to face Fitzgerald in the first of three games that could impact the division race.

"We have three real tough ones in a row with Fitzgerald, Romeo (Jan. 30) and Port Huron (Feb. 3)," Trombley said.

Setter plays key role in South volleyball win

By Chuck Klionke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's Rachel Sullivan has one of those characteristics that every coach looks for in a player.

Whether she's playing guard on the basketball team where she excels at following her shot for an offensive rebound or filling the vital role of setter in volleyball, the Blue Devils' junior has excellent court awareness.

It was never more apparent than last week when South opened the Macomb Area Conference White Division volleyball season with a 15-9, 11-15, 15-5 victory over Romeo.

"She did a terrific job of running the offense," said coach Kevin Nugent. "She kept Romeo's blockers off balance with the way she distributed the ball."

"Rachel is one of our captains, and she's showing poise and leadership. She's always been a good setter, but she has more command of who and where to set. You can teach a certain amount of that, but a player also has to have court savvy and Rachel has that."

Nugent was pleased with his team's overall play in the victory at Romeo, which was one of the preseason favorites in the MAC White.

"That was a big win for us," he said.

He was especially happy with the way South bounced back after losing the second game to the Bulldogs.

"We came into the final game and seized the momentum when we went up 9-1," Nugent said. "That was a great boost for us mentally."

Nugent also liked the way his seniors have shown improvement since last season.

"Each of the five seniors were able to overcome something that they weren't able to do a year ago," he said.

A good example is Juliana Burrows. She had a ball blocked back to her, and when she was set up again, she didn't just try to tip the

ball over the net or place it like she might have done last year. She hit it again, it went off one of (Romeo's) players out of bounds for a point for us. That helped set the tone for us in the third game."

Earlier, South advanced to the semifinals of the Silver Division at the Grand Blanc Invitational before losing to Flushing.

The Blue Devils were 2-4 overall in the tournament, posting victories over Grand Blanc and Plymouth Canton.

In the Grand Blanc match, South got excellent play from Jessica Ogden and Kelly Springborn.

North gymnasts are overcoming injuries

Injuries and illness to key members of the team have made the first month of the season a rough one for Grosse Pointe North's gymnastics team.

Captain Dayle Kronback missed the first five meets because of illness, Marsia Thomas missed the first five meets with stress fractures in her shin, and captain Mia Mocerri was just given the OK to resume practice after suffering a broken bone in her foot while vaulting in October.

In a recent triangular meet with Troy Athens and Troy, the Norsemen had some fine performances from Kelly Poletis, Kronback and Sarah Colosimo.

Poletis had an all-around score of 30.95 with scores of 7.8 on vault, 7.65 on uneven bars, 7.65 on balance beam and 7.9 on floor exercise.

In her first meet of the

season, Kronback scored 8.1 on vault and 7.5 on bars. Colosimo had scores of 7.75 on vault, 7.5 on beam and 7.9 on floor.

Mocerri competed in her first meet of the year and scored 7.0 on beam.

Other solid vault scores came from Liah Steele (7.45) and Kristin Glovac (7.3).

Sheila Terry had a personal-best 6.6 on beam. Steele had a 6.2 and Glovac scored

6.3 on beam.

Erin Vishey had a personal-best 7.3 on floor, while Glovac scored 7.25 on her routine.

North was fourth in the Fraser Invitational and senior captains Poletis and Kronback each won several medals.

Poletis finished in the top 10 all-around with a 31.9 score. She was seventh on bars (7.75) and eighth on

beam (8.2).

Kronback was fifth on bars with a 7.9 score, and she took ninth on beam with an 8.1.

Mocerri did her first floor routine of the year, and scored a 7.25. She also scored 6.8 on beam.

Glovac (7.56) and Steele (7.6) had personal bests on vault. Colosimo scored 7.8 on vault, 7.55 on beam and 7.65 on floor.

East's Jurczak earns gold in tournament

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Lutheran East wrestler Chris Jurczak earned a gold medal last weekend, competing in the Warren Fitzgerald Tournament.

"Chris had a very good tournament, and he is having a good senior season," head coach John Widmer said. "All of our kids are making improvements, which is what I want to see as a head coach."

Jurczak won the gold medal in the 112-pound class and Alex Goetz finished fourth in the 160-pound class, but missed out on a medal by one placement.

Earlier in the week, the Eagles beat Detroit Holy Redeemer and lost to Highland Park in a tri-meet.

The Eagles' competitors were Jurczak, Graham VanPieteron, Steve Lyon, Adam Lyon, Brendan Kelso, Goetz, Quentin Parker,

Matthew Goetz and Justin Sommer. The Lutheran East wrestling team is 1-1 overall.

Basketball

The Lutheran East boys basketball team struggled last week, losing 51-41 to Warren Zoe Christian and 59-54 to Hamtramck.

The host Eagles were tied with Zoe Christian, ranked in the top 10 in Class D, 22-22 at the half.

"We played a good first half, but their defense was the difference in the second half," head coach Joe Beck said. "We didn't make enough shots in the second half to win."

Senior Robert Carlisle had a double-double, scoring 19 points and grabbing 14 rebounds, while senior Matt Johnston had 12 points.

Later in the week, the vis-

North's champions were Mike Kurdziel at 119 pounds; Jack Todd, 125; Mike Czarnecki, 130; Brendan Russo, 135; Ryan Stephens, 160; and Scott Gawel, 189.

David Trupiano was second at 145 pounds, and Spencer Channell was runner-up at 215.

Third-place medals were won by Zaid Beai at 112 and Dan Scarfone at 171.

Kurdziel, Gawel, Stephens and Channell were dominant in their matches, winning a total of 13 bouts by falls.

It was the third tournament title for Kurdziel this season, and the first for Todd, Czarnecki, Russo, Stephens and Gawel.

In the Norsemen's dual meet last week, Romeo beat North 60-15 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

North's points came on pins by Kurdziel and Gawel and a decision by Stephens.

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Fightin' Irish get a needed victory

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's basketball team ended a three-game slide last week, beating Madison Heights Bishop Foley 72-45.

"We're experiencing growing pains," head coach Don Sicko said. "Our younger players have had to adjust to varsity basketball by playing against some very talented, experienced teams, but overall, this will help them grow."

Senior Seth Quaranta dominated the visiting Ventures, scoring 23 points and grabbing 11 rebounds.

Earlier in the week, the host Fightin' Irish lost their Catholic League Central Division opener, falling 66-48 to Detroit Catholic Central.

"CC started five seniors, while we started two seniors, one junior, one sophomore and one freshman," Sicko said. "Their experience showed, while I thought we played well at times, but the mistakes killed us."

The Irish trailed 16-10 after the first quarter and 30-22 at the half.

The Shamrocks put the game away, outscoring the Irish 22-9 in the third period to build a 52-31 advantage.

Junior Darryl Clements scored 21 points to lead the Irish, followed by freshman Christian Hill with nine, senior Keith Frank with eight, and Quaranta with eight.

The Notre Dame basketball team fell to 0-1 in the Catholic League Central Division but improved to 3-4 overall.

Hockey

The Notre Dame hockey team won two of three games last week, improving to 7-6 overall.

"We're streaky," head coach Kevin McKay said. "We're playing pretty well, but we need to become more consistent. We have a hard time putting together three strong periods."

The Fightin' Irish beat Marysville 3-1 and Troy United 3-2, and lost 4-1 to Birmingham United.

Senior goalie Joe Riehl is back in action after missing

the first half of the season with a shoulder injury, and he played well during the week.

Senior forward Sean Morefield scored twice against Troy, while fellow seniors Chris Small and Jason McBride continue to play solid hockey.

Defensively, senior John VanOenen and junior George Ambrozy have shone during the Irish's rise to the .500 mark.

"We really wanted to beat Marysville after we let a third period lead slip away when we played them earlier in the season," McKay said. "It was a nice victory."

The road ahead won't be easy for Notre Dame.

"Our schedule gets tough," McKay said. "We put the more difficult games at the end of the season so our guys will be prepared for our regional tournament."

Swimming

The Notre Dame/Harper Woods co-ed swim team lost its meet to host Anchor Bay last week.

Head coach Katarzyna Griffith watched her 200-yard medley relay team of Derek Johnston, Eric Babecki, Dan Adams and Nick Dokianos win with a time of 2:08.40.

Johnston also won the 200-individual medley with a time of 2:19.84.

The Fightin' Irish dropped to 0-2 overall.

Wrestling

The Notre Dame wrestling team dropped its matches last week, falling to Warren Fitzgerald and host Lakeview.

"We're thin in numbers, which makes it very tough to win dual matches," assistant coach Dan Fooks said. "Our guys are busting their tails to win, but the voids are killing us."

In the losses, the Irish were led by Sal Valgoi (119-pound class), Mike Green (130 pounds), Steve Chauvin (135 pounds), Jared Chauvin (145 pounds) and Andrew Gray (215 pounds).

The other competitors were Chris Raad, Matt Baradich, James Shoats and Dyonisus Hall.



Challenge champs

A team of Grosse Pointe youngsters won the 8-and-under championship of the 3-on-3 Holiday Challenge soccer tournament at Total Soccer in Fraser. In front are Ryan Neville, left, and Jacob Pnakovich. In back, from left, are Nicholas Murray, Bradley Centala and Michael Murray. The team was coached by Mark Neville, Mark Pnakovich and Mark Murray.

Trinity Catholic wins league opener

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Trinity Catholic's boys basketball team ended its nonleague schedule early last week, beating host Allen Park Cabrini 62-58.

The win gave first-year head coach Ed Banks a 5-1 mark heading into the Lancers' league opener at Detroit East Catholic.

"Our guys are believing they can beat any opponent," Banks said the day before the East Catholic game. "Everyone is chipping in, and it has resulted in our 5-1 mark at the moment."

Junior Antonio Hinton was a wrecking crew against the Monarchs, scoring 18 points and grabbing 19 rebounds, while senior Ron Hildreth had 13 points and nine rebounds.

"We now have to concentrate on our league play because we have a tough one right off the bat in East Catholic," Banks said. "We feel good heading into the game."

Banks and his Lancers had a cheerful busride back to Harper Woods after edging host East Catholic 51-47.

Hildreth scored 20 points to help the Trinity Catholic basketball team improve to 1-0 in the Catholic League A-East Division and 6-1 overall.

It's the team's best start in a decade.

Volleyball

The Trinity Catholic girls volleyball team split its league opening matches last week, losing 14-16, 14-16 to Marine City Cardinal Mooney and beating Detroit Dominican 15-9, 15-2.

Head coach Elvira Mihali and assistant coach Judmir Komini have done a solid job getting the Lancers back to respectable.

The visiting Lancers had several opportunities to beat the Cardinals but couldn't get the big point when they needed it.

Not to worry because Mihali's squad put that

tough loss behind it as the host Lancers crushed Dominican.

In a competitive first game, seniors Danielle Cooper and Onicko Biggs, and junior Nicole Gailliard, were the hitting standouts, while junior Anne Wasukanis displayed the delicate touch a setter needs to become a standout.

Senior Stephanie Sosa, Wasukanis and sophomore DeAndrea Kimble served aces in the second half of game one to help the Lancers turn an 8-6 lead into a 15-9 victory.

The Lancers dominated game two as Wasukanis served their first five points, while Biggs and Sosa also had aces as the Ravens fell behind 10-2.

Sophomore Natalie Barnes had two aces and sophomore Kyla Moore had the final two service points (junior Maureen Poirier had a kill) to lift the Lancers to the win.

The Trinity Catholic volleyball team improved to 1-1 in the Catholic League Suburban Division and 3-2 overall.

Next for the Lancers is a home match today, Jan. 22, against Cardinal Mooney.

Football

Athletic director Larry Geromin introduced Trinity Catholic's new head football coach last week, Darrell Williams.

"I'm looking forward to the challenge of building a junior varsity program so that the varsity team can maintain its winning tradition," Williams said.

Williams played Little League football for the Eastside Cowboys and at Detroit Denby High School.

He earned a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University before becoming an assistant football coach at Walled Lake Western.

"We had some success at Walled Lake Western, and I hope to bring it with me to Trinity Catholic," Williams said. "My coaches and I are happy to be here."

Lancers can't overcome huge deficit

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Trinity Catholic's boys basketball team dropped its first league game of the season, losing 64-52 at Royal Oak Shrine.

"It was a tough loss," coach Ed Banks said. "We dug ourselves a huge hole and couldn't get over the hump."

The Lancers got off to a fast start, leading 10-2, but then Shrine's press turned the eight-point deficit into

an 18-point lead midway through the third quarter.

"We didn't handle Shrine's press very well, but our guys battled back to make a game of it in the fourth quarter," Banks said.

Quinton Washington led the Lancers with 15 points.

Volleyball

The Trinity Catholic girls volleyball team beat Taylor Light and Life 15-10, 15-8. The Lancers are 2-1 in the

Harper Woods takes third in tournament

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Head coach Laura Bock was all smiles after her Harper Woods girls volleyball team took third place in the New Haven Tournament last weekend.

"I was really happy with how well the girls played," Bock said. "We haven't played a match since Dec. 17, but the girls didn't seem to mind as each and every girl stepped up the level of her play."

The Pioneers won their pool, sweeping two games from Marine City, University Liggett School and Memphis.

In powerpool play, the Pioneers split matches with New Haven and Lutheran Westland, which seeded them third in the playoff round.

Bock's squad lost two straight games to Memphis in the playoff semifinals.

"The girls played well, and I'm pleased with their effort," Bock said. "They gained a lot of confidence as we head into our conference schedule."

Leading the way for the Pioneers were seniors Becky Nanni, Crystal Norman, August Bragg and Angela Wiersniewski; and juniors Jade King, Maria Mahon, Natalie Barranca, Sally Smolinski, Ann Marie Solomon and Bridge Wagner.

"It was a team effort," Bock said. "We won some nice matches, and I know this kind of effort will carry over to the rest of the season."

The Harper Woods volleyball team improved to 3-2-2 overall.

Coming up for the Pioneers is a road match today, Jan. 22, against Macomb Dakota and Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

Wrestling

Harper Woods' wrestling squad also got back to action last weekend, finishing 3-2 in the Burton Bendie Team Tournament.

"We wrestled flat the first two matches," head coach Adam Schihl said. "The guys finally put it together during our final three matches, which we won."

The Pioneers lost to Flint Powers and Woodhaven but came back to beat Burton Bendie, Flint Beecher and Lakeville.

Jeremy Myers (275-pound class) was 5-0 to lead the Pioneers, while Adam DiGiovanni (171 pounds) and Bobby Monaghan (125 pounds) were 4-1.

Jeff Bertges, Jeff Orjada and Antoine Kennedy were each 3-2, and Jake Bertges was 2-2.

"I think the guys were a little sluggish since they haven't competed in three weeks," Schihl said. "They came back and wrestled pretty well once they got back into the swing of things."

Basketball

The Harper Woods boys basketball team won a big road game last week, beating Class A Fraser 61-49.

"We played well for the most part, but our free-throw shooting was horrible," head coach Loren Ristovski said. "Beating a

big school such as Fraser on the road is great for our confidence because our schedule doesn't get any easier (road games against Warren De La Salle and Macomb Lutheran North)."

The Pioneers trailed 10-8 after the first quarter but used a 14-0 run to take a 29-19 halftime advantage.

Ristovski's crew made only 8-of-25 (32 percent) free throws, which kept the Ramblers in the game.

"We're not concentrating at the free-throw line," Ristovski said. "We're not shooting free throws with a purpose, and I don't want that to come back and haunt us in a close game."

The Pioneers lost earlier in the year to Country Day after making only 14-of-30 free throws.

Junior Justin Popov scored 25 points, while senior Bruce Mosely had 13 points, seven assists and seven rebounds to lead the Pioneers.

Seniors Rodney Batts and Jesus Melendez, and junior Dan Harris also played well, according to Ristovski.

Swim

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1:30.34, which was nearly three seconds better than the record of 1:33.13 that South set last season.

Jenzen had a state-qualifying time of 22.42 on the opening leg of the relay. The relay team also set a pool record at Heritage.

Lake Orion took first with 260 points, while South, which had six firsts in the nine events the Blue Devils competed in, finished with 238.

South's 800 freestyle relay team of Basile, Tompkins and Casey Browning posted a come-from-behind victory in 7:49.77.

The 200 medley relay team of Gunderson, Stevens, Richard and Holm was first in 1:45.77.

The Blue Devils' 300 individual medley relay team of Richardson-Rossbach, Stevens and Sax was first in 2:55.89. Each member of the team swam a 100-yard IM.

Robbie Browning, Graham, Jenzen and Richard won the 300 butterfly relay in 2:47.67.

South's final victory came in the 300 breaststroke with the team of Stevens, Vella, Handley and Kaebati posting a time of 3:21.79.

East

From page 3C

iting Eagles were upset in their Metro Conference opener by the Cosmos.

Junior Andrew Zoellner scored 14 points to lead East, which dropped to 0-1 in the Metro Conference and 2-4 overall.

Volleyball

The Lutheran East girls volleyball team had a busy six days last week, competing in seven matches.

The Eagles beat Warren Bethesda Christian and lost to Lutheran Northwest in nonleague matches earlier in the week.

On the weekend, head coach Reay Zoellner guided his team to a 0-3-1 mark in a tournament.

"The girls are working hard in practice and in games, but the results aren't what we want," Zoellner said. "I need our younger girls to get used to playing at the varsity level; so far they're giving it their best effort, which is what I ask of them."

In the tournament, the Eagles split with Ferndale, and lost to Royal Oak Dondero, Westland John Glenn and Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

The Lutheran East volleyball team is 1-7-1 overall.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

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