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WEEK AHEAD

Monday, Feb. 16

All municipal offices in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods, U.S. Postal Service offices and Secretary of State offices are closed for President's Day.

Trash pickup is delayed by one day in the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Shores, but recycling pickup is on schedule.

Trash and recycling pickup is on schedule in Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods.

Call (313) 822-5020 to confirm trash and recycling pickup schedules in Grosse Pointe Park.

Tuesday, Feb. 17

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe will hold a general membership meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Marybelle Sucek will lead a discussion on the proposed update of the League's position on selection of the president.

For more information and the location of the meeting, call Cynthia Warner at (313) 821-6021.

The Tuesday Musicales of Detroit will present a concert at 10:30 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Minka Christoff-Cornelson, cello, and Virginia Shover, piano, will perform a Bach sonata. Bonnie Brooks, soprano, and guest artist Amy Loerch Strumolo, piano, will perform works by Kilyeni, Obradors, Turina, Puccini and Gold-Nelson-Quilter. Hiroki Ohtani, piano, will perform works by Schumann and Chopin.

Admission is free. For more information, call (248) 848-9930 or (586) 739-5707.

Wednesday, Feb. 18

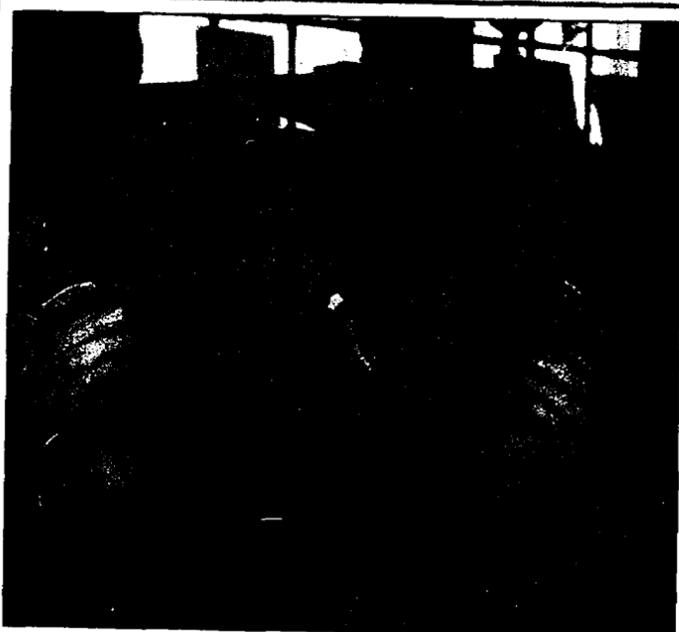
The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Marianne Battani, a federal court judge, will speak on "Women in the Judiciary."

All Grosse Pointe women are invited. Guest reservations must be made by Saturday, Feb. 14. Call (313) 881-6251.

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Heureux St. Valetin

The heartfelt appeal came via e-mail: "Help needed," wrote Betsy Schulte, volunteer coordinator for Services for Older Citizens. "We are delivering valentines to homebound seniors this Saturday and are in need of as many cards as possible. The seniors just love getting valentines. Any type will do! We appreciate one card or one hundred."

The Grosse Pointe Academy took this appeal to heart. Over the next several days, students' desks were strewn with construction paper, crayons, glue sticks and glitter, and valentines were created at all grade levels, from early school classrooms all the way up to the middle school.

Second-graders Sheridan Reilly and Miranda Turner, above, made valentines for seniors during Christian Life class, and "Heureux St. Valetin" and "Je t'aime beaucoup" wrote second-graders in French class. Fourth- and fifth-graders took advantage of a rainy afternoon and went to work during indoor recess. Even sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders got into the act in language arts and Christian life class.

At the end of the week, community service coordinator Sasha Ovshinsky collected the cards and delivered them to Services for Older Citizens.

"The kids enjoy making a difference in a senior's day," said Ovshinsky. "It's these simple acts of kindness that are at the heart of an Academy education."

823 Pointe, Harper Woods Dems follow state trends

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Democrats in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods fell in line with the rest of the state in last Saturday's Democratic state caucus.

"We had a steady stream of people turn out to vote," said Harry Kalogerakos, Grosse Pointes/Harper Woods caucus site manager.

Of the 823 Democrats who took to the polls at the local caucus site at the Children's Home of Detroit, 402 of them, or 48.9 percent, cast their votes for John Kerry. Howard Dean pulled up in a distant second with 183 votes, or 22 percent of the vote, and John Edwards came in third with 107 votes, or 13 percent of the vote.

Across the state, Kerry was favored by 51.69 percent of the voters, Dean was favored by 16.57 percent of the voters, and Edwards was favored by 13 percent of the voters.

It was not determined how many voters in the Grosse Pointes and

Harper Woods cast their ballots by mail or over the Internet.

While a turnout of 823 voters would normally be considered light for an election in this area, the number far surpassed the turnout for the 2000 Democratic caucus in which about 100 people showed up to vote. An earlier caucus date may have encouraged a larger voter turnout. The 2000 Democratic caucus was held on Feb. 22, 2000.

Grosse Pointe Harper Woods Caucus Results

Cheryl Moseley Braun.....	1
Wesley Clark.....	46
Howard Dean.....	183
John Edwards.....	107
Dick Gephardt.....	0
John Kerry.....	402
Dennis Kucinich.....	32
Joe Lieberman.....	1
Al Sharpton.....	50
Uncommitted.....	1
Write-ins.....	0
Total.....	823

"There were 6,473 votes cast in the 13th Congressional district," Kalogerakos said. "We had more than 10 percent participation in the district, which is pretty significant."

The rest of the Democratic presidential hopefuls — the Rev. Al Sharpton, Wesley Clark and Dennis Kucinich — came in with 50, 46 and 32 votes respectively cast by Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods voters. One vote each was cast for Carol Moseley

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School board calls timeout on 6-hour day

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

A cumbersome financial situation is rattling the Grosse Pointe Board of Education and the community at large, but both groups seem committed to solving the problem while simultaneously preserving the excellence of the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

"The path ahead is not an easy one. In any district, boards are wrestling with the same issues," said superintendent Suzanne Klein.

The school system cut \$1.9 million last year, has cut \$3.1 million this year and projects that it will cut \$4 to \$4.8 million in 2004-05 due to decreased revenue from the state.

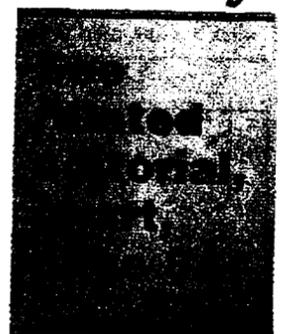
At the Monday, Feb. 9 meeting, the board and attendees focused on, and referred back for study, one measure to lessen the impact of state budget cuts: reducing class periods from seven to six periods per day at both the high school and middle school levels.

The measure would save \$1.3 million at the high school level and \$600,000 at the middle school level.

As a result of public concern, board member Jeffrey Broderick introduced two amendments that called for community and staff input on the issue and the study of it to create a report for the fall of 2004. Originally, the board was going to vote on implementing the change at the meeting.

The amendments, which were passed, were applauded by many in the throng of about a hundred people attending the meeting. Most opposed the condensing of days, saying that it would harm the strength of the schools.

"I would hate to see my



academic opportunities cut, and I think my fellow students feel the same way," said South student Paul Thomas.

"By cutting that, you cut down on the school's credibility," said another South student Roger Klein.

"I commend the board for deciding to study the issue. I think it's important we keep the level of excellence," said parent Carol Rodriguez.

Dr. David Cameron supported the period change proposal.

"If we don't adopt this proposal, we're going to have to eat into assets," he said.

Others in the crowd made general comments about the budget process and the need to maintain the quality of the schools.

"It's not just where do we cut. If you cut too deeply, you cut into the continuity of care to our students," said Dr. Geoffrey Barger. "We can't let our kids fall through the cracks."

Resident Laura Huebner said the whole funding mechanism of Proposal A needs to be reexamined.

"We have excellence here, and it's threatened. It's time to do something about it," she said.

Klein made a lengthy presentation at the meeting about the budget crisis,

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Jim Anderson

Home: Grosse Pointe Shores
Age: 59
Family: Wife, Patti; four children; and two grandchildren
Claim to fame: Contributed a \$500,000 gift to the Wayne State College of Engineering to establish Engineering Ventures, a program that will identify and train potential entrepreneurial engineers
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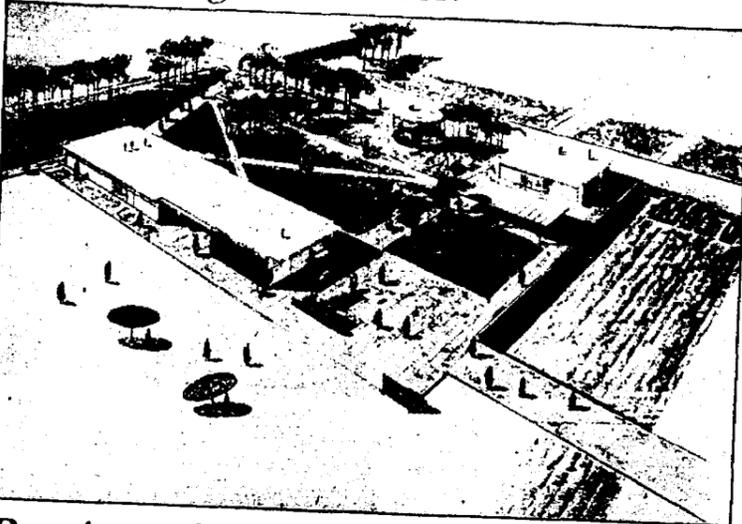
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Preview of Farms' new lakefront park

This architectural drawing shows what the planned portion of the expanded beach park at the foot of Moross at Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms will look like when the half-million dollar project is completed. It is expected most development work at the park will be completed in time for use this summer. Bids will be let by March. Progress has already been made on steel work for the pier. (From the Feb. 11, 1954 Grosse Pointe News.)

yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ Fathers of boys between the ages of 13 and 15 are asked to attend a meeting this week at the Neighborhood Club regarding boys baseball.

Attendees will discuss forming a permanent baseball league for boys too old for Little League, namely, from 12 to 15.

The nucleus for teams would be drawn from boys who played last year in the Giant League.

■ Formation of the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra is disclosed.

An organization with Thomas Nester as its president has been rehearsing at Pierce Junior High School in the Park. Wayne Dunlap, conductor of the University of Michigan Symphony, is engaged as conductor.

Fred Kendall, singing star of radio and television and a winner of the Arthur

Godfrey Talent Scout Show, will be the first soloist when the Pointe orchestra debuts with a concert March 7 at the Parcels Junior High School auditorium.

■ Passes to Grosse Pointe Park's waterfront park will henceforth be issued only to residents.

Previously, park passes had been available to Park businessmen and property owners who live in other communities as well.

Everitt Lane, city manager, cites gross abuse of the former policy. Passes have been lent out by non-resident holders, causing overcrowding during peak summer months.

Lane says up to 50 percent of people who avail themselves of the Park's facilities have been outsiders.

25 years ago this week

■ A cat burglar from Detroit who was caught last October plaguing the Grosse Pointes is sentenced by a Wayne County Judge to three-to-five years in Jackson Prison.

■ The City of Grosse Pointe's long-awaited consolidation of police and fire services meets resistance from members of the force.

The teamsters union, representing police, takes the city to court charging unfair labor practices related to consolidation of duties under a public safety department.

■ A Southfield company approaches Grosse Pointe Farms officials about building a multi-level parking deck on the Hill. The facility, targeted for land owned by Cottage Hospital, would be big enough to park at least 200 cars.

10 years ago this week

■ Nineteen years ago, one of Roland and Rosemarie Goolsbee's Grosse Pointe Woods neighbors invited the couple's 6-year-old daughter Jennifer to go ice skating for

the first time.

To say the skating bug bit Jennifer, now 25, is an understatement.

She and her ice dancing partner, Hendry Schamberger, will compete in the Winter Olympics later this month in Lillehammer, Norway.

Goolsbee gave up her United States citizenship and became a German citizen in order to qualify for the German team and represent that country in the Olympics.

■ Now that Grosse Pointe Park has purchased and torn down the abandoned Lakepointe Olds building on Jefferson, city officials are looking for someone to buy the property.

"While we are not ruling out non-residential use for the property, we are emphasizing a residential-style development," says Dale Krajniak, Park city manager. "It is unlikely a business would be allowed to build there."

■ Members of the Grosse Pointe Woods city council cite a lack of parking when denying a hardship petition that would have cleared the way for opening a Mr. Pita pocket sandwich shop at 19487 Mack.

5 years ago this week

■ Grosse Pointe South High School's basketball team overpowers Chippewa Valley 65-42 to win first place in the Macomb Area Red Conference Red Division.

■ C.R. Moultry, a student at University Liggett School, signs a letter of intent to play football for the Western Michigan University Broncos.

■ Grosse Pointe public school officials announce a public hearing will be held later this month as a comprehensive study begins of the district's middle school curriculum.

— Brad Lindberg

Schools

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going over what areas can be cut and ways to increase revenue for the district. Aside from the period change proposal, the district could save money by decreasing staff, increasing class size, reducing the sports budget, using money from the building and site budget for instruction if the sinking fund millage is passed, reducing club budgets and minimizing utility costs.

Ways to increase revenue include raising the building use fees, introducing a pay-to-participate plan for club

activities and sports, having musical students rent musical instruments from private companies, developing fundraising and dipping into the \$14 million fund equity.

Board members seem committed to cutting the budget while keeping in mind ways to preserve the exemplary status of the school system.

"We need your help to address this budget shortfall," board member Lisa Vreede said to the crowd at the meeting. "We have real budget constraints. There are things that will be distasteful to all of us."

Caucus

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Braun and Joe Lieberman, and no votes were cast for Dick Gephardt. All three of those candidates pulled out

of the running after the state caucus ballot was approved. There was one uncommitted vote. No written candidates were recorded.

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS SPECIAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2004

Notice is hereby given that absentee ballots for the Special Election to be held in the Grosse Pointe Public School System on the above date are available from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Fridays in the Elections Office at the Administration Building, located at 389 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe, 48236 beginning Monday, February 16, 2004.

The Election Office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 13, 2004 for the purpose of processing absentee voter applications and ballots.

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Damman Hardware to hold its anchor spot in the Village

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Despite the closing of three other stores in its chain, Damman Hardware plans to stay put in the Village.

Rick Damman, president of the 14-store hardware store chain which filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on Jan. 12, called the Village store, "a very strong and profitable store."

Damman declined to release sales or profit figures for the City of Grosse Pointe store since Damman Hardware is a privately held company.

Damman said the chain's 29,000-square-foot Village store is one of the three largest stores in the chain and that sales are especially strong in housewares at that location.

In strengthening its position in the metro Detroit area, Damman said, the

chain will be converting all of its stores to Damman/ACE.

"We'll have access to their warehouse for deliveries and a broader line of goods," Damman said. "We want to broaden our home decor and housewares lines. We believe the conversion will give us additional strength and national recognition."

Damman said the chain's Livonia store has already been converted to Damman/ACE. He did not say when the Village location would see the change.

Damman said the company has been taking advantage of opportunity buys — merchandise it sells at half-off retail prices.

Damman Hardware closed its Novi and West Bloomfield stores in December and closed its Sterling Heights store just after it announced its bankruptcy filing.

Damman said it was too early to tell how the company's reorganization efforts are taking effect or what the company's projected time line was to bring the chain back into profitability. However, he did say, "The reception has been great with our vendors and landlords."

Since the closure of Jacobson's in August 2002, Damman is the largest store in the Village.

"Damman's presence is pretty important," said Ellen Durand, president of the Grosse Pointe Village Association. "It's more of an in-and-out kind of business, but we consider them an anchor store since Jacobson's is gone. It certainly serves a niche in the community."

The word of Damman's Chapter 11 filing did not



scare off a steady stream of customers in the store on a Friday morning.

Troy Jacobson, a manager at a coffee shop in the Village, said he shops at Damman several times a week.

"I come in here for things I can't order through the company, like screws and bolts," Jacobson said.

"Usually, this store is cleaner and better organized than many other hardware stores," said Grosse Pointe Woods resident Jeanne Finlan, who was at the store to purchase rock salt and furnace filters. "They have nice things. They're very helpful here. I've always had good service. It would be a shame if this store went."

Damman Hardware has been a fixture in the Village since 1970 when it moved into the former 3,300-square-foot Fromm's Hardware. In 1980, the store moved into a larger location at the former A&P (now CVS Pharmacy). In the early 1990s, the store moved into its current location, a former Kresge store. In 1999, Damman Hardware expanded the location when it purchased an 11,000 square foot portion of the former Jacobson's Store for the Home.



Photos by Bonnie Caprara

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Spam and Brussels sprouts!

In last week's column, I wrote about the massive new aerial photograph library from World War II that the British were putting up on the Internet.

February must be photos-on-the-brain month because I found another series of equal value and a lot closer to home.

Wayne State University's Walter P. Reuther Library has announced the launch of what it's calling "Virtual Motor City." It's a collaborative project of the Reuther Library and the Digital Library Services team at Wayne State University.

They are digitizing a large collection of visual materials and will make them available on the Internet. The materials include 15,000 images from the Reuther Library/Detroit News collection.

The images cover the period from 1873 to the early 1980s and were selected based on historic significance. (No, my birthday was not included.) Most of the images focus on a 42-year span from 1928 to 1970.

The project was supported by a \$117,000 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Studies.

The grant also calls for cataloging of the images to allow for database searches, as well as Web search engines to locate the images. The project will be launched in an event March 2 at 5:30 p.m. in the Woodcock Gallery at the Reuther Library.

That project reminds me of one I did for Detroit Edison when we were celebrating the utility's 75th anniversary.

In a dark corner of the basement at headquarters, I found photos dating back to the creation of the company, first called Edison Illuminating.

The negatives included a couple of pictures of the company's engineering crew, including a young guy named Henry Ford. Another showed Alex Dow, the company's first chairman, hosting a huge dinner for his chief staff members inside a monstrous, newly created boiler room. At that time, it was the largest boiler ever built, as demonstrated by the dinner.

I sure would like to see



that photo database on the Internet.

Here is some more good news.

"Honey! Dinner's on the table!" Ring...ring...ring! You get the picture, right?

Telemarketers are now required to transmit their telephone numbers and other caller-ID information under new FTC rules that just took effect.

The new regulation should make it easier for consumers with caller-ID equipment to screen out unwanted telephone sales calls and report those who are ignoring requests to be left alone.

Along with their telephone numbers, telemarketers will be required to transmit their names to caller-ID readers where technically possible.

Telemarketers may alternatively transmit the names and phone numbers of the companies for which they are selling products, the FTC said. The new rule should make it easier for consumers to call telemarketers back and ask to be left alone, according to the Direct Marketing Association, a trade group.

The FTC tightened telemarketing regulations last year, creating the tremendously popular Do Not Call registry, which forbids telemarketers from calling households that do not want to hear from them.

Get this! Americans have placed more than 50 million phone numbers on the no-call list, which has been challenged in court by the Direct Marketing Association and several telemarketing firms.

Come on, guys, can't you take a hint? Go away!

And now some more about spam, the unwanted e-mail. And I promise that, after this, I'll step down

from my pulpit and drop the subject for a while.

Unsolicited messages (spam) represent half of all e-mail traffic, according to Brightmail Inc., a San Francisco-based software company. And Internet users are getting more than fed up about it all, revealed a survey released at a global anti-spam meeting in Brussels. (I've heard of Brussels sprouts, but not Brussels spam. Gag!)

Almost half of the respondents to the Trans-Atlantic Consumer Dialogue said they are shopping less on the Internet, or not at all, because they are concerned about receiving junk e-mail.

Marc Rotenberg, executive director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center in Washington, told the Los Angeles Times, "If it continues at this pace, in five years, I do not think the Internet will be very popular."

Meanwhile, Yahoo is reported to be considering working with Goodmail, a Silicon Valley startup, which has a system for e-mail postage.

High-volume e-mailers would be required to pay for a block of messages to be sent, receiving an encrypted code number to be included in the message.

Internet service providers (ISPs), working with Goodmail, (and receiving some of the money), would deliver the messages.

Talks with various ISPs, including Yahoo, are ongoing, much like spam.

"Hey, honey! What's for dinner?" Spam and Brussels sprouts?

Where did I put the Little Caesar's pizza coupons?

Have a tech question or subject you would like addressed in this column? Want to comment or add your two cents worth? My e-mail address is mtaur-er@comcast.net.

Vella

From page 10A

to us which one you buy; we're just looking for the best solutions for you."

In addition to relying on staff and resources at Deloitte, Vella said she does a lot of reading to keep up on the latest trends, changes and laws.

Vella has worked in financial planning for the last 15 of her 24 years at Deloitte, a

job she has enjoyed both professionally and personally.

"Being able to work with individuals and being involved with something that's very near and dear to their hearts, I get to know people quite well. I get to know their families. And all these high net-worth individuals — people who run companies and you read about in the newspapers — are just the nicest people. It's refreshing to work with

so many nice people."

"We are very pleased that Nancy was recognized by Robb Report Worth," said Katy Hollister, practice leader of the Private Client Advisors practice at Deloitte. "The success of any financial strategy begins with the choice of an advisor, and we believe that her dedication to client service and commitment to technical accuracy are the main reasons she made the list."

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Shores man plants big seed money to grow big dreams

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

If there's any truth to the thought that one should put back what he's gotten out of something, then Jim Anderson has gotten a lot out of Wayne State University.

Anderson, who earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering from WSU's School of Engineering, recently contributed a \$500,000 gift to the school to establish Engineering Ventures.

The new program will identify engineering students with a high potential for pursuing an entrepreneurial career. It will also train students using interdisciplinary methods and scientific problem-solving skills in a real-world environment. It will also develop interpersonal and other non-technical skills necessary for success as an entrepreneur. It will also mentor students so they can develop a realistic career plan that includes entrepreneurial ventures.

It's a program Anderson could have benefited from himself as a student.

From the outset, Anderson was destined to become an engineer.

"I grew up in Algonac, and I lived along the St. Clair River and always liked boats," Anderson said. "My brother Gordon was an engineer, and he told me engineers never had a problem finding jobs. My dad, Anton, was a builder, and I helped him build several houses. Plus, I always wanted to know how things worked."

After obtaining his bachelor's degree in 1966, Anderson stayed on at WSU to teach and work. During the time he worked at WSU, he was instrumental in designing a computer mapping program.

"In 1970 when I was working at the Center for Urban Studies, I was doing simulations of environmental prob-

lems on the computer, trying to simulate what happens when water comes out of the sewer line and into a river or when air comes out of a smokestack into the atmosphere," Anderson said. "The output would provide enormous amounts of data. We'd view the output by developing some mapping."

"Then in 1972, when the 1970 Census data was released, I was working with some professors from the economics and sociology departments who wanted to work with that data, but it was only available on computer tape, and they weren't familiar with how to work with that. They wanted to work with that data and draw maps of that data. I plugged the Census data into my computer mapping program and drew maps of the Census data instead of the pollution data."

Anderson's computer mapping software didn't reach the business world until 1977 when a former WSU student, who was working at General Motors, asked Anderson to assist her in developing a dot map of where luxury car buyers were located in the Chicago area.

"The way they did it at that time was to get 37,000 dots out of the store room and spend the next three weeks placing them on a piece of paper," Anderson said. "Her boss didn't believe her when she said it could be done on a computer, so he asked her to set up a meeting so we could talk about it."

They met and within a couple of weeks, the first computer-generated dot map was created — a task that took 98 percent less time than placing stickers on a map.

The people at Cadillac wanted dot maps, but Anderson was not able to perform his freelance work at WSU, so he refinanced

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his house, rented some space in the Fisher Building and bought a computer.

"At that time, a computer cost \$40,000, and my house in Grosse Pointe Woods cost \$25,000," Anderson said.

From there, Urban Science was born. The company made several maps for Cadillac which plotted such things as population growth and where to locate dealerships. Over the years, Urban Science expanded to solve logistic problems for other companies, including financial institutions and catalog companies.

Urban Science continued to break technological ground, too. In 1982, Urban Science was the first company to print a computer-generated color picture using laser technology.

"What we do today is a nontraditional kind of engineering," Anderson said. "We have gone from dot-mapping to being involved in all aspects of a manufacturer's product — from the manufacturing process to distributing the product to the customer. The real mission for Urban Science is to take the tools from engineering and combine them in the world of business."

Today, Urban Science is a \$50 million privately held company with nine offices throughout the world and clients in 30 countries.

While Anderson attributed much of his success as an engineer to the education

he received at WSU, he admitted he learned about business the hard way.

"I have learned a lot about how you go from the world of engineering to the world of business, and for me, it's been a successful venture," Anderson said. "There are a lot of engineers out there who are as capable as I and could do the same thing but lack awareness and non-engineering training to be successful. My hope is to identify those entrepreneurs, get them out into the entrepreneurial world, and make them very successful so that they'll be able to make similar contributions to WSU and make an impact on the quality of life in Detroit."

Yet, Anderson considers his gift to the WSU College of Engineering seed money. "It'll take more than

\$500,000 to get the job done, but it's a good start," Anderson said.

Anderson has exercised his influence close to home, too. His son, Dan Bickersteth, is an engineer at American Axle; his son-in-law, Michael Rabineau, is a sophomore at the WSU College of Engineering; and his daughter, Katie Anderson, is an engineering student at Michigan State University.

"I've always felt engineering is a great undergraduate degree," Anderson said. "It opens up a lot of doors to other professions."

Anderson said his wife, Patti Anderson, has helped open a lot of doors for him, too.

"If you're an entrepreneur and want to get married, you have to have someone who will support you."

G.P. Farms officers serve with merit

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Farms public safety officers have been issued meritorious service awards since 1973.

But this week marked only the second time the award ceremony has been conducted in public.

The change came last year when Councilman Terry Davis asked that residents be allowed to show their appreciation during a ceremony with the council.

Mayor James Farquhar launched this year's awards ceremony Monday night before a packed house at city hall.

"It's a great time to honor our officers for their hard work and dedication," Farquhar said. "We all feel very safe in our community. Our police have always been very professional and well-trained. I feel very secure living in the Farms."

Of 24 officers and employees receiving honors for actions during 2003, Robert Ferber, public safety director, issued eight Director's Merit Awards.

"It makes me feel very proud," Ferber said.

Merit winners for 2003 are:

- PSO Christopher Fontaine, for helping reestablish a marine patrol on busy Lake St. Clair off the Farms.

Fontaine spent approximately one year organizing multi-jurisdictional patrols and recruiting support from the Wayne County Sheriff's Department.

As a result of Fontaine's initiative, a waterborne public safety presence was scheduled on weekends and holidays. 2003 was the first time in 15 years such patrols had been active.

Ferber issued the award

in response to Fontaine's "efforts on behalf of water safety."

- PSO Matthew Hurner is a drunken driver's worst nightmare.

In 2002, Hurner led the Farms with 42 arrests for drinking and driving. He did it again in 2003, increasing his tally to 45 arrests for drinking and driving.

"As the result of his initiative in enforcing a law which has seen much national and state attention as a major hazard on our roadways, PSO Hurner is awarded the Directors' Merit Award for 2003," Ferber said.

- Andrea Murphy, civilian inmate security dispatcher, doesn't stay down for the count.

Murphy, the department's newest employee, volunteered to serve as administrative assistant while otherwise off duty for several months due to an injury.

She also volunteered as lead dispatcher and trainer for the new CLEMIS system. CLEMIS, which stands for Courts, Law Enforcement, Management, Information System, is a state-of-the-art law enforcement computer database linking the Farms with a growing list of 126 jurisdictions.

Lt. Brian Bilinski, head of the department's CLEMIS project, rated Murphy's knowledge of the system as "exceptional and beyond thanks."

Ferber credited Murphy for her "initiative, ability and level of service" in honoring her performance during 2003.

- Sgt. John Hager has what Ferber called a "thankless, difficult and complex" job.

Hager is the department fleet administrator. For 12

years, he's had the time consuming and often frustrating task of keeping track of vehicle maintenance.

"He checks out squeaks, cars that sputter, windows that leak, batteries that don't crank and cars that don't start — always treating a vehicle as if it were his own," Ferber said. "He follows warranties, recalls and resolves disputes with manufacturers, suppliers and repair facilities."

- Lt. Brian Bilinski accomplished the complex task of implementing the department's CLEMIS project.

CLEMIS puts the Farms within a computer keystroke of a comprehensive database of law enforcement information that is updated constantly by local, county, state and federal agencies.

Bilinski spent two years researching and implementing his department's decision to join the growing list of CLEMIS users.

Ferber recognized Bilinski's "initiative, ability and professional service" in preparing cost quotations, coordinating hardware and software installations and officer training for the state-of-the-art system.

- Lt. Jack Patterson wears many hats, as long as they're blue with a silver Farms public safety shield in front.

In addition to being a shift commander, Patterson is the department's commanding officer in the firearm division.

He also is the lead firearm and Less Than Deadly Force instructor. He serves the Farms and City as a First Aid, CPR and defibrillator and confined space trainer.

Patterson also commands the special response team and coordinates all police and fire training.

"In his spare time he pursues grants," Ferber said.

During 2003, Patterson acquired \$92,000 in fire and police grants.

Ferber credited Patterson's "initiative, exceptional ability and demonstrated interest in providing quality public safety service to the residents of Grosse Pointe Farms."

- PSOs Kathleen Leikert and James McMahon had a busy year in 2003.

They also double as fire inspectors.

During 2003, they completed a multiple-year project to map the exact location of all fire hydrants and water mains in the city.

Leikert and McMahon's maps have been posted on fire trucks and distributed to fellow officers in order to speed hookups during fire emergencies.

The pair also created a strategy to battle a chlorine release at the water filtration plant.

"This is an in-depth fire fighting plan which involved complicated mathematical and chemical formulas," Ferber said. "The study resulted in service training for all officers."

Leikert and McMahon also completed a new evacuation plan for city hall.

Officers

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Moross. The officers heard a drugstore security guard across Mack in Detroit yelling for help while chasing a man on foot.

Rogers and Scott caught the suspect on Hillcrest in Detroit. The man possessed stolen property.

The officers summoned an ambulance for the security guard, whom the suspect had thrown to the ground and bitten in the forehead.

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The Board of Education of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Wayne County, Michigan, will receive sealed bids for an HVAC improvement project at Grosse Pointe North High School.

Specifications and bid forms will be available at a **MANDATORY pre-bid meeting** on Tuesday, February 24, 2004 at 1:00 p.m., in the receiving room of North High School, located at 707 Vernier Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Sealed bids will be due Tuesday, March 9, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, 389 St. Clair Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230, at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. This project will not be funded by federal or state monies.

Please direct questions to Wayne Halkides, Manager of Buildings and Grounds, 313-432-3082.

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The Tenth

Why didn't Beethoven write a 10th symphony? "He died," said Stefan Sanderling, principal conductor of the Toledo Symphony.

Beethoven fiddled with the idea of a 10th symphony even before completing his Ninth.

Research shows he began jotting sketches while working on the Sixth and Seventh. Some 50 sketches exist of the Tenth.

During the 1980s, Barry Cooper, a lecturer in music at the University of Aberdeen, combined the fragmentary notes into what he imagined could have been

the first movement of Beethoven's next great symphonic work.

Beethoven's Tenth does not exist. Cooper calls the movement "a kind of artist's impression. It is probably fairly close to what he had in mind, and is certainly closer to the elusive Tenth Symphony than anything previously heard."

His comments appear in notes accompanying a 1988 recording of the Tenth on Carlton Classics, number 30369 00042. Good luck finding it. Remember, Detroit doesn't have a classic music record store.

Prior to conducting the Tenth last Friday as part of the Toledo Symphony's classic series, Conductor Sanderling qualified the work as a "study of a composer" viewed through "little



sketches."

Cooper cobbled the piece from about 250 bars of music, some barely readable. He pared things down to about 200 bars, none containing more than 30 consecutive bars of notes.

Cooper added harmonies and linking passages to construct a roughly 15-minute impression of a movement he speculated Beethoven had in mind.

The work begins slowly, jumps into a faster mode and ends leisurely.

It sounds like what it is, a likeness of Beethoven.

"This is what we think we know" Beethoven intended, Sanderling said.

The promise of such a potentially powerful work drew a nearly full house to the classically-styled Peristyle concert hall at the Toledo Art Museum.

People were rewarded with a work featuring a sense of authority and forward action, but nothing like the real thing.

Nevertheless, it was a fun experience.

Sanderling, speaking with a German accent and slightly skewed syntax, said the work "is so beautiful it is worth that we play it."

Beethoven's Tenth preceded a performance of Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 24 with Andre Watts.

Watts has been around so long I thought he was older. I was wrong. I'd forgotten Watts came to prominence at 16 years old.

Leonard Bernstein chose Watts to make his debut with the New York Philharmonic's Young People's Concerts.

A few weeks later, Bernstein dratted Watts to replace Glen Gould, who was ailing, in a performance of Liszt's demanding E-flat piano concerto with the Philharmonic.

In Toledo, Watts handled Mozart like a favorite old song. There's nothing like seeing a master at work.

The evening concluded with Beethoven's Seventh Symphony.

The orchestra drove through Beethoven's pounding rhythms with enthusiasm, outshining the sketchy Tenth.

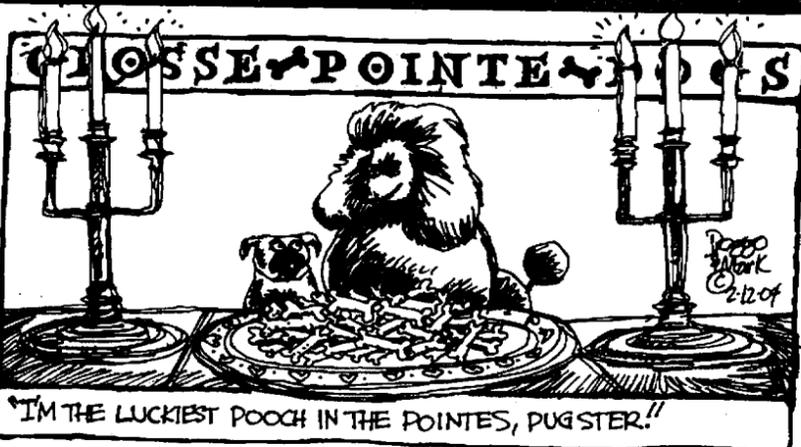
I happened to sit next to a couple of season ticket holders from Walled Lake. They don't mind the relatively short drive to Toledo.

They said it was nice getting out of the Detroit area.

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by Ben Burns



Everyday hero

Some day — hopefully not any time soon — someone's life is going to be saved by the defibrillator that sits in the War Memorial main office because of **John Prost**.

Prost, the amiable host of the show named for him on Community Access WMTV-5 television for more than 15 years, saw the need and appealed to his viewers to support the purchase. He also wrote letters to a bunch of friends. They came through with \$1,600, about two-thirds of the price of one of the portable machines, and **Mark Weber** and the folks at the Alger House put up the rest and trained staff to use it.

Prost, who spent 45 years with Pacific Life, knows something about the life insurance business. He still runs a small operation out of an office in St. Clair Shores.

"When you look at the fact of all the groups that use the War Memorial, I felt every minute counts," Prost said.

He's right. The automated external defibrillators, which give a shock to a twitching heart to get it ticking again, "are almost foolproof devices," according to the experts.

A victim's chance of survival is reduced by 7 to 10 percent each minute that passes after he or she collapses, American Heart Association (AHA) doctors have said. The highest survival rate occurs when the defibrillator is used within three minutes. So when you need your heart jump-started, three minutes can be a lifetime to wait for the arrival of the Farms public safety officers.

Most public safety departments now have defibrillators, and they are becoming more and more common wherever large numbers gather. A number of companies with area facilities like General Motors and Home Depot have installed them much as they would fire extinguishers. You can even find them in some malls.

AHA doctors think that as many as 25,000 lives could be saved each year if the machines were available wherever large groups gather.

So I salute Prost as an "Everyday Hero." He has done something to make these communities on Lake St. Clair safer and more livable. And someday a heart attack victim — without ever knowing it — may owe his life to Prost, an everyday hero.

North alums

The Grosse Pointe North tribute to alums in the military services that I mentioned in last week's column is for any North grad who has served on active duty in any of the branches, not just the men and women serving in war zones.

So if you know any alums or families that have North graduates in the service or at any of the service academies, please contact **Judy Preston** at (313) 432-3235 or send the materials to her at North at 707 Vernier Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

Preston wants wallet size or 4-by-6 pictures, along with name, year of graduation, branch of service, rank, duties and start and ending dates of service. She hopes to assemble the display by March 1 for an open house so everyone can see the folks who have served or are serving their country.

Traveling man

David Diedrich, the U-M grad who closed down Arthur Victor Paint Co. to join the Peace Corps, finished that mission last fall, did a consulting job setting up a database, inventory control and customer systems for a small business

designing and selling Malian crafts and goods, toured various African countries and now is scheduled to be traveling to New Zealand with a possible stop in Thailand before returning to the U.S. in the spring.

He says he hopes to be back in Michigan, "where the snow will hopefully be melted, and it will be unseasonably warm" for the Tigers' home opener. I'll second that thought.

Traveling man 2

Retired teacher **Stewart McMillan** will celebrate Black History Month by taking folks on a \$45 tour of Detroit historical sites. The Feb. 21 tour includes stops at Elmwood Cemetery, the Art Exchange Building for lunch, the African-American Museum and the Tuskegee Airmen's Museum at Fort Wayne.

McMillan will serve free pizza and beer afterwards at his Indian Village home and screen a video on Paradise Valley where such notables as Count Basie, Duke Ellington and others performed in the first half of the 20th century. He'll also show off artifacts he

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Streetwise

Question of the Week:

What do you love most about Valentine's Day?



Relli Lundin

"A very romantic surprise gift from my boyfriend."
Relli Lundin
City of Grosse Pointe



Tina Burns

"Celebrating it with my kids. I give them cards and stuffed animals. They own my heart."
Tina Burns
Grosse Pointe Park



Khristi Zimmeth

"It means that spring is just around the corner. My mom would always make a big deal and decorate the house and put a heart on the front door."
Khristi Zimmeth
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David Stuart

"The homemade card that my daughter makes me every year."
David Stuart
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Mary Ella Jones

"I like making over my children. Making cookies, hearts and valentines. It's a wonderful day to express how you feel to people who are most important."
Mary Ella Jones
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Mary and Booker McCaughey

"Just the sentiment of the holiday. Love and be kind to one another."
Mary McCaughey (with Booker)
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Dow spurred 97 points last Friday to 10,594

Stocks, which have been bouncing around for the past six weeks in a Dow trough between 10,400 low and 10,600 high, caught fire last Friday.

That day, the Dow climbed 97 points, bringing its weekly rise to 104 points, postponing the fears of an interest rate increase to late spring or early summer.

Earlier this week, Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan gave his semi-annual testimony to Congress — to the House on Tuesday and a repeat to the Senate yesterday.

Maybe he cleared up the confusion of what he (and his committee) meant when they said, by being "patient in removing its policy accommodations"?

Cyclical or secular trend?

LTS' article last week, quoting the big bear, Felix Zulauf, promised to explain the terms used by market technicians: cyclical and secular trends.

The Zeal Intelligence, a monthly newsletter (Oct. 3), reported: "A cyclical market is a shorter-term long-term trend, a bull or bear market lasting for one or two years

in duration before the trend ends."

"A secular market is a longer-term long-term trend, a bull or bear market lasting anywhere from around five years to well over a decade... A secular trend, the longer kind, always takes precedence over a cyclical trend, the shorter kind."

A new bull market requires a minimum 20 percent gain in an asset class over a period of time greater than one year.

On Oct. 9, the S&P 500 Index completed a continuous one-year period of higher highs and higher lows, approximating a 34 percent gain. Thus the current cyclical bull market was born and continues to date.

But technicians say the previous secular bear market maintains its dominance until the present cyclical bull market ages in time into a new secular bull market or is replaced by a new cyclical bear market prior thereto.

Thus, based on technical analysis, Zulauf stated in LTS' article last week, "We're in the first cyclical bull market against a secular bearish trend." Only time will tell!

Let's talk... STOCKS

By Joseph Mengden



Energy prices

The OPEC oil ministers began their February meeting in Algeria last Tuesday. The best guess at our press time was that the members would recommend cutting oil production somewhat to support crude oil prices this spring.

Last Friday, light sweet crude oil closed at 32.48/barrel in U.S. dollars. OPEC has been complaining since year-end that their "take-home" prices have been falling since last fall because they convert their dollars to euros, yen and other local currencies. Thus the dollar's decline results in reduced sale proceeds.

Natural gas prices closed last Friday at \$5.354/million Btu, down 4.3 cents from the prior week, but off substantially from the \$7.50 high in early January.

Currently, gas imports

from outside North America amount to only 1 to 2 percent of total U.S. gas supply, with overall demand exceeding available supply (hence the price rise versus a year ago).

Since there are only four existing U.S. liquefied natural-gas (LNG) terminals, LNG imports are not imminent. Engineers currently estimate a five-year construction horizon due to local opposition based on environmental and safety concerns.

Last July 24, LTS' article featured Ronald Barone, gas analyst at USB Investment Research. Barone recommended purchase of Equitable Resources stock (EQR, about 26.40 at that time). EQR closed last Friday at 44.02, up 66.7 percent, in about six months!

About a week ago, LTS watched the Edison man

take the monthly remote reading off our gas meter. When the bill arrives in the mail, LTS will set it aside for a few days for it to cool off. Ouch!

Tired of CNBC?

Had too much of stock-market TV? Try reading a book! When was the last time you struggled through a hardcover?

A friend recently lent LTS the Random House book (2003, \$24.95) titled, "The Number*", by Alex Berenson, financial investigative reporter for the New York Times.

The asterisk behind the title is footnoted: "How the Drive for Quarterly Earnings Corrupted Wall Street and Corporate America."

The jacket cover states, "The Number*" offers a welcome dose of truth about the way Wall Street and corporate America work." Accountants: You won't like reading about the accounting fraud, decades of lax standards and shady practices.

Corporate executives, investment bankers, mutual fund managers and com-

Stock Market at a Glance

Friday Close, 2/6/04

Dow Jones Ind.	10,593
Nasdaq Comp.	2,064
S&P 500 Index	1,143
\$ in EUROS	1.2703
Crude Oil (Bbl.)	32.48
Gold (Oz.)	403.60
3-Mo. T-Bills	0.91%
30-Yr. T-Bonds	4.92%

mercial bankers: Where does the dishonesty stop?

LTS is not quite half way into this history of Wall Street, 1929-2003. "The Number*" did not make the best-seller list, because the subject is too technical. For investors who want to participate in redefining Wall Street and its securities, the book is a must-read!

Joseph Mengden is a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe and former chairman of First of Michigan. "Let's Talk Stocks" is sponsored by the following Grosse Pointe investment-related firms: John M. Rickel CPA, P.C. and Rickel & Baun P.C.

Business People

James J. Boutros of Grosse Pointe Farms, **Daniel J. Dulworth** of Grosse Pointe Park and **Michael R. Turco** of the City of Grosse Pointe were recently elected shareholders to the law firm of Butzel Long.

Boutros practices in Butzel Long's Detroit office and practices employment litigation and traditional labor work.

Dulworth practices in Butzel Long's Detroit office and is a litigator with primary areas of practice focused on medical malpractice, employment, general business and commercial litigation. He has represented teaching and community hospitals, physicians, nurses and professional corporations in a wide variety of cases and on an array of medical issues.

Turco practices in Butzel Long's Detroit office. He concentrates his practice in litigation involving business, real estate, medical malpractice defense and environmental disputes. In addition to his litigation practice, he also serves as general counsel for a 350-employee international computer consulting firm.

Previously, Boutros was a supervisory attorney, and Dulworth and Turco were senior attorneys.



Mardirosian

Kraemer Design Group PLC has promoted **Mark Mardirosian** to principal.

In his new position, Mardirosian will manage the operations of the architectural firm and oversee design and technical staff. Previously, he was senior project architect for the firm. He joined Kraemer Design Group three years ago after spending nearly 24 years at Albert Kahn Associates Inc.

Mardirosian is a resident of Grosse Pointe Park.

Michael W. Hartmann, a principal at the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone PLC, has been elected to serve a two-year term as a managing director of the firm, where he will also serve as chair.

Hartmann resides in the Detroit office and practices commercial litigation including accounting malpractice, bank litigation, construction litigation, legal malpractice and commercial warranty litigation.

Hartmann is a resident of Grosse Pointe Shores.



Hartmann



Hawkins

Douglas E. Hawkins of Grosse Pointe Woods has joined Detroit Door & Hardware Co. as vice president of contract sales of the hollow metal door and hardware division.

Hawkins, formerly of AIRTEC Corp., has worked in the door and hardware industry for 35 years and is widely recognized as a consummate professional and an expert in the field. He will be responsible for sales operations and development for all Detroit Door & Hardware Co. locations.

City woman named leading investment advisor by Worth

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

There are many things to consider when selecting a financial advisor, but when your net worth is in the seven digits and beyond, things get a little more complicated.

Of those who master the millions, City of Grosse Pointe resident Nancy Vella was named one of the 100 most exclusive wealth advisors in the United States in the January issue of Robb Report Worth magazine. She is a certified public accountant, certified financial planner and the Great Lakes Private Client Advisors practice leader at Deloitte. She works with about 100 clients who have a median net worth of \$16 million.

Vella was selected from a pool of 1,000 nominees and was recognized for her ability to blend technical financial expertise with integrity and empathy with a keen understanding of human behavior in order to provide a high level of service to clientele.

In her success in working with high net-worth individuals, Vella said, "The way that we work with clients is that we start with the client. We talk with the client and help him or her establish what his or her goals are. Until you really understand a client's goals, needs and what he's trying to accomplish, you can't start recommending things."

"On the investment side, we put together an investment policy statement. That's basically your business plan for your investments. You establish the parameters in how you're going to invest your money. Then we help the client implement that investment policy statement."

For many high net-worth

individuals, Vella recommends tax-efficient investments that provide moderate and consistent returns.

"Our strategies aren't something that you go in and out of depending if it's a bull or a bear market. If you have a good asset allocation, your investments can perform effectively in either a bear or a bull market. We're not always hitting home runs; we're hitting singles and doubles. The reason we do that is that if you keep trying to hit the home runs, when you strike out, you strike out big."

"We'll also help our clients look at a market rotation. For instance, in the last few years, small cap has outperformed large cap, which usually happens at the end of a recession. We look at where the market trends are going."

Unlike a mid-level investor, who has most of his or her money invested in a house or a 401K, Vella's high net-worth investors are likely to put their money not just into stocks and bonds, but also into hedge funds and private placement partnerships.

Working as a financial planner is not a one-woman show.

"Part of being a true financial counselor is the ability to work with other advisors, such as attorneys and accountants," Vella said. "The financial counselor should be the quarterback who provides information to the advisors. It's like being the client's CFO."

Vella believes her firm's fee-based approach best benefits her clients and provides them the best value.

"So often, some of the financial planners say they'll put together a financial plan for free. The real hook is they want to sell you investments or insurance from which they get paid a commission. You have to question if they have the independence and your best interests at heart if they get compensated by selling you a product."

"We don't have any ties to any individual investment or product. It doesn't matter

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Photo by Bonnie Caprara

Nancy Vella, a City of Grosse Pointe resident and the Great Lakes private client advisors practice leader at Deloitte, was named one of the Top 100 most exclusive wealth advisors in the January issue of Robb Report Worth magazine.



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Blue Bay under new ownership

Diane Finken, former head of food service at The Grosse Pointe Academy, has been the new proprietor of Blue Bay Fish & Seafood Market since October. Finken has expanded the store's selection of seafood and has added ready-to-eat and ready-to-prepare items such as stuffed trout, whitefish chili and paella. The store is located at 15308 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park. For store hours or more information, call (313) 824-FISH.

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Woods council may take Class C act to voters in August

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

It may be easier to get a drink in Grosse Pointe Woods if voters give their OK in the Aug. 3 primary election.

The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council decided at its Monday, Feb. 9, work session to consider repealing a chapter of the city charter dealing with the allocation of Class C liquor and tavern licenses. The move, if formally approved by the council at an upcoming regular meeting, would also allow the council to place a charter referendum on the ballot to open up all allowable Class C liquor licenses in the Woods.

Currently, six Class C liquor licenses and one tavern license have been issued in the Woods. A total of 11 Class C liquor/tavern licenses are allowed by the Michigan Liquor Control

Commission (MLCC) to be allocated in the Woods based on population. However, the charter stipulates any change in the number of Class C liquor and tavern licenses must be decided upon by a referendum vote.

By law, city charter repeals and amendments may be placed on a ballot through either the city council or a citizen's referendum backed by a petition signed by 10 percent of the registered voters in the Woods.

While the MLCC does not differentiate between Class C liquor (beer, wine and liquor consumption) and tavern (beer and wine consumption) licenses, municipalities, like the Woods, are allowed to make that distinction. The possible referendum would also do away with making that distinction.

Councilwoman Dona

DeSantis Reynolds, who forwarded the motion to be formally considered by the council at its Feb. 23 meeting, and Councilwoman Patricia Chylinski, who seconded the motion, have claimed opening up the liquor licenses would give more restaurants an opportunity to grow their businesses. They also claimed putting the onus on restaurateurs to circulate their own petitions to expand the number of Class C licenses was unreasonable.

Last July, Chylinski and Reynolds circulated a petition to place a citizen referendum on the general election ballot to take two tavern licenses out of escrow on behalf of the owners of Maxine's Italian Cuisine and Ferlito's Family Restaurant.

Chylinski and then-council candidate Reynolds circulated the petition because

the owners of Maxine's, Bujar and Shpresa Mamularia, are not Woods residents and could not circulate their own petition. The effort failed when confusion over the placement of written names and signatures invalidated the count.

"It's nearly impossible to get a petition passed," Chylinski said. "The way the previous city attorney decided how the petition looks, it makes it bound to fail..."

"Also, you only have a certain amount of time (21 days) to get the signatures. It takes a phenomenal amount of time to get this done. Restaurant folks spend ungodly hours in the restaurants to make sure they're operating properly."

Councilman Darryl Spicher added that despite the effort put forth by petitioners to free up a Class C liquor or tavern license does not guarantee that they will

be granted a license. Councilwoman Lisa Pinkos Howle was also behind Reynolds' initiative.

However, not all members of the council are behind backing such a referendum.

Mayor Robert Novitke and council members Allen Dickinson and Vicki Granger voted against the council backing such a referendum.

"I think this is a poor process for the council to put this on the ballot," Novitke said. "If there was a petitioner who wished to get a

license, he or she could get 10 percent of the signatures needed to put it on the ballot."

Dickinson also agreed with the mayor, and added: "That's putting the council in an awkward political position. For us to be promoting this is wrong."

Granger also backed Novitke's and Dickinson's argument and suggested the topic be passed along for recommendation by the Mayor's Mack Avenue Committee before any plans were considered by the council.

Open gun range shot down in Woods

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

After 13 months of debate, the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council has informally shot down the use of the municipal gun range by residents.

Public safety director Michael Makowski and city attorney Don Berschback presented the same arguments to the council at its Monday, Feb. 9, work session as they did in a previous work session in November.

"The risk control manager at the Alliance Co., which is our insurer, clearly indicated that it not be open," Berschback said. "They have sent a copy of their letter to the Stevenson Company, which is our contact for insurance purposes. Their letter of Jan. 25, indicated huge problems or potential problems in opening the gun range to the private citizens, which could include higher deductibles and higher premiums if there is a mishap

of some sort." Berschback did not know how much deductibles or premiums would increase.

"It's an old range," Makowski said. "We don't have the protections offered in a new range. If you look at a new range, the range master is behind a bullet-resistant material or in an enclosed booth away from where shooters are. All it takes is one person to turn around with a gun and we have a fatality. However, we always conform to standards."

Makowski added that public officers who use the range are covered by workmen's compensation insurance, not by the city's insurance carrier.

Makowski was also concerned that having the range in the basement of the public safety building in an area where prisoners are often moved about posed additional risks.

"If the range was in a satellite building, that

would be great," Makowski said.

The range has been temporarily closed to residents since January 2003. At that time, the council directed the city's Recreation Commission to consider the matter, since the Parks and Recreation Department oversaw the range. In June, the recreation commission also recommended the range be closed to residents and agreed to relinquish control of the range to the public safety department.

Mayor Robert Novitke said he would have like to have seen some additional information before making a decision, but said, "We have to measure the benefit and cost. From what I'm being told, this is an unnecessary risk. We need to make a decision based on the community, not just a special group of people."

Councilman Allen Dickinson backed up the mayor by saying, "We've all taken an oath to keep this city free from risk. We have five recommendations opposed to opening the range. I don't know how we can ignore recommendations from these people."

Councilwoman Vicki Granger listed a number of pros and cons in keeping the

range open and concluded by saying, "I have listened to all the different arguments and I think the disadvantages outweigh the advantages."

Councilwoman Patricia Chylinski indicated a willingness to keep the range open to continue a service provided by the city, but said, "I'd rather do this more right than rushed."

Councilwoman Dona DeSantis Reynolds was not moved to follow the majority of the council, citing that no residents have been injured at the range.

"To close it down over something that isn't a problem, I don't see it," Reynolds said.

"I suggest the gun range be open but once we have a lawsuit, we close it immediately," Councilwoman Lisa Pinkos Howle said.

Councilman Darryl Spicher was also in favor of reopening the range to residents.

About 12 residents attended the work session, most of them in support of reopening the range to the public.

The council will make a formal decision at its regular meeting on Monday, Feb. 23.



Snow-white furniture

Patrick McKee and daughter Annie of McKinley Place in Grosse Pointe Farms took advantage of a snow day last week and built furniture — completely out of snow. Annie takes a break after the five hours it took her dad to make the furniture. Mom, Patty, who brought in the photo, thinks they did a fine job. We (and their neighbors who have called us) think so, too!

Four Farms officers rack up six awards

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Andrew Rogers has a knack for being in the right place at the right time. Just ask the crooks he caught during 2003.

His heads-up actions on the night shift for the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department netted arrests right and left.

In January, Rogers obeyed department policy by breaking off high-speed pursuit of a car thief. The subject skidded off westbound Lakeshore at the Warner curve, where Rogers made the arrest.

During a chase in December, he chased and caught a thief hiding in the bed of a pickup truck in the 700 block of Washington. Police learned the suspect had been driving a stolen vehicle containing stolen property.

"Officer Rogers is commended for his tireless proactive efforts, taken in the best interests of the residents he services," said Robert Ferber, Farms public safety director.

Rogers didn't always act alone.

In April he and PSO Michael Scott caught a shoplifter who had attacked a store security guard. In May he and PSO Matthew Hurner caught a burglar.

Officer Rogers' efforts earned him three Department Citations and one Department Commendation.

Hurner earned a Department Citation. Scott earned Departmental Commendations.

In May, Rogers and PSO Matthew Hurner responded to a City of Grosse Pointe

call for mutual aid regarding a burglary in progress on Mack.

Rogers caught a suspect armed with a knife. Hurner apprehended two suspects who were preparing to flee in a truck.

"The arrests led to the clearance of multiple business burglaries on Mack," Ferber said.

In April, Rogers and Scott were conducting a late-night traffic stop near Mack and See OFFICERS, page 4A

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Points about the Pointes

The sinking fund millage and six period day.. will they solve our budget problems? No way!

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The Board's goal? Save \$1.9 million per year in teacher salaries and related overhead to help cover part of the potential \$6 million deficit we are facing. Based on the community uproar about the timing and implications of this cut, it is hard to believe that the Board will go forward with this poorly timed attempt to stop our hemorrhaging, at least effective this coming year.

There is an overwhelming misconception that if the millage is passed, the savings from the six period day will not be needed. Residents have to realize that even if the six period day AND the sinking fund BOTH happen, our school system will still be short millions of dollars per year, and more substantial cuts are inevitable in the very near future.

As residents, we have to come to realize that we can't have everything. The vast majority of you who have shared your feelings with me hold excellence in our core curriculum classes with manageable class sizes as your priorities. In order to maintain superior curricula and have manageable class sizes, we all have to agree that everything else is potentially expendable.

Pay for play extracurricular activities are commonplace elsewhere and are unfortunately inevitable in Grosse Pointe, so give our Booster clubs a year or so notice so they can get their ducks in order. If we don't have the money to replace worn out books, we sure don't have the money to review new books for possible use. Gym classes not required by the State have to go. Colored paper and single sided copying have to become extinct. The sale of naming rights on our new buildings can no longer be ignored. Sweetheart leases of our land and buildings have to end. Tough as it may seem, building closings may have to become a reality and many of our non-core electives may have to go. **Board members have to become reasonably available by e-mail and phone so that we can make our feelings and ideas known.**

In short, our schools have to be run like a business, with an unwavering focus on giving our stockholders a solid return on their investment.

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Andrew Richner to address Eastside Republican Club Forum

Andrew Richner, University of Michigan Regent, will be the featured speaker at the Eastside Republican Club Forum on



Andrew Richner

Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"We invite the public for an interesting presentation on the inside workings of the University of Michigan," said Ed Joseph, chairman of the Eastside Republican Club.

"Andrew Richner has a wealth of experience in government and public policy. He will discuss policy, procedure and budget considerations at the U of M."

Richner has an extensive career in public service. He was elected to the Board of Regents of the University of Michigan in 2002.

He began his public service with his election in 1991 to the Grosse Pointe

Park City Council. He then served two terms on the Wayne County Commission, being elected in 1992 and 1994. In 1996, Richner was elected to the State House from the first district.

In that position, he represented the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods, and a portion of the east side of the city of Detroit. He was elected to successive terms in the legislature in 1998 and 2000.

Richner has a law degree with honors from the University of Michigan Law School. While in law school, he served as a contributing editor to the Michigan Law Review.

In addition, he has an undergraduate degree in business administration from the University of Michigan.

Richner is an attorney in private practice where he specializes in corporate and governmental law. He is a member of the Michigan, New York, and District of Columbia Bar Associations. He is married and is a resi-

dent of Grosse Pointe Park.

The Eastside Republican Club Forum is held on the third Tuesday of each month from September through June at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Admission to the forum is free, and the

public is always welcome, regardless of political affiliation.

For more information, call Ed Joseph at (313) 343-2900, or visit the Web site eastside-republican-club.org.

Farms to give SOC \$42K grant

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Service for Older Citizens is slated to receive the bulk of pared-down federal block grants expected to be issued this year to Grosse Pointe Farms.

Of \$70,000 in Community Development Block Grants the Farms hopes to be allocated for fiscal year 2003-2004, some \$42,000, or 60 percent, has been targeted for SOC.

"The final numbers of our allocation are still to be determined," said Shane Reeside, city manager.

Reeside plans to match last year's contribution to SOC despite block grants being cut 9 percent from the year before.

SOC needs the money. "It makes possible the programs we're doing right now for residents — meals on wheels, minor home repair, information assistance,"

said Sharon Maier, SOC executive director.

SOC is a non-profit organization that helps older residents of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods maintain their independence.

Maier anticipates the six communities will forward a total \$188,215 of upcoming block grant money.

Funds will help pay for a

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Farms splashpad soaks up praise from state recreation group

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

New water attractions have netted Pier Park more than springboarding attendance.

A splash pad playground and adjoining wading pool won Grosse Pointe Farms a Facility Design Award from the Michigan Recreation and Park Association.

"The projects enhanced operations of the park," said **Grant**

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forecasted 29,380 home-delivered meals on wheels. Deliveries are expected to breakdown as follows (fewest to most):

- Grosse Pointe Shores, 520,
 - City of Grosse Pointe, 1,300,
 - Grosse Pointe Farms, 3,380,
 - Grosse Pointe Park, 4,420,
 - Grosse Pointe Woods, 6,500 and
 - Harper Woods, 13,260.
- Maier said funding levels are expected to break down as follows (fewest to most):
- Grosse Pointe Shores, \$2,500 (budgeted from city funds, not federal block grants),
 - Grosse Pointe Park, \$32,000,
 - Grosse Pointe Woods, \$32,000,
 - Harper Woods, \$39,715.
 - Grosse Pointe Farms, \$42,000,
 - City of Grosse Pointe, \$50,000.

According to Maier's estimates, SOC will budget the following hours to serve each community (fewest to most):

- Grosse Pointe Shores, 637,
- City of Grosse Pointe, 2,954,
- Grosse Pointe Farms, 4,270,
- Grosse Pointe Park, 5,780,
- Grosse Pointe Woods, 10,179 and
- Harper Woods, 16,601.

Reeside said 30 percent of block grants, or \$21,000, is expected to pay for continued barrier-free renovation to city hall.

"Last year new barrier-free doors were added to City Hall that were funded through the CDBG program," Reeside said.

He said proposed improvements to a second-floor women's bathroom would make the facility compliant with the American Disabilities Act.

He said \$7,000 of block grants will cover the city's administrative costs, including public notices and audit fees.

Block grants are funded by the federal government and dispersed through counties.

Farms officials will forward their spending plans for approval by Wayne County administrators for approval.

Dick Huhn, Farms park director. "They make the facility more interesting and interactive for residents."

"Each year the association honors agencies that have contributed to an outstanding design," said Roy Vultaggio, chair of the MRPA Awards Committee.

Winning criteria includes innovation, functionality and aesthetics.

The playground and heated wading pool opened last summer, during which Huhn estimated park attendance increased 25 percent

from the year before.

"I think a lot of the increase was attributed to the splashpad and new wading pool," Huhn said.

He said the splash playground draws everyone from toddlers to 12-year-olds, "maybe even a few adults."

The playground features water cannons and colorful, crescent tubes a child's imagination easily transforms into the ribs of a whale.

The most popular feature seems to be suspended buck-

ets that automatically fill with water, flip over and drench whoever is standing underneath.

"Kids love standing in anticipation to be splashed," Huhn said.

"The buckets are fun," said Mayor James Farquhar. "Kids get a big charge."

Huhn said private donations paid for approximately 25 percent of the \$430,000 project, which included demolition of the former wading pool dating to the

mid 1960s.

Months of planning included recommendations from residents.

"It wasn't just administration saying here's money; build it," Farquhar said. "We involved the parks and harbor committee, then went one step further and involved citizens at large."

Even children. "We have an excellent feature at our park because of

that," Farquhar said.

The project was among many recent improvements to Pier Park.

The pump house was increased by 3,000 square feet to accommodate equipment that had been placed in the recreation building. The pool office was relocated poolside.

"It makes it more convenient for people who have questions," Huhn said.

Shores planners hope to limit forward-facing garage doors

Grosse Pointe Shores planners hope to limit houses to three forward-facing single-sized garage doors. Additional garage doors would be restricted to the side or rear of a dwelling.

"They allowed three garage spaces facing the street. If you want a fourth space, you can have it as long as it's facing the rear or side yard," said Mike Kenyon, village manager.

A proposed ordinance plugs a potential zoning loophole by defining garage openings in terms of width. Otherwise someone could

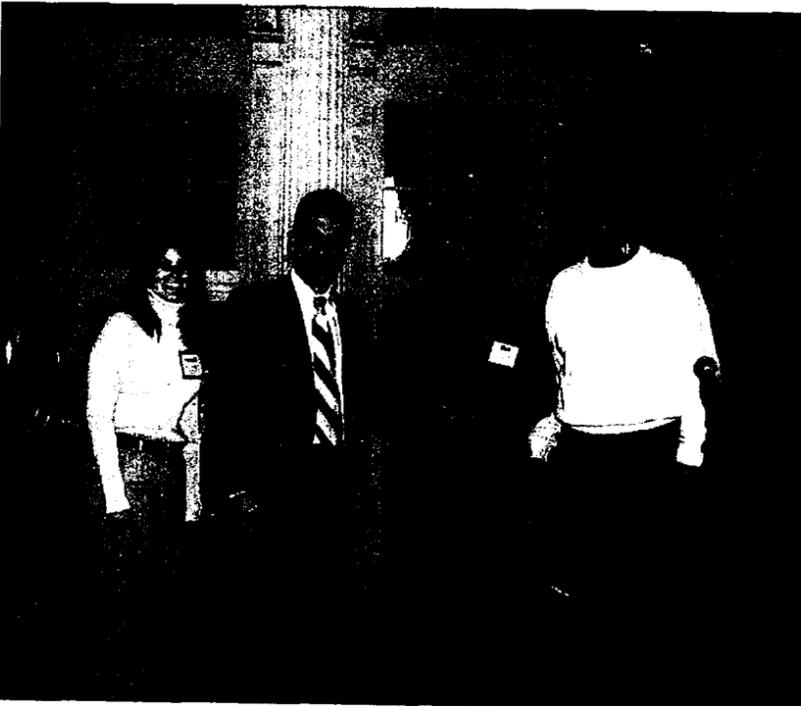
install three, double-width garage doors that count as three regular-sized doors.

Proposed Ordinance 232 defines single-space garage door openings as eight to 10 feet wide. Double-space openings range from 16 to 20 feet wide.

"We didn't have any standards for width of doors," Kenyon said.

The proposal will be discussed at a public hearing on Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 6:50 p.m., prior to the regularly scheduled meeting of the village council.

— Brad Lindberg



Grosse Pointe Farms officials receive a Facilities Design Award during the Michigan Recreation and Park Association annual meeting in Grand Rapids. The award recognized the splashpad and heated wading pool installed last year at Pier Park. From left are Michele Balke, pool manager and administrative assistant; Mayor James Farquhar; Dick Huhn, director of parks and recreation; and Mike Engan of Engan-Tooley-Doyle Associates, manufacturer of splashpad equipment.

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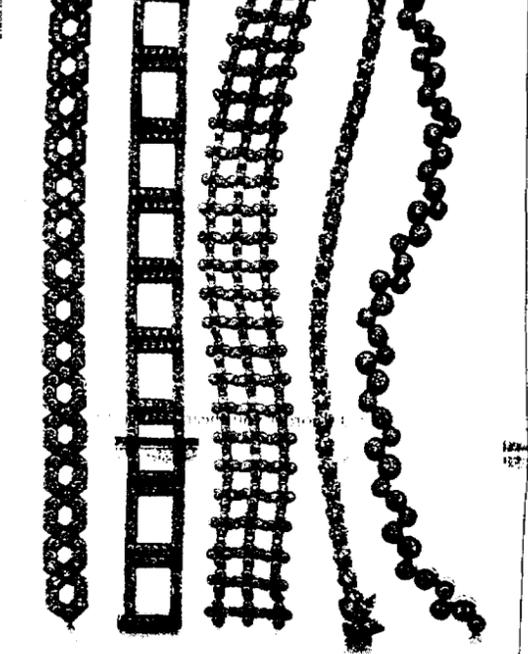


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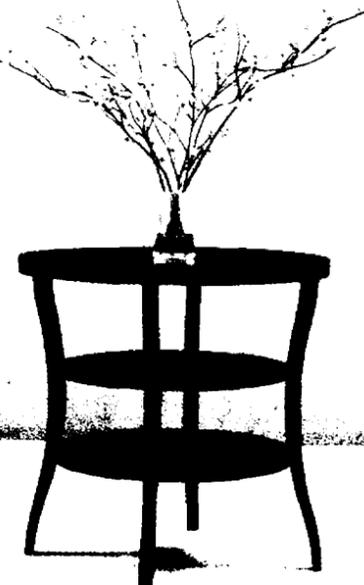

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7 hours kept, budget still up in the air

It is difficult to think clearly at 11 o'clock at night, as the Grosse Pointe school board learned recently.

As Clark Griswold's boss said, "Things that look good on paper don't look so good when you see how they affect the little people" — or some such thing.

School board members may have been reminded of this when they began being bombarded with phone calls and e-mails last week following their tabling of motions to reduce class hours at the middle and high schools from seven to six.

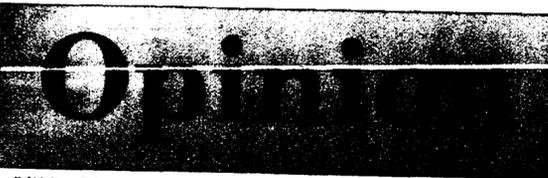
While six-hour schedules may be the norm in most school districts, they are not par for the Grosse Pointe Public School System. This message was hammered home when speaker after speaker, parents and students alike, thanked the board Monday night for quickly moving the six-hour proposal to the back burner.

What is at stake is a projected \$3 million to \$6.5 million shortfall in state funding for the 2004-05 school year. By changing the school day from seven hours to six, the district could have saved \$1.9 million. There is no other single thing the district could do to save that kind of money.

But there is "less worse" news on the horizon.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm, following an appearance Monday before the Economic Club of Grand Rapids, underlined her intent to restore K-12 per-pupil funding in the 2004-05 budget.

"We hope this year ... that we will not see another cut like that. That's why we recommend restoration of the full grant," the governor is quoted in The Grand Rapids Press.



Multi-Year Budget Scenarios

\$4.9M in 2004-05		2003-04	
	Amount		Amount
Instrumental grade 4 (1.5 FTE)	\$ 82,500.00	Instrumental grade 5 (3.0 FTE)	\$ 170,000.00
Elementary class size +1.0 (7.0 FTE)	\$ 385,000.00	Elementary class size +1.0 (7.0 FTE)	\$ 397,000.00
Middle school class size +1.0 (3.0 FTE)	\$ 185,000.00	Middle school 7 to 8 hybrid (11.0 FTE)	\$ 823,000.00
High school class size +0.5 (2.8 FTE)	\$ 154,000.00	High school 7 to 8 (18.2 FTE)	\$ 1,338,000.00
Paratransit (0.1 FTE)	\$ 5,500.00	SAFE Program (3.8 FTE)	\$ 254,000.00
EPED reduction	\$ 44,000.00	EPED reduction	\$ 44,000.00
Spec. Ed. C/Other cuts (-14.0 FTE)	\$ 301,000.00	Spec. Ed. C/Other cuts (-2.5 FTE)	\$ 62,000.00
Kindertalk (0.5 FTE)	\$ 43,000.00	Reading Specialists (4.5 FTE)	\$ 302,000.00
TV Broadcasting (0.5 FTE)	\$ 39,000.00	TV Broadcasting (0.5 FTE)	\$ 40,000.00
Classroom Assistants (7.0 FTE)	\$ 161,000.00	Classroom Assistants (16.0 FTE)	\$ 366,000.00
Staff travel and conferences	\$ 50,000.00	Staff travel and conferences	\$ 25,000.00
Clericals (4.0 FTE)	\$ 176,000.00	Clericals (4.0 FTE)	\$ 181,000.00
Administrator (1.0 FTE)	\$ 148,000.00	Curriculum Specialists (2.2 FTE)	\$ 125,000.00
Athletics	\$ 75,000.00	Athletics	\$ 75,000.00
Engineers to custodians (5.0 FTE)	\$ 42,500.00	Engineers to custodians (6.0 FTE)	\$ 42,500.00
Custodians (3.0 FTE)	\$ 224,000.00	Custodians (3.0 FTE)	\$ 231,000.00
Non-instructional supervisor (2.0 FTE)	\$ 156,000.00	Plant Personnel (2.0 FTE)	\$ 153,000.00
Community School (1.0 FTE)	\$ 55,000.00	Building and Site Funds	\$ 500,000.00
Computer Services	\$ 60,000.00	Computer Services	\$ 280,000.00
Miscellaneous reductions	\$ 100,000.00	Student Center - H.S. (2.8 FTE)	\$ 198,000.00
Unemployment Fees	\$ (200,000.00)	Student Center - M.S. (3.0 FTE)	\$ 170,000.00
Revenue	\$ 25,000.00	Miscellaneous reductions	\$ 275,000.00
Increase building use fees	\$ 25,000.00	Unemployment Fees	\$ (300,000.00)
Sell elementary music instr.	\$ 50,000.00	Revenue	\$ 25,000.00
Activity fees @ \$25 per participant	\$ 50,000.00	Continue increase of building use fees	\$ 25,000.00
Subtotal of Cuts	\$ 2,391,500.00	Activity fees @ \$25 per participant	\$ 50,000.00
Fund Equity contribution	\$ 4,891,500.00	Subtotal of Cuts	\$ 5,586,500.00
		Fund Equity Contribution	\$ 5,586,500.00

Of course, we cannot count our chickens before they are hatched, and what the state promises it can also take back. Nevertheless, that is good news for school districts statewide.

In the projected 2004-05 budget, Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent for business affairs, has planned on a \$4.8 million shortfall — "if school funding remains the same."

State school funding was cut for the current school year by Granholm and the Legislature when she inherited a hemorrhaging state budget. But if the governor restores funding to pre-2003-04 levels, then that should help Fenton's outlook.

A restoration of per-pupil funding would restore \$750,000 to the Grosse Pointe school district.

Fenton has also budgeted a \$500,000 (about 20 percent) cut in 20J funds from the state. But state Rep. Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, and other lawmakers are working diligently to protect those funds, which primarily cover special education programs.

If the 20J funds are not cut, then in combination with the per-pupil grant restoration, \$1.25 million can be eliminated from the district's projected budget deficit for next year. Fenton brings the expected shortfall to about

\$3.5 million. If the sinking fund millage is approved by voters in March, that would free up \$1.5 million from the budget that is planned for repairs and improvements.

That brings the expected shortfall down to \$2 million. It is still a lot of money, but far more manageable.

But even without the sinking fund, a \$3.5 million shortfall could easily be made up from the district's \$14 million equity (emergency) fund.

If we heard anything loud and clear Monday night, we heard that parents, residents and students like the Grosse Pointe public schools just as they are, thank you, and they will pay whatever it takes to maintain the status quo.

But cuts still may have to be made. Perhaps periodic downturns in the economy and the resulting decreases in funding can be opportunities to evaluate all offerings and expenditures.

The school board is going through the budget now looking for ways to make cuts. They have developed "scenarios" of cutting costs. (See accompanying chart.) Last Monday night, the board discussed about a quarter of the items on the chart and found it painful.

These scenarios can take place over one year, two years or several years. Beware, these scenarios are just starting points for discussion. We have printed the accompanying scenario not because it is imminent, but because we want to help facilitate dialogue between parents, taxpayers and the school board.

Next week is winter break, and all school offices will be closed. Take this time to think about how the district can cut costs but still maintain quality education. Then mail, fax or e-mail your thoughts to the school board. The board's e-mail address is schoolboard@gpschools.org. The board offices are at 389 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe, MI 48230; or fax (313) 432-3002.

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They ought to be ashamed!

As if Justin and Janet weren't enough. I thought I'd seen and heard the worst that we could be subjected to, but "60 Minutes" did an encore that was every bit as demoralizing as the Super Bowl half-time show and had elements of subterfuge as well.

If I didn't know better I would have suspected that Al Qaeda and Saddam sponsored the entire segment. It is my view that CBS is an enormous accomplice in the imploding of America.

On Sunday night, the powers that be at "60 Minutes" called upon CNN's Christiane Amanpour to conduct an interview with U.S. military personnel concerning certain activities in the Suni Triangle.

In war, tragedies occur; mistakes are made, and innocent people can pay the price for accidents or mistakes. CBS, in its infinite wisdom, decided the timing would be appropriate to spotlight one of those incidents. Of course there was nothing political in this!

"60 Minutes" took this opportunity to examine each sketchy detail under its own special microscope and share with the world the possibility that a mistake had occurred, and three innocent members of an Iraqi family might have been gunned down by American soldiers.

The reporter interrogated our enlisted men like a member of the Gestapo.

Intelligent, responsible journalism be damned, get the ratings at any cost, including sabotaging our own country. These segments aren't intended to make us think; they arouse and incite. Talk about reality TV. They wouldn't recognize it if they saw it. And what is each person's reality?

How do the families of the military feel when their sons and daughters are at risk, and their own people second guess their every move?

It must be so easy for the network bigwigs in the boardrooms or on their couches making judgment calls to erode the confidence of our people and question the actions of our leaders.

How do we expect to be informed, and whom can we trust? Small wonder people escape to relax with trashy novels or a good mystery. Most nights when my husband returns from work, he requests I turn off the television, saying he is exposed to enough propaganda all day long crawling across his computer screen. He wants to block out the garbage for awhile.

I agree. There has to be a better choice than having Janet Jackson's boob shoved at us or "60 Minutes" convoluted, distorted ranting.

I know I can turn it off, but too many swallow this drivel, and it frightens me. We deserve better and we should demand it.

— Offering from the loft

Letters

Role of school counselor

To the Editor:
I am addressing the recent letter published in the Jan. 22 Grosse Pointe News, "First and last," in which the letter writer diminished the role of the school counselor.
The school counselor's job is very multifaceted. Counselors work together with teachers to help stu-

dents be successful, not only academically, but also personally. We are the hub of information and the proactive advocate of the student, parents and teachers.
My days are filled with team and teacher meetings, parent contacts, problem solving, scheduling and, most importantly, student interactions. The letter writer seems to think that a teacher who has 135 students has free time to handle the many social, emotional, family and health concerns that are part of today's educational environment. Grosse Pointe is not immune to these issues that affect intercity and other suburban school districts.
Who will coordinate support services for a struggling student?
If Johnny loses his grandfather, who will help him deal with his grief while he is in school?
If a family has a hardship, and they need a support per-



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son in school to help their child, who will it be?
If Jenny is suicidal and Bobby is bipolar, what classroom teacher has the time to help these students and communicate with the parents and therapists?

It is obvious the letter writer is completely unaware of what a school counselor does.

Before you judge my position and label me as a "Maytag Repairman," I invite you to walk in my shoes. Maybe then you will understand the importance of being a school counselor.

Angie Niforos
School Counselor
Grosse Pointe Park

Colonial look to Mack

To the Editor:
It looks like neon may be coming to Mack Avenue. Rumor has it that the three new members and one incumbent member of the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council want to roll back the

city's longstanding plan for Mack. Free license to put neon signs is apparently high on someone's wish list.

Store windows covered with a plethora of flashy signs and shocking pink or purple building facades are also seen as necessary. All this would be a radical change from the city's master plan for Mack.

For what seems like 20 years, our city has tried to improve the look and feel of Mack. Trees have been planted and the middle of the boulevard has been landscaped. Signs on top of the commercial buildings have been removed through attrition.

Building owners have been encouraged to adopt, to the extent practical, a Colonial look if and when they decide to redo the front facades. It has taken a long time for this master plan to bear fruit. Now, notwithstanding the water main projects, Mack looks good. It is a pretty and nice showcase for our city that mirrors the look and feel of the residential neighborhoods that

surround it. All that may soon change. Apparently some business owners want free rein to ignore the city's master plan. But business owners sometimes focus on their perceived short-term needs and not necessarily the community's long-term health.

When the city began planting more trees on Mack, a number of business owners wanted to cut them down claiming that the trees blocked drivers' view of the businesses. It was difficult for everyone to be patient and let the trees grow. Now, many of the trees are big enough they can be pruned to allow plenty of sight lines for the businesses, as well as provide shade and beauty for all residents.

The same is true for the other components of the master plan for Mack. Slowly and over time, buildings are being redone with impressive results. Consider the new dental office at Vernier and Mack. Consider the Mobil building at Mack

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Scion

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The xB comes with stability and traction control, antilock brakes with Electronic Brakeforce Distribution, three-point belts in all five seating posi-

tions and a first aid kit.

Being tall (64.6 inches) and boxy has its advantages, and the xB treats its passengers to incredible amounts of head- and legroom. Even when the front chairs are adjusted for a normal-size driver and passenger, those seated in the rear (there's room for three) are still able to stretch out their legs.

With the rear seats in use, the xB can hold 21 cubic feet of cargo; fold or

remove these seats, and that more than doubles to 43.

In some ways, the Scion may be a modern, updated Model T approach to auto making, using all the necessary new technologies. While most of the market is moving to bigger, heavier, less fuel-efficient and more expensive vehicles, Scion will test the proposition that Henry Ford was right; there is a market for such a vehicle.



The Scion xA has the slippery good looks of an SUV-station wagon crossover.



Scion will add the 2005 tC sports coupe to its line up in June, coinciding with the line's national roll out. Debuting at the North American International Auto Show here, the Scion tC is configured as a three-door hatch with a panorama glass moonroof. Powered by a 2.4-liter 160 horsepower engine and mated to a standard 5-speed manual or optional 4-speed automatic transmission, the tC will also offer a dealer-installed supercharger which boosts the engines output to 200 horsepower. Like other Scion vehicles, the tC is expected to offer a surprisingly affordable price.

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Board utilizes bond money by awarding bids

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

Bond money is being put to work.

The Grosse Pointe Board of Education passed the awarding of three bids at its Monday, Feb. 9, meeting for musical instruments, auditorium restoration and a science laboratory.

"I'm pleased. We've done the detail and leg work before we've gone about the bids and pricing," said Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent for business

affairs and support services.

Some 79 musical instruments, 3 amps and 1 strobe tuner will be provided by Marshall Music and Hewitt's Music for \$180,017.

Music department chairperson Mary Jane Failla offered input on what musical goods will be bought. Delivery will take four to ten weeks.

The \$62 million capital improvement bond will pay for the entire purchase of

the musical goods.

The board awarded a bid for the renovation of the South auditorium to F.H. Martin Construction Company for \$1,189,950, all paid for with bond money.

Seating, lighting, balcony restoration, woodwork restoration and air conditioning will take place.

The Preservation Committee and the Mother's Club at South plan to help out with the auditorium refurbishment by paying \$300,000 for

chandeliers and seating. Demolition will begin in March, and the project is expected to be completed by October.

MICCO, LLC was awarded the bid for the South science laboratory project at a cost of \$4,498,000. The Durant Fund will pay for \$400,000 of this total while the remainder will be paid for with bond money.

Five new science labs, three general classrooms and an elevator will be reconfigured. The 12 sci-

ence labs that now exist will be refigured after the science addition is completed.

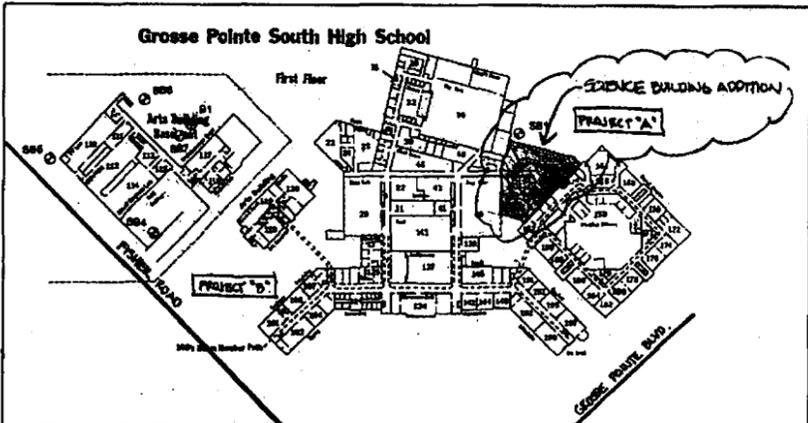
The project is expected to be completed by November of this year.

Because of work on the science lab as well as auditorium and ground level flooring work, 60 parking places will be temporarily lost at South. The Fisher Road parking lot will be altered, and a lot by the girl's softball diamond will be instituted to help out

with the parking situation.

These projects follow the completion of the North pool renovation, the North girls' locker room construction, North and South turf replacement as well as smaller projects at the middle and elementary schools.

Fenton expects the science lab work, a new wing at North, which is expected to be completed in January, as well as the addition at South, will be among the biggest projects happening this year.



The proposed area for the new Grosse Pointe South science addition is pictured above.

Parcells students learn about journalism in unit

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

Exciting stories, colorful writing and intrepid personalities are hot off the presses at Parcells middle school.

Sixth-grade students have been dabbling in and learning about the art of journalism in teacher Kathy Heitman's language arts and reading class. They have been instructed in the nuts and bolts of writing and have spent time with a Detroit Free Press travel columnist, Ellen Creager.

Students write five paragraph essays, learning how to construct a paragraph and make the sections flow seamlessly. They then compile their essays in mini-newspapers.

"It is a writing tool," said Heitman.

Matthew Warren created a newspaper he called "Warnez Today." In his front page story, he wrote concise sentences to limn through words the fascinating lives of Mother Theresa, the nun who dedicated her life to helping the poor, Albert Schweitzer, a doctor who received the Nobel Peace

prize for his work as a physician in Africa and Black Elk, a Native American who had spiritual visions that were eventually described in a book by the writer John Neihardt.

"These great people changed the world we live in today," wrote Warren.

Other facets of "Warnez Today" include computer graphics that illustrate text, a movie review, a book review, comics, a brain teaser and a calendar.

All of the students' papers were comprised of many of these same components.

Crafting stories, the students like the art of writing but find it nonetheless difficult.

"It's fun to express your feelings on paper," said student Andrea Frontiera. "It was fun to make my own newspaper."

"Certain topics are hard," said Lauren Irving.

Creager visited Heitman's class to illuminate the profession of journalism. She talked about meeting famous people such as Hillary Clinton and traveling around the world to places like Florida, Africa, the Caribbean, London and

Africa. (She is currently in Egypt and could not be reached for comment.) Creager relayed her experience of working in the industry for over twenty years before she advanced to the Free Press. She was often assigned articles by bosses, but now she gets to choose her stories.

Students asked Creager about her adventures around the world. They also wanted to know what newspapers she worked at, whether she liked her job and how much money she makes.

"It was really nice and supportive," said Heitman. The profession of journalism seems appealing to students.

"If I would be really cool to work for the Free Press," said Irving.

"If I were to go into journalism, I would go into entertainment, sports or travel," said student Josh Garvin.

Conveying through words the condition of each other and the world, Heitman's students have learned the invaluable skill of writing as well as the exciting world of story telling.

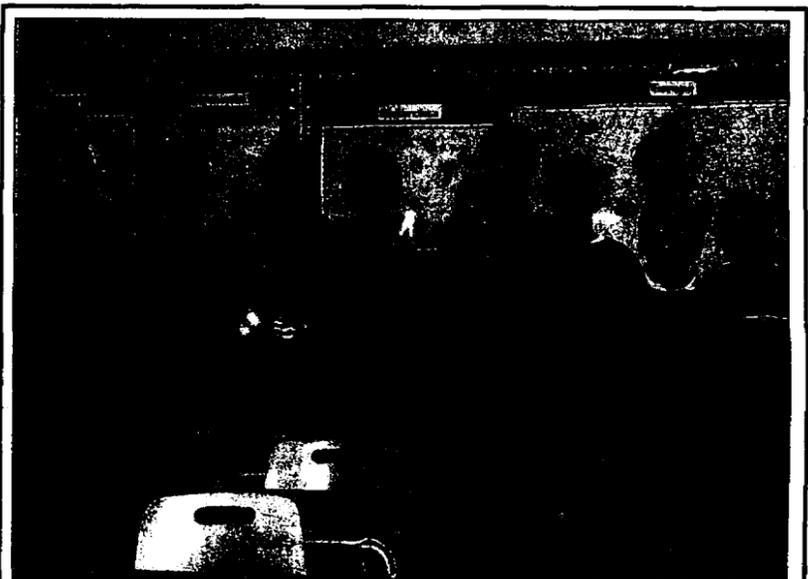


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Parcells geography bee

Parcells Middle School participated with enthusiasm in a geography bee. The sixth grade winner was Matthew Vengall; the seventh grade winner was Jamie Ding, and the eighth grade winner was Eric Jenkins. The overall winner was Ding with Jenkins coming in second. Both Jenkins and Ding were the winners in sixth-grade, and they put on quite a contest this year. They took the competition into three tie breaker rounds. The final question which Jamie answered correctly was, what country is connected to Saudi Arabia? The answer was Bahrain. There were 10 qualifiers for the final round. From the left are Katie Brennan, Peter Dong, Matheus Simoes, teacher Scott Cooper, Jenkins, Vengall, Alex Hunt (back), Chris Vens, Keith Porter (back), Ding (front) and Max Hunt.



Photo courtesy of Kathy Heitman

As part of a journalism unit, Kathy Heitman's sixth grade language arts and reading class met with Detroit Free Press travel columnist Ellen Creager. From the top left are Darcy Goolsby, Z. Wright-Servais, Creager, Josh Garvin, John David and Brandon DiAgnese. Below are Lia Popovic, Lauren Irving, Sydney Ivory and Andrea Frontiera.

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Photo by Carrie Cunningham
Visual Thinking Strategies instructor Cathy Lutz shows a painting to students from Debby Wolney's third grade class at the Grosse Pointe Academy. The program helps students grow in all areas of intellectual development.

Art program at GP Academy helps students grow

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

Their eyes were focused on the projected image above. Groups of men were swirled together in a melange with grimacing faces and distinct outlines. Some students suggested the men were rough housing; others thought they were wrestling an animal, and still more thought they were relatives grouped together.

The students from Debby Wolney's third class at Grosse Pointe Academy School were looking at images from the Detroit Institute of Arts in a program called Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS) sponsored by a nonprofit organization named Visual Understanding in Education. Students reflect on the meaning of what a sculpture or painting depicts or means, thereby enhancing their analytical and storytelling abilities.

Cathy Lutz, a doctor who also has a degree in spirituality, guides the students in a discussion. She is meeting with the students

every other week during the semester. Lutz says students make simple observations at first but then advance to thinking about how a work of art can tell a story.

"There are no critical comments. There are no wrong answers. You ask them to justify their answers," Lutz said. "It's phenomenal."

The students learn to work together as they contemplate art work. They also work on writing skills by writing missives about a piece to which they are introduced. Confidence and motivation are developed as students become sure of their opinions, and they learn to think analytically.

Having first begun over 10 years ago in America as well as Eastern Europe, VTS was developed based on research by cognitive psychologist Abigail

Housen and veteran museum educator Philip Yenawine. They found that by engaging students aesthetically they would grow in every aspect of intellectual development.

One five-year study showed that a class which was introduced to VTS scored 23 percent higher on standardized tests than a class at the same grade level which did not have VTS. Teachers report growth in all academic areas, including more incisive writing.

Perhaps the most exiting aspect of the program is students' ability to tell a story after they have examined many art works. The essence of art — images reflecting emotions, conflicts, love and relationships — comes alive into a coherent whole.

"They become more grounded story-tellers. They learn to think about the powers of an arc," said Lutz. "They look for action."

The awe-inspiring nature of a piece of artwork captivates both in terms of its own entity and the way it can shape the growth of young minds.

For more information on VTS, go to the Web site <http://vue.org>.



Photo by Robert McKean

String Extravaganza

The gymnasium at Grosse Pointe South High School was packed with approximately 1,000 people on Friday, Jan. 16, for a string extravaganza that showcased string abilities of some 300 Grosse Pointe students from sixth to 12th grade. Above South senior Rose Urbiel and South junior Taylor Huber guide the strings of their violins.

Students played music by a variety of composers such as Hayden, Bach, Dvorak and Sibelius. The night was topped off with a finale by composer Carl Orff.

The performance's director, Joe Bauer, said it was one of the greatest shows ever displayed.

South band and orchestra perform at MSBOA festival

Members of the Grosse Pointe South High School Band and Orchestra recently competed at the annual Solo and Ensemble Festival held at Rochester High School, which was sponsored by the Michigan School Band & Orchestra Association.

Students who received a Superior rating include Rose Urbiel (violin solo, duet, quartet), Taylor Huber (violin solo, duet, quartet), Emily Shipman (viola solo, quartet), Kim Sutton (cello solo, quartet), Christina Jacovides (cello solo, piano solo quartet), Suzanne Wrobel (piano solo, quartet), Melissa Lovely (quartet), Jennifer Paone (violin solo, quartet), Wynneth Daywalt (violin solo), Amanda Batterson (violin solo), John Conen (string quartet), Foster Chamberlin (string quartet), Martha Marr (string quartet), Alex Garbarino (string quartet), Margaret Deinek (violin duet), Andrea Atsalakis (violin duet), George Tecos (violin solo), Jennifer Bradley

(violin solo), Anne Defour (bass duet), Anna Nowosad (bass duet), Jennifer Teets (string quartet), Emily Solecki (string quartet), Julia Maniscalco (string quartet), Lisa Repicky (string quartet), Hillary Inger (string quartet), Megan Hoban (oboe solo, quintet), Cory Stanton (trumpet solo), Jimmy O'Connell (trombone solo), Jenny Evans (flute solo, quintet), Shami Entenman (flute solo, piano solo), Julia Anderle de Saylor (flute solo), Peter Sabino (clarinet solo, quintet, trio), Matt Smith (quintet), Mike Hoban (quintet), Beth Andaldi (flute duet), Bridgett Sullivan (flute duet), Stephanie Vella (flute duet), Ashlet Smith (flute duet), Lauren Scopel (woodwind trio, clarinet duet), Jessica Davis (woodwind trio), Charlie Gibson (saxophone quartet), Pamela Wong (saxophone quartet), Alyssa Benedetti (saxophone quartet), Alex Glendening (saxophone quartet) and Jessica Blount (clarinet duet).

Excellent ratings were earned by Iris Alao (violin solo), Jamie Handley (string trio), Colleen Cirocco (string trio), Eileen Fitzgerald (string trio), Carlin Hauck (string quartet), Susannah Goodman (string quartet), Kate Ansaldi (string quartet), Kathleen Alvin (string quartet), Tess Karpowich (cello solo), Kim Grady (clarinet solo), Lauren Scopel (clarinet solo), Kyle Utter (trumpet solo), Jarred Davis (saxophone/trumpet duet), Ryan Hasson (saxophone/trumpet duet), Carey Papalekas (saxophone/trumpet duet), Eleni Papalekas (saxophone/trumpet duet), Jimmy O'Connell (brass quartet), Chris Peplin (brass quartet), Jamie Fountain (brass quartet), Charles Scholfield (brass quartet), Alexandra McCoy (flute duet), and Elisabeth Roach (flute duet).

Nadja Burke performed for comments only. Students now have the opportunity to participate in the State MSBOA competition in March.

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION FOR THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please take notice that the Special Election of The Grosse Pointe Public School System, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held in the School District on Tuesday, March 16, 2004.

Section 1052 of Act 451, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, provides as follows:

"The inspectors of election at any annual or special election shall not receive the vote of a person residing in a registration school district whose name is not registered as an elector in the city or township in which the person resides or whose name is not in the registration file in the precinct in which the person offers to vote when city or township registration records are used in school elections as provided in section 1053."

THE LAST DAY on which persons may register with the Clerk of the Township or City in which they reside in order to be eligible to vote at the Special Election to be held on March 16, 2004, is Monday, February 16, 2004. Persons registering after 5:00 P.M., Eastern Daylight Time, on Monday, February 16, 2004, are not eligible to vote at the Regular Election.

Under the provisions of Act 451, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, registrations will not be taken by school officials, and only persons who have registered as general electors with the Clerk of the City or Township in which they reside, or through registrations at a Secretary of State Driver's License Bureau, are registered school electors. Persons planning to register with the respective City or Township Clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the Clerk's Office is open for registration.

Registrations of unregistered qualified electors of the School District will be received at the following places:

- Residents of the City of Grosse Pointe Park shall register at the office of the Clerk of the City of Grosse Pointe Park, 15115 East Jefferson Avenue, City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan.
- Residents of the City of Grosse Pointe shall register at the office of the Clerk of the City of Grosse Pointe, 17147 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan.
- Residents of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms shall register at the office of the Clerk of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, 90 Kerby Road, City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan.
- Residents of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods shall register at the office of the Clerk of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, 20025 Mack Avenue, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.
- Residents of the City of Harper Woods shall register at the office of the Clerk of the City of Harper Woods, 19617 Harper Avenue, City of Harper Woods, Michigan.
- Residents of the Township of Grosse Pointe shall register at the office of the Clerk of the Township of Grosse Pointe, 795 Lakeshore Drive, Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Wayne County, Michigan.

Date: 02/05/2004 & 02/12/2004

Stephen Matthews,
Secretary, Board of Education

Standardized test information

College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on April 3, 2004, the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline is February 27. Late registration postmark deadline is March 12 (an additional fee is required for late registration).

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. The test fee is \$26 (\$29 in Florida). Colleges use ACT scores, along with a student's high school GPA, high school courses taken, extracurricular activities and other information to help determine admissions and the appropriate course placement for new students.

The ACT Assessment Test is achievement test in English, reading, math and science. It measures what students have learned in high school, and the skills required for success in college.

Students who have already taken the ACT can take it again and try for a higher score. Juniors can use their scores to examine academic weakness, take courses to correct those weaknesses and re-take the exam as seniors. Students who take the exam more than once can report only their highest composite score to prospective colleges if they choose.

For more information, including registration forms and test location, contact your high school guidance counselor or register online at <http://www.act.org>.

GP seniors are eligible for Bob Wagner college scholarship

Former male and female Grosse Pointe Farms-City and Grosse Pointe Park Little League players who are completing their senior year in high school are eligible to apply for the Bob Wagner Memorial College Scholarship.

The Robert N. Wagner Foundation funds this \$2,500 merit based college tuition scholarship annually. The scholarship is awarded based upon official proof of acceptance and enrollment in an accredited four-year college or university.

The Bob Wagner scholarship is open to all graduating seniors, who are residents of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Shores or Grosse Pointe Woods and attend Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South, University Liggett, Notre Dame or University of Detroit high schools. Applicants must have a minimum of three years participation in either Grosse Pointe Farms-City or Grosse Pointe Park Little League. Recipients

from 2002 and 2003, Matt Vanderpool and Charlie Mackinnon, are graduates of Grosse Pointe South High School.

To obtain information or to request an application, please contact your high school guidance department or write the Bob Wagner College Scholarship Committee, c/o George C. Mackenzie, 231 Kenwood Court, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236. The application deadline is April 15, 2004. Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Well-outfitted, Scion stands out on its own

"Excuse me, what is that?" A young lady in the parking lot of a pet food store on north Woodward asked me after I parked my test vehicle, an odd-looking, boxy little van.

"It's a Scion," I explained. "It's a new car line by Toyota, and you haven't seen any around here because it is available only in California. It's coming here in the summer, however."

The Scion is a new line of cars — more a line of vans, actually — that was on display at the North American International Auto Show. It consists of a boxy van, the xB, a small-sport-utility station wagon crossover, the xA, and a stylish sporty coupe.

The Scion xB looks like nothing else on the market. It can haul serious amounts of people and cargo. If you want a van but don't have



enough money for one, you should take a look at the Scion xB. This well-outfitted vehicle costs around \$18,000. Base sticker price is \$14,165.

It is rather small from the outside, but inside is a surprising amount of space. The box is tall so headroom is abundant. It has a lot of room, and it seems even greater because a lot of headroom gives one a sense of expanded space.

The Scion xB van has

unusual cartoon-like styling and a long list of standard equipment, including stability control. It handles very well for a budget-priced vehicle.

The Scion line is an effort to get buyers under 30 into its dealerships. The brand encompasses three models, but for now is available only in California. It will be introduced here sometime in the summer.

Scion plans to use a no-haggle sales strategy and

give buyers ample opportunity to customize their xBs, drawing upon a list of over three dozen dealer-installed options.

The young mother who showed interest in the Scion in the pet food store parking lot is Toyota's target with the Scion. It looks odd to me, but I am not the target. Many things don't make sense to me but do to young people — baggy pants worn halfway down the butt, loud music with no discernible melody, a version of English which seriously needs translation to me. Stuff "I don't get."

I think I get the Scion, however. Toyota realizes that quality, value, safety and reliability are good things and have made the Toyota nameplate a very positive one in America. The Scion is an effort to wrap all those good qualities into a package that consumers under 30 will embrace.

Housed within Toyota dealerships, Scion salespeople are supposed to play it straight with consumers — this means no-haggle pricing (as at Saturn dealers) and the ability to get a car the way a customer wants it in about a week. By offering over three dozen dealer-installed options, Scion hopes to give its buyers unprecedented opportunity to customize their cars before taking delivery.

I like the Scion xB, despite my advanced age, even though it is aimed at Generation Y while I am of Generation G (Geriatric). It looks like nothing else on the market, except for a resemblance to Honda's Element if you don't look too closely.

It has tremendous passenger and cargo capability for its size (it is almost 10

inches shorter than the subcompact Toyota Echo), making it an inexpensive way to lug about friends and gear associated with an active lifestyle.

Besides a lot of capacity, the Scion buyer will get such goodies as antilock brakes, stability and traction control, air conditioning, a six-speaker Pioneer stereo with a CD player, a 60/40-split folding and removable rear seat, a tachometer, power windows, locks, mirrors and steering, and keyless entry — an impressive list for an economy vehicle.

Add to that a pleasant, friendly feel to its driving demeanor, and it seems likely that the Scion will have strong appeal.

Although the xB is built on

the same platform as the Echo, its 15-inch wheels and tires and a rear stabilizer bar make a real difference.

On the highway, the xB feels solid and offers a reasonably smooth ride. Driven enthusiastically around twists and turns, the xB is surprisingly fun, as its cartoonish shape calls for.

Power comes from a 1.5-liter inline four-cylinder with variable valve timing. It's the same engine used in the Echo and xA and is rated at 108 horsepower. This isn't a lot, and the xB weighs almost 400 pounds more than the Echo.

Acceleration isn't as spirited, but this odd looking van

See SCION, page 20A



The Scion xB is a basic boxy van that is as much fun to drive as it looks. Its sticker price begins at under \$15,000 and it has just about every feature you are likely to want.

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Drunk with child

A 37-year-old Royal Oak man was cited for child endangerment in connection with his arrest for drunken driving and speeding shortly before 11 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2, in Grosse Pointe Shores.

A patrolman clocked the man's 1994 Dodge at 58 mph on northbound Lakeshore near Hampton. Lakeshore has a 35 mph speed limit.

The Dodge's interior smelled of alcohol.

"(The driver) stated he spilled alcohol earlier today on the floor of his vehicle," said an officer.

The man registered a .131 percent blood alcohol content. Officers released the man's 4-year-old son to his grandmother. The man posted \$200 bond and was released a few hours later.

Blowing steam

On Friday, Feb. 6, shortly before 5:30 p.m., a loud explosion in the basement of a house on Fontana in Grosse Pointe Shores was traced to a burst hot water pipe.

There were no injuries. Shores police helped the homeowner shut off the water.

Dog emergency

On Friday, Feb. 6, at about 5 p.m., a woman called 911 in Grosse Pointe Shores reporting her dog had eaten its six-foot leash.

The woman wanted a police escort to the office of a St. Clair Shores veterinarian. Pointe officers forwarded the request to Shores authorities.

Burnt toast

Four Grosse Pointe Shores public safety officers manning two fire trucks and two patrol cars answered a residential fire alarm on North Duval at 6:21 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 3.

While en route, the homeowner canceled the emergency.

Burning toast had activated the alarm.

Hit and run

On Monday, Feb. 2, at 2:01 a.m., a Grosse Pointe Shores patrolman traced tire tracks in the snow and leaking antifreeze to the home of a drunken driver who ran over an ornamental lamp post on the Lakeshore median near Hawthorne.

"The trail stopped (on) Hawthorne," said the officer. The man's white 1999 Dodge Dakota was parked on the street.

Police said front-end damage corresponded to dimensions of the broken pole.

The man admitted the crash.

He blamed it on a slippery patch of road police found free of ice.

A Breathalyzer test at 3:01 a.m. revealed the man's blood alcohol level at .1 percent. He was released at 9:15 a.m. on \$200 bond.

Girl followed

A 13-year-old City of Grosse Pointe girl who was walking on Cadieux near Cranford Lane told police she was followed by an unknown man driving a small red sports utility vehicle.

The man reportedly turned his vehicle around to follow the girl, who ran away.

Police learned of the incident the next afternoon. The girl's parents "don't wish to make a report," police said.

Another alarm

Remember last week's report of frustrated City of Grosse Pointe police who were tired of answering a burglar alarm triggered repeatedly by delivery men to a coffee shop in the Village?

It happened again on Friday, Feb. 6, at 6:13 a.m.

"Here's a shocker," said a City policeman. "A delivery man tripped the alarm at" a shop at 17401 Kercheval.

Police said it was the

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fourth time this year they responded to the shop's false alarm.

High driver

On Sunday, Feb. 8, at 2:52 a.m., Grosse Pointe Farms police saw a driver who admitted being under the influence of marijuana run a red light on eastbound Mack at Calvin.

The 19-year-old Detroit man admitted "smoking marijuana on a regular basis," police said. The man said he smoked "a lot" the night of his arrest, police reported.

Police arrested the man and impounded his dark green Oldsmobile Aurora.

'Shoot me'

Grosse Pointe Farms police obtained a search warrant during the early hours of Sunday, Feb. 8, to measure the blood alcohol level of a 32-year-old woman who was suspected of drunken driving.

An officer said the woman was driving her black 2002 Volvo S60 at 44 mph on eastbound Mack near Fisher a few minutes before 2 a.m.

The woman didn't stop until parked in a driveway in the 400 block of Touraine. She exited the Volvo and refused the officer's repeated orders to return to her vehicle for investigation.

"Shoot me," she reportedly said. "I'm not getting back in. This is my home."

Police said the woman smelled of alcohol, spoke with slurred speech and had bloodshot eyes.

"I'm not answering any of your questions," she reportedly said.

Police said she refused to take field sobriety tests and a Breathalyzer examination. While being booked at police headquarters, she refused to give her place of birth or be fingerprinted.

"I want my lawyer," she reportedly said. Shortly after letting her

call legal counsel, officers took the woman to a local hospital for a blood test. Due to a crowded night at the Farms jail, she was locked up overnight in the City, where her attorney arrived the next morning at about 11 a.m.

Lost winning lottery ticket

A 46-year-old Detroit woman claims her regular Michigan daily lottery pick paid off last week, but she failed to pick up her ticket.

She said she bought the winning \$3,000 ticket on the afternoon of Monday, Feb. 2, at a store in the 18600 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms. Because the store's lottery machine wasn't working, she left her standard number request and cash payment on the counter.

She forgot about the incident until that evening when winning numbers were broadcast on television. She didn't notify the store until the next day.

By then the ticket was nowhere to be found. Police said a store video showed an employee throwing losing tickets in the trash. Discarded losing tickets were recovered, but not the winner.

State officials are investigating.

Drunk speeder

On Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 2:14 a.m., Grosse Pointe Farms police arrested a 31-year-old Warren man for drunken driving on eastbound Mack near Moross.

The man's blood alcohol level was .17 percent. An officer had seen the man driving a dark green 2002 Dodge Ram 11 mph over the 35 mph speed limit.

Mystery crash

On Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 12:26 a.m., a 23-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man was arrested for drunken driving while returning home from a Detroit Pistons game in Auburn Hills.

Farms police saw the man's silver 2002 Saturn SL1 four-door being driven erratically and speeding 50 on southbound Moross. An officer said the man had a .21 percent blood alcohol level.

The Saturn had fresh front-end damage.

"(The man) stated he was in an accident but did not know what he hit or where," police said.

Arraignment

A drug-using ex-con wanted for two home invasions in Grosse Pointe Farms was arraigned in Farms Municipal Court on Wednesday, Feb. 4.

Judge Matthew Rumora entered a plea of innocent on behalf of the defendant, James Lee Waddy, 34, of Detroit.

Waddy was arrested two weeks ago in Oakland County.

He is suspected of committing 53 home invasions in suburban Detroit.

He was transferred to Farms court from the Oakland County Jail. Shortly after the arraignment, he was sent back to jail.

— Brad Lindberg

Tools taken

An unknown persons took assorted Met-Wrench tools and electrical box breakers from a 1989 Mazda two-door parked in the 1000 block of Wayburn in Grosse Pointe Park sometime between Monday, Jan. 26, and Monday, Feb. 2.

Really ready for school

A Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officer on patrol duty was surprised to find 40 shivering people lined up outside of Barnes School on Friday, Feb. 6 at 2:51 a.m.

The people were at the school to stake their place in line to sign their children up for all-day kindergarten.

A number of parents told the officer that the school did not open until 8 a.m., but they were advised to get to the school as early as 2:30 a.m.

"We were surprised there was such a turnout at that time," said school district spokesperson Paula Jarvis.

Woods house robbed

About \$3,000 cash, two Tag Heuer watches and 10 compact discs were taken from a house in the 2100 block of Lochmoor in Grosse Pointe Woods.

A resident of the house came home at 3:20 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 6, and found several rooms in the house

had been ransacked. No one in the family had been in the house since 7:30 p.m. the night before.

Detectives believe entry may have been gained through a window.

Cops referee coach dispute

Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officers were called to break up a dispute between two youth basketball coaches during a game at a school in the 1200 block of Cook on the morning of Saturday, Feb. 7.

The altercation began when one of the coaches, a 44-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man, began to argue with a 15-year-old referee. The second coach, a 40-year-old Harper Woods man, intervened.

Officers did not take any action but were told the incident would be reviewed by the manager of the basketball league.

Open door

Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officers found an open door when they responded to an alarm at a school in the 700 block of Vernier at 5:04 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8.

Officers checked the building, but did not find anything out of order.

Vandalized cars

Someone slashed all four tires on a 2002 Jeep four-door parked in the 1100 block of Three Mile Drive in Grosse Pointe Park during the night of Wednesday, Feb. 4.

The driver's side door lock of a 1991 Chevrolet S-10 pickup parked in the 1400 block of Lakepointe during the night was damaged during the night of Saturday, Feb. 7.

A St. Clair Shores woman reported that someone had poured a buttery substance on her car that was parked in the 1900 block of Ridgmont in Grosse Pointe Woods sometime before 11 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8.

The woman mentioned her car had been vandalized several times in several different locations in the Woods since October.

— Bonnie Caprara



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Walko earns Medal of Valor

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

John Walko is the free spirit of the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department.

His antics include conducting Halloween patrols with a fake skeleton propped in the passenger seat of his cruiser.

But in an emergency, Walko puts kidding aside. Witness his actions the night of March 10 that earned him his department's Medal of Valor:

Walko volunteered to answer Grosse Pointe Woods' request for backup regarding an armed 63-year-old man threatening suicide.

On that cold March night, Walko took up position behind the man's house. The man stood in his back yard pointing a .45 caliber revolver to his head.

Walko risked his personal safety to engage the man in one-on-one conversation. Talk lasted three hours, during which a Woods' negotiator arrived on scene.

The crisis ended with the man surrendering peacefully. He was taken to a hospital for psychiatric evaluation.

Robert Ferber, Farms director of public safety, said Walko put himself in "great personal peril in a life-saving action."

Walko received a standing ovation from his peers and city council this week upon



Photo by Brad Lindberg

PSO John Walko is humbled to receive Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department's Medal of Valor. Last March Walko saved the life of a suicidal man. Sundee Harland, department fire specialist, peeks at her friend's award. "I've known John for 10 years," Harland said. "I think it's awesome."

receiving the Farms' Medal an emotional one," Walko said.

"This is a great honor. It's "Well done," Ferber said.

Five Pointers achieve the rank of Eagle via service

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

Five Grosse Pointe Boy Scouts from troop 96 garnered the rank of Eagle. While only two percent of scouts achieve the rank of Eagle, these boys exhibited hard work and dedication to garner the honor by committing themselves to projects aiding the community. "I think it helps you be more mature," said Eagle Will Moran of his involvement with the Boy Scouts. "You learn about leading people and being responsible for your own actions."

The new Eagles' projects are as follows:

- Matthew Alan Johnson repaired and improved the access bridge to the Detroit Boat Club. The wood decking structure — over 63 by 12 feet — was refurbished with wheel chair access. The project took 231 hours with scout, Grosse Pointe South High School stu-

dents and adult participation.

- Christopher Gilbert Manion worked on the painted game playground area at Trombly Elementary, adding new games. Manion spent 154 hours on the project with the help of scouts, students and adults.

- William Thomas Moran built a fenced planting area with three raised planting beds for the benefit of classes held at Barnes early childhood development center. Moran worked in the South shop with scouts and adults for 97 hours.

- John Lawrence Stevens designed, constructed and installed storage shelves for the food cupboard at Cass Community Social Services in Detroit. Some 155 hours with scouts, students and adults were spent on the project.

- Joseph Alexander

McKeen organized a clothing drive for the homeless at St. Paul Catholic Church. With the help of scouts and church youth, McKeen collected, cleaned, organized and distributed clothing during the annual job search and support event. Some 124 hours were spent on the project.

The ranks in the boy scout start at tender foot and advance to second class, first class, star, life and then Eagle.

With an introduction to many skills, some scouts get ideas for future career options. Moran, for instance, wants to be a chef from his experience cooking in the scouts.

No matter what path these scouts choose, they take with them values of integrity, perseverance and character.



Photos courtesy of William Moran
Five boy scouts from Troop 96 achieved the rank of Eagle through hard work on projects benefiting the community. They are from the left: Jack Stevens, Will Moran, Matt Johnson, Chris Manion and Joe McKeen.



School enrollment

School enrollment is projected to slightly decrease in elementary and middle schools over the next five years, until the 2008-09 school year. Total elementary will go from the current 3,516 to 3,006; and middle school will decrease from 2,097 to 2,020.

High School enrollment will slightly increase, going from 3,066 to 3,169.

Special education enrollment will remain flat at 284 students.

Total enrollment will decrease from 8,963 to 8,479.

Moran made flower beds, left, at Barnes Elementary for his service project.

Being a Scout helped him realize that he wanted to be a chef when he grows up and also aided him in learning the importance of responsibility.

Correction

The amount of the capital improvement bond passed last September was misstated in a Feb. 5 article "Board to consider shortening number of class periods." The correct amount is \$62 million or 1.15 mills each year for 25 years. The Grosse Pointe News regrets the error.

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COMING APRIL 15TH

Grosse Pointe News & THE ST. CLAIR SHORES CONNECTION

Grosse Pointe News and The St. Clair Shores Connection newspapers are planning their 3rd special edition featuring your pet! This yearly group of pages will be published April 15, 2004. Please send a good quality color photo of your pet dog, cat, bird, fish, rabbit, snake, gerbil, etc. to Grosse Pointe News & The St. Clair Shores Connection, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236. Attention: Kim Mackey, Display Advertising (313) 343-5586. Complete the information slip below and return it with your photo. Your picture must be received in our office no later than **Friday April 2nd**, earlier would assist our production schedule. Grosse Pointe News & The St. Clair Shores Connection require a \$10.00 fee to cover production costs. Please include a check, money order or credit card number with your photo. If you would like your photo returned to you please include a self addressed stamped envelope.

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GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

The Board of Education of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Wayne County, Michigan, will receive sealed bids for a fence project at Grosse Pointe North High School.

Specifications and bid forms will be available at a **MANDATORY pre-bid meeting** on Tuesday, February 24, 2004 at 10:00 a.m., in the receiving room of North High School, located at 707 Vernier Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Sealed bids will be due Tuesday, March 9, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. at the Administration Building of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, 389 St. Clair Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230, at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. This project will not be funded by federal or state monies.

Please direct questions to Wayne Halkides, Manager of Buildings and Grounds, 313-432-3082.

Board of Education
Grosse Pointe Public School System
Steven Matthews, Secretary

G.P.N.: 02/12/2004 & 02/19/2004

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS

SPECIAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2004

Notice is given that **APPLICATIONS** for absentee ballots for the special election to be held in The Grosse Pointe Public School System on the above date are available from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Fridays at the following locations:

Administration Building, 389 St. Clair, GP
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Defer Elementary School, 15425 Kercheval Ave., GPP
Ferry Elementary School, 748 Roslyn, GPW
Kerby Elementary School, 285 Kerby, GPF
Maire Elementary School, 740 Cadieux, GP
Mason Elementary School, 1640 Vernier, GPW
Monteith Elementary School, 1275 Cook Rd., GPW
Poupard Elementary School, 20655 Lennon, HW
Richard Elementary School, 176 McKinley, GPF
Trombly Elementary School, 820 Beaconsfield, GPP
Brownell Middle School, 260 Chalfonte, GPF
Parcells Middle School, 20600 Mack Ave., GPW
Pierce Middle School, 15430 Kercheval Ave., GPP
Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier, GPW
Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Gr. Pic. Blvd., GPF

Stephen Matthews,
Secretary, Board of Education

G.P.N.: 02/05/04 & 02/12/04



Esther Nemode Chase
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City of Grosse Pointe resident Esther Nemode Chase, 88, died Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2004 at Bon Secours Hospital.

Born in Charles, Mich. on Sept. 8, 1915, she went to business school in Bay City. She worked at both Dow Chemical in Midland and for more than 15 years, the library and offices of the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Mrs. Chase was an active member of the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, in particular the Crafty Ladies and the Mothers Club.

She was interested in painting, crafts and reading.

Mrs. Chase is survived by her daughters, Penelope (Jon) Shefferly, Pamela (Robert) Downen, Barbara (Michael) Feldman, Elizabeth (Edward) Lazar; son Edward (Nancy); grandchildren Christin, Peter, Robert, Megan, Emily, Jason, Katherine and Gregory; and sister Alyce Lafear of Bay City.

She was predeceased by her husband Edward C. Chase Jr.

A memorial service was held at the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church on Saturday, Feb. 7.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Christin Feldman Olympic Campaign, c/o Bayview Yacht Club, 100

Clairpointe, Detroit, MI 48215.



William Clippert Gorenflo

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City of Grosse Pointe resident William Clippert Gorenflo, 83, died Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2004.

Born on March 25, 1920 in Detroit to Dr. August and Hattie Clippert Gorenflo, he graduated from the University of Michigan in 1947 after serving as a forward observer with the 12th Marines, 3rd Division during the Pacific campaign in World War II. He saw heavy action and ran up the beaches in the liberation of Guam and Guadalcanal. His comrades remember him as cool under fire.

His father had interests in the Clippert Brick Company and was the Detroit Police Surgeon. His grandfather, Theodore Gorenflo, was a founding partner of Goebel & Company Brewery.

In addition to living in Detroit, Mr. Gorenflo spent time at the family farm, "Cherry Beach," which is along the St. Clair River in Marine City.

As a young man he was athletic, lettering in football, basketball and track.

He worked for many years at the J.L. Hudson Company as a buyer and

import manager, often traveling to Europe to import the latest men's attire. He spent the last decade of his career as the manager for men's furnishings at Hickey's in Grosse Pointe. He loved boating and the lakes of Michigan.

His family remembers him for his integrity, strength, intense loyalty, patriotism, unwavering support and unconditional love.

He is survived by his wife Martha; son Dr. Daniel William (Carole) of Grosse Pointe and Northport; Sally Ann (Joseph Scharbat) of Empire; stepdaughter Susan Kleinschmit Leising (Jeffrey); stepson Thomas Kleinschmit (Sandra); and grandchildren Anna and Caroline Gorenflo of the City of Grosse Pointe.

He was predeceased by his brother Herman and sister Mary.

Mr. Gorenflo donated his body to the University of Michigan Anatomical Donations Program. Memorial contributions may be made to the University of Michigan, Department of Family Medicine, 301 East Liberty Street, Suite 300, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

James J. Kearney

St. Clair Shores resident James J. Kearney, 84, died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2004 at his home.

Born on March 20, 1919 to Roger P. and Mary P. Kearney, he graduated from the University of Michigan in 1947.

Mr. Kearney was a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was the owner of Kearney Travel until his retirement in 1988.

He was a member of the Lochmoor Club, the Rotary and president of the Crisis Club.

He had many loves such as family, golf, travel and

cards.

Mr. Kearney is survived by his wife Katherine L.; daughters Kathleen (Buddy) Green, Irene Kearney, Mary Beth (Lincoln) Getz, Suzanne Hatch, Patty (Peter) Grifo, Joanne (John) Pietrick and Ginny (John) Baysore; sons James J. Jr, Lawrence (Patty), and Thomas (Marty); 28 grandchildren; his sister Sister Anne Kearney, O.P.; and brothers Father Tom, Frank and William.

He was predeceased by three sisters.

A funeral mass was celebrated at St. Lucy Catholic Church on Monday, Feb. 9.

Interment was at St. Paul Catholic Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Michigan Right to Life.

George F. Ryckman

City of Grosse Pointe resident George F. Ryckman, 78, died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2004.

Born on Nov. 16, 1925, in London, Ontario, Canada to Heber C. and Ellen M. Ryckman, he received a bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia in 1948.

He worked as an engineer in the research lab at General Motors.

He served as an ensign in the Navy. He loved his GMAC 1974 motor home as well as travel and chatting with friends and family.

He is survived by his wife Mary Elizabeth; daughters Mary (Scott) Tobias, Judy (Philip) Gilbert; grandchildren Katie, Michael and David Gilbert; and sister Edith J. Krager.

He was predeceased by his sons Ricky and Tommy.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 15, at the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson in Detroit.

Interment is at White Chapel Cemetery.

Earl W. Salomon

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Earl W. Salomon, 87, died on Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2004, at Bon Secours Hospital.

Born in Detroit on March 24, 1916 to Emil and Clara Salomon, Mr. Salomon graduated from Grosse Pointe High School and the Detroit College of Business.

He was a senior vice president at First National Bank for 28 years. In 1966, he became a licensed stock broker. He was a vice president at First of Michigan in the Village.

A member of the Lochmoor Club from 1958 to 2003, he liked playing golf, cards, bowling and watching sports.

He is survived by his wife Arlene; daughter Cheryl Nelson; son Roger; grandchildren Bryan Nelson, Adriane Salomon; and great-grandchildren Morgan Nelson and Mason Nelson.

He was predeceased by sister Dorothy Butler.

A memorial service was held at First English Lutheran Church on Feb. 4.

Memorial contributions may be made to First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Charles R. Smith

Former Grosse Pointe resident Charles R. Smith, 87, died on Monday, Jan. 26, 2004, at Naples Community Hospital.

He moved to Naples, Fla. in 1995.

He is survived by his son, Charles R. Smith II; two grandchildren, Charles R. Smith III and Kimberly; two great-granddaughters, Emma and Destiny; and sister Marilyn Smith Wood.

Mr. Smith was predeceased by his wife of 34 years Elizabeth Byers; his wife of 19 years Helen Hickey; sister Doris Smith

Spitzley; and friend Martha.

At his request, a private service will be held and his ashes interred at Oakridge Cemetery in Arcadia, Fla.



Hazel Sullivan

Hazel Sullivan, 89, died on Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2004.

Born in Nashville, Ind., on Aug. 14, 1914 to Nicholas and Cora Roberts, she attended Indiana University and taught school for 20 years.

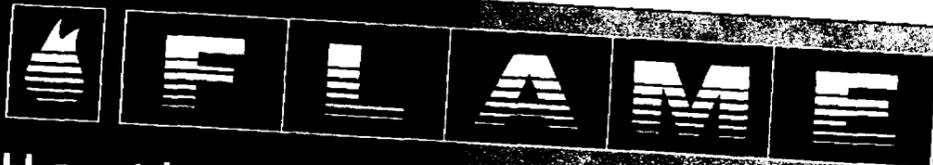
In 1970, she married Jerome Sullivan of Grosse Pointe Farms. For many years she was a volunteer at Cottage Hospital and enjoyed golf and bowling.

She was a member of the Detroit Yacht Club and Gowanie Golf Club and belonged to Bethany Christian Church in Detroit.

She is survived by her daughter, Phyllis May; granddaughter, Liane May of Key West, Fla.; stepchildren Kathleen Sheridan, William Sullivan, James Sullivan, Suzanne Sullivan, Karen Sullivan, Dan Sullivan; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Since 1996, Mrs. Sullivan resided at St. John Senior Community in Detroit. A memorial service will be held at the community on Sunday, Feb. 15, at 3:30 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Barbara Sullivan In-House Scholarship Fund, East Detroit High School, 15501 Couzens, Eastpointe, MI 48021.



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HW teens reach out to help community

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

Harper Woods Secondary School is taking a cue from Gov. Jennifer Granholm's suggestion for students to do more community service-oriented activities.

While service hours are not yet mandated, counselor Paul Doak is spearheading a campaign for students to become more accustomed to these types of activities. He formulated a pilot program at the school to encourage students to go out into the community and help those in need.

"This is one of those win, win situations," Doak said. "Not only are we doing some good for those in need in the community, but the students also gain a lot from the experience. The more a student is involved in the community, he begins to take ownership, which is a great thing for young people to do."

Unaware of how much interest could be generated, Doak decided to ask the kids themselves.

"Whenever you want to start a volunteer program like this, you need to go directly to the kids," Doak explained.

He put an advertisement on the school's video announcement system and asked if any students were interested. Sixteen upperclassmen turned out for the cause.

The group of students who dubbed themselves the "Do-Gooders" are Jessica Daudlin, Ashley Harris, Jenny Cilluffo, Jami-lou Galbo, Nicky McEachin, Michele McEachin, Michele Thompson, Karah Fox, Gilbert Walker, Will Caldwell, Randy Gray,

Graham Rockwood, Steve Dombrowski, Katie Watt, Crystal Norman and Drew Manor.

The Do-Gooders attended a community service fair hosted by Regina High School last fall to explore areas of interest.

"They talked to the vendors and decided to work with Sweet Dreams," Doak said. "The organization's primary focus is to work with elementary schools which have a lower economic status. Their philosophy is that those who get a good night's sleep perform better. Sweet Dreams hold fundraisers to collect pajamas, socks and sleeping bags for kids."

After holding a sock drive during the winter holiday season, the Do-Gooders began participating in the distribution aspect of the organization.

On Thursday and Friday, Feb. 5 and 6, the students spent their afternoons traveling to elementary schools to deliver sleeping essentials to needy children.

"It's amazing to see the kids' faces," said senior Jenny Cilluffo. "They were so shocked and so excited."

Cilluffo has taken on a leadership role within the Do-Gooders. She feels a personal connection to helping others.

"I decided to participate in this when I heard about the kids," she explained. "It feels good to see that I was helping someone else and to see what an important thing this is to be a part of. If we were in their positions, we'd want someone to help us."

Cilluffo is attending Specs Howard next fall. She is also a member of the school's Interact and SADD pro-

grams, which are also service-oriented and focused on helping others.

Among the sleeping essentials, other than warm clothes and blankets, are toothbrushes, Beanie Babies and coloring books. Each child receives a gift bag containing one of each of the items.

"The kids have no idea we're coming," Cilluffo said. "Over Christmas, one boy told us to tell Santa he has been a good boy, because Santa never comes to his house. It felt so good to give him this gift."

The experience is meaningful to each of the members of the Do-Gooders.

"It's great to get to help other people, especially the kids," said senior Michelle McEachin. "I enjoy putting a smile on their faces."

While the Do-Gooders is in a pilot period this school year, Doak hopes it will develop next year and reach more interested students. He might also seek turning it into an optional course, where students assess the community, discover what needs there are and what resources are available, and then commit to a semester-long project to help those in need.

Other opportunities are available such as working with Henry Ford Belmont senior citizens home and its Mary Magdalene project. Doak is also seeking to work with St. John Hospital. Training sessions are available in the spring for students to learn about pediatrics and patient care.

"It's important for students to get out there and get their hands dirty in the real world," Doak said.



Photo by Jennie Miller

Tyrone Elementary Honor Roll

More than 100 students made the Honor Roll at Tyrone Elementary School. Fourth grade Honor Roll students include Gazhia Anderson, Jenna Atkinson, Dalton Boslooper, Jessica Carpenter, Steven Cichock, Elizabeth Drake, Carin Echols, Leah Edison, Natasha Eklund, John France, Kristin Gooch, Gregory Haloostock, Carly Hedemark, Kevin Huot, Charles Idemudia, Ruby Jimenez, Tyler Kain, Brandon Kelly, Breanna Laster, Jade Lun, Sommer MacMillan, Daytona McKie, William Nocita, Andre Pickens, Kayla Pruitt, Seth Ross, Breona Rue, Sara Schram, Andrea Stone, Mycah Thomas, Jennifer Usphur and Brian Werner. Fifth-graders who made the Honor Roll included John Aiken, Cassie Alfaro, Jessica Allemon, John Bishop, Erika Boucher, Sarah Brill, Julian Brown, Alex Colista, Eric Curry, thia Garman, Jacob Garska, Mitchell Gatzke, Khyra Jackson, LeeRhoie Juco, Allison Labiak, Heather Luna, Adam Marshall, Anastasia Maticuchin, Michael McTighe, Patrick McTighe, Hayley Merriweather, Brittany Moorhead, Kimberly Mroz, Miranda Perrymore, Elyse Remenapp, Brandon Rice, Emily Rodgers Samantha Scott, Daniel Snider, Telsa Smith, Mararet Solomon, Bianca Stewart, Micolle Taul, Alexis Toutant, Amanda Wheeler and Zach Zichi. Sixth grade students who made the Honor Roll include Adrianna Avila, Christian Bessolo, Shelby Bishop, Sarah Budzyn, Cameron Casaceli, Shawn Cisco, Victoria Dawson, Nico Deramo, Adam Devine, Cameron Dillard, Deidre Dollfuss, Nick Drake, Mabelle Fagoaga, Elizabeth Garman, Karisa Giessen, Matt Haloostock, Greg Head, Eric Johnson, DeVonte Jones, Thomas Kiah, Egli Lika, Michael Luna, Bernice Mighion, Lana Sache, Breanne Salada, Adam Selburn, Unique Sigers, Samira Simpson, Irsida Themel, Jake Trahan, Chelsea Wagner and Samantha Waldenfuss, Fagoaga, Johnson, Jones, Mighion and Wagner.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Purse snatched at gunpoint

A gun pointed at the face of a Harper Woods woman prompted her to give up her purse in the parking lot of a drugstore on the 19800 block of Kelly on Sunday, Feb. 8, at 12:45 p.m.

A male between the ages of 30 and 40, then got into an older model dark Chevrolet Lumina with a Michigan license plate containing the digits 2AM. He was wearing a green thigh-length jacket and dark pants and joined an unidentified male, who drove east-bound down Woodland.

Stolen car

A maroon 1988 Plymouth Voyager was stolen from the 20700 block of Country Club on Sunday, Feb. 8, between 2:30 and 4:45 a.m.

Attempted car theft

A resident of the 19200 block of Elkhart discovered his silver 2003 Jeep Grand Cherokee had been damaged during the night between 9:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 6, and 10:45 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7. The car, which had been parked on the side of his home on Rossiter, had a punched driver's door lock and ignition lock in the steering column, and could not be started.

An Eastpointe resident shopping on the 20300 block of Kelly reported her white 1996 Ford vehicle was broken into on Sunday, Feb. 8, between 4 and 4:05 p.m. A window had been broken, and items were reported missing.

Larceny

A snow blower, leaf blower, lawn mower, weed eater, edger and snow shovel were reported missing from an unlocked garage in the 19200 block of Eastborne during the first week of January.

A resident of the 21100 block of Norwood noticed a suspicious tan Mercury Cougar parked in front of a neighbor's house, and a man going through the garage. Harper Woods police officers arrived on the scene, and the car and man had left the house. The homeowner could not be reached, and a note was left on the door. When the resident returned home, he reported his weed trimmer was missing.



Photo by Jennie Miller

Members of the Do-Gooders club at Harper Woods Secondary School, organized by counselor Paul Doak (back), are Jessica Daudlin, Ashley Harris, Jenny Cilluffo, Jami-lou Galbo, Nicky McEachin, Michele McEachin, Michele Thompson, Karah Fox, Gilbert Walker, Will Caldwell, Randy Gray, Steve Dombrowski, Katie Watt, Crystal Norman and Drew Manor.

**CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2004**

The regular City Council Meeting was called in order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Council persons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council Meeting held January 19, 2004, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Board of Trustees - Employees Retirement System Meeting held on January 26, 2004, and the Planning Commission Meeting held on January 28, 2004.
- To schedule a Public Hearing on February 18, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public input and comment on the 2004 Community Development Block Grant Program.
- That the agenda of the regular City Council Meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for check numbers 69554 through 69659 in the amount of \$41,793,151.09 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing; (2) Approve payment of the amount of \$25,508.62 to Grosse Pointe Woods for the City's pro rata portion of the operating and maintenance of the Torrey Road Pumping Station for the period July 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003; (3) Approve payment to Statewide Security Transport in the amount of \$5,620.55 for prisoner lodging and maintenance for the month of December 2003; (4) Approve the reappointment of Al Susack to the Board of Zoning Appeals with his term expiring January 1, 2007.
- To approve the Agreement for Services for a Public Participation Plan with the Clinton River Watershed Council relative to the NIDES Phase II Permit Process with the MDEQ in the following amounts: Year One, not to exceed \$1,127,900; Year Two, not to exceed \$1,231,430; Year Three, not to exceed \$1,252,820; Year Four, not to exceed \$1,274,840.

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Tri Delta alums

The Detroit-Grosse Pointe Alumnae chapter of Delta Delta Delta sorority will meet at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 12, at 18090 Mack in

the City of Grosse Pointe. The program will be "The Sacred Art and Soul of Craft," featuring the art of making a beaded bracelet.

The cost is \$25, which includes supplies and refreshments. For more information or to make a reservation, call Burtie Roberts at (313) 640-1791.

Louisa St. Clair, DAR

The Louisa St. Clair chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet on Saturday, Feb. 28, for lunch at the Detroit Edison Boat Club. The program will include American

History Contest winners. An award will be presented to Raymond Pisani, 8th grade social studies teacher at Parcels Middle School in Grosse Pointe Woods. DAR good citizen awards will also be presented.

League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe will hold a general membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26. Marybelle Sucek will lead a discussion on the proposed update of the League's position on selection of the president.

The public is invited.

For more information and the location of the meeting, call Cynthia Warner at (313) 821-6021.

There have been significant changes in the nominating process, the role of the media, use of the Internet and the power of political parties which have caused the League to seek concurrence on a revision of its Selection of the President position.

Although the League of Women Voters has advocated the direct popular vote method for electing the president and vice president since 1970, and continues to do so, the discussion will examine some of the pros and cons of the position.

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, is open to men and women citizens of voting age.

Its purpose is to encourage the informed and active participation of citizens in government.

Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club will meet at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Marianne Battani, a federal court judge, will speak on "Women in the Judiciary."

All Grosse Pointe women

are invited. Guest reservations must be made by Saturday, Feb. 14. Call (313) 881-6251.

Pointer Bridge Club

The Pointer Bridge Club will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial for lunch and bridge.

For more information, call (313) 886-7595 or (313) 881-8566.

Features deadline is 3 p.m. Friday

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Local couples celebrate Valentine's Day year-round

By Michael Shelton
 Staff Writer

Millions of couples say "I love you" to each other to celebrate Valentine's Day. But what about the rest of the year?

With many roses, cards and boxes of chocolate candies that will be sold for the holiday, it's easy to mistake Valentine's Day as a way for people to make money off of love.

Three local couples have shown that true, genuine love is not a commodity, but rather a reality.

George and Rosemary Bay, Robert Taylor and Jeanie McNeil and Chris and Monica Mourad are prime examples of what can happen when Cupid works his magic.

George Bay was skiing at Boyne Mountain in the early '60s and needed a lesson. A young woman named Rosemary was more than happy to oblige.

"Rosemary is a really good skier. She taught me as we went along," George said.

Once they reached the bottom, the salesman from Bloomfield Hills found out that he had a lot in common with the aspiring artist from Dearborn.

"The skiing led us into camping. We loved food, the outdoors, Mother Nature. Those were the ingredients. There was a real synergy," George said.

One of their favorite pastimes was to enjoy a picnic of cheese and wine on the campus of Cranbrook University, where Rosemary attended school at the time.

"I was attracted to your personality and I laugh at your jokes," Rosemary told George. "But when I saw him around children, I was so taken aback. They just flock to him and when I saw that, I thought this is the man I want to be the father of my children."

A few months later, in June of 1961, the couple took their vows and it was California dreaming in San Francisco.

George went to work for Holly Carburetor Company, where he served in sales and service. Rosemary was able to visit local museums and practice some of her passions, such as pottery and photog-

raphy. System for 27 years, and still teaches part time.

His wife has managed to pass her passion of art onto him.

"He does beautiful work, especially carvings," she said.

"Rosemary is quite a gardener too," George responded.

The couple is approaching their 43rd wedding anniversary. As time has passed, they still enjoy doing the simple things for each other.

"George cooks every Sunday, and once or twice during the week. He's a gourmet cook," Rosemary said.

"On Mother's Day and my birthday, he'll serve me breakfast in bed. He's been doing this for years and I'm still impressed." They have little pet peeves about each other too.

lives. It's a very rewarding feeling to know that we've done our job very well," Rosemary said.

She also has words of advice for a long, lasting marriage that she passed onto her children.

"Marriage is not a 50-50 proposition, it's 70-30. If each side puts in 70 percent, it will not fail," she said. "And I told our son, three little words will ensure a long, wonderful marriage.

They are "I was wrong."

It seemed as if fate brought Robert Taylor and Jeanie McNeil together. In fact, Taylor knew it because he was once a psychic.

"I was introduced to her, I really liked her and I proceeded to predict Jeanie's next 12 months," said Taylor, who is originally from England.

"I used this technique from India, using astrological principles. I tried to slant the reading in the prediction to Jeanie and I said to her, 'You're going to meet this magic guy and you are going to meet him either on a long-distance trip or he's going to be from another country.'"

The two were introduced to each other by a mutual friend at a dinner party when

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Robert Taylor and Jeanie McNeil,



Rosemary and George Bay



Chris and Monica Mourad

But the couple still found time to go skiing near Lake Tahoe and camp at various sites in the Northwest U.S.

"It was like a 10-year honeymoon," George said.

They produced two children during that time, daughter Andrea, and son Charlie.

Grosse Pointe called them back to Michigan and they haven't left the city, or each other since.

George continued to work at Holly until retiring in 1992. He has taught swimming in the Grosse Pointe Public School

"She has a talent of trying to dress me up," George said.

"I don't like it when he wears a hat in the house and when he wears his baseball cap backwards," she said.

But they still like to picnic at Cranbrook as well as spend time cross-country skiing, camping, swimming and exercising.

But watching their children prosper gives them the greatest joy. Andrea is now a chef and Charlie is a physician's assistant.

"It's fulfilling to observe our children being happy in their

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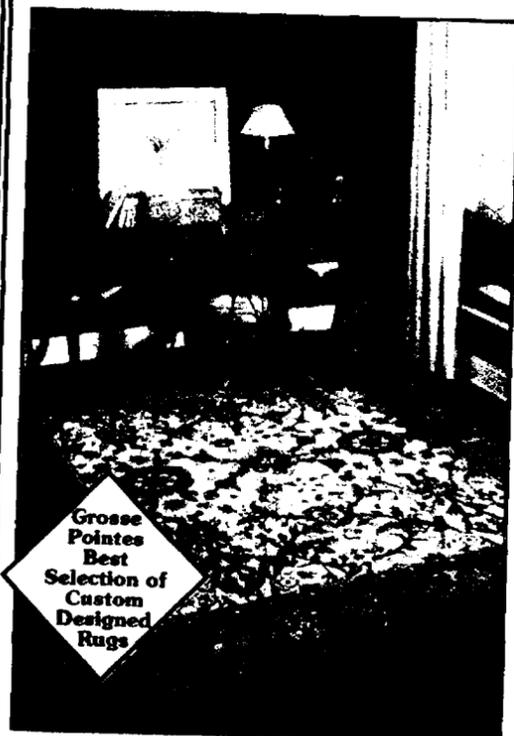
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1. It is important to first assess the functional abili-

ties of the older adult. You may decide to engage the services of a geriatric care manager to help you with your assessment. Geriatric care managers specialize in assisting older people and their families in making their long-term care arrangements. The National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers (520) 881-8008 can provide referrals.

2. It is important to visit multiple facilities and to make at least one announced and unannounced visit to the facility so that you can observe the

residents' daily routine.

3. Be sure to review the facility's contract as part of your research. This document should provide information on what the basic fee does and does not cover, the discharge policy, residents' rights and responsibilities and the grievance policy. It's a good idea to review the contract with an elderlaw attorney before you sign it.

4. Ask for the licensing or certification inspection report. Remember, licensing and certification criteria vary from state to state. Check with the local Long-Term Care Ombudsman and Better Business Bureau to see if there have been any complaints about the facility or staff.

It's also important to remember that what is covered in one facility's fee structure may not be included in another. For example, free transportation to doctors' appointments should not be a given.

The MetLife Market Survey of Assisted Living Costs 2003 found that the average cost of an ALF in the United States is \$2,379 per month, or \$28,548 per year.

Medicare and Medicaid do not cover the cost of ALFs, but most long-term care insurance policies do.

Choosing An Assisted Living Facility is one of a series of "Since You Care" guides for caregivers produced by the MetLife Mature Market Institute in cooperation with the National Alliance for Caregiving.

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Seniors like large print

(NAPSI) — With mature Americans now representing 37 percent of the population, many businesses are trying to meet the demand for products, services and gifts tailored to that consumer group.

There are now health clubs that target mature consumers with special programs. The same is true of dietary supplements that address their nutritional needs.

The travel and tourism industry has also found success by creating tour packages for the mature market.

The trend also extends to

publishing. Research indicates some 13.5 million mature Americans say they have trouble reading standard newspaper text, and one-quarter of those who have vision problems say they miss reading the most.

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Polish artist to speak at SOC

Services for Older Citizens will present Marian Owczarski, a Polish artist, at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, at the Neighborhood Club.

Owczarski is currently the artist-in-residence and director of the Galeria at St. Mary's College and the National Center for Polish Studies at Orchard Lake, where he has resided since 1973.

Under his direction, the

Galeria has become the site of one of a permanent collection of Polish art. It includes 200 works that Owczarski restored.

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping older citizens maintain their lives in independence and dignity. SOC was founded in 1978 to provide comprehensive services for seniors in the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.



Senior Prom

Residents of St. John Senior Community recently attended the Snowball, their "senior" prom. The event was extra special for participants thanks to donations by Anthony Limousine Service, Charvat Florist and The Music Makers.

Students from Grosse Pointe North High School and Regina High School helped chaperone the evening.

From left, are Hazel Sullivan of the City of Grosse Pointe; Edna Whorton of Harper Woods; Roberta Walken of Grosse Pointe Park; Elizabeth Goddard of Harper Woods; Laura Miller of Harper Woods; Alfred DeGrandis of St. Clair Shores; and Erma Strutt of Harper Woods.

Food & Friendship program growing

The Food and Friendship program at Services for Older Citizens (SOC), has always been more than enjoying a good lunch with friends. In addition to the lunch program, SOC offers a popular, low impact aerobic exercise program three mornings a week, bingo on Tuesday mornings, interesting speakers and lots of parties.

In addition to these activities, SOC will add several more activities to its program. Beginning Tuesday, Feb. 24, SOC will offer "Easy Does it Yoga for Older Persons" at 12:15 p.m. The program will be taught by

Bob Frances, a registered yoga instructor with the National Yoga Alliance and currently the yoga instructor at the Eastside Tennis and Fitness Club. The cost will be \$3 per session.

SOC's new painting class will meet every Monday at 12:15 p.m., starting March 15. Participants can choose between painting a canvas or a birdhouse, using acrylics.

SOC's Book Club will meet in the library every Friday at 12:15 p.m., beginning March 5. The first selection will be the national best-seller "The Five People You Meet in Heaven," by

Mitch Albom. The story is about a man who dies saving a child who finds his life explained in heaven. Both the art class and the book club will be led by our Sister Lucy Wright.

SOC is also planning to start a Scrabble club and a creative writing class.

Because each of these activities is preceded by a hot lunch, participants should consider joining the group for lunch first.

Participants can now sign up for all of the above activities. Class sizes will be limited. Call Susan Kopf at (313) 882-9600.

Seniors should hang up on 'elder fraud'

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To protect your life savings:

- Hang up if you're suspicious.

- Avoid charities and businesses you don't know.

- Ask for the offer in writing.

- Take your time. If the offer is legitimate, it will be

there tomorrow.

For more information, call (800) FYI-CALL, the National Center for Victims of Crime Helpline, or visit the Web site ncvc.org.

Never give out your credit card, Social Security or bank account numbers to unknown callers.

SOC presents 'Ask the Doctor'

Services for Older Citizens will present "Ask the Doctor" beginning at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18. Dr. Arthur Bouier will speak about musculoskeletal disorders such as arthritis, osteoporosis, tendinitis, ankle and wrist strains and spine strains and how to alleviate pains with specific treatments.

Dr. Vicki Savas will discuss ways to lower or elimi-

nate the risks of heart disease.

A hot lunch will be served at 11 a.m., before the presentation. For more information, call (313) 882-2254.

Veterans Club meets Feb. 12

The Veterans Club will meet at 19:30 hours Thursday, Feb. 12, in the Alger House of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Iris Gribble will present a program about her experiences in the Woman's Auxiliary Air Force while she was stationed in London in the 1940s.

The lecture is free. Guests are welcome. For more information, call Joe Trowers, president of the club.

Hip, knee pain seminar

Learn about the causes of arthritis hip and knee pain and morning stiffness at a free seminar sponsored by the Hip and Knee Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. The seminar will be from 10 to 11 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 19, in the Medical Education Building located near the hospital's rear entrance.

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Roses: still a sign of love

Happy Valentine's Day. You may be reading this a day or two before Feb. 14, but it's my chance to celebrate this holiday created by Hallmark. I don't mean to be negative, but is there another reason this holiday exists?

Yes, according to Don Adamo, owner of Connor Park Florists. What makes this holiday different from any other is that "Everyone is in love."

It's a nice thought from someone who ordered 10,000 roses in a variety of colors to meet the demand. Wow.

The folks at Flowers by Gabrielle plan to have fun this holiday. "We look forward to it, and it's more of a no stress holiday," said co-owner Carolyn Withers.

"It's not the pressures of Christmas," agrees Diana Sharpe of The Secret Garden. "It's a nice, light holiday." She also says it's more fun and thoughtful for the customers too.

Is there a difference between men and women in their buying habits for Valentine's Day?

Absolutely, say local florists. Men buy roses, pure and simple. Some of the florists suggested men were a little less imaginative, but Dave Charvat of Charvat the Florist, said that it's what men are conditioned to do.

Connie Andamo of Connor Park gives men credit for including a stuffed animal or candy with their roses.

Also, men generally only buy those roses for the love of their lives. Women, on the other hand, like to purchase gifts for friends, moms, sisters and others, according to Susan D'Herde of A Floral Leaf. She also feels that women buy flowers that signal a coming spring, such as tulips or irises.

Sharpe of The Secret Garden, agreed. "Women buy silk hearts for their doors and small, thoughtful things for their friends," she said. "Men buy roses."



Bruce Anderson of Moehring Woods Flowers suggested that more men are sending flowers to their Valentines at work during the week, and saying things like "I couldn't wait to tell you I loved you."

This year, Feb. 14 falls on a Saturday, and it's the start of winter break for the Grosse Pointe Schools. These events create a less than ideal holiday for the florists.

"Christmas is spread over a few weeks," said Jim Farquhar of Grosse Pointe Florists. "Easter is Thursday through Sunday. Mother's Day is also a longer period. But Valentine's Day is on Feb. 14."

Charvat agreed and said, "On Valentine's Day, if flowers are late or too early, the surprise isn't there."

Anderson was curious enough about the difference in male and female buying habits that his shop ran a survey, of sorts. They placed a bouquet of red roses and a mixed bouquet with a variety of flowers and colors side-by-side at Moehring Woods. People who came into the shop were asked which bouquet they preferred.

Hands down, men went for the roses, and women chose the mixed bouquet. Imagine being a florist at this time of year, when nothing much is growing outside. Those roses have to find their way from the growers, who must heat their greenhouses, to the florists. That's the reason for the high cost.

Andamo of Connor Park explained that much of what needs doing for this holiday can't be done in advance simply because of these perishable products. Farquhar has been hiring extra drivers and sales

help to prepare for the day of hearts. All the florists hope Mother Nature is kind on this one-day holiday. If drivers have to fight the weather, it leads to delays, and no one is happy.

What about favorite flowers?

Asking florists what their favorite flowers are is like asking parents to choose their most-loved children. However, here are some that made the list and that you might consider:

- Alstroemeria, for its delicate look and wide variety of colors;
- Orchids for their long-lasting effect;
- Ranunculus, a miniature version of rose with fanciful greens and beautiful colors.

• Any spring flower such as daffodil, iris or hyacinth, just spreading the hope that spring is around the corner.

All florists will put together a spring mixed bouquet with almost any type of flower, provided they have advanced notice. Charvat suggested that sunflowers might even be available.

If you're looking for a house plant to take away the winter doldrums, Charvat suggests cyclamen, which lasts for a long time and provides lots of color in the house all winter long.

Anderson at Moehring Woods also will create a bouquet to match the personality of your Valentine.

Be daring this Valentine's Day and surprise the one you love.

Kathleen Peabody is a Master Gardener who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods. E-mail her at kmaslankapeabody@bcglobal.net.

Two performances of GPT's 'Miracle Worker' to feature American Sign Language

The Grosse Pointe Theatre will present "Miracle Worker," its fourth production of the 2003-04 season, on Sunday, Feb. 29, Wednesday through Sunday, March 3-7, and Thursday through Saturday, March 11-13.

The story is of young Helen Keller, who was blind and deaf, and her teacher, Annie Sullivan.

For the first time, Grosse Pointe Theatre will feature American Sign Language interpreters at two of its performances, on Wednesday, March 3, and Thursday, March 11. Interpreters, provided by Terp Theatre, will stand to the side, in the wings.

Director is Lois Bendler of St. Clair Shores; producers are Ann Foglesong of Grosse Pointe Woods and Mary Lou Britton of St. Clair Shores.

Stage managers are Donna DiSante and Micki Pizzimenti.

Helen Keller will be played by Joanna Harr of Grosse Pointe Shores and Danielle Naidow of Harper Woods, with alternating performances. Annie Sullivan will be played by Sharron



The Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "Miracle Worker" begins on Sunday, Feb. 29. The role of Helen Keller will be shared by two local girls: Danielle Naidow, at the left, and Joanna Harr, at the right. In the center is Sharron Nelson, who plays Helen's teacher, Annie Sullivan.

Nelson of Grosse Pointe Park. Nardisse, Joe Munem, LeeAnne Shaheen, Mike Evans, Joey Dombrowski, Michael Gilbert, Marta Dwaihy, Margaret Mary Fitzgerald, Maria Tecos, Jeremy Harr, Barbara Roney and Nancy Radke.

Other cast members include Laura Hetzler, Harry Burkey, Parker Marshall and Emmajean Evans. More members of the cast: Michele Nardisse, Genevieve For tickets, call (313) 881-4004.

Pointe salons join Habitat for Humanity in fundraiser to build a habitat home

Carmichael's Salon will host a Cut-A-Thon to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, at the salon, 395 Fisher in the City of Grosse Pointe. The funds will be used to help build a Habitat home in Detroit for a family in need.

Get your hair cut, get a manicure or pedicure, and 100 percent of the proceeds from salon activities will go toward this project.

Carmichael's and other salons have joined with Habitat for Humanity to raise money to build a Habitat House of Beauty. Donation jars have been set up at various salons in Grosse Pointe so that clients can contribute to this project.

Carmichael's is helping to host another event to sup-

port Habitat for Humanity. Robusto's Martini Lounge, 19271 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods, has offered a guest bartending night. Proceeds will go to Habitat. For more information about Robusto's, go to www.clubrobustos.com.

"Habitat for Humanity is doing great things in the Detroit community to help low-income families improve their quality of life," said Michael Apone, who owns the salon with Carmela Apone. "Being 12 years in the business, we feel fundraising is a way to give back to the community and share our blessings with others less fortunate. Habitat encourages others to get involved in revitalizing Detroit, and Carmichael's is happy to participate."

Since 1986, Habitat for Humanity Detroit has provided simple, decent housing to Detroit families in

need. Habitat Detroit's current efforts are focused on creating Tricentennial Village, a new 60-home development project in Detroit's Core City neighborhood. Habitat for Humanity provides the first step in a revitalization process that leads families, and ultimately entire neighborhoods, to dignity, self-sufficiency and prosperity.

Last September, Habitat for Humanity conducted a Blitz Build in which the exterior shells of 16 new homes were constructed on a single city block in Detroit in one week.

The interiors of the homes are now being finished with drywall, painting and trim. For more information about how you can volunteer with Habitat for Humanity Detroit, call the Volunteer office at (313) 521-6691, ext. 107 or visit www.habitatdetroit.org.

Pride of the Pointes

Courtney L. Lytle of Grosse Pointe Park, a student in the Robert R. McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science at Northwestern University, graduated with a double major in manufacturing engineering and industrial engineering. She also was named to the dean's list for the fall quarter of the 2003-04 academic year.

Alexandra M. Miller of Grosse Pointe Farms has been selected to be a member of the Albion College Concert Choir. She is a freshman at Albion and the daughter of Mary Ann Miller.

Jack Wecowski, son of Andrew and Michalina Wecowski of Grosse Pointe Farms and Andrew Ellis, son of Albert and Cynthia Ellis of Grosse Pointe Woods, have been named to the dean's list for the fall term at Northwood University.

Meghan Anne Lucas of the City of Grosse Pointe earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in adventure educa-

tion with a minor in photography from Prescott College.

Brigit Harrytte Soby, daughter of Elizabeth Soby of Grosse Pointe Farms, graduated with highest honors and a Master of Education degree from Texas State University. She is also a graduate of Wittenberg University.

Matthew Kellett, son of David and Kristina Kellett of Grosse Pointe Woods, was named to the dean's list at Michigan State University. He is a senior majoring in construction management.

Lauren E. Padilla, daughter of Daniel and Mary Padilla of Grosse Pointe Park, has been cited for outstanding academic achievement in engineering sciences at Dartmouth College during the fall 2003 school term.

Arthur Bukowski, son of Michael R. Bukowski of Grosse Pointe Park, was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Michigan State University.

Allison Bukowski, daughter of Michael R. Bukowski,

was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at the University of Michigan.

Christine Hoffsten of the City of Grosse Pointe, has been selected to play in Valparaiso University's Luce Band. She is the daughter of William and Jane Hoffsten. She is a sophomore nursing major.

Adam DeMara of Grosse Pointe Woods was named to the dean's list at Madonna University.

Stephanie Wilhelm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wilhelm of Grosse Pointe Farms, graduated from the University of Michigan-Dearborn with high distinction.

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Music review:

Detroit Concert Choir

By John B. Renick
Special Writer

On Jan. 30 and Feb. 1, the walls of the Italian American Cultural Center in Warren were ringing with the exciting sounds of the Detroit Concert Choir singing some of the greatest choral works from operas by Verdi, Mascagni, and Boito. They were enhanced by outstanding soloists enacting scenes from operas by Puccini, Rossini, Verdi, Gounod, Bizet, and Mozart. The Detroit Concert Choir, in spite of its name, is headquartered in Grosse Pointe, and its conductor, Gordon Nelson, is a longtime Grosse Pointe resident.

The concert featured two fabulous tenors (usually one is hard to find). African-American tenor James Moore gave a nostalgic rendition of "Softly as in a Morning Sunrise" from Sigmund Romberg's "New Moon." His sweet, effortless tones enchanted the audience.

Later, he returned to join Chinese-American baritone Min Zhu in the famous duet, "Au fond du temple saint," from "The Pearl Fishers" — also a wonderful experience.

The other tenor, 21-year-old Jason Wickson, sang the beautiful "Che gelida manina" from Act I of "La Boheme" and, with Anamaria Ylitalurri, the duet "Verranno a te sull'aure," from "Lucia di Lammermoor." In this duet, Jason hit the high E flat above high C in full voice, a feat seldom heard, even in the greatest opera

houses.

Mozart was well represented by Michele Marszalkowski, Pat Stewart and Ron Hirschberger presenting an amusing scene from "Cosi fan tutte." This was followed by the lively first act duet from "Marriage of Figaro," "Cinque, dieci," with Pam Berger as Susanna and Ron Hirschberger as Figaro.

Among the highlights: the scene of monks with lit candles singing "La Vergine degl'angeli" from "La Forza del Destino;" and the beautiful voice of Anamaria Ylitalurri and the hilarious "Musetta's Waltz" from "La Boheme" with not one, but three beautiful sopranos: Bonnie Brooks, Michele Marszalkowski, and Anamaria Ylitalurri, together with a Stan Harr's put-upon sugar daddy and Ron Hirschberger as the old flame, Marcello.

Other ensemble treats were the final trio from "Faust," with Brooks, Wickson, and bass Jerry Cisaruk, and the quartet from "Rigoletto," with Marszalkowski, Wickson, Stewart and Cisaruk.

Contributing to the fun were several numbers not usually included in an operatic concert: "Ill Wind," a comic arrangement from Mozart's Horn Concerto in E flat, sung by baritone Stan Harr; and charming Italian songs. Both were done as "scenes in the piazza," with two card-players, a group of lovely ladies and gentlemen and an Italian

"orchestra" consisting of two accordions, a guitar and a mandolin.

The two pianists who shared the program were Gerrie Ball and Grosse Pointer Bill Kupsky.

The concert began with the choir's sparkling rendition of "Cachuca Fandango" from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Gondoliers." Other choral highlights of the program were the "Prologue in Heaven" from Boito's "Mefistofele," the "Regina Coeli" from Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana," and the moving "Va, Pensiero," from "Nabucco."

Dina Soresi Winter of Grosse Pointe and director of opera programs with the Detroit Concert Choir, provided interesting and amusing introductions.

The stage area of the hall was completely transformed into a magical "night in Venice" charm through the inspiration of Anna Raffin.

While this was a most enjoyable concert, two or three of the numbers could have benefited from more rehearsals. More pieces from the magnificent choir would have been welcome.

Bravo Detroit Concert Choir, Gordon Nelson and Dina Soresi Winter, for a lively and wonderful musical evening. Viva l'Italia and its great music. CDs, video cassettes and/or DVDs of this performance may be ordered by calling the Detroit Concert Choir office at (313) 882-0118.

DSO's guest conductor impresses

In a positive move toward expanding the musical experience of symphony fans, guest conductor Mark Wigglesworth programmed a fascinating but rarely performed work with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra last weekend.

English composer Benjamin Britten was only 26 when he encountered Rimbaud's nine-poem cycle, "Les Illuminations," and set it to music for soprano and orchestra. The French text was Britten's first in a foreign language and must have inspired him greatly. His musical settings are rich enhancements to the mystifying imagery of Rimbaud's symbolist verses. The work's last and probably only other appearance on a DSO program was in 1968.

Soprano Dawn Upshaw, Wigglesworth and the DSO gave the work a stunning performance.

Certainly one major asset was the voice and superb artistry of Upshaw. With the utmost clarity, precision and impeccable intonation, she delivered each poem with a highly expressive emotional style, suitable to its content. She was supported in perfect harmony by Wigglesworth and the orchestra, consisting mainly of strings and woodwinds.

Strings even played the opening, trumpet-like fanfare leading to the soprano's introductory statement: "I alone have the key to this savage parade." A series of portraits that make up the parade then follow, each with a distinctive character. With disarming ease, Upshaw shifted moods vocally to suit each portrait. After the formal introduction, came the bustling "Villes" (towns), the misty harmonies of "Phrase" and then, in sharp contrast, a lyrical duet between soprano, violin and pizzicato cellos in "Antiques." Upshaw's vocal quality matched beautifully the clarity and precision to the strings in a way that

State of the Arts

By Alex Suzyek



seemed assuredly to have been the composer's intent. All the while, she added a dimension of expressive feeling that joined with Britten's score in enhancing the meaning of the obscure text.

In the setting of "Royaute," they captured the French nationality of the poem; and in "Marine," the drama of a seascape. They brought languorous grace to "Being Beateous" and grotesque tension to the culminating "Parade" with its "violent paradise of the furious grimace."

Then, to close, they became pensive in "Depart," to end with the serenity of a benediction. In total, it provided a glowing example of Britten's genius for vocal music which matured years later in his operas. And it received an enlightening performance.

To balance the program with a work requiring less effort to appreciate, yet not a bit less satisfying, Wigglesworth led a powerful performance of Sibelius' 5th symphony.

He gave the horns and flutes full scope as they opened with calls and trills that conjure images of Finland's lakes and forests — imagery that can be found often in the composer's work.

Wigglesworth, in fact, gave the entire work full treatment, encouraging the orchestra to liberal expression of the symphony's moments of thunderous crescendo and tender melody. He appears to have excellent rapport with the musicians and to be able to draw warmth and feeling from their per-

formance.

At the finale of the symphony, he achieved a particularly dramatic impact with the carefully delayed timing of the detached chords that end the last movement. It had an arresting effect.

That was even true of his performance of Mozart's Paris symphony, which opened the concert. He led the orchestra in a style that sparked with clarity and precision, showing off music that Mozart intended as a showpiece to impress a French audience.

Every line of the score was sharply etched and filled with energy. For Mozart lovers of a traditional bent, the pace may have been too brisk, missing the classical grace that is one of Mozart's most endearing qualities. It was an impressive performance, nonetheless.

British conductor Wigglesworth studied at London's Royal Academy of Music and came to international prominence as winner of the Kondrashin International Conducting competition in the Netherlands.

In the 15 years since then, he has conducted widely in both concert and opera. He is scheduled to appear several times again with the DSO in the next year and a half, which may suggest his potential for a permanent position. Attending his future concerts seems already to assure satisfying concert experiences, with the added spice of wondering about his future with our orchestra.

This week's concerts bring conductor Erich Kunzel with a program of music and songs from operetta and musical comedy. The following week's concerts, directed by Rafael Fruhbeck de Burgos, will feature guitarist Pepe Romero in the romantic Concierto de Aranjuez, Dvorak's 8th symphony and Stravinsky's Firebird Suite. For tickets, call (313) 576-5111.

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Repeated: 6:30 PM, 1 AM

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Guests: Joe Trowern - Senoir Men's

Club & Lois Bendler, Director, The

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LouAnne Waitrick 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: Stewart McMillin - Detroit

Historical Tours

Robert Taylor presents a show to help enhance Body,

Mind and Spirit.

Repeated: 11 PM, 2:30 AM

12:00 pm Economic Club of Detroit

Guest: The Honorable Jennifer

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Repeated: 3 AM

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Guest: Oliver Poorkum, African

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Repeated: 10:30 PM, 4:30 AM

2:00 pm The Legal Insider

Guest: John Conway, Attorney -

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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 Prost Show

Guest: Chris Bunch - Cornerstone

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Pointe guests by long time host John Prost.

Repeated: 10 PM, 5:30 AM

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A half-hour of step or kick boxing exercise.

Repeated: 9 PM, 7 AM

7:00 pm TONE EXERCISE

Repeated: 2 AM, 6 AM

4:30 pm Young View Points

4th grad youth show featuring middle school students

reporting on a variety of educational topics.

Repeated: 8:30 PM, 7:30 AM

5:00 pm Positively Positive

An uplifting half-hour of positive attitudes and ideas.

Hosted by Jeanie McNeil and Liz Aiken

Repeated: 8PM, 8 AM

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Jeanie visited from Hawaii during the holidays in 1996. What originally started out as a reading appointment became something more.

"I went down and to my delight not only was there cannolis, there was also Jeanie. This lady is Italian and she makes cannolis from scratch. I love homemade cannolis," Taylor said.

"The way to a man's heart is through his stomach," McNeil said. "I always said I was looking for my magical man. And my magical man had been predicted before leaving Hawaii that I would meet him on this trip."

Now the two make magic together on their television shows on the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's TV5.

Taylor hosts "Out of the Ordinary, Into the Extraordinary," and is approaching his 10th year on the air. McNeil co-hosts "Positively Positive," with Liz Aiken.

"We try to help people enhance and enrich their lives in different ways through health and diet tips; we like to have creative people, musicians, artists, anything to do with knowledge," Taylor said.

When they first met at their friend's dinner party, they felt an immediate attraction to each other.

"I was looking forward to meeting the mystery man, so when he opened the door and walked in, I felt this huge feeling in my heart and I heard myself say, 'Oh my God it's you,' and I felt this great love," McNeil said.

"I always wondered in the movies and you hear stories about meeting someone across a crowded room and I thought, 'Oh yeah, right.' But it actually happened, so I know it's possible. We were just immediately comfortable like we'd known each other forever," she said.

"I definitely liked the external package. We had so much in common spiritually; everything else works pretty nicely. Lot of goodness about her; a real angel," Taylor said.

He later took McNeil home and knew how to set the mood.

"Having just come from Hawaii, I had some Hawaiian music, and when I picked her up I was playing Hawaiian music," Taylor said.

"Which is very comforting when there's 18 inches of snow on the ground," she said.

Six days later they went out on their first date.

"It was at Meadow Brook, it was a play about an imaginary camping trip with Henry Ford, the president of the United States and Thomas Edison," Taylor said.

After dinner at Salvatore Scalopini's, their favorite

Italian restaurant, they decided to take in a movie.

"It was a lousy movie but it didn't matter because we were enjoying spending the time together," McNeil said.

She had a return trip ticket to Hawaii, but McNeil said that she didn't go back.

Taylor, who had worked on television and documentaries in California, decided to invite her on his show at the War Memorial.

"Jeanie had written this book on positive affirmations, I liked the book and said why don't you come on my television show?" he said.

McNeil ended up becoming a producer on "Out of the Ordinary" and later started hosting her own show. This allowed the couple to become even closer.

"Whenever we get to do a show together, we love to do it," McNeil said.

"Our ambition is to do a show together on a bigger medium, but we won't give up doing our Grosse Pointe shows," Taylor said.

McNeil and Taylor live together and keep their romance alive by celebrating the events that made it possible.

"We continue to celebrate the anniversary of our first date by going to our favorite local Italian restaurant," Taylor said. "I love it when she blesses her food before she eats."

McNeil also surprised Taylor on his birthday with a visit to a health spa, dinner, a surprise party and a mystery trip.

"I didn't know where I was going. We arrived in Tampa, where my good friend lives on Treasure Island, and he and his wife were there as a surprise at the airport."

"We stayed at their beach home; his birthday lasted for weeks," McNeil said.

The couple believes that every day is Valentine's Day.

"It's every day to honor and respect the other person, to appreciate and embrace the differences and see the beautiful soul in the other person," McNeil said.

"And to share that feeling with anybody," Taylor said.

When McNeil finally visits Hawaii in March, Taylor will be by her side.

Grosse Pointe Farms natives Chris and Monica Mourad are a year and a half into their marriage and continue to cherish their time together.

"We make the most of it," Chris said. "You have to work at relationships and be supportive and willing to compromise."

The couple had previously dated for six years but first met at a party 12 years ago.

"We went to a family reunion and that same evening a couple had a barbecue. So that was kind of our first official date," Chris

said.

"He's very kind, considerate and sensitive. I also thought he had good teeth and was very charming," Monica said.

"I felt an immediate connection and kinship to Monica. It just felt right and meant to be," Chris said. "She's an energetic spirit and we bring out the best of each other's characteristics."

The two kept a long-distance relationship when Chris moved to California and Monica went to Virginia.

"When I lived in California, we traveled to the Napa wine region and stayed at a bed and breakfast," Chris said. "It was like a private cottage with a fireplace and a Jacuzzi. It was such a surprise to me and it was very romantic."

Chris then moved to Chicago and Monica came back to Michigan, which allowed them to see each other in person more.

"For my birthday, he took me to the Sigma Room at the John Hancock Building in Chicago. We had a table by the window where we could see the sights and it was such a surprise to me," Monica said.

"For dessert, he had Happy Birthday Monica written on a plate in chocolate."

Chris, an attorney, finally moved back to Grosse Pointe in 2001. The couple was married on July 13, 2002.

Chris still works as an attorney, while Monica runs her own stationery invitation business, the Paper Pad.

The couple enjoys traveling up north and to Florida and also have a strong network of family, friends, and social groups.

They also don't let petty differences interfere with their relationship.

"My pet peeve is his lack of timeliness. He's always on Christopher time and he's easily distracted by the TV," Monica said.

"I keep the house organized and Monica doesn't seem to mind when things are not in place," Chris said. "But she pushes me to do things and we balance each other out."

The couple finds time to enjoy dining and long walks.

They hope to start a family in the future, which they know will require a big commitment. But they feel they will be ready for it.

"It's easy to be hesitant, but we have to keep making that next step and growing," Chris said.

Whether they've been together for a year and half or more than 40 years, whether they come from California or Hawaii, or whether they are an attorney and a TV host, these three couples all share one thing in common, their love for each other.

And for them, every day is Valentine's Day.

Show your love by fussing over a Valentine's Day dessert



À LA ANNIE
By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

It's always nice to do something special for your family on Valentine's Day. Food comes to my mind. Think red. Even though strawberries are out of season, they're still available. The imported berries are not at their peak flavor and this gives us a perfect excuse to jazz them up on Feb. 14.

A couple of years ago, I made my first trifle: custard, layered with pound cake and Kahlua-infused fudge. I created the following trifle by pairing the custard with Grand Marnier-soaked strawberries and angel food cake. The beauty of this traditional dessert from England is that flavor and ingredient combinations are endless.

Valentine's Day Trifle

- 3 lbs. fresh strawberries, rinsed
- 1/4 cup Grand Marnier
- 3 to 4 tablespoons sugar
- 2 3.4-oz. boxes Jell-O brand instant white chocolate pudding mix
- 2 cups whole (or 2 percent) milk
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1 whole angel food cake, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1 glass or trifle bowl (3 quart, deep)
- Canned whipped cream (not Cool-Whip), optional

Set aside 6 good-looking strawberries for the garnish. Trim and cut the remaining berries into bite-sized pieces. You should have about 6 cups. Place the berries in a bowl and toss with the Grand Marnier and

the sugar. Set aside. In a large bowl, combine the pudding mix with the milk and the heavy cream. Beat for about 2 minutes. Place half of the prepared berries (and half of the juice that settled in the bottom of the bowl) in the trifle bowl, spread evenly.

Top with half of the cubed angel food cake followed by half of the pudding mixture (2 cups). Top the pudding layer with the remaining berries and juice, followed by the remaining cubed angel food cake and the pudding mixture. Cover and chill in refrigerator for at least 2 hours or up to 8 hours. Cut the reserved straw-

berries into fans by slicing them away from the stem while not cutting through the stem, thus keeping the entire strawberry in one piece attached to the green. Fan the berries and arrange them on top of the trifle.

Spray mounds of the canned whipped cream around the berries to complete the presentation. Stunning.

The basics of all trifles are the custard and the cake (or cookies). Flavored liqueurs are common, as are fruit or jams. Homemade custards are delicious, but time-consuming.

My cousin Michelle Fisher taught me the trick of adding heavy cream to the pudding mix for a custard texture in just 2 minutes. You may substitute lemon juice for the Grand Marnier.

Do something nice for your family this Saturday. My Valentine's Day trifle was built in less than 20 minutes.

Your family will think you really fussed over it, just for them.



Celebrate Valentine's Day by making a special dessert for your family.

Tuesday Musicales

The Tuesday Musicales of Detroit will present a concert at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Minka Christoff-Cornelson, cello, and Virginia Shover, piano, will perform a Bach sonata.

Bonnie Brooks, soprano, and guest artist Amy Loerch Strumolo, piano, will perform works by Kilyeni, Obradors, Turina, Puccini and Gold-Nelson-Quilter.

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Date: November 13, 10:00 am - 1:30 pm Cost: \$135

Bible stories

By the Rev. John Corrado
Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church

When I read the Bible, I don't search for facts, I look for truth.

Truth be told, not all churchgoers are Bible readers. And even among Bible readers, there are differences of viewpoint about the Bible. With the notable exception of fundamentalist Christians, most churches hold that the Bible is a part of an ever-growing, ever-evolving tradition. It may be the heart and soul of the faith, but it is not the whole thing.

Some people see it as less important than that. A colleague tells of a man who, priding himself on his great intellect, rejects the Bible out of hand because "a man can't possibly live in the belly of a whale."

Therefore, the man claims, the Bible can't be true. This same man goes to see The Nutcracker ballet every year and cries.

Is The Nutcracker true? Did all the people who are characters in the books of the Bible actually exist? Maybe. Maybe not. Are most of the stories factual? Probably not.

But does that make them not true? Some Bible stories are preposterous; some are boring; some we love; some we may never want to hear again — just like the stories repeated when the extended family gathers and tells its stories. And the Bible is the story of the extended family many of us are part of.

I find it interesting, if sad, that some religious searchers who have the intelligence, curiosity and openness to extract meaning, human lessons and truth from the plays of Shakespeare or the novels of F. Scott Fitzgerald or the movies of Woody Allen, dismiss the Bible.

I understand that some of us have had the Bible stuffed into our heads (if not down our throats), and we feel abused by it.

Yes, and the Bible has been abused, too; abused by centuries of misreading, poor preaching, propagandistic proof-texting, insistence upon the letter rather than the spirit of it, and whatever it is that comes to texts that are forced upon unwilling victims.

A hyper-zealous ninth-grade English teacher shoved Shakespeare in my ears and down my throat. It took years for the scars to heal. But I put my childhood scars and sophomore negativism behind me and let the healing happen. I don't read Shakespeare every day, nor have I seen all the plays, but I am open to the beauty, poetry, wisdom and truth to be found in them.

So it is with the Bible. And the Bible is the story of the extended religious family I am part of.

Wigs 4 Kids helps children deal with hair loss

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Everyone wants to look his or her best, from the tip of the head to the sole of the shoe. But without hair, confidence lags, and going out in public is tenuous, at best. We wear our hair like crowns.

Where do children and teenagers go when their hair drops out or is thinned due to the side effects of their cancer treatments?

Wigs 4 Kids is the answer and provided by hair stylist Maggie Varney. She and her two associates, Nicole Consiglio and Katrina Grange, at Sophisti-Cuts at 28314 Harper, volunteer hours to the children's program Varney introduced into Michigan.

Children up to the age of 18 walk into Sophisti-Cuts and their class with lagging self-esteem and little confidence. These children leave with smiles and knowledge that they can participate in a life outside their home and hospitals.

"It's my whole heart and soul," said the CEO and founder of Wigs 4 Kids. "I provide the wigs, the cutting, the fitting and the product at no cost to the family."

Families are financially depleted, Consiglio said, whose family has been touched by cancer. This program offers them the chance to get a wig, free of charge.

Varney taught the Look Good Feel Better class for adults for 14 years when she discovered there was no class for children. There was nowhere children could go to learn about how to take care of thinning hair, dry skin and brittle nails, the result of cancer-fighting chemicals in their bodies.

Emily Stubbings came to

her adult class with a wig given to her.

She confided to Varney that her family had no money with which to purchase a wig.

"It was so ugly. It was an old lady's wig," Varney said. "Emily came to the class because there were no teen classes. She had been given three weeks to live, and she pulled this wig from the bag and said can you help."

wigs and wig care products for recipients as young as 5. Recipients must have a note from their doctor stating the children are in treatment.

Varney lets the child look through a book, choosing his or her own color and style.

"It's a good cause," said St. Clair Shores resident and 25-year customer of Sophisti-Cuts Marsha Say. "Why wouldn't I do it?"

Another reason she

She, too, donates not only her time in teaching the once-a-month classes, but also half of her salon is dedicated to Wigs 4 Kids.

Without hair, these children, some as young as 5, become isolated and they withdraw. "Kids don't mean to be unkind," she said. But the stares and the comments about the lack of hair, eyebrows and eye lashes do affect a person's self-esteem,

Varney said. "I see them cry when I'm shaving their head. I see the emotional pain they go through. (But) they walk out smiling," said Varney, who was named a Macomb County Volunteer of the Year.

Volunteer Dawn Dykla said she's involved because she loves kids.

"It breaks my heart to hear that they have the illness. The parents are exhausted financially. I'm blessed I can hear about this program and help these children."

The three, Varney, Grange and Consiglio, provide a relaxed and positive setting for the children who are dealing with doctors, medicines, emotions, and changing skin and hair.

Knowing there is someone to help and someone who understands the anxiety helps these children get back to school and a more normal life.

"I wear that wig only on occasion, but I wear it proud when I do wear it," Stubbings said.

She wears her wig like a crown.

To donate to Wigs 4 Kids attend a fund raiser spaghetti dinner and dessert on Friday, Feb. 20, from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Barrister House, 21801 Harper, St. Clair Shores. Tickets are \$8.

For more information about the program, call Varney at (586) 772-6656 or Cathy Hall at (586) 296-9304.



Photo by Ann L. Fouty
Emily Stubbings, 19, seated, was the first recipient in Michigan's only Wigs 4 Kids program. Standing, from left, is Maggie Varney, who, through her St. Clair Shores salon, gives teens their wigs and supplies. Assisting her in the program are Nicole Consiglio and Katrina Grange. Stubbings' cancer is now in remission.

"I said, 'come to the salon tomorrow.' I told the staff about this girl and they were all crying. She left here (the salon) with a wig," one she could proudly wear in public.

The wig was paid for by one of Varney's clients, a man whose wife Varney had helped during her bout with cancer.

"She (Emily) cried after hearing the story. He never even met her."

And that's the way it's been ever since. Clients continually send Varney checks to cover the expense of the easy maintenance, synthetic

donates is that she knows where the money is going — right back to the children in the metro area.

"It's the generosity of people. If someone takes the time to put the effort together, people will help," Varney said.

She added she gets three to six checks per day from her clients to support this program.

She sent fund-raising tickets to a nearby cycle shop. In the initial stage of Wigs 4 Kids, Varney purchased \$200 worth of head coverings for children in her program.

Photography exhibition at GPAA headquarters

The Grosse Pointe Artists and Photography exhibit Association's art center, will remain until the end of February. Hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays. For more information, call (313) 821-1848.

WORSHIP SERVICES			
<p>Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church "The Power of Your Soul" Mike Rumble, Guest Speaker 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 17150 MAUMEE 881-0420 Rev. John Corrado, Minister</p> <p>Christ the King Lutheran Church 884-5090 8:15 & 10:45 a.m. - Worship Service 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School & Bible Classes Supervised Nursery Provided www.christtheking.org Randy S. Beutler, Pastor Timothy A. Holzerland, Asst. Pastor</p> <p>St. James Lutheran Church 170 McMillan Rd., near Kercheval Grosse Pointe Farms • 884-0511 9:00 a.m. Education Time 9:45 a.m. Refreshments and Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion Nursery Provided Wednesdays Noon: Service of Word and Sacrament The Reverend Gerald A. Spivey, Pastor The Reverend Gustav Kjelvik, Jr., Th.D., Pastor Emeritus</p> <p>Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church Seeking to serve Christ in the midst of the City Sunday, February 15, 2004 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Meditation: "What Do Your Words Say About You?" Scripture: Psalm 34:1-3, 11-15, Colossians 3:1, 2, 5-11 Peter C. Smith, Preaching Church School: Crb - 8th Grade Save the Date: 150th Anniversary Sunday February 22 - 10:30 a.m. Canton and Brass Quarter to mark the beginning of our year long anniversary celebration 8625 E. Jefferson at Burns, Detroit Visit our website: www.jpcc.org 313-822-3456</p>	<p>Eastside Community Church A Caring Community of Many Cultures Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. in the Harper Woods High School Auditorium Rev. Samuel D. Jackson, Pastor (313) 647-6000 www.eastsidecommunitychurch.com "To Know Him and Make Him Known"</p> <p>GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 1175 Lakeshore at Kercheval Grosse Pointe Park 822-3823 Sunday - Worship 10:30 a.m. Tuesday - Thrift Shop 10:30 - 3:30 Wednesday - Amazing Grace Seniors every second Wednesday at The Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park 11:00 - 3:00 COME JOIN US Pastor: Rev. Henry L. Reinewald</p>	<p>GROSSE POINTE UNITED CHURCH AFFILIATED WITH THE UCC AND ABC 240 CHALFONTE AT LOTHROP 884-3075 "Telling It Like It Is" 10:00 A.M. FAMILY WORSHIP (CRB ROOM AVAILABLE) 10:00 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL Rev. E.A. Bray, Pastor Rev. Seth Davis, Assoc. Pastor www.gpunited.org</p> <p>Saint Ambrose Parish Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. Sunday Masses at 8:30 & 11:15 a.m. St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Church 15000 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park One block north of Jefferson, at Maryland 884-4820</p> <p>Grosse Pointe Baptist Church Christ Centered and Caring - Committed to Youth and Community Sunday Worship - 11:00 AM Sunday School - 9:30 AM for Age 2 - Adult Middle School Youth meet Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth meet Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. 21336 Mark Avenue Grosse Pointe Woods Phone: (313) 881-3343 Web Page: www.gpbpc.org</p> <p>THE GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH Established 1865 The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) We Welcome You In Worship, Service, Fellowship REV. WILLIAM C. YEAGER, preaching "Blessed Are You" 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. - Worship Services - Sanctuary 10:10 a.m. - Christian Education for Children, Youth & Adults 8:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Crb/Toddler Care 4:00 p.m. - Taize Healing Service in Barbours Chapel Ecumenical Men's Friday Breakfast A STEPHEN MINISTRY and LOGOS Congregation 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms • 882-5300 www.gpmchurch.org</p>	<p>First English Ev. Lutheran Church Vermier Rd. at Wedgewood Dr. Grosse Pointe Woods 884-5040 8:15 a.m. Traditional Service 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Service 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Dr. Walter A. Schmidt, Pastor Rev. Brian L. Beebe, Associate Pastor Robert Foster, Music Coordinator</p> <p>ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 20475 Sunningdale Park near Lochmoor Club Grosse Pointe Woods 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:15 a.m. Church School 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist (Nursery Available) 884-4820</p> <p>St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church 375 Lehigh at Chalfonte 881-6670 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Worship 10:10 a.m. Education for All Nursery Available Rev. Frederick Harms, Pastor Rev. Morral Collier, Assoc. Pastor</p> <p>Grosse Pointe Woods PRESBYTERIAN Church "We Live Our Faith" 886-4301 19950 Mack (between Moross & Vermier) 8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion 9:30 a.m. Education Hour 11:00 a.m. Worship Nursery 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. E-mail: gwpchurch@aol.com • Web site: www.gwpcc.org</p> <p>Historic Mariners' Church A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE Traditional Anglican Worship Independent Since 1842 SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion with the Church's Professional Chorus Nursery Sept. June Church Sunday School THURSDAY 12:10 p.m. - Holy Communion On Hart Plaza at the Tunnel - Free Secured Parking in Ford Garage with entrance in the median strip of Jefferson at Woodward The Rev. Richard W. Ingalls, Rector The Rev. Richard W. Ingalls, Jr., Assistant Rector The Rev. Deacon Jesse Roby, Jr., Homilist Kenneth J. Sweetman, Organist and Choralmaster (313)-259-2206 marinerschurch@detroit.org</p>



Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Wortman

Vethacke-Wortman

Laura Vethacke, daughter of Barbara Vethacke of St. Clair Shores and Werner C. Vethacke of Rochester Hills, married Paul J. Wortman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Wortman of Grosse Pointe Farms, on Oct. 25, 2003, at St. Joe's Catholic Church.

The Rev. John Schweder officiated at the 2 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Detroit Athletic Club.

The bride wore an ivory silk V-neck two-piece gown that featured a beaded bodice and hem, a full skirt and a cathedral-length train. A crystal tiara held her fingertip veil and cathedral-length veil. She carried a bouquet of roses, daisies, calla lilies and eucalyptus in shades of orange, yellow and red.

The matron of honor was Lori D. Davis of Macomb.

Bridesmaids were Karla Wortman of St. Clair Shores, Melissa Wise of Grosse Pointe Woods, Pamela Wilking of Macomb and Shannon Bierkle of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The flower girls were Katie White of Bloomfield Hills and Emma Young of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Attendants wore satin cranberry-colored dresses with halter tops and straight skirts. They carried bouquets of flowers in fall colors.

The best man was Mark W. Bierkle of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Groomsmen were the groom's brothers, Joseph Wortman and John Wortman, both of St. Clair Shores; the bride's brother, Karl Vethacke of St. Clair Shores; and Patrick Burns of Royal Oak.

Ushers were Oliver Young of Grosse Pointe Farms and Steve McNamara of Harper Woods.

The ring bearer was Rory McNamara of Harper Woods.

The mother of the bride wore a copper-colored silk shantung floor-length dress and jacket. She carried a nosegay of ivory roses.

The groom's mother wore a burgundy silk floor-length dress and shawl and carried a nosegay of white roses.

Readers were Lisa Breuner and Bernadette Bailey. The prayers of the Faithful were given by Marget Buris; gifts by James O'Grady and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yazbeck.

The bride is a retail sales consultant for Thierry

Mugler Parfums. The groom is a plant manager and co-owner of Detroit Radiant Products. The couple traveled to the Bahamas. They live in St. Clair Shores.



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Joseph Devlin IV

Norton-Devlin

Linda Helene Norton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Norton of Longview, Texas, married Daniel Joseph Devlin IV, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Devlin III of Grosse Pointe Woods, on June 7, 2003, at First United Methodist Church in Longview, Texas.

The Rev. Dan Miller officiated at the 7 p.m. ceremony.

The bride wore an ivory A-line gown that featured an off the shoulder neckline, a bodice accented with beaded and embroidered flowers and a train. She wore a cathedral-length veil and carried a bouquet of pink peonies.

The matron of honor was the bride's sister, Amy Norton Johnson of Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

Bridesmaids were Courtney Mayberry of Birmingham and Lindsey Nicole Birmingham, both of Dallas, Texas; the groom's sister, Mary Beth Burkett of Toronto, Ontario; Helen de Bruyn Clements of Dallas; Jennifer Nan Davis of Longview, Texas; the groom's sister, Catherine Marie Devlin of Miami, Fla.; Stephanie Ann Macey of Los Angeles; Kelly Birmingham Raney of San Antonio, Texas; and Anne Shirley Underwood of Dallas.

The flower girls were Maggie Allene DeVore and Madeleine Ruth Norton, both of Dallas, Texas. Members of the bride's house party were Shannon Holden Cahalan and Beverly Christian Grammer, both of Dallas; and Susan Beth Palmer of Houston.

The best man was Reeve Alexander Brandon of Los Angeles.

Groomsmen were Matthew David Brady of Harper Woods; Michael Stanton Burkett of Toronto, Ontario; Judson Matthew Clements of Dallas; Gary Louis Corona of Minneapolis, Minn.; Marcus Adam Cudnik of Chicago; Jared Brian Lehne of Austin, Texas; Andrew Scott Roberts of Chicago; Michael Patrick Whelan of New Orleans, La.; and Matthew Robert Winstanley of

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The ring bearer was Allen Vernon Birmingham IV of Dallas.

Crucifer was Johnathan Ross Norton of Dallas.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in finance from the University of Texas at Austin.

She works in human resources for Accenture.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in supply chain management from Michigan State University.

He is in planning and allocation for corporate headquarters of the J.C. Penney Corp.

The newlyweds traveled to Maui and Kauai, Hawaii. They live in Dallas.



Joseph E. Sucher Jr. and Jeanne Marie Knab

Knab-Sucher

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Knab of Williamsville, N.Y., have announced the engagement of their daughter,

Jeanne Marie Knab, to Joseph E. Sucher Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Sucher Sr. of Grosse Pointe Woods. A September wedding is planned.

Knab earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the State University of New York. She works for Fisher Price in Buffalo, N.Y.

Sucher earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from the State University of New York. He is branch manager for Enterprise in Lockport, N.Y.

Babies

Jeffrey Peter Thurston III

Sara Kaiser Thurston and Jeffrey P. Thurston Jr. of Brookline, Mass., are the parents of a son, Jeffrey Peter Thurston III, born Jan. 27, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Kathryn Ryde Kaiser of Grosse Pointe Shores and Joseph P. Kaiser IV of the City of Grosse Pointe. Paternal grandparents are Jeff and Peg Thurston of Gilford, N.H. Great-grandparents are Joseph and Marguerite Kaiser of Grosse Pointe Farms, George and Aileen Ryde of St. Clair Shores and Don and Joan Thurston of Gilford, N.H.

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Margaret Adeline Agnone and Robert Joseph Michelotti

Agnone-Michelotti

Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Agnone of the City of Grosse Pointe have announced the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Adeline Agnone, to Robert Joseph Michelotti, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Michelotti of Birmingham. A June wedding is planned.

Agnone earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Lake Forest College. She is a public relations and event planner with Campbell & Co.

Michelotti earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan. He is an annuity specialist with Aban Amro.



Erin Courtney Daley and Scott Winslow Holcomb

Daley-Holcomb

Mary R. Daley of Pittsburgh, Pa., has announced the engagement of her daughter, Erin Courtney Daley, to Scott Winslow Holcomb, son of John and Dorothy Holcomb

of Grosse Pointe Woods. A June wedding is planned. Daley is a graduate of Denison University. She works for Accenture.

Holcomb graduated from the University of Michigan and also works for Accenture.



Vanessa Anne Doak and B. Woodfin Cobbs III

Doak-Cobbs

Louis and Suzanne Hadad of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Vanessa Anne Doak, to B. Woodfin Cobbs III, son of Honor and B. Woodfin Cobbs II of Atlanta, Ga.

Doak earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Central Michigan University.

She is an account supervisor for Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. in Southfield.

Cobbs earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Colorado State University and a master's degree in business administration from Georgia State University. He is an automotive logistics manager.



Allyson Seiber and Ryan Hathaway

Seiber-Hathaway

James and Mary Jo Seiber of Temperance have announced the engagement of their daughter, Allyson Seiber, to Ryan Hathaway, son of the Honorable Richard Hathaway of Grosse Pointe Woods and the Honorable Diane Hathaway of Grosse Pointe Park. An August wedding is planned.

Seiber earned a Bachelor of Science degree in human resources from Michigan State University and a teaching certificate and master's degree in education from Marygrove College.

Hathaway earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business from Michigan State University and a juris doctorate from the University of Detroit Mercy. He is consultant/owner of Global Telecom Solutions Inc.



Laura Christine Vern and Benjamin Jenkins Hall Burns

Vern-Burns

Thomas and Janet Vern of Adrian have announced the engagement of their daughter, Laura Christine Vern, to Benjamin Jenkins Hall Burns, son of Ben and Beverly Burns of the City of Grosse Pointe. A February 2005 wedding is planned.

Vern earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Michigan. She is associate brand manager with Kraft Foods in Chicago.

Burns earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and political science from the University of Michigan.

He is a lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.

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Chorus takes new members

Because of inclement weather, the Grosse Pointe Community Chorus will continue to sign up new members for its spring concert, which will be held on Sunday, May 2.

Center. "Look Good — Feel Better" is a national program dedicated to helping women manage the appearance-related side effects of cancer and its treatment and restore their self-confidence. An experienced, licensed

cosmetologist will offer special cosmetic techniques and tips for how to order, wear and care for wigs and head coverings. Participants will receive a gift of high quality make-up products to use during the class and to keep.

The American Cancer Society, the National Cosmetology Association and the Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association sponsor the program.

To register for the class, call (866) 246-HOPE (4673). The VECC is located adjacent to St. John Hospital at 19229 Mack at Moross, east of I-94.

Heimbuch, born Jan. 8, 2004. Grandparents are Jim and Lorraine Heimbuch of Northville and Doug and Julie Swanson of Twin Lake. Great-grandmothers are Helen Heimbuch and Lillian Grenda, both of Dearborn.

Maternal grandparents are Joe and Susan Johnston of the City of Grosse Pointe. Paternal grandparents are Richard and Dorothy Tengler of Bloomfield Township.

Maternal grandparents are Paul and Kathleen Lareau of Brookfield, Ill. Paternal grandparents are Evelyn Barlow of Grosse Pointe Park and the late J. Lee Barlow.

Carol and James Barlow of Berwyn, Ill., are the parents of a daughter, Anne Claire Barlow, born Oct. 28, 2003.

Maternal grandparents are Karen and James Kolp of Grosse Pointe Farms. Paternal grandparents are Clydeene and Larry Babcock of Boise, Idaho. Maternal great-grandmother is Florence Kleefuss of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Charles Peter Hunsinger

Roy Stephen and Michele Hunsinger of Farmington Hills are the parents of a son, Charles Peter Hunsinger, born Oct. 1, 2003. Maternal grandparents are Rene and Charles Prokus of Livonia. Paternal grandparents are Roy and Kathy Hunsinger of Grosse Pointe Farms. Great-grandmother is Diane Gawel of Macomb Township.

Ellen Frances Budziak

Kate and Jim Budziak of Grosse Pointe Park are the parents of a daughter, Ellen Frances Budziak, born Dec. 21, 2003. Maternal grandparents are Paul and Wendy Beal of Grosse Pointe Woods. Paternal grandparents are Jim and Deanna Budziak of Trenton. Great-grandparents are Phyllis Wood of Grosse Pointe Shores and Freeman and Irene Yon of Allen Park.

A successful alcoholic?

By Jeff and Debra Jay
Special Writers

Dear Jeff and Debra,

My husband runs his own business and has done very well. But his drinking is quietly tearing our family apart. On the outside, he's very successful and well-liked. But as soon as he comes home and has that first drink, he has a terrible personality change. He becomes moody and argumentative. After dinner, he just locks himself in his study, where he drinks more than half a fifth of scotch. We have two teenage children, and I feel as if I'm raising them by myself.

My husband doesn't drink every day, and he doesn't over-drink in public. He's a good provider, and he would never compromise his business responsibilities. Is there such a thing as an alcoholic who is successful?

— Weary Wife

Dear Weary,

For most men, and for many professional women, their careers will be the very last thing to be affected by alcohol or other drug use. Because their jobs are the defining activity in their life, and because their activities are public, most will maintain appropriate behavior until the very end.

Home life is different. For the functional alcoholic, coming home means coming back to the place where drinking is safe and where questionable behavior will be protected. Functional alcoholics don't mean to punish their families, and they often feel guilty the next day, but guilt will not change their behavior for long.

There is nothing more important than family, and on some level your husband probably believes this fervently. With two teenagers in the house, his role is critical, and he knows it. If he is abdicating this responsibility regularly in order to drink, he most likely has an alcohol problem.

It's appropriate for us to repeat some basic information about alcoholism. For example: a person doesn't have to drink every day to be an alcoholic, or be unable to function on the job, or have a string of legal or medical problems.

A better indicator of an alcohol or drug problem, and the one most relevant in your husband's case, is whether or not he is violating his own value system.

Our guess is that your husband would not respect a man who was virtually absent while his children tried to navigate their adolescent years. Yet his use of alcohol is causing him to emotionally abandon them. Yes, he's a good provider, but where's the father figure? And where has the husband gone who shares the moral responsibility for the household? He is not living up to his own values.

The spouses of successful alcoholics are often torn by doubt and guilt. They are grateful for home and security, but they are left alone to manage the most difficult task of all: raising a family. Often, these spouses wonder if they haven't somehow caused the problem themselves. Could they have done something differently? But, of course, alcoholism is a medical problem, and not one that is caused by marital difficulties.

It's likely that extended family members, such as your husband's siblings, parents and others, have also noticed his increased use of alcohol and his withdrawal from normal family life.

Start a dialog with them about how you can work together to approach him about the problem. Some form of intervention may be necessary to get him to see his illness clearly, and to take appropriate action. Your husband hasn't worked this hard in order to be a poor father or an indifferent mate. Something is getting in the way, and it's probably the disease of alcoholism. With proper treatment and recovery, he can fulfill all his goals, and rediscover the family he has almost lost.

But it's unlikely to happen spontaneously. Either there will be some sort of calamity that will forcefully open his eyes to the problem, or there will be a loving family intervention that will bring him to a moment of clarity and start him on the road to recovery.

Jeff Jay and Debra Jay are the authors of, "Love First: A New Approach to Intervention for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction." They are professional interventionists who live in Grosse Pointe Farms. Contact them at (313) 882-6921 or through their web site: www.lovefirst.net.

Above all, love one another

By Theodore G. Coutillish and Mary Beth Langan
Special Writers

The headline above was recently posted in front of a local church. It's such a powerful statement, but do all churches love everyone? Do we, as members of church communities, nurture and care for all children of God?

You would think the answers would be yes. There have been many recent "church" stories on listservs for parents of children with special needs. Most were comforting stories where parents felt included at their church functions.

A few were not what you would expect from so-called members of "houses of the Lord." One story ends with a local friend handing in her resignation letter. She and her family are resigning from their church because the members chose to not arrange for accommodations for her son.

Should it matter that he has special needs? Isn't he a "child of God" whether or not he has special needs?

With this topic in mind, we contacted a dozen local churches and around 60 parents. Many were available and happy to speak about their mission and experiences regarding children's ministries. Here are some examples:

A young boy with autism recently made his first Holy Communion at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Woods. A different young boy with autism is preparing to receive his first Holy Communion later this year at St. Philomena Church in Detroit.

Neither is in classes for children with special needs; they are simply enrolled in the general religious education classes. Their moms volunteered to serve as their classroom aides. Another young boy with autism received his first Holy Communion with his class a few years ago at St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

X-tra Special Advice

for parents of children with special needs

Christ Church Grosse Pointe in Grosse Pointe Farms currently has no children with special needs enrolled in its classes. The church seems to have its heart in the right place, however, and is willing to learn what to do to accommodate folks. Christ Church employs a young man, part time, as an office assistant. He's a whiz on the complicated copier. He also has autism.

Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church in Grosse Pointe Farms is proactive in its approach to instruct its Christian education teachers. The church will have a teacher training session in a few months. It will cover how to respond to behavioral/learning issues in classrooms from a Christian perspective, including behaviors from children who have ADHD/ADD.

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in Grosse Pointe Farms does not officially have any children with special needs in its congregation, although it considers the children served by the Foundation for Exceptional Children a part of its family. Church members have volunteered at the Foundation, which is housed in the church.

The pastoral team at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods is accommodating in its approach to educating children with special needs. The team meets with parents and has made accommodations on an individual basis. Some children are included in the general classes. Some families choose to have their chil-



The Langan-Coutillish Family

dren tutored on a one-on-one basis, especially when the child's religious education needs to be at a more academic level, such as the time spent in preparation for Confirmation.

The pastors have contacted the Lutheran Special Education Ministries when they needed to accommodate the curriculum for a student and feel very positive about the assistance that office has given them.

St. Philomena Church in Detroit has had multiple functions where the focus is on children with special needs. The most impressive was a spaghetti dinner to raise funds to assist children with special needs.

A number of children were helped by those funds, including many receiving the funds to be able to go to the Just Kids summer program. Just Kids is offered through the Neighborhood Club, one of the many offerings available because of the hard work of Jeanne Lizza.

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores has long been the Catholic church on the east side where children with special needs are able to receive their religious education. A student need not belong to the parish to be able to register for its Saturday morning classes for "Exceptional Children."

There may be other examples of east side churches accepting all "children of God" and making accommodations for their special needs when necessary. We hope this will spark further discussion in your own church communities.

If you would like to further explore the question: "How do we care for and nurture those children of God who have special needs?" attend a panel discussion called Gifts of God at 7 p.m. Monday, March 1, at Grosse Pointe United Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The discussion will also involve how to better serve those young people who are growing up with questions about their sexual identity. The presenters are Deborah Moffat, program director for the Foundation for Exceptional Children, and Jeff Montgomery, executive director of the Triangle Foundation. The discussion is sponsored by The Lay Theological Academy. There is a \$5 course fee to attend. For more information, call (313) 882-5330.

Grosse Pointe residents Theodore G. Coutillish and Mary Beth Langan created this column to share experiences from their journey as parents of a child with Fragile X Syndrome (fragilex.org). Send your questions or comments to tcoutillish@dmac.wayne.edu or mblangan@hotmail.com.

Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



Dr. Manz-Dulac

With the weather's reduced sunlight, our skin becomes less pigmented (at least for those of us who avoid the tanning salon); the result - we often notice new spots and moles at this time of the year.

These new lesions, for the most part are benign and harmless. They may be red spots (cherry angiomas), brown spots (lentiginos) or wax like bumps (seborrheic keratosis). Other lesions, however, may indicate the onset of more serious conditions, including skin cancers.

Spots and lesions that change are worth paying attention to. Experience has shown over and over that when a patient states that they have a new or changing spot that is concerning them, many

times they are right about it being something that may need to be treated.

Every day in our office we coach our patients to look for new or changing lesions. It is important to know your skin - learn the "ABCDs" of skin cancer identification (more on this topic next week) and do a monthly self-skin exam. And if you have a new spot or mole that concerns you, by all means, go see your doctor.

To learn more about changing or new lesions, contact your dermatologist, or call us at Eastside Dermatology. Dr. Lisa Manz-Dulac and Associates.

Eastside Dermatology has offices in Grosse Pointe and New Baltimore. You can reach them at (313) 884-3380 or (586) 716-1291.

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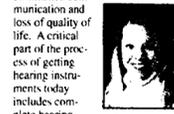


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Myth: Hearing aids do not help those individuals who have nerve deafness.

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hearing loss and would benefit from using hearing aids. For those 65 years of age and older, nearly one in three experiences some degree of hearing loss. While your hearing impairment is unique to you, the impact of hearing loss is similar among most people - diminished communication and loss of quality of life. A critical part of the process of getting hearing instruments today includes complete hearing testing by an Audiologist to determine the type and degree of your particular loss.



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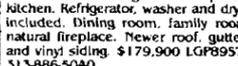
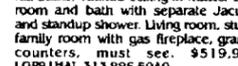
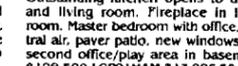
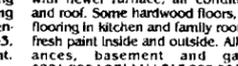
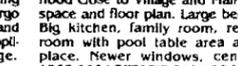
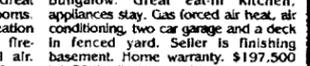
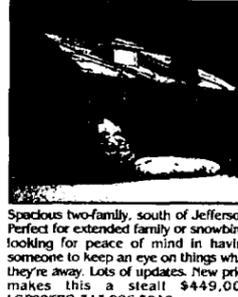
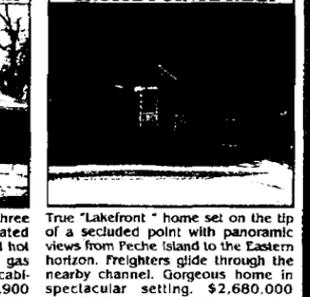
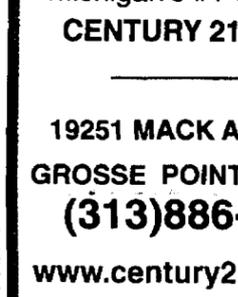
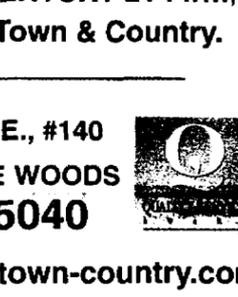
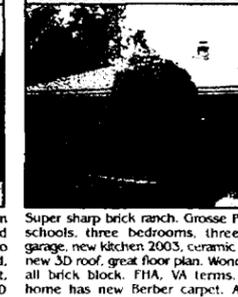
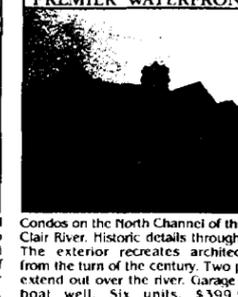
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South hoops team is smiling again after beating Dakota

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

There were a lot of smiles on the Grosse Pointe South bench after the Blue Devils' basketball game with

Dakota last Friday night. The drought was finally over. After 12 straight defeats, South put a game on the "W" side of the ledger, beating

the Cougars 52-47 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division contest.

"In almost every game, we've had a chance to win but couldn't get over the hump," said Blue Devils coach George Petrouleas.

"But we can't be satisfied with just winning tonight. When we come back on Monday we have to work just as hard and use this win to build on. We've been taking baby steps in our improvement. Tonight was a larger step, but we still have a long way to go."

South led for most of the game, but the Blue Devils never had a lead that could be called comfortable. And when Dakota's Kyle Bazy drove for a layup with 42 seconds left, the Cougars had cut South's lead to 48-47.

The Blue Devils missed a free throw on their next possession and Dakota's Jim Mocerri pulled down the rebound.

Moments later, South's Brett Read took a charge from the Cougars' Mike Smith, a 250-pound all-conference football player.

"That was a big stop," Petrouleas said. "Brett has been doing things like that for us all year."

Dakota was forced to foul with 15 seconds left, and South's Eric Berschback hit a pair of free throws to bring the Blue Devils' lead back to three points.

After a missed three-point attempt by Dakota's Dan Lewis, who scored all 15 of his points in the second half, Nate Jones got the rebound for South, was fouled and made both free throws to secure the victory.

Jones had a team-high five rebounds and six points for South.

"He's been a savior for us," Petrouleas said of Jones. "For a kid who didn't play at all last year, he's played an important role with his inside game."

Andy Wolking led South with 13 points and Christian Conroy had 11. Kyle Bruen finished with six points.

The Blue Devils trailed 22-21 at halftime, but South regained the lead late in the third quarter on a layup by Jones after a turnover. The Blue Devils finished the third quarter with an 8-3 run.

Petrouleas said one of the keys to the victory occurred early in the fourth quarter when South answered a pair of three-point baskets by Lewis with three-pointers by Conroy and Bruen. Bruen's triple gave the Blue Devils a 42-36 advantage, matching their biggest lead of the game.

Larry Pietron, who scored Dakota's first 13 points of the game, finished with 15 to tie Lewis for game scoring honors.

Earlier, South had a chance to win its game with L'Anse Creuse but the Blue Devils couldn't come up with

the key play down the stretch like they did against Dakota.

"The kids played tough," Petrouleas said. "It was a two-point game with 2 1/2 minutes left, but we couldn't get over the hump."

"We had scoring chances, but didn't capitalize. The game was ours for the taking but we didn't take it. When you don't know how to win, it's hard. That's why winning (against Dakota) should help us in situations like that."

Wolking led South with 17 points, and Bruen scored 15. Jones had another solid performance with eight points and six rebounds, while Mario Bonafede came off the bench to grab six rebounds.

L'Anse Creuse, which had a late spurt in the first half to lead 32-22 at halftime, outscored South 16-5 from the free throw line. The Lancers made 16 of 19 free throws, while South was 5-for-8.



Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap
Grosse Pointe South's Brett Read, who made a key defensive play late in the game, takes a shot over a pair of Dakota players.

Norsemen avoid a letdown against Saints

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Basketball teams often have a letdown after playing three must-win games in a row.

That wasn't the case with Grosse Pointe North when the Norsemen faced St. Clair last Friday in a Macomb Area Conference White Division game.

North, which was coming off victories over Romeo and Port Huron, didn't let up against the Saints as it rolled to a 72-27 victory.

"We had a great practice the day before," said coach Matt Trombley. "We've had shorter practices lately, but we worked hard and competed in practice and had a lot of fun."

"We came out the same way against St. Clair and they weren't ready for our pressure. We were running on all cylinders, offensively and defensively."

North shot 45 percent from the field and the Norsemen hit a season-high eight three-point baskets.

"Andy (Bennett) had two, and six guys had one apiece, so that was good to see," Trombley said.

Trombley could hardly believe his eyes when he counted up the North turnovers, and saw only five.

"I was amazed," he said. "I don't ever remember a game with so few turnovers."

The Norsemen did most of their damage in the two middle quarters. North outscored St. Clair 30-4 in the second quarter as

Michael Bramos scored eight points and Bryan Bennett had six. The Norsemen also held a 15-3 advantage in the third quarter.

"Michael did a good job of going to the basket," Trombley said.

Bramos collected 15 points, 10 rebounds, seven assists, three steals and two blocks, but played only about four minutes in the second half.

Bryan Bennett finished

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Heading for Quebec

Grosse Pointers Ben Scarfone, left, and Mac Olson are members of the Compuware '91 AAA hockey team that has been invited to the World Championship Pee Wee tournament in Quebec City. The tournament, which is in its 45th year, brings in some 2,300 12-year-old hockey players from 16 countries. Guy Lafleur, Wayne Gretzky, Brad Park and Eric Lindros are among the former and present NHL stars who competed in the 11-day tournament. Each player will stay with a local family for the entire 11 days, so the players will learn the culture of a predominantly French-speaking community. The Compuware team will take a 33-11-4 record into the tournament. Olson is a student at St. Paul Catholic School, while Scarfone attends Parcels Middle School. Both boys began their hockey careers in the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association's instructional program.

South clinches division title

There's a sign on the front door of the U.S. Blades arena in Walled Lake that reads "Help wanted — Zamboni driver."

Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team knows why the sign is there.

The ice surface at the arena never did get hard but the Blue Devils overcame the treacherous conditions to beat Walled Lake 10-0 in a game that was halted in the third period by a mercy rule.

The victory clinched the East Division championship in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League for South, which improved to 17-1.

The Blue Devils also secured the top seed in the state playoffs as second-place Regina split a home-and-home series with West

Division leader Cranbrook Kingswood.

The first period was scoreless as South had to kill off three penalties. Blue Devils goalie Whitney Hughes made a couple of good saves on Walled Lake's only shots of the period.

Michelle O'Donoghue and Emele Williams did a good job killing off the penalties for South.

The Blue Devils came out strong in the second period and Meghan McCaughey scored the first of her three goals at the 11-second mark.

She took a pass from Stacey Campbell, passed the puck to Shami Entenman on a give-and-go and beat the goalie on the glove side from close range.

Goals by Amanda Marsh, McCaughey and Campbell

boosted South's lead to 4-0 before the period had reached the five-minute mark.

South ended the period with a 7-0 lead after goals by Entenman and two by Hillary Inger. The Blue Devils outshot Walled Lake 17-2 in the period.

McCaughy, Entenman, Campbell and Parker each collected a pair of assists in the second period, while Katie Gerow and Katie Dosch collected one apiece.

South wrapped up the game with third-period goals from Gerow, McCaughey and Marsh. Katie Gilbride, Amanda Palffy, Jessica Palffy, Entenman, Amelia Altavena and O'Donoghue had assists.

North girls tie with Cranbrook

Coach Tim Van Eckoute had some mixed feelings after his Grosse Pointe North girls hockey team skated to a 4-4 tie with Cranbrook Kingswood.

"In some respects we are very happy with the tie, and in others a bit disappointed," he said. "We led three times and gave it back, (which was) obviously disappointing."

"However, we played strong team defense and cut Cranbrook's offense significantly from our first two outings while increasing our offensive output. That's all positive."

It didn't take the Norsemen long to get things going. At the 41-second mark of the first period, Christy Sandmair beat goalie Hilary Schreiber. Cranbrook tied the game in the final minute of the peri-

od. North regained the lead four minutes into the second period on a goal by Kate Zemenick, but the Cranes tied the game again three minutes later during a 5-on-3 power play.

Two minutes later Mindi Dunn scored for North and the period ended with the Norsemen holding a 3-2 advantage.

"We were thrilled to go to the locker room up 3-2 after two, but we knew the third period was going to be a battle, and we came out ready," Van Eckoute said. "Then we ran into penalty trouble and the long delay due to the injury."

The third period was a tough test for North and goalie Kelley Peers, who made several outstanding saves. Four minutes into the period Cranbrook's Alexa

Rea hit her head on the ice and EMS had to be called.

The Cranes seemed inspired to win the game for Rea, and Tarasai Karega scored an unassisted short-handed goal to tie the contest.

Cranbrook went ahead for the first time with 4:43 left in the period, but North pulled Peers for an extra attacker, and with 49 seconds to go, Chelsea Skorupski took a shot that deflected into the net off a Norse defenseman's stick.

Neither team took any unnecessary chances in the overtime period.

"We've been solid with the extra attacker," Van Eckoute said. "Twice we've tied things up in the last minute when we absolutely had to. The first time we lost in OT (to Grosse Pointe South). This one we tied. Hopefully, the next will be a win."

North swims past Romeo

Grosse Pointe North's swimming team took first place in six individual events last week as the Norsemen defeated Romeo 118-68 in a Macomb Area Conference Red Division meet.

Michael VanBeek won the 200-yard individual medley, and he also finished first in the 100 backstroke, posting a season-best time in the event.

North's other winners were Karl Tech, 50 freestyle; Larry Briski, 100 butterfly; Chris Blunden, 100 freestyle; and Andrew Fly, 100 breaststroke.

Norsemen who achieved season-best times were Mike Kedzierski and Ed Grumeretz, 50 freestyle; Briski, Brian Cornillie and Jon Sattler, 100 freestyle; Blunden, Matt Lane and Roy Lucier, 200 freestyle; Lane, 500 freestyle; and Fly, 200 individual medley.

North is 2-1 in the MAC Red and 6-3 overall.

South shakes scoring slump

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's hockey team looks like it might have broken out of its scoring slump — and it couldn't have come at a better time.

"We've been getting a lot of scoring chances but we haven't scored as much as we should," coach Bob Bopp said after South's 7-0 win over Southgate Anderson in the consolation game of the Kentwood tournament.

"It gets a little frustrating for the players but everyone knew that as long as we were getting chances we were doing the right things on the ice."

South played Trenton on Wednesday, and the Blue Devils host Wyandotte Roosevelt on Saturday.

The drought ended in the second period of the Southgate game when Joey Parke scored a pair of goals. And Brian Gatliff made sure it was over when he scored the Blue Devils' last four goals.

Bopp said that it was the best game the senior forward had played in his three seasons in a South uniform.

"I can't remember the last time a South player scored four goals in a game, and I think it's safe to say that in my 12 years (at South) we haven't had a player score four goals in a row," Bopp said.

The four goals were similar as Gatliff used his size to cut to the net and beat the goalie.

"We have to go to the net," Bopp said. "We have some pretty big boys who have the strength to do that. Instead, we've had a tendency to be too fancy."

South, which lost 2-0 to

Port Huron Northern in the semifinals of the tournament, failed to score in the opening period against Southgate, although the Blue Devils outshot the Titans 14-10.

At 5:43 of the second period, Parke won a faceoff, slid the puck through the Southgate center's legs, skated around him, picked up the puck and moving in from the faceoff dot to break the scoreless tie.

Parke made it 2-0 only 23 seconds later, assisted by Tom Porter and Mark Diebel. At 9:48, Robbie Barrett scored a power-play goal, assisted by Gatliff and Anthony Swancoat.

Gatliff scored his first goal at 11:33 of the second period on a fine individual effort. He skated along the boards, and broke to the net for the unassisted power-play goal.

Leading 4-0, South didn't let up in the third period.

"We wanted to play a lot of players, and we wanted everyone working hard at playing defense," Bopp said.

"We wanted the mindset that it was a one-goal lead. We didn't want to get lazy and let (Southgate) back into the game."

Gatliff's first goal of the third period was set up by Brandon Krajniak.

His second was unassisted, and the third came on a power play, assisted by David Altschuler.

David Hollidge was in goal for South and made 19 saves to post his second victory and second shutout of the season.

"At the start of the year it was a big step up from the JV to the varsity for David, but he has used the practices to get adjusted to the varsity level," Bopp said.

"He looks very confident and I'm sure we could play him in any game and he'd play great for us."

South had hoped to win its third tournament of the season but Port Huron Northern had other ideas, although Bopp had no quarrel with the way the Blue Devils played.

"Northern is a veteran team and a good team," Bopp said. "I'm happy with the way we played. Everyone gave a great effort. This game showed that we can play with anyone in the state."

"The only down side to the game for us was our power play, but you have to give Port Huron Northern some credit, too, because they played well when they were shorthanded."

The game was scoreless until the Huskies scored a power-play goal with 1:08 remaining in the second period.

PHN got its final goal with 17 seconds left after goalie Mark Grignon was pulled for an extra attacker.

South had some excellent chances to score late in the game, but the Huskies' goalie turned the Blue Devils away.

"Some great saves by the PHN goalie was the difference in this game," Bopp said.

South outshot the Huskies 27-21.

"Our goal going (to Kentwood) was to win our third tournament of the year," Bopp said.

"We didn't win, but it was still a great weekend. We left knowing that we played well in both games, and that this will help us in the games we have coming up before the playoffs."

North has a rough weekend

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

It has been all downhill for Grosse Pointe North's hockey team after the Norsemen's 7-2 victory over Trenton moved them to the top of the state Division II rankings.

"Two weeks ago we were a team that could have beaten anybody in the state," said coach Scott Lock. "The way we're playing now, I don't think there's anybody we can beat."

"We don't deserve to be anywhere in the top 10 after the way we played last weekend. That was the worst hockey I've seen in six years here. In our last three games we've given up 24 goals. In the two games over the weekend we gave up 12 breakaways. There's no reason for that in the system that we play."

"We played terrible defensive hockey, and we had no heart. We played better in our first two scrimmages than we are now, and February is when you're supposed to be starting to play your best."

North lost both of its games during last weekend's trip to the west side of the state. Muskegon Mona Shores posted a 7-3 win, and East Grand Rapids beat the Norsemen 9-2.

Both games followed a similar pattern.

"The first couple of shifts we came out on fire, had some good chances but couldn't score," Lock said. "We could have been up 4-0 against Mona Shores, but we couldn't put the puck in the ocean."

"I know the kids get discouraged when they're not getting any breaks, but they can't stop doing the things we've been working on in practice."

The first period of the Mona Shores game was scoreless, but the Sailors scored on a breakaway early in the second period, then added two more goals during a 45-second span of the period. Late in the period, North hit a goalpost and Mona Shores came right back to make it 4-0.

North got goals from Bob Scarfone and Jon Tibauda to cut the lead to 4-2.

The Norsemen had a good scoring chance during a power play, but the Sailors got a shorthanded tally to make it 5-2.

North's Drew Davis cut the lead to 5-3, but Mona Shores scored twice in the final 20 seconds.

Despite the final score, Lock said that goalie Jordan Zielke played well.

"They had eight breakaways. There's not much the goalie can do about that," Lock said.

The East Grand Rapids

game was a disaster for North right from the beginning. The Norsemen got a minor penalty at the start because one of the players didn't have his mouthguard attached properly.

Then a North player was hauled down on a breakaway and no call was made.

East Grand Rapids scored six power-play goals, and five times the Pioneers had a 5-on-3 advantage.

"Their coach apologized twice for the officiating," Lock said, "but that wasn't the reason we lost. It was the way we played."

East Grand Rapids led 8-0 before Peter Baratta and Scarfone scored for North.

There weren't many bright spots for the Norsemen, but the play of a couple of seniors stood out.

"Shawn Hunter was our best player all weekend," Lock said. "Scarfone played OK, too."

North returns to Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League action on Saturday at Catholic Central.

"We've got Catholic Central, Orchard Lake St. Mary, Port Huron Northern and Gilmore Academy coming up," Lock said.

"We have to play a lot better if we're going to have a chance to win any of those games. Fortunately, we have a few days to go back to the drawing board."

South gymnasts win two more

Grosse Pointe South's gymnastics team remained unbeaten after victories over Dearborn Edsel Ford and Grosse Pointe North.

Although South had several athletes missing because of injuries, the Blue Devils had a team score of 125.5 against Edsel Ford.

Neither Melissa Loveley or Regan Wedenoja were able to compete in all-around because of injuries, but Wedenoja still competed on the balance beam and vault and posted scores of 8.05 and 8.25, respectively. She also had an 8.5 of uneven bars, while Loveley

posted a 7.5.

"We had to overcome a lot of injuries," said teammate Jackie Madison, "but the depth provided by the rest of our team helped us to recover."

Lindsay Holder scored 8.2 on vault and 8.6 on floor exercise. She also received scores of 7.0 on bars and 7.6 on beam.

Liz Davison did well in all four events, highlighted by scores of 7.9 on vault and 7.8 on floor.

Other noteworthy performances came from India Wilson and Madison on

floor, Madelyn Mollison on beam and Kristin Zens on vault.

South ended a losing streak against North as the Blue Devils scored 124.9 points.

Loveley had an excellent meet with scores of 8.35 on vault, 7.35 on bars, 7.8 on beam and 8.35 on floor. Holder also did well in all four events, highlighted by an 8.4 on floor and 8.3 on beam.

Wilson and Davison also had solid performances.

"We've really worked hard this season," Davison said. "Our record (5-0) reflects that."

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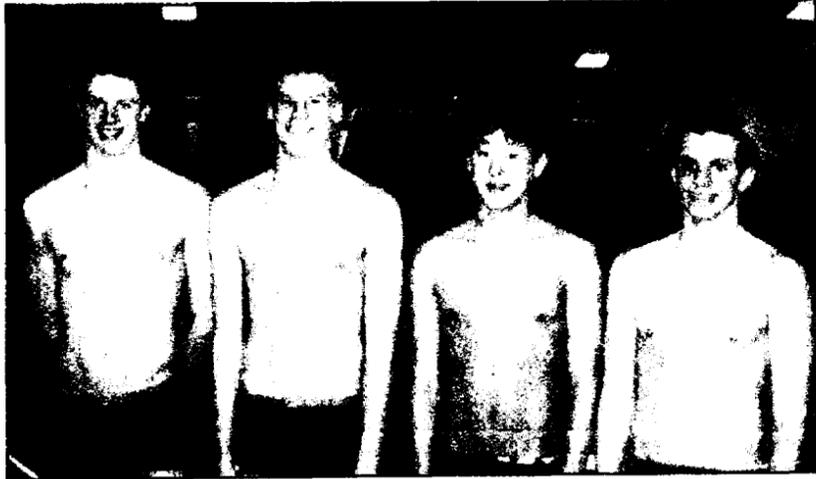
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Grosse Pointe South recently added four more individual qualifiers for the Division I state swimming meet. From left, are Ryan Gunderson, 50-yard freestyle; Mike Dunaway, 50 freestyle; Robby Browning, 100 backstroke; and Jon Sax, 200 individual medley.

South sweeps stifle St. Clair

Some of the intra-squad competition provided the most excitement last week as Grosse Pointe South's swimming team returned to action with a 139-47 victory over St. Clair.

Mike Mullinger edged teammate Alex Garbarino by .23 seconds to win the 500-yard freestyle. In the 100 breaststroke Waseem Ksebaty recorded a personal-best time in beating teammate Grant Withers.

The 200 freestyle was almost as close as Jeff Tompkins beat Danny Basile.

South scored sweeps in each of those events with third places going to Joe Ryan in the 500, Nick Hy in the breaststroke, and Andrew Graham in the 200

freestyle. The Blue Devils also had a 1-2-3 finish in the 100 butterfly with Jon Sax, Graham and Basile.

Pete Stevens finished just ahead of teammate Wilson Hoim in the 50 freestyle. South also had firsts from Ryan Gunderson in the 100 freestyle and Casey Browning in the 100 backstroke.

Justin Linne and Dan Kastner led the scoring in diving, while Lucas Coffman finished fourth in his first varsity competition in the event.

South's 200 medley relay team of Luke Richard, Chris Vella, Robby Browning and Ryan took first. The Blue

Devils also won the 200 freestyle relay with Dave Richardson-Rossbach, Robby Browning, Vella and Alex Bordyukov, and the 400 freestyle relay with Richard, Sax, Mullinger and Mike Dunaway.

St. Clair's only victory came in the 200 individual medley.

South will send several swimmers to the Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association meet at Eastern Michigan University on Saturday. The meet features the top 40 swimmers in the state in each event.

The Blue Devils close out their home dual meet schedule against Romeo on Thursday, Feb. 19.

South is 9-0 in dual meets.

ULS overcomes lack of height

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's basketball team won't be playing many — if any — teams that are shorter than the Knights.

However, the Knights have found ways to make up for their lack of height.

"I've preached all year that we have to work hard on defense," coach Dean Ristovski said after ULS completed a grueling stretch of four games in five days with a 68-59 Metro Conference victory over Hamtramck.

The Knights won three of those four games, so it was a weary — but happy — group that left the court after beating the Cosmos.

"It was an ugly game, but (Hamtramck) forced us to play that way," Ristovski said of the fast-paced contest that saw several turnovers by each team.

ULS led by as many as 10 points in the first half, and at halftime the Knights held a 33-29 lead.

Hamtramck got eight straight points from Ali Thabet early in the second half, and the Cosmos had their only lead of the game, 39-38, when Thabet hit the second of two free throws with 4:22 left in the third quarter.

That seemed to spark ULS. The Knights forced Hamtramck to turn the ball over on its next five possessions, and each time ULS converted. Jon Wright had eight of his 26 points during the Knights 10-0 run that gave them a 48-39 lead with 2:03 to play in the quarter.

The ULS run impressed Hamtramck coach Mark Nezhich.

"Your kids never lost their focus," Nezhich told Ristovski.

Ristovski offered a reason

why. "Our senior leaders (Maurice Taylor and Barré Mackie) are doing a great job," Ristovski said. "I've had to do less talking this year because they know what we want."

After ULS regained the lead, Hamtramck never got closer than six points the rest of the way.

Wright and Taylor each scored 26 points for ULS, while Mackie finished with 14. Wright pulled down nine rebounds, Taylor had seven and Adam Heaney and Gary Davis-Headd grabbed five apiece.

ULS also got some key minutes from sophomore Matthew Langston when Taylor ran into foul trouble in the second half.

Other young players who are making more contributions as the season progresses are freshmen Carlton Snyder and Andrew Scott.

Pioneers bounce Eagles, again

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Chalk up another win for Harper Woods in its rivalry with Lutheran East.

The host Pioneers beat the Eagles 73-58 early last week, keeping their record perfect this decade against East.

"I have to give East a lot of credit for playing a good game," Harper Woods head coach Loren Ristovski said. "We seemed to be a step slow the entire game, and we were never able to get a big run against East."

"We played a decent game," East head coach Joe Beck said. "We had some positives playing a team ranked in the top 10 in Class C."

The Pioneers jumped out to a 15-10 first-quarter lead and extended it to 31-21 at the half.

The Eagles stayed within striking distance throughout the third quarter, despite committing 25 turnovers.

"We were too content on taking jump shots and not attacking the basket," Ristovski said. "We weren't as aggressive as I wanted,

but we earned the win."

Junior Justin Popov scored a game-high 22 points to lead the Pioneers, while senior Rodney Batts had 13, and senior Bruce Mosely had 11.

Juniors Dan Harris and Jerome Douglas each tallied nine points.

The Eagles were paced by junior Andrew Zoelner's 17 points.

Seniors Matt Johnston and Mike Meinhardt added 12 and 10 points, respectively, while senior Robert Carlisle had nine points, 17 rebounds and five assists.

Later in the week, Harper Woods destroyed Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood 80-56, while Lutheran East blew a 22-point first-half lead, losing 64-61 in overtime to visiting University Liggett School.

"We were playing very well early in the game, but we couldn't stop a couple of Liggett runs that got them right back in the game," Beck said.

Carlisle scored 24 points and grabbed 18 rebounds, while Meinhardt had 14 points and nine rebounds to lead the Eagles.

The Pioneers were led by Batts' 20 points as they

clinched the Metro Conference regular season title and the No. 1 in the upcoming conference tournament.

The Harper Woods basketball team improved to 7-0 in the Metro Conference and 12-2 overall; Lutheran East fell to 1-7 and 3-10.

Coming up for the Pioneers and Eagles is a possible matchup in the Metro Conference quarterfinals on Friday, Feb. 13, at Harper Woods.

The semifinals is set for Tuesday, Feb. 17, and the conference championship game is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 20.

ULS girls get hat trick in win

Sarah Hughes scored three goals for University Liggett School's girls hockey team as it skated to a 5-1 victory over Walled Lake.

Jordan McIlroy and Krista Murray also tallied for the Knights, who improved to 7-8-1 overall.

Earlier, McIlroy, Murray and Kimberly Dickinson each scored a goal for ULS in the Knights' 3-3 tie with Plymouth Canton.

Jessica Rachelini scored all three Canton goals.

South spikers get in gear

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Once Grosse Pointe South's volleyball team gets in gear, there's no stopping it.

"When this team finds that right gear, it just takes off," said coach Kevin Nugent after the Blue Devils improved their record to 7-0 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division with victories over Romeo and Ford II.

"The only problem is, sometimes it takes a while to find that gear."

The 12-15, 15-12, 15-9 win over Romeo was a perfect example of what Nugent was talking about.

The Bulldogs won the first game and were leading 10-3 in the second when things started to click for South.

"Romeo was beating us on the outside but then Liz Ridgway had two straight fully laid-out digs to get us going, and Julianna Burrows had seven of her 12 kills for the match in that game," Nugent said.

"Those two really sparked the turnaround."

Setter Rachel Sullivan also had a strong match with 40 set assists.

"She did a great job of distributing the ball," Nugent said.

The Ford match also started slowly from a South standpoint. The Falcons won the first game 15-9, but the Blue Devils came back to win the next two 15-9, 15-1.

"Everybody is gunning for us, and they come out all fired up," Nugent said. "We've found out that if we can ride out the storm, and get in gear we'll be all right. The kids never lose their poise."

Nugent felt that the turning point came in the second game.

"It was just like the Romeo game," he said. "We

weren't handling their outside hitters at the start. We needed a block, and Lesley Dasaro gave us two big ones in a row. After that (Ford) started hitting more wild, and the momentum shifted."

Burrows served six of her 12 points in the third game. She started out with three in a row and ended the game with another three, scoring the final point on an ace off a jump serve.

Last weekend, South hosted a seven-team tournament and the Blue Devils were the only team to go undefeated.

South was 6-0, while Center Line St. Clement finished second with a 4-1-1 record.

Nugent said that the key match was against the Crusaders. South won 25-9, 25-13.

"St. Clement has a player that's the leading hitter in the Catholic League, and Liz Ridgway shut her right down," Nugent said. "She blocked the first six balls set to her right to the floor, and she was never the same after that. Liz just keeps getting better all the time."

South also beat Royal Oak Kimball 25-9, 25-17; Redford Union 25-12, 25-17; South's B team, which was pressed into duty when another school dropped out, 25-12, 25-9; Wayne Memorial 25-11, 25-12; and Lake Shore 25-20, 25-18.

"The whole team played more aggressive," Nugent said. "They had a lot of confidence against the teams were were playing."

Other standouts for the Blue Devils were Megan Switalski, Ashley Read and Jessica Ogden.

"Megan had a huge day. She had free rein and just pounded the ball," Nugent said. "It was like a coming-out party for Ashley. She had 20 kills and hit as well

as I've ever seen her hit. Jessica is our third outside hitter, and she had some key hits."

South improved its overall record to 24-8-5. The Blue Devils need one victory to clinch a tie for the MAC White title.

North

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with 11 points and four steals.

"Every guy that went into the game played well," Trombley said. "We put our second group in with four minutes to go in the third quarter and increased the lead, and when the third group played in the fourth quarter they increased the lead, too."

North didn't press at all in the second half.

"I've been there," Trombley said. "In my first year at North, St. Clair had that good team and they beat us by 45 or 50 points at their place, so I know what it's like."

Earlier, North got an important 62-52 victory at Port Huron to remain one game behind Fitzgerald in the MAC White race.

"That's a tough place to play, but we got a good game from our kids," Trombley said.

A 15-1 run in the second quarter gave the Norsemen an eight-point halftime lead and they maintained it for most of the second half.

"The kids moved the ball well again," Trombley said. "That's something that we're getting better at. At the start of the year that was a weakness for us."

"This is a different season. Last year we were usually behind in the tough games, but this year we've had a lead and we've had to protect it."

Bryan Bennett, who has been a standout on defense all season for North, came up with a big defensive play with about a minute and a half remaining.

The Big Reds had cut the lead to four points and had the ball, but Bennett made a steal and went in for a layup.

"Bryan did a good job of denying their point guard the ball," Trombley said.

David Klein sealed the win with a pair of break-away dunks after Port Huron was forced to fire up some three-point shots that were off the mark.

Jake Krystoforski came off the bench and had five rebounds and a pair of steals after Marcell Maxwell had to sit down with foul trouble.

"Jake was ready when we needed him," Trombley said.

Bryan Bennett and Maxwell led North with 12 points apiece. Bennett also had seven assists and five steals.

Bramos finished with 10 points, eight rebounds and three assists.

Trombley hopes that North continues to play well before facing Fitzgerald, Romeo and Port Huron for the second time.

The Norsemen host Stevenson on Friday.

"The next couple of weeks are important," Trombley said. "We have to stay sharp. Next week is winter break and we don't have a game on Tuesday (Feb. 17), so I hope we don't have a letdown."

North is 6-1 in the MAC White and 11-2 overall.

North gymnasts defeat Trenton

Trenton seems to bring out the best in Grosse Pointe North's teams this year.

The boys hockey team played its best game against the Trojans, and it was the same story when the gymnastics team faced Trenton.

The North gymnasts, who have been hampered by injuries and illness all year, beat the Trojans 122.45-116.55 in a Great Lakes Conference meet.

An outstanding night on the balance beam was the highlight of the meet for the Norsemen.

In gymnastics, the first few competitors can set the tone for the entire night, and Sheila Terry got North going with a 6.5. Ashley Hogan followed with a personal-best score of 6.85, and Kristen Glovac posted a 7.05.

The next three Norsemen took the top three spots in the meet. Sarah Colosimo had a 8.05, Kelly Poletis scored an 8.3 and Mia Mocerri won the competition with an 8.35.

North also did well in vault with solid performances from Erin Vichey (6.5), Glovac (7.75), Poletis (7.95), Colosimo (8.1) and Dayle Kronback (8.05).

Poletis had a personal-best all-around score of 32.25, and Colosimo's all-around score was 30.35.

Marsia Thomas, who is an outstanding all-around gymnast, received permission from the doctor to resume competition, but only on uneven bars. In her first meet since early in the season, Thomas scored 6.85.

Kronback scored 7.65 on bars, and Poletis won the bars competition with an 8.1.

Colosimo had the second-highest score of the meet in floor exercise with an 8.35. North's other scores in the event were 7.75 by Poletis, 7.15 by Mocerri and 7.0 by Vichey.

Earlier, a shorthanded North team lost 123.65-92.8 to Fraser.

In some events, the Norsemen had only two competitors instead of the required four.

Poletis had scores of 8.05 in vault, 7.8 on bars, 7.7 on beam, and 7.9 on floor.

Glovac scored 7.7 on vault, 6.75 on beam and 6.5 on floor. Mocerri had a 7.3 on floor, Vichey posted 6.2 scores on both vault and floor, and Marissa Victor scored a 6.3 on vault.

North had a strong meet against Grosse Pointe South. The Norsemen lost 124.9-117.4, but missed a regional qualifying score by .6.

In vault, North had scores of 8.3 by Kronback, 8.15 by Poletis, 8.0 by Colosimo, 7.9 by Glovac and 7.7 by Liah Steele.

Poletis led the way on bars with an 8.05, while Kronback scored 7.65 and Colosimo had a 6.25.

Poletis also had North's top score on beam with an 8.25. She was followed by Kronback (7.8), Mocerri (7.4) and Colosimo (7.05).

Colosimo (8.05), Poletis (7.95) and Mocerri (7.0) had the Norsemen's top efforts on floor.

Parents meeting for VIP club volleyball team

There will be a parents meeting on Saturday, Feb. 14 at 10 a.m., in the AV Commons at Fraser High School for the VIP AAU volleyball team.

The club directors are Kevin Nugent, the volleyball coach at Grosse Pointe North, and Kim Argiri-Slone, who coaches the sport at Fraser.

The meeting is to discuss details of the AAU spring season.

COACH WANTED

The Grosse Pointe Red Barons, a charter member of Eastern Suburban Football League, is seeking applicants for the Varsity Head Coach position (12 & 13 year olds) for the 2004 season. This is a volunteer position. Letters of interest, including background and qualifications, must be post marked no later than February 29th, 2004.

Grosse Pointe Red Barons
Attn: Coach Search Committee
PO Box 36155
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Three Grosse Pointe girls are surrounded by the awards they received for riding achievements at the Michigan Hunter Jumper Association awards banquet. From left, are Alice Flood, Claire Flood, Grosse Pointe Hunt Club riding director Lisa Oberg and Katie Nowak.

Local riders receive awards

Three Grosse Pointe girls received awards for riding achievements at the Michigan Hunter Jumper Association awards banquet in Novi.

The association sanctions horse and pony shows in Michigan. Points are awarded to riders throughout the show season, and awards are given annually to the top four riders in each category.

Claire Flood of the City of Grosse Pointe and an eighth

grader at the Grosse Pointe Academy was champion of the Novice Ridden Pony Equitation Flat class, and she was fourth in Children's Small/Medium Pony Equitation Flat.

Katie Nowak of Grosse Pointe Park, a fifth grader at Maire Elementary School was third in both Short Stirrup Pony Equitation Flat and Short Stirrup Pony Hunter. She was fourth in

Novice Ridden Pony Equitation Fences, and Novice Pony Hunter.

Alice Flood of the City, a fifth grader at the Grosse Pointe Academy, won fourth-place honors in Short Stirrup Pony Equitation Fences, and Short Stirrup Pony Equitation Fences.

All three girls ride at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club under riding director Lisa Oberg.



Accepting Michigan Horse Show Association 2003 championship awards are, standing from left, Shelly Steinman, Cara Monforton, trainer Carolyn Sanders, Allie Francis and Andrea Gunn. Kneeling are Jacqueline Francis, left, and Marissa Monforton.

Farms rider gets top honors

Several members of the Michigan Horse Show Grosse Pointe Hunt Club Association Championship Awards banquet in

Frankenmuth.

Cara Monforton, 10, of Grosse Pointe Farms received the prestigious Blythe Davis Memorial Trophy. It is presented annually to a junior exhibitor who, in the opinion of the junior members of the Michigan Horse Show Association Hunter/Jumper Division, best exemplifies Davis's attributes of good sportsmanship, horsemanship, showmanship, friendliness and quality of character.

Monforton also received the Champion Equitation award for short stirrup over fences, ages 11 and under.

Adios, owned and ridden by Marissa and Cara Monforton, was awarded Champion Short Stirrup Hunter. The Big Easy, owned and ridden by Allie Francis, was Reserve Champion.

Low Children's Hunter Reserve Champion was Take Me To the Moon, ridden by Christine Gunn.

Harry Trout's Showtime, ridden by Shelly Steinman, was Reserve Champion Low Adult Hunter.

Carolyn Sanders is the trainer for the award-winning horses and riders.

Trinity holds off East Catholic

By Michael Shelton
Special writer

Trinity Catholic saved its best effort for the fourth quarter and ended up with a 63-56 win over arch-rival East Catholic on Tuesday, Feb. 3.

"This win is huge because of our rivalry," said Trinity head coach Ed Banks. "Everybody was hyped, and people were talking about it for a week."

The Lancers were led by Antonio Hilton's 17 points, with 12 coming in the fourth quarter.

"Antonio has potential. He's big and strong and uses his strength really well," Banks said.

Ron Hildreth had 16 points, and Anthony Howard had 9 for Trinity.

Howard hit a 3-pointer with 2 minutes left to give the Lancers a 53-52 lead before they pulled away.

"Antonio, Ron, and Anthony really stepped up," Banks said.

Trinity outscored the Chargers 23-17 in the fourth and came up with some big defensive stops.

"Our defense was relentless, and we clamped down on them in the fourth," Banks said. "Our goal was to stop everyone and make Dave (Johnson) work."

Johnson, East Catholic's senior guard, led his team with 19 points. Stephen Gildyard had 14, and Romeo Marbury had 13 for the Chargers.

The game started as a defensive struggle with numerous turnovers and

traveling calls, and Trinity led 14-10 at the end of the first quarter.

After Craig Brown gave East Catholic a two point lead, Ron Hildreth hit a three pointer to give Trinity a 26-25 halftime lead.

Things then got off to a rough start in the third quarter for Trinity.

Jamal Gause was called for a flagrant foul while trying to block a layup by Johnson on a fast break. East Catholic ended up with a 39-38 lead at the end of the third.

But Trinity came back by going 15-21 from the free throw line.

"This win will help us gain some momentum for the (Catholic League) tournament," Banks said.

Trinity defeated East Catholic on the road back on Jan. 9.

Later in the week, the Lancers lost 76-47 to Royal Oak Shrine as Gause and Hildreth each scored 11 points.

The Trinity Catholic basketball team stands 3-3 in the Catholic League A-East Division and 8-4 overall.

Volleyball

The Trinity Catholic girls volleyball team prevented an upset early last week, beating Bloomfield Hills Sacred Heart Academy 15-9 in the third game.

Head coach Elvira Komini watched her host Lancers dominate the first game, winning 15-7, as senior Onicko Biggs, junior Nicole

Gailliard, senior Stephanie Sosa, and junior Anne Wasukanis were unstoppable.

"Our attacking is a lot better than it was last year, and our servers are doing a better job, which has resulted in more wins this year," Komini said.

The Lancers couldn't sustain the momentum as Sacred Heart rallied to win the second game, pushing the match to a decisive third game.

Komini calmed her team down and got them back to basics as they once again dominated, easily winning the final game.

Biggs finished with 13 kills to lead the Lancers, while Wasukanis had nine aces.

Three nights later, Trinity Catholic defeated host Detroit Holy Redeemer 15-10, 15-7, improving to 6-2 in the Catholic League Suburban Division and 11-4 overall.

The Lions had no answers for the Lancers' servers as Gailliard had five aces and Wasukanis had six.

Next for the Trinity Catholic volleyball team is a possible first round Catholic League playoff match on Saturday, Feb. 14, against Center Line St. Clement, at Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

The semifinals are set for later that day, and the finals are set for Thursday, Feb. 19.

— Grosse Pointe News sports writer Bob St. John contributed to this article.

Notre Dame beats Windsor Brennan

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's basketball team ended its four-game losing streak last week, beating Windsor-Brennan 68-48.

"The outcome wasn't decided until the fourth quarter," head coach Don Sicko said. "It was a tight game for the most part, and it was nice to see the guys play so well. It was a needed win."

The host Fightin' Irish led by a point at the half, but senior Keith Frank's two three-point baskets played a big part in the fourth-quarter outburst.

Junior Britt Paige played his best game of the season, scoring nine fourth-quarter points, and sophomore Deron Gordon had a career-high 21 points, making 6-of-7 three-pointers.

Senior Seth Quaranta and junior Darryl Clements also played well, scoring 12 and

10 points, respectively.

"Our younger guys are coming along," Sicko said. "They're making progress, and now we will see how much progress they have made since we have a big road game against Brother Rice. We have to win to stay in the Catholic League playoff chase."

The Fightin' Irish were eliminated from playoff contention, losing 69-60 at Birmingham Brother Rice.

Quaranta scored 23 points, but it wasn't enough to push the Irish over the top.

The Notre Dame basketball team fell to 0-6 in the Catholic League Central Division but improved to 4-9 overall.

Coming up for the Fightin' Irish is an away game on Friday, Feb. 13, against Warren DeLaSalle and a home game on Tuesday, Feb. 17, against Walled Lake Northern.

Hockey

The Notre Dame hockey team also ended a losing streak (three games), beating Birmingham Detroit Country Day 6-2.

The win kept the Fightin' Irish in first place in the Michigan Prep Hockey League (MPHL) with a 6-0 mark.

Head coach Kevin McKay and his Irish have two remaining league games left against top 10-ranked Orchard Lake St. Mary.

East spikers drop two

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

The Lutheran East girls volleyball team lost its Metro Conference matches last week, falling to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood and Lutheran High School Westland.

"The girls are giving 100 percent, but the inexperience shows when we go up against veteran teams," head coach Reay Zoellner said. "We are improving, which is the main thing I want from my players."

The Eagles are down to seven healthy players after senior Jamie Prokopowicz underwent knee surgery last week.

"We might need to bring up some junior varsity players down the stretch," Zoellner said.

Earlier, East finished 1-2-1 in its tournament.

The Eagles beat Center Line, split with Plymouth Agape Christian and lost to Trinity Catholic in pool play, and they lost to Marine City in the playoffs.

"I saw some good things from my players during the tournament," Zoellner said.

Lutheran East is 0-5 in the Metro Conference and 5-16-3 overall.

Pioneers wrestler earns his 100th pin

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

The Harper Woods wrestling team dismantled Hamtramck 60-6 in its Metro Conference match, but the highlight of the week was the 100th career pin for Adam DiGiovanni.

The Pioneers' only blemish against the Cosmos was giving up six points to a void.

"We're heading in the right direction," head coach Adam Schihl said. "We host Lutheran Westland for the dual meet championship and then get a chance to win back the conference tournament title a few days later."

Later in the week, the Pioneers finished fourth in the Hazel Park Tournament.

In pool play, the Pioneers beat Chippewa Hills and

Southfield and lost to the host school.

In the playoff rounds, they lost to Utica Henry Ford and Romeo.

"We wrestled some very good teams in the tournament," Schihl said. "Our kids have been able to wrestle against the state's best during the season, which I hope helps come playoff time."

DiGiovanni and Jeremy Myers were each 5-0, as DiGiovanni earned his 100th career pin. Other standouts were Bobby Monaghan and Antoine Kennedy.

Harper Woods is 5-0 in the conference and 21-16 overall.

The Metro Conference Tournament will be Saturday at Hamtramck.

Trinity stumbles in loss to Bishop Foley

By Robert St. John
Sports Writer

The Trinity Catholic boys basketball team lost 41-37 at Madison Heights Bishop Foley last week.

"It was our worst game of the season," head coach Ed Banks said. "Everything

that could go wrong did go wrong for us."

The Lancers fell behind by 16 points but stormed back and had a chance to tie the game late in the fourth quarter.

"Our guys battled back,

which was nice to see, but we should have never been in that position," Banks said. "The guys were flat the entire game."

Senior Ron Hildreth scored 10 points to lead the Lancers, who fell to 2-2 in

the Catholic League A-East Division and 7-3 overall.

"We have to win our final league games if we want to be division champs," Banks said. "We have to play much better the rest of the season than we did against Bishop Foley."

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, February 23, 2004, at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, to hear comments regarding the 2004/05, 2003/04, and 2002/03 Program Years Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Proposed Estimated budgets as shown below:

2004/2005 Proposed Estimated CDBG Budget

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) (Minor Home Repair, Case Coord., & Referrals)	\$29,120
Senior Citizen Coordinators	\$25,480
Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services (PAATS)	\$10,920
City Hall Handicapped Accessibility Improvements	\$10,920
Planning	\$ 9,555
Administration	\$ 9,555
Total	\$95,550

Reprogram 2003/04 Estimated CDBG Budget

Reallocate from Improved City Hall Handicapped Accessibility to Planning	\$10,500
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Reprogram 2002/03 Estimated CDBG Budget

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Letters

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and Vernier, in contrast with the Sunoco and BP buildings at Vernier and Harper. Consider the CVS store on Mack, which reportedly is among the most profitable in its chain.

It has been suggested that ignoring the city's Colonial look master plan is mandatory because there are vacancies on Mack. Using that logic, our council members could believe rolling back the city's residential master zoning plan would create a faster selling real estate market, given that there are many houses for sale.

However, the limited parking and the ever-higher rents, not to mention the economic slowdown, seem far more likely culprits for the temporary vacancies on Mack than the city's effort to avoid neon signs.

The three new Grosse Pointe Woods City Council members are naturally excited about their new positions. They no doubt want to make their mark as soon as possible. Hopefully, they will remember that it is far easier to tear down than to create, and that mistakes can take years and years to correct.

Our city has painstakingly created a nice look to Mack. It should not be destroyed because some council members are in a hurry.

Mike Thoits
Grosse Pointe Woods

Symphonic excellence

To the Editor:

On Sunday, Jan. 18, the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra played a traditional classical program that, to the students present, and the mature audience, felt fresh and was performed with a high standard of excellence.

Among the many young

people were Ferry School students, Elizabeth Brown, Kelsey, Chrissey and Morgan; from Monteith, Jeffrey Irving; and his brother, Kevin from Brownell. All were there because of the enthusiasm of their district music teacher, Paul Miller. And they were not disappointed.

Felix Resnick, conductor emeritus, brought his skills and insights of the music to the orchestra and transmitted these qualities with extraordinary success.

Derek Francis, former concertmaster and retired DSO violinist, conducted string rehearsals for this concert and the evidence was immediately noted. The strings played with a warm, liquid sound, enhancing the other sections who were also well rehearsed, lifting the music to thrilling heights.

The soloist, Robert deMaine, principal cello, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, in the city for only 14 months, created an excitement when he came on stage. Playing the "Cello Concerto No. 1 in C major" by Haydn, he made the audience aware they were hearing a master musician, presenting the music with an infectious excitement.

DeMaine's rich, warm tones, coupled with the ability to communicate to the audience the elements of the composition were remarkable. Haydn himself noted that the soloist could add a cadenza at the end of the first movement, and deMaine did, which was an experience to be enjoyed.

The audience was delighted when he performed his own composition, "Caprice," as an encore. DeMaine brought enthusiasm, verve and wit to his playing of "Caprice" and the audience responded appreciatively. As a community, we were indeed fortunate to have Robert deMaine as soloist.

Some other thoughts: Many of the symphony people have taken on administrative positions within the

Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra society. The president, Robert Koenig, plays second cello; Erich Hintzen, first vice president, is the tuba player; Samuel Stanley, secretary, is a violinist; and board members Teresa Edelstein, violin; Russ Nahat, trombone; Laurie Strachen, flute, show a dedication and determination to bring excellence to our community. They are to be congratulated.

Johanna Gilbert
Grosse Pointe Shores

Support millage

To the Editor:

I am writing to encourage support for the sinking fund millage. Many readers question this millage for several reasons.

Several feel this millage is confusing and poorly timed. As I see it this millage is fairly simple. Proposal A in 1995 limited district's options. This is one of the only remaining options to raise local funds.

While proceeds from this millage would not go directly into the general fund, they will relieve the general fund significantly, allowing a redirection of dollars which can be used to fund classrooms.

As for the timing, I have watched most of the school board meetings over this past year, and as the state indicated next year's funding was likely to be reduced, our school board began this process in earnest. And delaying this election would cause an upheaval in the district's budgeting process, and necessitate layoffs that may be avoided if this passes.

Grosse Pointe Public School's budget peaked in the 2001-2002 school year, and has been reduced by \$1.9 million for 02-03, and \$3.15 million this school year, according to information from the district.

Thanks to careful planning and a high concern for the students, many have not felt or seen these cuts. I can

assure you further cuts will be more visible. I am told approximately 86 percent of the school's budget is people. People who are in front of our children. People we need.

Some state we are all facing tight times, and we should all share in the tough economic times. Well, in my household, when times are tight, we too cut back, but we look at discretionary items rather than things like food and clothing. I challenge this group to place children's education in the food and clothing category, not the discretionary category.

Some are concerned about property tax increases affecting property values.

While I do not pretend to know the exact actual cuts we will receive from the state for the coming year, it is clear that without this millage, we will see larger class sizes than we would with this millage. What would average class sizes approaching and exceeding 30 do to property values over time?

Please support this millage. It makes sense. The funds stay local.

C Baetz
Grosse Pointe Farms

Promised tax increases

To the Editor:

Are we getting the facts? That Democrats, i.e., John Kerry, want to raise taxes for a family of four at least 4,000 percent?

That seniors would see their taxes increase by more than 100 percent?

Does the public know that the Democrats and their presidential candidates say that tax cuts are immoral and unfair and promise to repeal them since Americans want higher taxes?

Why aren't these truths getting out?

Let's look at President Bush's tax cuts — in just

two years, his tax cuts have already supplied more than \$69 billion of new disposable income to American households. Americans want their money in their pockets not in the Democrats' political slush funds — not available to Hillary Clinton, not to Howard Dean, not to Big Labor, not to Sen. John Edwards, not to Sen. John Kerry, not to Dick Gephardt so they can fund and expand government-run programs, new welfare handouts and other bureaucracies that promote individual irresponsibility and destroy family values and morality.

Are the facts getting out that any of the Democratic presidential candidates would call for \$3 trillion in new spending paid for with tax increases? That American families would pay \$1,200 more with the liberal tax plan? That couples would be punished by an average marriage-penalty tax of \$1,480?

I think not — the public is not getting these facts — the heartless and shameful liberal media will not expose the details and costs of proposed tax increases and force lawmakers to be honest and open about their plans for post-election tax policy!

Dr. Janice Pemberton
Grosse Pointe Shores

Icy sidewalks

To the Editor:

A reminder to Grosse Pointe Farms home owners that they, not the city, are responsible for maintaining the public sidewalks in front of their homes during the winter.

The sidewalks are supposed to be free of snow and ice. The city provides a snow-sweeping service to assist residents in this task, but is not responsible for the whole job.

This is not just a question of convenience. If a pedestrian were to be injured in a fall in front of your home,

you could be liable, either wholly or in part.

It is ironic that so many driveways in the Farms are clear right down to the cement, while the sidewalks in front of those same homes are covered with bumpy, dangerous ice. Do we care more about our cars than about our neighbors?

Jim Gerardi
Grosse Pointe Farms

Thanks

To the Editor:

We have been doing business with Pointe Paint & Decorating Center for many years, and we have learned that they are closing their store and business soon.

We want to thank them for all they have done for us, and that we appreciated it very much.

Thank you Chuck and Phil, and those who worked for and with you.

We hope all goes well in the future.

Don and Lynn Miriani
St. Clair Shores

Powerful

To the Editor:

I believe it's time for the Grosse Pointe News to put some heat on Comcast and the city of Grosse Pointe Woods for this last cable increase of 7.12 percent.

Every year they increase and we have no other cable company to call. It is a monopoly and we thought that was against the law.

Please see what the power of the press can do for us senior citizens.

Our Social Security only went up 2.1 percent. Why should they increase more than Social Security which is our life source of living.

Robert and Louise
Kocian
Grosse Pointe Woods

Icy walks a concern

To the Editor:

During the past several weeks while walking my dog on Goethe and Charlevoix in Grosse Pointe Woods, I've noticed numerous residents, especially senior citizens, walking in the streets because of the ice-covered sidewalks.

During this time I've also observed several children slip and fall, because of the ice-covered sidewalks on Goethe, as they attempted to walk home from Mason School.

Recently, I contacted the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Works regarding this safety issue. I was informed that the city will remove snow from the sidewalks but will not supply salt as it is the homeowners' responsibility to clear ice and other debris from their walks, making them safe and passable.

One has to wonder how our letter carriers manage to deliver the mail in these conditions.

Perhaps the Grosse Pointe Woods "code enforcement" officer, while issuing warnings to homeowners who place their trash at the curb on trash day earlier than allowed, could stop at the numerous dwellings with ice-covered walks and warn the homeowners that it is their responsibility to clean and maintain safe sidewalks in front of and alongside their homes.

Bruce Berger
Grosse Pointe Woods

FYI

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