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■ Major renovations are in the making for the controversial wall sculpture at Kercheval and St. Clair in the City of Grosse Pointe. Page 3A

■ The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council requires Fifth Third Bank to revise a site plan for a proposed branch office on the Hill. Page 3A

Grosse Pointe Woods City Administrator Ted Bidigare figured he was saving the city \$50,000 by eliminating one of the staff positions in his department, but some on the council believe filling that some on the council believe filling that position may be in the best interest of the city. Page 3A

WEEK AHEAD

Thursday, March 11

The Harper Woods Seniors holds a St. Patrick's Day dinner dance at the Harper Woods Community Center.

Cocktails begin at 1:30 p.m.; a sit-down dinner will be served at 2 p.m. Music will be from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

A donation of \$10 is suggested for Harper Woods residents; a \$15 donation is suggested for guests from other

Monday, March 15

State Rep. Edward Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, meets with constituents in an open office hour from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Lake Room of the Grosse Pointe Woods Community

The Tuesday Musicale of Detroit will present a concert at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial at 7 p.m.

John Madison, viola; Candace DeLattre, soprano; and Mary Sicillano, piano, will perform compositions by

Stephanie Herm, French horn; Carl Karoub, French horn; and Mary Holmes, piano, will perform Telemann's Concerto in D.

Herm and Karoub will perform an original composition by Karoub. Laura Burns, soprano, and Blake Ray, piano, will perform works by Rachmaninoff. Julia I, pianist, will perform works by Rachmaninoff and Debussy.

Admission is free. A \$5 donation is suggested. For more information, call (248) 848-9930 or (586) 739-5707.

Grosse Pointe Woods holds an informational meeting on Phases III and IV of its Mack water main project, which is slated to begin Monday, March 22, in its Community Center at 7 p.m.

The City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Woods city councils hold regular meetings at their respective city halls at 7:30 p.m.

Correction

In last week's Week Ahead, it was wrongly reported that the research staff hours of the Grosse Pointe Public Library had changed. The hours remain the same.

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It's in the bag

Gleaners to hold annual food drive

Photo by Brad Lindberg

'As an institution dedicated to fos-

tering compassionate students, we

are greatly concerned about the char-

itable institutions in our community,

and we typically exercise that concern

through partnerships and outreach,

said Matthew H. Hanly, head of school. "That is why we could not hes-

itate to demonstrate our regard for

the Children's Home of Detroit when

we heard about their dilemma. While

our students' needs differ, we share a

"It's in the Bag" for Grosse Pointers, who are being asked to donate food for their neighbors in

Readers will find a "Kids Helping Kids" grocery bag in this week's Grosse Pointe News. They're asked to fill the bag with food and drop it in collection bins

Model behavior

When the Children's Home of

Detroit was hit with an \$18,000 water

Among the biggest benefactors were a group of neighboring children

at University Liggett School, who anted up a \$1,850 gift to the Children's Home — just over 10 per-

After hearing about the Children's Home's plight, the students held a

dress-down day, when students paid for the privilege to dress casually for

cent of the outstanding water bill.

bill, the donations came pouring in.

By Bonnie Caprara

Staff Writer

at the Grosse Pointe Central Helping Kids" program. Library, 10 Kercheval; or at Defer, Ferry, Maire, Richard and Trombly Elementary Schools.
The "Kids Helping Kids" Food

Drive runs from Monday, March 15, through Friday, March 26. Donations will benefit Gleaners
Community Food Bank's "Kids Pointe News and participating

This is the 17th consecutive year for the food drive, which is generally held in the spring with the idea of replenishing Gleaners' food supplies after the winter holidays.

Grosse Pointe schools, Gleaners is able to collect thousands of pounds of food.

Last year's KHK food drives brought in over 68,000 pounds of food, and it is hoped that this year's effort will reap even more

See GLEANERS, page 7A

Voters to decide schools' Sinking Fund tax Tuesday

By Carrie Cunningham Staff Writer

Budget challenges continue to concern the public as well as the Grosse Pointe Board of Education as the March 16 election for a sinking fund to lessen the pinch approaches.

At a meeting of the board on Monday, March 8, residents lamented the budget problems. The district faces a projected \$5.2 shortfall next year due to decreased funding from the state, having already trimmed \$1.9 million last year and \$3.1 million this year.

Proposal A has limited the

avenues for districts to garner revenue. Currently, the district receives 72 percent of its funding from the state whereas before 1995, the school budget was funded locally save for money from the state for special education.

The sinking fund is a way for the district to use local funds to pay for mid-range repairs under \$50,000. It would impose a 1-mill levy for six years, raising \$2.8 million each year. Residents with home values of \$200,000 to \$800,000 would pay \$100 to \$400 in increased taxes. If the measure passed, the board could save \$1.5 million in the general fund for instructional Durnoses

Other districts like East Grand Kapids, Novi and

Okemos have used sinking funds to alleviate budget constraints.

Members of the board vigorously support the sinking fund, but the district still will face budget woes even if it does pass.

At work sessions, the board has mulled over different areas where cuts might be made, but many of these are unpalatable to the public.

In particular, there was acute concern for proposals to cut early instrumental education. An idea has been floated to cut grade four musical instruction by instruction \$82,500 in 2004-05 and \$170,000 from grade five musical instruction in 2005-

"I was shocked that this was an option that this board was looking at," said resident Phillip Lyon about the possibility of music cuts. I find it hard to understand your elimination of fourthand fifth-grade music if we're a national benchmark community. I know that you as a board face tough choices, (but) this time you're betting our children's future."

"Eliminating early instrumental music would be a devastating blow," added resident Marguerite Dene.

Resident Cindy Pangborn suggested that before programming like music is cut,

See VOTE, page 2A

See WATER BILL, page 3A

Upon his election to the City of Grosse Pointe council, John

Upon his election to the City of Grosse Pointe council, Jehn Stevens, left, has acted on his desire to modify the rocky streetscape sculptures comprising Kressbach Place at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair in the Village. Mayor Dale Scrace, right, views a model Stevens presented this week showing how Kressbach Place would appear if an eight-foot-tall wall were removed from the streetscape's center. See story, page 3A.

ULS students get pumped

up to pay CHD water bill

Students at University Liggett School held a dress-down day to raise money to help the Children's Home of Detroit pay an \$18,000 water bill it received in September 2002. The students, who paid to dress casually for one day at school, raised \$1,850. Pictured are Head of School Matthew Hanly: ULS students Joanna Miller, Tucker Shields and Max Getz, and Children's Home of Detroit Executive Director Michael Horwitz.



Jessie Chapman

Home: Grosse Pointe **Age:** 16

Family: Mom, Kevi; Dad, George; and older sister, Mairin

Claim to fame: She will represent the USA at a World Irish Dance

Competition in Ireland Quote: "Everyone in my family enjoys Irish dancing. It's part of the culture to have people of all ages dance together. It's a lot of

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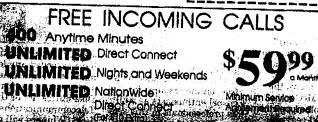




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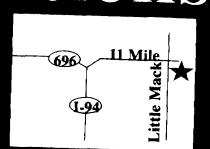
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Blue Devils tie for 2nd in BLC race

The Grosse Pointe Blue Devils finished the Border Cities League campaign with a 6-4 record, good enough to the Fordson for second place in the final league standings. The Pointers will play their first game in the Ferndale Regional this Friday night. In the front row from left are student manager Passanate, Lineberger, Wible, captain Spindle, Belfore, Hribar and student manager Kay. In the second row, from left are Nelson, Forrester, coach MacAdam, Rauth and J. Warble. In the back row from left are Russell, D. Follis, Barry, Wood and Taylor. Hribar and Forrester were graduated in January and will not compete in regional competition. (Photo by Fred Runnells. From the March 11, 1954 Grosse Pointe News.)

<u>yesterday's headlines</u>

50 years ago this week

Pointe communities gird themselves in preparation for the annual fight against Dutch elm disease.

Pointe officials consider the fight so important that last year they spent a combined \$18,651 to spray, trim and cut down diseased elm

There are an estimated 10,960 municipally-owned elm trees throughout the community.

■ A capacity crowd greets Grosse Symphony Orchestra with acclaim upon the 60-member organization's premier

From the opening tempo of Glinka's "Russian and Ludmilla Overture" to the final cadence of the exotic Polovtsian Dances by Borodin, pride and pleasure ermeated the audience at Parcells Junior High School

We never stop working for you?

It is the first time most people ever heard the third movement of Schubert's B Minor Symphony, which the composer left unfinished after two movements.

Conductor Wayne Dunlap the University Michigan secured the first off-campus performance of the work from a faculty colleague who has orchestrated sketches of the scherzo.

■ Two explosions rip through the Grosse Pointe News building on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, shortbefore noon on Wednesday.

No one is injured in the blasts, caused by faulty furnace ignitions.

Damage is limited to the blowing out of two large plate glass windows facing Kercheval and a heavy coating of oily soot on the interi-

explosions The were caused by arching electrodes, which ignite the boilers. Vaporized oil had become concentrated in the hot furnace before the oversupply of fuel was ignited by the delayed, faulty ignition.

25 years ago this week

■ Impetus for the formation of an economic development corporation in Grosse Pointe Farms may be provided with an offer by a firm to build a parking structure on the Hill.

Unlike bonds issued by the city, the development corporation would issue industrial revenue bonds for which the Farms would not be liable

■ Two Grosse Pointe Woods restaurant owners are hopeful voters will approve a special election ballot March 20, permitting the city council to approve two tavern licenses allowing beer and wine service.

Based on their successful initiatory petition drive late last year, owners Charles Moraco and Ronald Serba of Le Cafe Français; and Edward Barbieri and his son, Edward Jr., of Da Edoardo, are a step closer to obtaining what they say are much needed licenses.

■ Calm and courageous action when helping a 9vear-old victim of a bicycle accident earns Certificates of Valor for a pair of Cub Scouts from Defer Elementary School Pack 147.

Scouts Michael Coffey and John Scott were riding Jefferson down near Nottingham last August with another scout when the accident occurred. The boys administered first aid until the victim was transported to the hospital.

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Metro area.

10 years ago this week

n A majority of Grosse Pointe Woods city council members support outdoor

Yet Councilman Thomas Fahrner objects to the move, requested by the owners of the Bar-B-Q-House.

"We already don't have enough parking on Mack," Fahrner says. "The Bar-B-Q-House is located right next to Little Tony's. The two of them are busy. Adding outdoor dining means adding dining capacity. Where are the extra five or 10 parking spaces going to come from?

■ Customers of the Park Pharmacy on Jefferson are sad the neighborhood business is closing.

"This is a blow to all of us in the area who have traded at Park Pharmacy over the years," writes William Leith of Grosse Pointe Park

■ Grosse Pointe Woods officials ban razor wire.

"There is currently no location in the Woods where razor wire is being used," explains George Caitlin, city attorney. "This action is meant to head off its use."

The city council also votes to ban long-term parking of "inoperable" motor vehicles in driveways of residents.

"Neighbors have complained that broken-down cars or trucks have been left in driveways for weeks," says Peter Thomas, city administrator.

5 years ago this week

■ High winds pile latewinter snows up to a foot deep throughout the Grosse Pointes.

Onshore gusts sweep three-to-five-foot waves over the Lake St. Clair breakwall to coat trees along the shoreline with up to six inches of

■ Grosse Pointe South High School's girls hockey team completes a perfect season with a 4-1 victory over Regina in the state championship game at City Sports Center.

The Lady Blue Devil's trail 1-0 after the first period but rally with four unanswered goals to finish the season with a 20-0-0 record.

University Liggett School senior guard Joel Parrott riddles Clarenceville for 40 points en route to a 65-52 basketball victory.

Brad Lindberg

Vote-

From page 1A

the board should look at where to cut in the administration.

The board responded to these concerns by saying they are leaving no stone unturned in scouring for ways to save money, and that they urge community input on how to solve the problems collaboratively.

Aside from the sinking fund and budget cuts, there are two other ways for the district to save money, Superintendent Suzanne Klein said. The district can dip into the \$14 million fund equity and increase revenue through activities like fund raising.

The board wants to be cautious about using too much of the fund equity, and believes the use of the sinking fund would be a prudent approach.

As March 16 approaches, the board hopes the community will go to the polls and

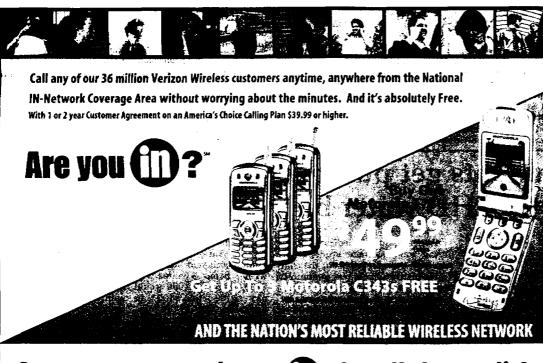
Board member Jack Ryan sang an Irish tune playfully asking voters to vote in favor of the measure.

"If you want the Irish eyes to be smiling on the 17th, vote on the 16th," he said.



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Business

Market activity declined during Martha's trial

Wall Street trading activi-ty declined with NYSE vol-ume of 6.8 billion shares last week, compared to 7 billion the prior week.

Program trading by institutions, mutual funds and hedge funds rose to 42.9 percent of all NYSE volume during the week ended Feb. 27, the latest data available.

Program trading, also known as "computerized trading," is defined as the purchase or sale of a "basket" of at least 15 different stocks, with a total market value of \$1 million or more.

Last week, the stock mar-ket continued bumping around in its potholes, unable to break out of its Dow-channel of 10,500 to 10,750, the same rut it has been stuck in for the past five weeks.

The Dow added 11 points, closing at 10,595, while the tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite gained 17 to 2,047.

Last Thursday's disappointing jobs report (+21,000 in February) didn't do anything plus or minus for stocks but was bullish price-wise for bonds, lowering yields. The 30-year Tbond gained 1 10/32 points dropping its yield from 4.96 to 4.76 percent.

Gold bounced back above \$400/ounce again, while crude oil jumped up to 37.26/barrel, a new high this season. Look for higher prices at your gas pump this week and next.

Martha, Martha

What will the financial media have to talk about when the Martha Stewart It's been some 26 months since Martha sold 3,928

shares of ImClone Systems (IMCL, about 47.85 last Friday) at 58.43 on Dec. 27, 2001, the day before the Food and Drug Administration rejected ImClone's application for

approval of its cancer drug. The following day, IMCL plunged 22 percent after the FDA announcement. This gave Martha a saving of \$51,222 by her "early" sale, which appears to have been "tipped" by her Merrill Lynch broker.

It only took the SEC attorneys 11 days to interview her broker on Jan. 7, 2002, investigating the circumstances related to all 'early sales," including Martha's shares.

The X-Dividend Club, for tired and retired brokers, meets monthly for libation, lunch and chit-chat. Since January 2001, the monthly chit-chat has always included a Martha update. Every trainee-broker,

awaiting licensing, focuses on the confidentiality of client information and the legal dangers of being a "tipper" or "tippee" of socalled "insider information."

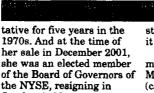
The rules for "open orders" at limit prices require that the brokerage firm mail written confirmations to the investor if the "open order" is not executed on the day given.

Thus it was impossible for Martha and her broker to have had an "understanding" to sell her IMCL shares if the market were to fall to 60.

Remember, Martha had been a very successful NYSE-registered represen-

Let's talk... **STOCKS**

By Joseph Mengden



October 2002. As a former licensed broker, Martha was well aware of the "insider trading rules" and "tipper-tippee" relationships.

Month-by-month in 2002 and 2003, our X-Dividend members could not fathom why she and her broker later dreamed up the cockand-bull story about their prior "understanding" that the broker was supposed to sell this \$228,000 of her stock at 60. Why then was it sold for 58.43?

Our X-Dividend Club members recommend that Martha's original law firm (can't remember name) be awarded a "Gold Medal" for resigning from this lawsuit without comment very early

Martha's successor law firm is Morvillo, Abramowitz, Grand, Jason & Silberberg P.C. The firm's lead partner, Robert Morvillo, is one of the most experienced white-collar defense lawyers in the country, and one of the most expensive — billing \$650

Good luck, Martha!

One-liners

· The market is driven by two kinds of fear: the fear of losing your shirt and the fear of being left out.

 Investors owning REITS were surprised to learn their dividends did not qualify for the new 15

percent tax rate.
• New home? Your monthly payments including real estate taxes mortgage and insurance should not exceed 28 percent of your monthly income.

· Asset allocation: Investors should own their age (percentage wise) in fixed income investments.

· Old bankers never die; they just lose interest.
• Will your money last as

long as your life? Politicians never lose their lust to spend your

Stock Market at a Glance

Friday Close, 3/5/04 Dow Jones Ind.....10,596 Nasdaq Comp......2,048 S&P 500 Index.....1,157 \$ in EUROs1.2376 Crude Oil (Bbl.)..... 37.26 Gold (Oz.) 401.60 3-Mo. T-Bills......0.95% 30-Yr. T-Bonds......4.76%

"I may not always be right, but I'm never ever vrong!" (attributed to Martha Stewart).

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Camp, monks, Dockers and Da Vinci

All that nice weather last week (for Michigan that is) led me to longingly peek at the polo shirts, khakis and Dockers in the closet. This first item on our sojourn to summer didn't help keep me realistic about March.

Last week, The New Detroit Science Center announced seven summer camp programs for budding scientists entering grades 1 through 6, and all-new Keenote Summer Musikamps for the littlest scientists, ages 3 months(!)

to 5 years old. There are camps covering robots and rockets, water, geology, astronomy, ecology, conservation, invention and construction and even a 'science sampler" camp offering a little of every-

thing.
The younger kids get parent-and-kid minicamps for those ages 3 months to 3 1/2 years, and more independent camps for those ages 3 1/2 to 5. For more information visit

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By the way, that did say 3 months to 3 1/2 years old. Maybe they work on an optimal flow chart for sucking on a bottle. Can you say, "metamorphic rock?" How about, "Dada?"

Speaking of kids, here's a

I found a new (for me) free encyclopedia online you might want to visit. Wikipedia (wikipedia.org) is a multilingual, free-content encyclopedia. It was created

has over 220,000 articles in the English version. Onward and upward! There is nothing like a good belly laugh to cure what

in January 2001 and now

ails you. Read on. Eight times a day, the Rev. Bernard McCoy solemnly chants prayers in Latin from 100-year-old books in the chapel of his monastery. Then it's back to his computer and telephone to run LaserMonks.

McCoy and four other monks who have vowed a life of prayer, austerity and charity sell refilled inkjet and laser printer cartridges from an Internet site and telephone mail order center at the Cistercian Abbey of Our Lady of Spring Bank.

"You get quality products at a great savings. We do good works with the extra income," McCoy said. "Plus the monks pray for you. I don't think Staples ever offered to do that.'

Yes, but Staples takes in all denominations — \$5s, \$10s, \$20s. (May I have a rim shot, please?)

While we are on the subject of religion, last week the Detroit Web development company FruitfulWorks Inc. announced the launch of a new Web site, Detroit



Gospel, at www.detroit-

The site is intended as a free, online resource for gospel enthusiasts as well as professionals in this sector of the entertainment industry. It includes interviews, an events calendar, news, lifestyle articles, a chat room, a discussion board, weekly contests and a database of Detroit-born gospel entertainers. It's intended to be advertiser supported. Say "halleluiah!" and pass the collection

All those with thinking caps please put them on for the following item. Does the name "Da Vinci" ring a bell.

The Engineering Society of Detroit and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Michigan Chapter have extended the acceptance of nominations for their Da Vinci Awards through May

The awards recognize individuals, organizations and corporations in the engineering, construction and technical fields whose design innovations improve the quality of life for people with disabilities. The

awards are for entities that have exceeded any legally mandated requirements. such as the Americans with Disabilities Act or the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Winners will be recognized in a gala Oct. 29,

Submissions categories include, but are not limited to, Assistive Technology, Facilities, Commercial, Public or Residential, Information Technology, Materials, Personal Mobility and Venicular Mobility.

You can get more info at ww.esd.org/davinci. Now, let's cleverly tie some items together.

If, after Science Center camp, you are sure your 3-month old tyke is a scientific wonder, you can buy his or her Da Vinci brand furniture at www.babvuniverse.com.

Say, "Amen!"

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

<u>Business People</u> Rebecca L. Gerskin Donnini has joined the Detroit-based law firm



Donnini

Honigman, Miller, Schwartz and Cohn LLP, where she concentrates her practice in the tax, estate planning & probate department. Prior to joining the firm, Donnini

counseled clients for the Costa Mesa, Calif., office of Baker & Hostetler, where she advised high net-worth individuals regarding a broad range of tax, charitable planning and business succession

issues. Donnini's California practice also focused on the analysis of community property issues and the administration of trusts and estates, including advising corporate fiduciaries on administration issues and the utilization of post-mortem planning techniques to achieve desired planning objectives. Prior to practicing in California, Donnini was associ-

ated with Sullivan & Cromwell in New York City, where she concentrated her practice on the representation of high net worth individuals in all of their personal legal matters, including tax and estate planning, charitable giving and real estate.

Donnini lives in Grosse Pointe Park.

Attorney Debra A. Gutierrez-McGuire, a commissioner of the Michigan Supreme Court, has been appointed administrative counsel to the Michigan Supreme Court

Gutierrez-McGuire, of Grosse Pointe Park, has served since July 2003 as special assistant to Chief Justice Maura D. Corrigan on foster care issues and was part of a work group Corrigan created to study ways to improve the adoption process in Michigan. The group issued a final report in September, which resulted in several proposed court rule changes being considered by the court.

Gutierrez-McGuire's new responsibilities include advising the court about proposed changes to Michigan court rules, administrative orders and other matters related to court procedure.

Gutierrez-McGuire began her career as a juvenile

defender with Detroit-based Legal Aid and Defender Association in 1985. She represented children in abuse and neglect cases, which often involved termination of parental rights proceedings on both the trial and appellate level. She also served as an assistant attorney general representing the Family Independence Agency in Wayne County.

In 1998, Gutierrez-McGuire joined the State Appellate Defender Office, where she specialized in representing children who had been tried as adults in criminal cases. She briefly returned to the Legal Aid Defense Association in 2000 and then went back to the State Appellate Defender Office, where she remained until joining the Michigan Supreme Court as a commissioner

Keller Thoma, P.C. welcomes the return of John J. Rabaut to the firm's workers' disability law practice group.

Rabaut, a City of Grosse Pointe resident, had served as a magistrate in the Bureau of Workers Disability Compensation for four years after working at Keller Thoma for eight years.



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Forty (40) signatures of registered electors are required to become a candidate for the Board of Education.

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Letters — any reductions to an already bloated administrative and

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hair stand on end. There have been no detailed plans for the school district to its residents on just what is specifically included in those instructional purposes." Instead of concentrating communication efforts to inform residents of exactly how the money would be spent, the school district prefers to scare parents with the horrors of what could be if the money is not acquired.
As you read further, you'll

notice that this is hardly a school district operating on a shoestring budget.

There is a constant mantra by the school district about "cutbacks in state funding." Remember, previous cuts in school aid by the state have been restored to the tune of \$6,700 per student. However, Grosse Pointe Public Schools, like other wealthier school districts, will have less money coming from the state - but that's because we spend more than \$9,700 per student. Also, this school district is not a fast-growing district - evidently, we have more of a flat-lined enrollment.

The state is favoring districts with declining enrollments. Can you imagine that? Gov. Jennifer Granholm actually helps school districts where families are leaving to get more state money than those school districts where famihappily abound? Interesting since the teachers, with their unions, helped elect the governor.

This is a school district that doesn't want to look at supervisory staff. This is a school district that wants to have available "extra" funds for "staff training and trav-

Where's the intermediate school district's plan for Pointe Public Schools in providing any needed staff training? They already get tax dollars to service all Wayne County schools in a variety of ways or as requested by a school district's administration.

And, hey, Grosse Pointe Public Schools, have you not heard of interactive video . where staffs do not have to travel, but can receive training "on-site" in the school district? Come now, with the extra funds that this community has already appropriated for your techonolgy programs - why isn't this resource replacing costly

travel expenses? And, this is a school distinct that does not want to "trim classroom assistants." Well now, how many assistants does a, hopefully, fullyqualified and, absolutely, very well paid Grosse Pointe public School teacher need in a classroom of anywhere from four to 21 students?

It's interesting to note that when class sizes are smaller — better test scores are not a result.

Now, remember that this school district has an equity fund of over \$14 million. You can equate this to a school district's savings account. Yes, this is important when bonds are made. However, the "dipping" of the school district into its equity fund to cover whatever it deems "necessary" to fund its extravagant operating style will not decrease its bond rating. It will remain the

same. And, the best part it already has the money no more is needed from the resident taxpayer.

Why don't they just do that? Because, if they can get more cash another way, why not keep the equity fund and have more money guaranteed for six more years?

So, fellow residents, you have a choice to make on March 16. At least those of you who will be physically here and those residents who are lucky enough to have received their absentee ballot applications in time in order to return them, so that they can then receive their actual absentee ballots in time to complete them, and then send the completed ballots along to the school district in order to be counted in the actual "special election."

These select few will decide for all residents if Grosse Pointe Schools can be excused from any and all efforts to streamline their operation, will continue to ignore any elimination of non-studentcentered costs and extravagant past practices, and can remain disrespectful toward the voting rights of its taxpaying residents, and will be encouraged to obtain future funding in exactly this same manner from the community residents.

Or, these same voters can decide to say, "no." That it's time that this school district did a "reality check," and learn with its residents who are also restricting spending, cutting "fluff" from their own budgets, managing with a close eye on absolute necessities, and discovering ways of providing those extras for their own families in new, meaningful and costefficient ways.

Hey, Grosse Pointe Public Schools - ever hear of "payto-play" for the sports program - just to get you started on a new fiscally sound and responsible budget.

Dr. Janice Pemberton **Grosse Pointe Shores**

Funds

To the Editor:

I have a suggestion to those who feel passionate about the need to pass the sinking fund. When you go to the ballot box take your checkbook. Write a check to the Grosse Pointe Schools Fund for Excellence (all these dollars go to the general fund) and vote "no" to the sinking fund.

If parents would write a check for \$100 for each of the roughly 8,900 students in the system, there would be approximately \$890,000. At \$200 that amount would Public increase to \$1,780,000 and exceed the amount that is needed in the general fund

for educational purposes. At \$250 per student, that amount increases to \$2,225,000, and all the school buildings are maintained. Such contributions are really minimal when one considers his or her monthly cable and high speed Internet bills (or so the board of education thinks when advocating for us all to pass the tax) and are tax deductible.

Sometimes it is a bit easy to lose sight of our taxes and what they support when they are part of a monthly escrow payment. Writing checks may encourage the shareholders to pay closer attention, and from all that I have seen of the board of education meetings, they seem to define their constituents as the students and their parents.

As a taxpayer, I don't understand how we can have a school budget that does not consider the maintenance of its assets at the forefront of its budgetary process especially when I am paying the taxes for a \$62 million capital improvement bond that will build restrooms and storage lockers on several of the school system play fields.

So parents, reward your representatives for a job

Chris Kaczanowski **Grosse Pointe Shores**

Seniors' vote

To the Editor:

The assumption that senior citizens "always" vote against school funding is insulting. And it is far from

Other elderly adults were helping to finance education 60 or 70 years ago, and ever

We particularly resented the unsigned letter from some group using the words Excellence in Education" a lie if ever there was one and making mediocrity thrust upon the Grosse Pointe School District.

We used their applications for our absent voters ballots and have voted in favor of the building and site fund.

Barbara R. Thompson Grosse Pointe Park

Save our schools

To the Editor:

As a member of this community I hear many neighbors, parents and friends question the present crisis in our wonderful Grosse

Pointe Public Schools. In this week's Tower, a student, Brian Biglin, wrote what I felt was one of the best explanations of the present crisis and the bleak future of the Grosse Pointe Public schools, if we do not support our local millages and all work together to "save" our schools, our property value, and our present wonderful community that none of us wants to see changed.

As a parent of now grown children, a grandparent of two grandsons, and an educator for 37 years, I often have found I learned more from my students and chil-

dren than any politician or newspaper editor could possibly explain.

Here is the real story from a young man I have never met at Grosse Pointe South High school. But there is one thing for certain, I totally agree with him.

Thank you for this wonderful column in the Tower,

Ellen J. Bowen **Director of Choral** Activities **Grosse Pointe South** High School

Public schools in trouble; unfair limitations, state control continue to hurt district'

By Brian Biglin Grosse Pointe South High School Senior

Behind the madness associated with recent budget cuts is a deeper and scarier problem that will affect all ublic schools. Turning off lights, lowering the thermostat and holding a special election just to secure the upkeep of our historic school marks just the beginning of this and other school districts' real problems.

These happenings worry some people, but the real problem is that we would not be in such dire straits if our local tax money, which is secured by a strong and relatively wealthy base, was not being carted off to Lansing and redistributed around the state.

Proposal A was an early '90s Republican idea to be resented; the premise was to create equality among school districts by pooling tax money and redistributing it among all schools, thus minimizing the relation between local tax base and the success of a district. In the '90s, the economy was on a high plateau and the state budget was stable, but now that neither holds true, many of the original Proposal A supporters should be wondering just what were they thinking, with Grosse Pointe schools being a fine case study.

Because lawmakers could not handle the fact that some school districts were better off than others because they had more locally concentrated money, they decided to spread the money around, and now the wealthier districts are hurting, and all public schools are going down together. There is not even an avenue for localities to raise local funds outside of sinking fund and bond elections, and for this reason, schools with the potential to do just fine by supplementing the state plan with local money are being unfairly limited.

It is an egalitarian way of stashing everyone's funding widespread. And now it is a way to increase class sizes everywhere, a way for localities to request even higher taxes just to subsist (exemplified through the upcoming sinking fund), and a way to see major programs all cut in the same equal manner so that they are all equally bad.

So to make up for this heavy-handed government interference, our public schools are taking the first step toward becoming privatized. Choir and athletic boosters raise the funds to take said groups on trips, provide equipment and enter competitions. For the first time, families of Tower staff members were asked to donate money because the paper has lost over half of its financial support from the school in five years.

And now, the Grosse Pointe Public School System, renowned for excellence once upheld by its ability to manage an abundance of funds, is creating a "Fund for Excellence." This fund is asking citizens, firms and other groups to donate sums of money so that the district can try to circumvent the losses being handed down by

All of this sounds like a move toward privatizing if you ask me. It is the epic struggle between the central government and local control. The only problem is that the state government has the upper hand after seizing the majority of the local funds gathered by the taxes levied on our parents.

I do not suspect that any meaningful amount of funds will be gathered through donations. Neither do I expect that the majority of funds lost over the past five years will be restored by the state government in spite of a rapidly improving econo-

my.
Therefore, I believe that there will eventually be a movement toward private schools in this and other communities where families care strongly about the quality of education. In addition, I think that within a decade or so all sorts of private schools will expand; parochial schools whose doors were shut long ago will see a rebirth similar to the one religiously-affiliated schools have already seen at the college level, and schooling in general may become a commercial venture, with groups of private schools being owned by a central company.

It is an extremely declinistic view, but if public school funding continues to tank, people who care about their child's education will not mess around with mediocrity. When even our wellestablished district faces massive cuts for multiple years, albeit resultant from slashes from the central state government, one knows that something bad is happening.

Local control of taxes is the only fair way to ensure that communities get the schools they deserve. Clearly, our schools have been great because of the strong tax base. Detroit once had a renowned school system because it had a strong tax base; once that base left for the most part, so did its label as a good school system. Basic economic concepts dictate this, and legislation such as Proposal A has proven to have no positive effect.

To ensure a successful future, formerly great school districts such as ours must find a way around big government. It is time for our state representatives and senators to combat the governor's unimaginative way of dealing with cuts, and adjust Proposal A to allow districts to hold millages and keep that local money to at least supplement the state plan for "equal" fund-

If we cannot, then great teachers will go to waste because each class contains 40 students; our architecturally stunning school won't account for anything of substance, and students will be deprived of the unique opportunities provided by strong extracurricular activities. the only thing left to say will be "South used to

Adjusted for inflation

To the Editor:

In your editorial on March 4, you note that per pupil spending has increased 2.91 percent since 1994.

Why does it cost so much more to teach kids today vs. just a decade ago?" you ask. What about inflation?

I checked the U.S. Labor Department inflation calculator. Since 1994, the Consumer Price Index has gone up by 24.97 percent.

So in dollar-adjusted terms, the Grosse Pointe school district is spending slightly less per pupil than it did in 1994.

> Dick Olson Grosse Pointe Park

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

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teenage son to eulogize Andrews, who as a popular corporate motivational speaker and master of ceremonies, lived the philosophy: "You can be as big as you want to be."

The first to speak was 6foot-9 former NBA basketball coach Ray Scott, who was named coach of the year in 1974. Scott and Andrews used to do radio play-by-play for the University of Detroit basketball games, and in Oklahoma they were riding on an elevator one day and a woman got on, looked down at Mark and way up at Scott and said, "My goodness how tall are you?" Andrews quickly answered, "4 feet 7

inches; why do you ask?" Second up was "Big Al"
Muskavito, from the Purtan show, who alternated poignant anecdotes with language requirement, and humor; and third was Purtan, one of Detroit's he had a casual attitude biggest radio stars. Last was about writing it. So he Mark's son, Edward. There wound up taking the first reportedly wasn't a dry eye

in the house. Andrews is also survived by his parents, Paul and Shirley Andrews of the Woods; his sister, Krysty Schwikert of the Park; and daughters, Hollis and

Alicia. Some of the best stories about Mark are told by his dad, who worked in alumni relations for Wayne State for

decades before retiring. When Mark was in high school, Paul Andrews found himself in a graduate school class with Mark's principal and asked how his son was doing in school. "Mark is having a wonderful time, the principal reported. "I know Mark is enjoying school," Paul said. "But I wanted to know how he is doing in his class work?" "Mark is having a wonderful

time," the principal replied. Mark's ambition to get into radio found him trekking north to Ironwood in the U.P. for his first job, obtained with a little help from his dad and a friend who knew the general man-

into the station and were funeral

startled to hear him come on air announcing, "Little Marko's Polka Party." Mark did everything from news, to supermarket grand openings to the polka party gig.

That winter there were 294 inches of snow on record, possibly the coldest winter ever. One night Mark got snowed in at the station, and after signing off for the night, slept there, then got up in the morning and went on air because no one else could get in.

Friends gave him a pair of snowshoes as a joke when he headed north, but he wound up using them on occasion to make the mile hike from his apartment to the station.

Mark attended Gogebic Community College to get his grades up so he could enter Wayne State in radio and television broadcasting.

At WSU, he ran into the while he spoke French well, times without success. At that point, his dad stepped in with some fatherly advice and suggested Mark try Swahili. Swahili had no written language so Mark passed with

flying colors In 1983, Mark was working at WQBH in Detroit and got fired, and Paul asked him how he felt about it. "Radio is like coaching, Mark said. "You go into it

expecting to get fired.' It was then that he got a tryout with Purtan and was offered a job after two weeks. Asked what it was like working with Purtan's crew, Mark said: "It's like getting up at 4 a.m. and going to a party every day."

Mark, who was an active nember of Little People of America Inc. and the Dwarf Athletic Association America, had a neat little gesture he would make when he was going places with his children, Paul said. "He would hold up two fingers and would say, 'One means be good, and the other means have fun."

When his parents arrived had colon cancer, he became When Mark learned he in Ironwood to check on how an advocate campaigning to the little man with the big get men to get regular exam-voice was doing, they tuned inations, Paul said. At the burnsben@comcast.net or by home,

upwards of 1,000 signed the guest book, a stranger showed up and told Mark's father that Mark had probably saved his life.

After hearing Mark's pitch on the importance of colonoscopies, the man had gone for a checkup, had discovered he had cancer in its early stages, and it was successfully removed, Paul

Mark, who was always a good sport, and I once played on the same media celebrity basketball team at the small gym at the Detroit Athletic Club against a group of Pistons alumni and couple former Detroit Lions. It was a fundraiser for a Detroit hospital.

I remember dressing in the Men's Locker room next to Mark and former Piston Spencer Haywood, who at 275 pounds and 6 feet 9 inches of golden, muscular giant looked like a redwood next to a 6-foot-8 sapling and a 4-foot-7 shrub.

"I think we're in trouble," Mark observed

As I recall, the Media Celebs scored the first two baskets before the Piston Alums blew us off that tiny court and set up a zone defense like a wood thicket.

To Mark, size never mattered. He reminded me of a 5-foot-tall poet/blacksmith I interviewed one time in Florida for a feature story. Clint Cullen said, "My body may be small, but in

spirit, I'm 10 feet tall.' We see the invisible," Mark once told one of the groups he was motivating. For if you can see the invisible, you can accomplish what others believe is the impossible."

It is proper and fitting then that we should refer to Mark as a giant as long as we measure him, not by the size of his body, but by the size of his heart.

Memorial contributions can be sent to: Mark E. Andrews Memorial Fund, 18530 Mack Ave., Suite 196 Grosse Pointe Farms, MI. 48236

Ben Burns of the City of

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Village wall could come tumbling down

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

The wall might be coming

"There was no opposition," said John Stevens, a City of Grosse Pointe councilman who this week presented alternatives to the heavystone walls comprising Kressbach Place at Kercheval and St. Clair in the Village.

The privately funded wall, actually a series of decorative rock structures complete with a trickle-down waterfall, has been a source of public derision ever since it became part of the landscape two years ago.

The structure was erected to cap a comprehensive streetscape enhancement of the City's central commercial district.

The wall became a campaign issue during the last council election.

"People were asking me if I designed the thing," said Stevens, an architect. "I said, 'Oh no, no, no.

At a special meeting this week of the council, the tone continued.

"Everybody was talking about how ugly the rock was," Stevens said. "The consensus seems to be the center wall's going to go."

Councilman Joseph

Jennings said removing the sculpture's 8-foot-tall center portion would "tone it down to the scale of the area."

Mayor Dale Scrace said the council had considered three options: leaving the wall as it is, lowering the center portion by half, or removing the center portion entirely. Scrace preferred the third option.

"I think there's a lot of merit to opening it up," Scrace said.

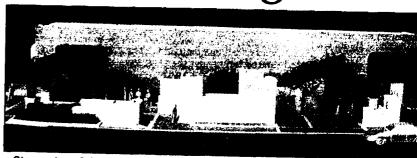
The next step was scheduled to take place Tuesday night, after the Grosse News deadline. Pointe Council members planned to meet with the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation.

Foundation raised private funds for the wall's construction, named to honor Tom Kressbach, a longtime and popular city manager who retired a few vears ago.

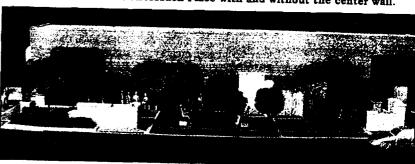
"I don't oppose changing it as long as we still define Kressbach Place," Jennings Stevens said changes to

the wall must be funded by the Foundation. "Taxpayers are not going to pay for it," he said.

A formal decision to remove the wall's center section could be made at a joint meeting of the council and foundation on March 30.



Stevens' model shows Kressbach Place with and without the center wall.



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ing that position go away," Chylinski said. "We need

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istrator would be lost."

Council orders Woods administrator to hire assistant

By Bonnie Caprara Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods City Administrator Ted Bidigare figured he was saving the city \$50,000 by eliminating one of the staff positions in his department, but some members of the city council believe filling that position may be in the best interest of the city.

Council members Patricia Chylinski, Lisa Pinkos Howle, Dona DeSantis Reynolds and Darryl Darryl Spicher made a recommendation at the council's Monday, March 8, work session that the council formally force Bidigare to fill the

position and to rescind rais- of the assistant to the city es given to two employees who were assigned additional responsibilities.

The issue was brought to council's attention in a Dec. 30 letter signed by 25 city employees.

The employees took issue when one of Bidigare's staff members, his confidential secretary/deputy city clerk, was given an \$8,100 raise, which brought her annual salary to \$62,000. They also felt that the employee's high school education was not sufficient training to handle the additional responsibili-

administrator's position, Bidigare's confidential secretary/deputy city clerk has been asked to handle personnel matters, assist with budget preparation, assist with Family and Medical Leave Act request processing, assisting with the administration of the Community Development Block Grant program, consulting with legal counsel on labor issues and training personnel.

The other employee on Bidigare's staff given additional responsibilities, a part-time assistant to the Since the discontinuation confidential secretary, was

given \$3-an-hour raise.

The council's recommendation came after a 30-day period in which the council's compensation and evaluation committee prised of Howle, Spicher and Mayor Robert Novitke was allowed to review the merits of the status of the assistant to the city administrator position.

The raises of the two employees in question were also suspended during that time period.

Howle came back to the council with the recommendation to reinstate the assistant to the city administra-

tant to the city administrator' is the right thing to do. The savings by not hiring an

"An assistant to the city cerned about staff morale manger requires a bachesince word of the reassignlor's degree or preferably a ments leaked to the public, master's degree in public administration," Howle said. and that other administra-tors would ask for raises "I think we would be remiss above and beyond those in not posting for an assisgiven to fellow employees. tant city administrator, not Reynolds and Spicher did not comment on the issue. an assistant to the city administrator. In the event Councilwoman the city administrator is dis-Granger countered Howle's abled, we rely on the person motion with a countermowho's been here the longest. tion which would have I don't think taking the authorized this city to hire deputy city clerk or the conan outside firm to conduct a fidential secretary and sayhuman resources audit to ing 'Now you're the assisdetermine what the staffing

needs of city hall are. We need to have someone come in who's neutral to see what our needs are," Granger said. "To say that a specific position be posted is micromanaging."

However, strong and similar support from Councilman Allen Dickinson and a lukewarm backing from Novitke were not enough to get Granger's rec-ommendation through for a formal council vote.

We are taking way the authority of the city administrator pursuant to the city charter," Novitke said.

Fifth Third's site plan needs work

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

Traveling up Kercheval into Grosse Pointe Farms, a sojourner immediately enters the lower Hill commercial district.

Among the many structures of different styles and purpose, reddish-brown brick facades dominate the two-story public library to the right, the one-story National City Bank to the left and, a few doors to the left, the 2 1/2-story Punch & Judy office building.

Up Kercheval to the rise for which the Hill was named, sits the reddish brick of St. James Lutheran Church.

On the corner McMillan, the two-story Bank of Grosse Pointe building is made of brick but painted olive green.

Passing into the upper Hill district, colors generally turn lighter — beige stone mostly — but brick facades remain notable. To the left: Upper Crust,

Higbie Maxon Realtors, Rite Aid, Lucy's Tavern, Cottage Hospital Professional Building Cottage Hospital itself.

To the right: Tassles, Freezing Pointe, Grosse Pointe News and Mid-State council, Jeff Wagner, Fifth

Hoping to bridge the Hill's two extremes — red brick below and lighter tones up Kercheval - designers of a new branch bank proposed for the middle of the district would seek to split the difference.

But the proposed twostory structure's brown brick upper level might have to be toned down in keeping with its gray, limestone-appearing lower facade.

The suggestion came this week as members of the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council recommended revisions to Fifth Third Bank's proposed branch Kercheval and McMillan.

Councilman Louis Theros said the branch's brick portion made the structure look

to open for business on the site of Standard of the Hill, whose owner is looking forward to retirement. The deal won't go through unless bank officials receive city approval.

Based on this week's reception before the city

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Third vice president, said a revised site plan can be drawn up in time to begin construction this spring.

"It's been our intention to have a project the city feels good about, that they feel fits with the character and spirit of the Hill," Wagner said. "We have every intention of doing that.'

Based on previous meetings with city officials, Hill business representatives and homeowners living near the proposed branch, Fifth Third's architects developed renderings of a structure made of brick and pale-colored stone.

Although the new building would occupy the same sized footprint as the one bankers hope to replace, designers wanted to provide architectural features that would give the branch a more intimate appearance.

We were trying to set up Fifth Third officials want a contrast between the lower and upper portions to break down the physical scale of the building," said Chris Mackey, project architect for Barton Mallow, the bank's architectural firm. "If we get into something that is lighter and has less contrast with the stone, it works to

make the building seem larger."

Some members of the council looked at the same plans but held opposite opin-Theros didn't like the

brick nor the branch's landmark feature, a turreted entryway reaching more than 32 feet tall. "The turret reminds me of

the Tower of London,' Theros said. Councilman

Waldmeir Jr. would like the branch built as-is.
"This is a good addition to

the business community on the Hill," he said. "It's no bigger than a two-story house. It has a retail component, and it will attract pedestrians into the area. I think they've accommodated many concerns and interests of the community."

Mayor James Farquhar was concerned about two drive-up teller stations located behind the proposed facility. Drive-up customers would exit into an alley bordering fenced-in back yards on Radnor Circle.

"I'm concerned about traffic against the back of the houses," Farquhar said. "I'm not anti-bank by any means. They're going to come back with answers. We'll review it again and go from there."

Bank officials had already modified their design to eliminate an ATM machine behind the building. They retained an ATM in the front vestibule.

"They've been a good team player," Waldmeir said. "I'm sure we'll have a very satisfactory project."

Bank officials hope to open the facility by fall.

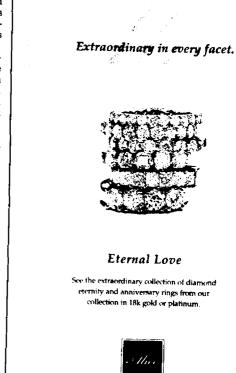
The city council expects to rule on revised site plans at its April 19 meeting. The next step will be deciding three requests for zoning variances:

· Based on the branch's size and use, the bank is required to provide 22 onsite parking spaces. It is short seven spaces.

• The 32 1/2-foot entry tower is 2 1/2 feet taller than allowed.

 A proposed cornice overhangs the sidewalk by 1 1/2 feet, which is not normally allowed.





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Photo by Brad Lindl Fifth Third Bank hopes to open a two-story, brick and stone branch on Kercheval and McMillan in Grosse Pointe Farms. The bank would replace Standard of the Hill service station.

By Patti Theros Special Writer

Stomping feet, Irish fiddles and traditional Irish costumes are some of the sounds and sights you'll experience when you watch Jessie Chapman and her teammates dance. Chapman is a member of a 10-person Irish dance drama team that will repre-sent the United States at a world championship compe-

tition in Ireland. The team is from the Heinzman School of Irish Dance in Livonia and will travel to Belfast, Ireland, on April 4 to compete against teams from all over the world.

"It will be my first time to travel overseas and my first time to compete in a world championship. It hasn't hit me yet. Maybe when I'm on the airplane," says Chapman, a junior at Grosse Pointe South High School.

To qualify for the world competition, the teenage dancers from the metro Detroit and Toledo areas practiced for endless hours.

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The Midwest competition included dancers from 17 states. This competition is known throughout the United States as having some of the best dancers from some of the oldest and most well-respected Irish dance schools in America.

"Since some of our team members are from the Toledo area, we practice at least twice a week in Taylor" Chapman says. have been competing together for about five years. We're like family. We know about each others problems and things that are going on in each other's

Chapman has been Irish dancing for eight years. She is ranked No. 13 in solo dancing in the Midwest.

She first became interested in taking Irish dance lessons when she attended a St. Patrick's Day parade in Detroit with her family.

"It's been a lot of fun," says Chapman. Dancing

has provided her the opportunity to travel throughout the Midwest for competi-

"I've made so many friends from the competitions. Some of my friends are from Ohio,

Pennsylvania and Indiana. It's so emotional when we finally get to see each other again," Chapman says. She also keeps in touch with her long-distance friends via email and instant messaging on the Internet.

But when Chapman's not

on the Internet or doing her school homework, she is busy practicing dance. She takes solo dance lessons, practices with her team three times a week and teaches group and private lessons. She also practices at least five hours a week at home. The dance school asks students to keep a "log" at home to record the amount of time a student practices. To help her practice, her dad built a ply-



Jessie Chapman and her 10-person Irish dance drama team will represent the United States at a world championship competition in Ireland.

wood stage at home.

"We definitely know when she's practicing. You can hear her throughout the house," says her mother,

Kevì. "Everyone in my family enjoys Irish dancing," says Chapman. "When there are gatherings at the Gaelic League and Irish-American Club in Detroit, my mom and dad and sister are out on the dance floor with me. It's part of the culture to have people of all ages dance together. It's a lot of

She credits her success in dance to her family's sup-

Chapman herself gained a greater appreciation of her Irish culture when she began playing the "Irish" fiddle. She started playing the violin in the third grade at school, but after studying Irish dance and listening to the music, it was "a natural progression" for her to learn to play the Irish jigs and reels. Chapman is presently

a member of the Grosse Pointe South High School Orchestra.

'We also do special performances at nursing homes and some schools. It's always a great experience to see the faces of the people who are watching you. They think it's amazing," Chapman says. "After every show, there is always someone who asks how they can start dancing. The senior citizens often tell us stories about how they did ballroom dancing or some other type of dance. I think it makes them happy to see young people doing things

And while Chapman is enjoying this exciting and busy stage of her life, she is also looking forward to other aspects of her future. After graduating from high school, she would like to attend a local Michigan college so she can continue to teach dance and perhaps

join a college dance team.
"I'd like to study sports

medicine or maybe become a physical therapist," says

Chapman. To help raise money for their upcoming competition and travel expenses, Chapman and her teammates will present "An Evening of Irish Dance" on Saturday, March 13, at 7 p.m. at Assumption Cultural Center in St Clair Shores. The team will perform the dance that they will present at the World Championship in Ireland. The evening will also include a blend of Irish dance and live musical performances with a solo Irish fiddle performance by Chapman.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Heinzman School of Irish Dance Booster Club and the Assumption Cultural Center Fire Restoration Fund. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call (586) 779-6111. An additional performance is planned in May at Pierce Middle School.

Water bill:

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common objective of improving the well-being of chil-dren and families in the Grosse Pointe community. We are grateful that we had an opportunity to help.

"It was very endearing," said Michael Horwitz, executive director of the Children's Home. "They came in with a box of checks, ones, fives and change. For ULS to do what they did shows a real sense of com-

The students at ULS weren't the only ones who pulled through for the Children's Home. Horwitz said the Children's Home received an additional 10 donations totaling \$200.

In a letter to the editor

published in the Feb. 26

Grosse Pointe News, Grosse idents to make contributions

standing water bill. "The Children's Home has been in the community for many years," Velek said. "It's a service available to families who need that kind of help, and they open up their facility to many community groups in the area. They're good people. We need to do good things for each other."

One of those contributions came from Woods Mayor Robert Novitke, who cast one of the seven unanimous votes on the Woods City Council on Feb. 23, which granted the Children's ing as r Home a 10 percent discount vidual."

on a \$20,000 September Pointe Woods resident 2002 water bill with no Nancy Velek urged area respenalties or late fees. penalties or late fees. Neither the city's to the Children's Home earDepartment of Public Works marked to pay off its out- nor the Children's Home maintenance staff and plumbing contractor could find the source of the large amount of water that ran through one of Children's Home's meters during the billing period.

> "I thought that was the right vote," Novitke said. "I think the city did attempt to address their concerns by giving them a 10 percent reduction and to waive penalties in their bill. But my wife and I thought making a donation was the right thing to do. It wasn't me acting as mayor, but as an indi-

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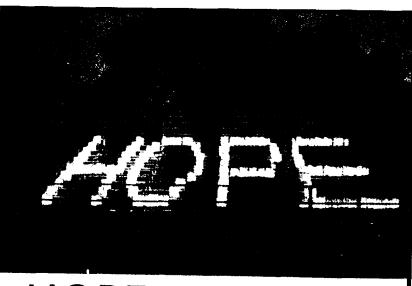
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Enough steroids! Play ball!

Down in Florida and Arizona, baseball's spring training is under way as players prepare for another grueling 162-game season.

But some players are currently feeling the heat, and it's not because of the hot weather or expectations from their teams.

Its coming from the glaring eyes of media, peers, and fans for their alleged involvement in steroids.

Superstars Barry Bonds, Gary Sheffield and Jason Giambi are alleged to have been given steroids and human growth hormones.

So far Bonds has deflected criticism by using the race card while his manager Dusty Baker says the situation is reminiscent of McCarthyism.

Giambi credits his slimmer, leaner figure to laying off junk food.

When Sheffield was asked by a reporter to take a drug test, he obliged. Then he changed his mind when the players' union told him not

While it hasn't been proven that these players have taken steroids, the allegations against them have cast a dim light on baseball nonetheless.

I remember going to Tiger Stadium when younger and watching Cecil Fielder hit balls on the roof. He is about the size of a football linebacker; so I wasn't surprised at his strength.

Now we are in an age when even shortstops can hit 50 home runs a season, which I'm sure baseball purists would have thought unthinkable back in the days of Ruth and Mays.

Yes, players are bigger



past, and some even use legal supplements to help gain strength.

I agree that hitting a home run in baseball is no easy task. It takes not only strength but also timing and good eye coordination.

Baseballs may even be a little juiced themselves.

But when Sammy Sosa was caught using a corked bat last season, there was a huge outcry, and Sosa was labeled a cheater.

Why should using steroids be any different from using a corked bat? Why don't we

and stronger than in the just let them use aluminum bats, and we'll call it college baseball?

The batter either way is still trying to gain an advan-

In his State of the Union address in January, President Bush criticized address athletes who do use steroids and ordered sports leagues to clean up their acts.
While the President's

intentions were good, he could have presented a possible solution because cleaning up doesn't seem to be the highest priority on baseball's list.

doesn't want the players talking about the issue, and the union won't allow players to take drug tests even if they wanted to.

But like it or not, this issue needs to be dealt with, because the integrity of the game is at stake.

Records are being broken, but at the same time, they are also being cheapened and diminished.

Pete Rose is baseball's alltime hits leader but will be more remembered for gambling on the sport and his lifetime banishment.

Because Sosa used a corked bat and has been alleged to use steroids himself, some wonder if there should be an asterisk next to his statistics

Mark McGwire came under fire for using using Creatine, which is legal in baseball's book.

It appears certain that Bonds will break Hank Aaron's all-time home run

Commissioner Bud Selig record, but will these allegations overshadow achievement?

I like watching baseball live, but if I'm going to pay good money, I like to know if the product I'm seeing on the field is legitimate, and so would many fans.

What about the well-being of players? There have been many cases in which the misuse of steroids have resulted in death, but that has not been brought up yet in this instance.

I don't think this is the kind of road I would like our children to follow.

I believe that the issue of steroids in baseball is more important than the New York Yankees being able to buy any player that they

Baseball needs stricter drug policies right now. Because if steroids are rampant in the sport, that's where the real competitive imbalance is.

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<u>Streetwise</u>

Question of the Week:

What are you looking forward to most about spring?



Denise Consigho

"No coats, and sunshine." Denise Consigho Clinton Township

"Not having to scrape the snow and ice off the windshield of my car."

Michael Day

Grosse Pointe Farms



Michael Day



Patti Junker

Patti Junker **Grosse Pointe Park** "Getting outside more,

"I can hardly wait to

plant my garden.

reentering the parks, and taking nice evening walks with my wife.'

Tom Lavigne Grosse Pointe Park



Tom Lavigne



"Planting flowers and getting the boat ready." Susan Pope

St. Clair Shores

"To be able to take the kids to the park. Jennifer Ebenhoeh City of Grosse Pointe



Jennifer Ebenhoeh

If you have a question you would like asked, drop us a note at 96 Kercheval on The Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or email to editor@grossepointenews.com

A giant

The voices of Sterling Heights, Gordon Kincaid and Alan Walnuts, were silenced Feb. 21, but the spirit of their creator, Mark "Doc" Andrews, will live

Andrews, of the Farms, "lived large, thanks to a booming voice, an impish sense of humor and a supremely optimistic outlook," wrote Free Press reporter John Smyntek.

Andrews, 51, who died from colon cancer, was the sports broadcast director on

WOMC radio for two decades and part of that WOMC zany crowd that surrounds Dick Purtan.

Heights, Kincaid and Walnuts were just some of the voices that the 4-foot, 7inches Andrews affected on air. The "Doc" nickname came from Purtan, who concluded Andrews was a "Doctor of Beavology" because of his extensive knowledge of the "Leave It to Beaver" television show.

It was fitting then that it took three men and a

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by Ben Burns

Points about the Pointes

Passion. It makes life worth living. Shall we abandon nurturing it in our schools?

Many of you know that I hosted a Town Meeting this past weekend. Its purpose was to get neighbors and school staff together to brainstorm on finding ways we can preserve some of our school programs that may be eliminated due to lack of funds. I would guess about forty peo-ple attended. In addition, a hundred or so school staff and residents took the time to either e-mail or drop off their suggestions, and they're still

coming in. Thanks to you all for your ideas! The attendees were all very passionate about their beliefs as to what the priorities should be in spending our limited school funds. My sincere thanks go out to both the attendees and the many who anonymously dropped off their ideas at the store or at our home. Your nocturnal habits forced me to explain to my son that the mail man really does not work until 11PM!

As promised, I am taking all of your ideas inthose I received today and compiling them into a master list being sent to the Board Office. E-mail me if you'd like a copy. As also promised, as a result of a suggestion from the mom in the first row (call me please), the meeting format will be changed for the next meeting to allow time to break up into small groups

You might have guessed that I am passionate in my belief that there must be a way for people to get together to talk about common concerns in our community. I hope that this type of forum will be adopted voluntarily by our school system and our local governments. It is the right way for our officials to keep in touch with reality and the desires of their constituents.

The prior Saturday, I was having lunch in the Village with two of my sons, Alex, 9, and Scott, 12. During lunch, the couple sitting at the table next to us complimented me on how well behaved the boys were.

We ended up carrying on a pleasant conversation, during which time the couple, Clyde and Helen Wu, suggested that I take the boys to the Detroit Symphony Civic They were obviously passionate in their dedication to this group of very talented students, so much so

that they convinced me on the spot that my sons and I would be going to the MAX on March 7th. I thanked them both for the pleasant conversation and their suggestion, and off we went.

After the Town Meeting this past Sunday evening, Anne Cyr and I took five of our six sons to the MAX for the Sinfonia concert. If you ever wanted a visual representation of passion, it was up on the stage that evening!

During intermission. I walked down to the stage to convince myself that it really was students and not adult professionals who were playing with such passion. Quite by accident, I ran into Laurie and Cameel Hanna. It turns out their daughter Carly, Anna Nowosad and 13 other Pointe students were up on the stage providing this world class experience for those of us in the audience. If you're an investor, search these 15 students out and get their autographs. They will be worth a fortune some day!

At this past Monday's School Board meeting, I listened as parents whose children very well could end up on that stage in a few years were pleading with great passion that the Board remove the 4th and 5th grade instrumental programs from the potential cuts list. I did a flashback to Sunday night, wondering if the passion that I saw on stage would ever be there without our elementary instrumental programs.

As a community, we have to ask ourselves,

"Is it right to even think of decimating the entire elementary instrumental program, then turn around and even consider spending a nickel on another curriculum study or to enhance an existing curriculum?

I think not. I hope you'll agree.Ahmed Ismail (ahmed.ismail/a comcast.net)

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Mark Edward Andrews

Mark Edward **Andrews**

Mark Edward Andrews, 51, also known as Mark "Doc" Andrews, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, at died his residence in Grosse Pointe Farms. Born on August 9, 1952 in Detroit to Paul Edwards Andrews and Shirley Guier Andrews, he graduated from Wayne State University in 1976 and Dale Carnegie in 1990.

Mr. Andrews realized a childhood dream of becoming a sportscaster by being the sports director on "The Dick Purtan Show," on WOMC-FM, Detroit, 104.3. He has done extensive playby-play for the Detroit Pistons, the University of Michigan and Michigan State University Hockey, University of Detroit basketball on both radio and TV, PASS and the Comcast Cable Network.

In addition, Andrews has been a Detroit TV sports anchor on Channel 50 (UPN) and Channel 20 (WB). He has also been a sports reporter for Channel 4 (NBC).

During his career, Mr. Andrews was the Public Address announcer for the World Cup Soccer, the Super Bowl and the NBA All Star Game. He also served as the P.A. voice for the Detroit Red Wings, Lions and Pistons and the Motor City Bowl.

Mr. Andrews was also very involved as a citizen. He is part of Wayne State Alumni, vice president of public relations for the Little People of America, Inc., a member of media relations for the Dwarf

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Association directors of Wayne State Alumnae and Alumni Athletics Association Board.

He has a love for hockey, basketball, baseball, golf, sports memorabilia coaching soccer, basketball and volleyball.

He is survived by his spouse Amy Breiden Andrews, daughters Hollis and Alicia; son Eddie and sister Krysty Schwikert.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mark E. Andrews Memorial Fund. 18530 Mack Avenue, Suite 196, Grosse Pointe, MI 48236.

Shirley Reile Darlow

Shirley Reile Darlow, 75, died Monday, March 8, 2004 in Rochester.

She is survived by husband Ted, sons Mark (Nancy) Reile and Paul (Sandy) Reile; grandchildren Lauren, Michelle, David and Lisa; and sister Stewart (Del) Mallison.

She was predeceased by former husband William Reile.

A funeral service was held at lake Orion United Methodist Church on Church Wednesday, March 10.

Interment Gethsemane Cemetery in

Marie D. Gust

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Marie D. Gust, 89, died on Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2004.

Mrs. Gust was born on Wednesday, Jan. 10, 1915 in Somerville, MA. She graduated from Eastern High School in Detroit on January 21, 1933. Active in Bible study with her father, she was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses on Sept. 10, 1933.

United States Customs where Agency remained until June 1973.

Mrs. Gust traveled extensively and made her faith known to many persons. When asked how she completed so many things, she often remarked "If you want a job done, ask a busy person to do it.'

Mrs. Gust treasured the memories of friends and

of was fond of looking at pic-America and on the board of tures of them while she was resting at home.

She is survived by David J. and Dr. Andrew J.; brother Samuel and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband John C. Gust; sisters Dorothy Catherine and brothers Chris, Moses, Sam and Danny.



Delphine Dodge Petz

Delphine Dodge Petz

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Delphine Dodge Petz passed away peacefully on Monday, March 1 at her Metamora, in home

Michigan.

Born Delphine Ione
Dodge in 1922, she was the oldest child of Horace E. Dodge, Jr. and Lois V. Knowlson. In her youth, she lived in a number of places including England, France, Hawaii, New York and Florida. Attending many different schools during this time, she completed her formal education at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania. During World War II, she met Robert J. Petz, another She was employed by the Detroiter. They were married in New York in 1944. Following the war, the couple returned to Grosse

Pointe to raise their family. Mrs. Dodge led a very active life, including volunteer work during World War II with the Red Cross and volunteering with the Junior League of Detroit. In her thirties, she took up golf and became active in the Women's District Golf Association, eventually serving as its president. She was also active in the Midwest Badminton Association and an avid bridge player and talented gardener. Additionally, she enjoyed the outdoors and spent summers at the fam-

up residence at West End Our Lady Star of the Sea. Farm, her farm in Metamora. She raised and may be made to Capuchin, bred thoroughbred horses 1820 Mount Elliot, Detroit,

ily retreat in northern

Michigan.

rider, she enjoyed riding for pleasure and show well into her sixties.

While Mrs. Dodge had many joys, her happiest moments were those shared with her nine children. She loved being a mother and valued family above all else.

Mrs. Petz is survived by her brother, David E. Dodge of Arizona; sister Diana Dodge of Virginia; children Robert J. Petz Jr., Virginia P. Soddy, Stephen E. Petz, Susan P. Nicholas, James T. Petz, Barbara D. Willinsky, Geoffrey L. Petz, Thomas Petz, Martha P. McCauley; 24 grandchildren and three greatgrandchildren.

She was predeceased by her brother, Horace E. Dodge II and four grandchildren.

Following a private service on Thursday, March 4, 2004, Mrs. Petz was laid to Woodlawn rest at Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to Barbara Anne Karmanos Cancer Foundation, 18831 West 12 Mile Road, Village, MI 48076.



Bice Powers

Bice Powers

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Bice Powers died Saturday, March 6, 2004. Born in Italy to Ettore and Adele Ricci, she was edu-cated at the University of Naples in Italy, where she received a doctorate in

English. She taught high school in Italy and in the United States; she belonged to the Lochmoor Club and the Southern Michigan Bridge Association. She loved gold, bridge, tennis, curl-

ing, bowling and traveling. She is survived by husband Robert E. Powers, daughters Shyla, Lorelle, Lauren, Shelby, Penelope and Elizabeth.

A funeral service was In 1974, Mrs. Dodge took held Tuesday, March 9, at Memorial contributions



Martha Sonntag Purdy Martha Sonntag Purdy

Martha Sonntag Purdy, 95, died on Sunday, Feb. 29, 2004 in Cape Girardeau at the Chateau Health Center.

Born in Independence, MO on July 13, 1908 to Carl and Elsa Zistel Sonntag, Mrs. Purdy moved to Cape Girardeau when she was two. She Cape attended the Girardeau Schools, including one year at Southeast Missouri State University. She transferred to the University of Missouri, Columbia where received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Art and a Bachelor of Science Degree in education. She attended a summer session at Ecole De Beaux Arts Fountainbleu, France.

She and her family then moved to Sandusky, Ohio, where she met and later married Remington James Purdy on November 26, 1931. She taught art in the elementary school there.

In 1931 they moved to Detroit and resided in Grosse Pointe Farms for 45 years. She was a member of the Grosse Pointe

she was active in the Rochester Hills. Garden Club of Grosse Pointe, a bird conservation advocate and a substitute teacher in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

She and her husband spent their retirement years in Cherokee Village, Arkansas, until they moved to Cape Girardeau in 1983. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Cape Girardeau and a member of P.E.O.

She is survived by son Remington J. of Matthews, North Carolina; sister Alice Sonntag Graefe of Chateau Girardeau in Cape Girardeau, MO; granddaughters Sheryl Manning Schaefer of New Smyrna, Fla., and Stephanie Ann Purdy of Lake Hughes, Calif.; and two great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by Spitzley. daughter Elsa Martha Purdy and husband Remington.

Mrs. Purdy's ashes will be interred beside those of may be made to Leader her husband, Remington at Dogs for the Blind, P.O. the Columbarium at Box 5000, Rochester, MI Grosse Pointe Memorial 48308.



Dwight Thomas Scott Dwight Thomas Scott

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Dwight Thomas Scott, 38, of West Palm Beach, Fla., has passed in an untimely death. A talented master carpenter, he was a 1983 graduate of Grosse Pointe

South High School. Immediately following high school, he served as a medic in the United States Army Special Forces. He is survived by his loving parents Lynn Wargo and Dwight (Cindy) Scott; brothers Thad (Nicole) Scott, Jeffrey Wargo and Billy Wargo; grandparents Julie Erjavac and grandfather Billee Scott, nieces Sarah and Alice Scott and many loving aunts, uncles and cousins who will dearly miss him.

A memorial service will be held at St. Paul Catholic Church, 157 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms on Saturday, March 13, at 11 a.m.

Richard Matthew Spitzley

Richard Matthew Spitzley, 84, died died Monday, Critenton Hospital in

Born on September 21. 1919, in Detroit to Carl Spitzley and Rina Matthews, Mr. Matthews graduated from Eastern

high school and attended Wayne State University. He worked as a senior executive vice president of the Evening News Association in charge of strategic planning and acquisition. The association is the parent company of the Detroit News and WWJ radio and television.

Mr. Spitzley enjoyed golf and the outdoors.

He is survived by daughters Nina Scripps Spitzley and Christina Scripps Molt; sons R. Matthews Spitzley and James Scripps Spitzley; nine grandchildren and three greatgrandchildren.

He is predeceased by his wife Mary Ann Scripps

Interment Woodlawn Cemetery Detroit. Memorial contributions

City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan NOTICE OF FINAL STATEMENT

Pursuant to Federal Guidelines, a public hearing has taken place before the Mayor and City Council on Monday, January 12. 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Court/Council Chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson, for the approval of use of Federal Community Block Grant funding for the following

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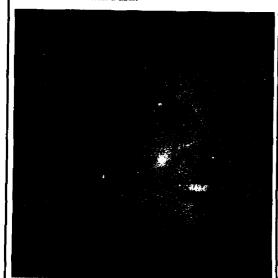
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Wedding winners

Honeymooning in Jamaica thanks to Seven Seas Travel on Kelly will be, above, Joe Lavis, left, and his fiance Kerine Kestner, both of St. Clair Shores. At right, Barbara Vethacke, event coordinator and head of the newspapers classified ad department, was the one who gave the good news to the couple who are to wed July 16, 2005. The couple's prize package includes airfare and a fourday, three-night stay in an island resort.

Below, bride-to-be Holly Hancock of Clinton Township has her "something new" with this pair of pearl earrings. She was the winner of the Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers gift during the fifth annual Wedding Show organized by The St. Clair Shores Connection and Grosse Pointe News newspapers. Hancock and her finance, Robert Galan, formerly of St. Clair Shores, will marry on July 9 in Blossom Heath Park.



Mackinac Center head to address GOP

Lawrence W. Reed, president of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, will be the featured speaker at the Eastside Republican Club 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms

very informative presenta- market tion on the issues being chairman of the Eastside Republican Club. "The Mackinac Center is the

"Mr. Reed will provide a very informative presentation on the issues being Forum on Tuesday, March addressed by the Mackinac Center."

Ed Joseph, chairman Eastside Republican Club

"Mr. Reed will provide a lic policy options from a free perspective. Reed has Lawrence addressed by the Mackinac authored over 800 newspa-Center," said Ed Joseph, per columns and articles, as well as five books. He has a great deal of expertise on

as a freelance journalist to 58 countries over six continents since 1985. Reed has reported on such issues as black markets behind the Iron Curtain, reforms and repression in China and Mackinac Center is the largest and one of the most effective think tanks in nomic affairs. He has served mozambique. In addition to his writings, Reed is a frequency throughout quent speaker throughout the United States and abroad. He is also a frequent commentator on Michigan radio stations.

Reed serves on the Board Trustees of the Foundation for Economic Education in Irvington, N.Y. The foundation is one of the oldest and most respected economics institutes in America. In 1993, Reed was appointed by Gov. John club.org.

Amendment Blue Ribbon Commission. He has also served on a task force of the Secchia Commission on Total Quality Government. The task force was charged with streamlining Michigan state government.

Reed holds an M.A. degree in History from Slippery Rock State University and a B.A. degree in Economics from Grove City College. Also, he holds an honorary degree of Doctor of Public Administration Central Michigan University.

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tion. For more information about Republican Club programs, call Ed Joseph at (313) 343-2900, or visit the Web site at eastside-republican-

Gleaners•

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food to help the increased number of hungry neighbors in these difficult economic

Gleaners, the third food bank established in the United States in 1977, distributes 2 million pounds of food each month to feed hungry citizens in southeastern Michigan. It's accomplished by securing wholesome sur-plus food from farmers, grocery retailers, food distributors and processors, as well as individuals through donations of canned and boxed goods.

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that serve hungry citizens. Gleaners Community Food Bank received the first "Best Managed Non-Profit" designation in 1990 by Crain's Detroit Business. Its standards of management excellence continue today under the leadership of president Agostino "Augie" Fernandes.

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School millage vote Tuesday

here has been a lot of discussion, both pro and con, concerning the Grosse Pointe Public School System's budget woes and the proposed "Sinking

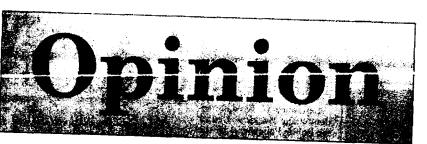
But the most important action will be taken next Tuesday, March 16, when school district voters go to the polls to decide whether to impose a six-year, 1-mill tax levy to fund mid-

range repair projects.

The school administration is projecting a \$5.2 million deficit for the 2004-05 fiscal year. There are several options and combinations of options available to the school board.

The elected officials could and probably will make cuts in spending in all areas, including staffing and programs. The board was about to consider saving \$1.9 million a year by reducing the class schedule in the middle and high schools from seven hours to six, but parent, student and teacher outcry cowed the board to table the matter until next fall.

Among many options, the board is



considering cutting early instrumental education. Cutting grade four musical instruction would save \$82,500 in 2004-05 and then \$170,000 in 2005-06 when grade five musical instruction would be silenced.

But, as with all proposed cuts, those who benefit from the programs protest and insist cuts can and must be found elsewhere.

The choices the school board must make are not easy, but they are no more difficult than those faced in the private sector, especially over the past several lean economic years, which continue even now.

Private-sector employees - the lucky ones - have only had to endure pay freezes. Others have had to take pay cuts and pay increasing amounts of their health care insurance.

The unfortunate ones lost good-paying, career jobs, many at an age that makes getting similar positions

impossible. The school board wants voters

Tuesday to approve another 1-mill tax that will raise \$2.8 million a year for six years for a total of \$16.8 million for what the state calls a Sinking Fund. The money would be used to repave parking lots and make other repairs in the \$50,000 price-tag

If approved, the Sinking Fund would relieve the district's General Fund of \$1.5 million the first year and, presumably, for each year after that. That is the amount of money the district budgeted for mid-range repairs. The \$1.5 million could then be redirected toward the classroom.

We do not support the Sinking Fund millage, as stated in last week's editorial. Many letter writers have taken issue with us, basing much of their arguments on our math.

But our objection to the Sinking Fund tax is not based on math. It is based on principle. We fundamentally object to taxes

and big government. We believe home

and business owners are already overburdened with taxes. The school district's latest tax increase is simply

piling on to an already bad situation. When previous tax proposals came our way to support non-Grosse Pointe purposes, such as those for Detroit parks, the county jail and juvenile home and the Wayne County Community College District, we urged voters to turn them down.

But we were called "mean spirited" for our refusal to "help those less fortunate."

Now our own community wants a tax, but it is too late. Others who came to the trough earlier got the money instead.

We have all spent too much time arguing math when the answer is simpler than that. Just say "No" to more taxes.

A resounding "No" will force the school district to make the hard choices, choices it will have to make regardless of whether the Sinking Fund passes.

Vote "No" on Tuesday.

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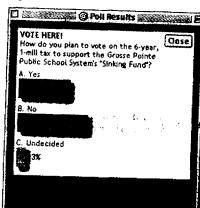
Last week's editorial, "Schools must tighten fiscal belt," should have said reducing the middle- and high-school class schedules from seven hours to six would have saved the school dis-

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f the vote were conducted via our Web site, www.grossepointenews.com, the 1-mill, six-year Sinking Fund for the Grosse Pointe Public School System would have been defeated.

Our Internet poll results showed as of Tuesday that 56 percent planned to vote "No" on the Sinking Fund tax. The same poll showed that 41 percent planned to vote in favor of the Sinking Fund tax, while 3 percent were unde-

The actual vote will be held on Tuesday, March 16, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. We urge all registered voters to turn out and to follow the example of the majority of our Web site voters an just say "No"!





Address comments to cartoonist Phil Hands at phands@grossepointenews .com or go to www.philtoons.com

Letters

No increase To the Editor:

On Tuesday, March 16,

As a past employee of the Detroit Board of Education I remember years of no pay increases. I remember one year where we had to give

gave up steps — pay increases when they had money problems.

they also pay to have MESSA health insurance. They have been paying the difference between Blue Cross and MESSA for eight years now. Their Board of Education said if you want MESSA, pay for it.

Fointe News March 4 editoring in a controlled manner.

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the Grosse Pointe Public Pointes, I will vote yes to the state has not met its objective. Supporting the from the school district.

Unsigned because The issue is pretty basic. I still have children By all measures of success, attending Grosse be it MEAP, ACT or SAT Pointe schools. scores, or college accep-P.S. The next time some-tances, students graduating one in Lansing tells you he from the Grosse Pointe has a better way to fund schools are well prepared for School health back 10 days' pay, one day a check for 20 weeks.

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MESSA Insurance.

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Oh, by the way let me ask tricts. Unfortunately, their quality education program aged program for the initial fund, go to work tomorrow

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Board of Education costs.

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Grosse Pointe are being made to control how to manage any organization today. Priorities have Director of Human are either delayed or done

> Schools that we focus our money and attention on the "needs," not the "wants" of the organization. Throwing more money at the problem will not solve it, but only delay it.

Jerry Kaminski, CPT Grosse Pointe Park

Viva Italia! South choir visits Venice, Tuscany and Rome

By Carrie Cunningham Staff Writer

and minds of the Grosse Pointe South High School which looks out onto an open town of Pisa, which is held up by eight tons of cement. Pointe South High School choir. The singing troupe recently returned from a 10-day trip to the country, where they experienced the wonder of renaissance art, a picturesque countryside and the warmth and beauty of the group was the visit to Rome. The group had the chance of performing songs at a St. Peter's mass. They sang in front of a school in that the warmth and beauty of the warmth and the warmth and the warmth an

where they saw a small consecute and the original home of Juliet from Shakespeare's masterpiece, "Romeo and Juliet."

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Tim Pawlowski. the art of the church, student Davis Smith.

By Carrie Cunningham

Staff Writer

Italy lives in the hearts

Mardi Gras. They saw the tower of Pisa, located in the tower of

South High School choir had a fabulous trip to Italy. They are

the warmth and beauty of the Italian people.

"It was really a neat trip, and the South choir is a dynamite group," said parent Andrea Sullivan, whose daughter Kate is in the choir.

The group flew into Milan and took a bus to Verona, The group would travel to the sum and took a bus to Verona, The group would travel to the sum and took a bus to Verona, The group would travel to the choir.

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Happily Ever After

Pierce Middle School will present on Thursday, March 18 and 19 the production of "Happily Ever After," a comical production which combines the perennial tales of "Rapunzel" and "Cinderella." The stories are retold with

a light-hearted, farcical twist.

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"Cinderella" comes alive in the second act. The story is set in the 1980s complete with big hair, heavy make-up, music and dancing. A sad girl is

again rescued by Prince Charming. Pictured above in back from the left are cast members Chase Hall, Made-line Michalik and Harper Wildern, and in front is Eli Hoerler and Jon Man-

Directed by Carrie Ray and produced by Barb Widener, the production offers a refreshing break from the same old stories while still keeping with the classical themes we have come to love.

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1975 Dodge Coronet By Greg Zyla

Q. Hi Greg. I have a 1975 Dodge Coronet Brougham two-door with 54,000 miles. I am the original owner, and it is in mint condition. Could you please give me a guess at what it is worth? Thank you.

— Bob, via e-mail.

A. Bob, your car originally listed for \$4,154 back in 1975, and Dodge built approximately 10,292 units of this type vehicle. If you remember, 1973 through 1978 were tough years for the bigger cars, since the oil embargo was still on everyone's mind, and smaller, more efficient cars were quickly becoming the norm.

Your car lists in Old Cars Price Guide for anywhere from \$1,840 to \$3,220 depending on its overall condition. It will never be a classic car favorite, and even in completely restored, pristine condition, it lists for only \$4,600. Remember that these are retail numbers, so you may actually receive less if you plan to sell.

However, this info doesn't mean you can't enjoy your Coronet, and I'm sure a car like this will attract attention at the area car shows, so don't dismay. My dad had a beautiful 1969 Dodge Monaco, and I still wish I could drive that car. If I see one at a show, it's what I look at immediately following the 440 Challenger R/Ts, Hemi Coronets and 440 Super Bees.

Good luck, and thanks for the letter.

Biggest-ever Cadillac

Q. Greg, weren't the 1975 and 1976 Cadillacs the biggest ever produced, both in terms of wheelbase and engine size? Thanks, we enjoy your column on the old cars.

— Dot P., e-mail from Oklahoma.

A. Dot, you are partly correct. The 1975 and 1976 Cadillac Deville and Fleetwoods had a 500 cubic-inch V-8 engine as standard equipment, making them the biggest engines available in the Cadillac line. The smaller Seville that year



relied on a 350 cubic-inch engine. The 500-inch engine first appeared in 1970 in the Eldorado, with 472 inches available in the Deville models and Fleetwoods from 1968 through 1974.

Notice I've only addressed V-8 engines, because as far back as 1930, Cadillac had a 452 cubic-inch V-16 and a 368 cubic-inch V-12 available through 1937. In 1938, Cadillac dropped the V-16 to 431 cubic inches. It lasted through 1939, and then it was V-8 only from there on.

As for wheelbase, the 1975 and 1976 models carried the same 130 inches that Cadillac produced back in 1959. However, in the stan-

dard Cadillac (not limo or stretched Fleetwoods or Sixty Specials), the 1930 Cadillac had a 140-inch wheelbase, making it the longest standard-size Caddy ever built.

Edsel trivia

Q. Isn't it amazing that the largest number of sales of a single Edsel body style occurred in 1959 rather than in 1958, when they sold 50 percent more cars? Until you realize that Ford reduced the model line-up from nearly 20 to 10 for 1959, it didn't make

sense. I also think it's odd that the rarest model is the 1960 four-door model, not the 1960 convertible.

— John H., e-mail from Illinois.

A. John, you are indeed correct on those numbers; so here's a little more background. Because Edsel sales that first year in 1958 were not too inspiring, Ford decided in 1959 to offer only 10 distinct 120-inch-wheelbase Edsels instead of the 118inch Rangers and Pacers and 124-inch Corsair and Citations it sold in 1958, which totaled 18 overall. The biggest production run was 12,814 for that 1959 body style you mentioned, and it was a four-door sedan. The bestseller in 1958 was the Ranger four-door sedan at 6,576 units.

As for the rarest model, my figures show that only 59 1960 Villager wagon nine-passenger units were built, compared with 76 convert-

ible coupes and 135 fourdoor hardtop sedans that year. Where did you get your numbers, as I'd be interested in trying to figure out the discrepancy?

discrepancy?
Whatever, Ford's Edsel division built a little more than 63,000 Edsels in 1958. In 1959, that number went to less than 45,000 and then to just 2,846 in 1960. It seems Edsel was doomed

from the start.

Today, an Edsel is a prized possession for many collectors, and I wouldn't mind owning one myself. I'd love to own a 1958 Corsair or Citation two-door with the 410 cubic-inch, 345 horsepower V-8, any of the 1958 Villager or Bermuda wagons, or a 1959 Villager, six or nine passenger.

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Car care-

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grade oil, during the cold months of the year. Lighter oil makes for easier starts on frigid mornings. Review your owner's manual for the recommended winter grade oil, and change your oil to that grade. When you change your oil, consider replacing your oil filter too.

Wipers and washers: If your wipers are leaving streaks on your windshield, it's time to have them replaced. Make sure your windshield washer reservoirs are filled with washer solvent. Most solvents will work until the temperature gets to 10 degrees below zero. If you haven't changed your wiper blades in a while, consider investing in blades that are covered in a rubbar boot. The boot helps keeps

ice from forming on the pivotal points, thereby enabling the blade to make contact with the windshield to keep it clean.

Tires: Make sure your tires have plenty of tread. Also, take a look at your spare to make sure it's in good shape, and that all the parts for your car jack are there, and it's functioning properly.

Emergency kit: You should have certain items on hand, stowed away under a seat or in the trunk in case you find yourself in an emergency situation.

Consider stashing these supplies:

- A regular-sized snow shovel and ice scraper.
- Two heavy blankets and
- some hand warmers,

 A flashlight with spare

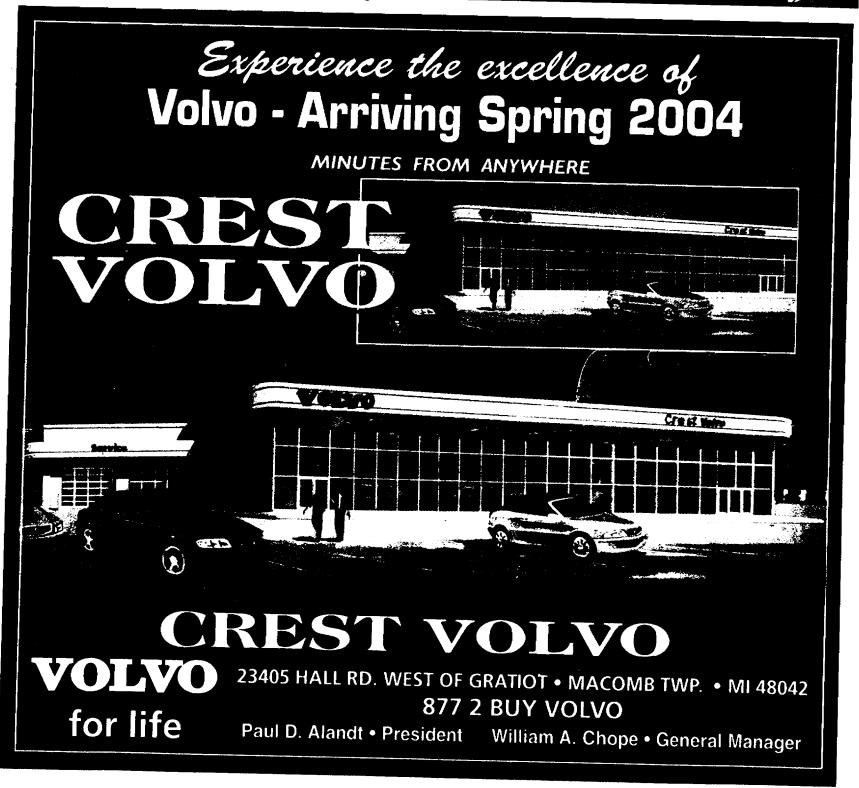
batteries.

- Flares or safety reflectors.
- Jumper cables.
- Boots (in case you have to walk for help).
- Extra washer fluid.

• Fresh water.

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Automotive

'04 Monterey has full-sized pep with 4.2-liter V-6

Recently we were behind the wheel of Mercury's 2004 Monterey long wheelbase minivan. It's loaded with unique features that are sure to attract consumers, and the V-6 nestled under the hood results in one of the peppier minivans we've tested to date. It's also the first full-sized van Mercury has ever offered.

Outwardly, you'll immediately notice Monterey's con-temporary Mercury styling, with a strong resemblance to its sibling Mountaineer. The interior includes a foldinto-floor third-row seat, one-hand-folding second row, versatile out-of-sight storage and both wood grain and chrome accents. We loved the interior, and the seating features were won-derful. (No need to remove seats here for more cargo

Noteworthy are front and rear parking assists, heated and cooled front seats, AdvanceTrac stability control system, reinforced structure improvements and powerful standard 4.2-liter

The 4.2-liter V-6 offers the most torque in class, and pumps out 201 horsepower and 265 foot-pounds of torque. We knew we had a performer under the hood first row floor console storthe minute we hit the throttle, as Monterey zoomed forward with sports car-like power sliding doors. performance. Towing is simple, and you'll be able to attach 3,500 pounds of trailer or boat with no problem. This powertrain features triple hydromounts for quietness and the latest generation of fast transmission hydraulics for quicker and smoother shifts from the four-speed automatic and satin aluminum roof

long, stop-free driving.

As for safety, Monterey offers a segment-exclusive "Safety Canopy" rollover curtain air-bag protection system. This system provides side curtain air bags to protect all three rows of passengers, plus rollover protection sensors. Monterey also offers a long list of additional safety features, from an occupant-sensing passenger air bag to four-wheel anti-lock disc brakes. You'll also find traction control and panic brake assist as part of Premier's standard AdvanceTrac system, along with a tire-pressure monitoring system.

You don't have to spend \$35,000 for a Monterey, however, as the Convenience model comes well-equipped with all expected standard features like air and all the powers, and starts at \$29,995 with the third-row cloth bench and the forward and reverse park assist. The side air bags and Safety Canopy are optional.

The middle-of-the-road Luxury model adds leather trim, power-adjustable pedals, driver and passenger heated/memory mirrors. anti-theft system, side air bags and Safety Canopy, dual-zone electronic automatic temperature control, third-row reading

The Premier is top of the line, adding driver and passenger heated and cooled seats, front passenger lumbar adjustment, first- and second-row perforated leather seats, AdvanceTrac system, unique split-spoke design aluminum wheels

\$195, roof rack crossbars for \$75, and \$685 for destination, bringing the bottom line to \$35,795. A special DVD entertainment system is also optional for \$1,395

The suspension features a MacPherson strut front sus-pension and semi-independent coil spring and torsion bar setup. The ride is very comfortable.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 120.8 inches, 4,434-pound curb weight, up to 134.3 cubic feet of cargo space with second and third rows down, and EPA numbers of 18 mpg city and 23 mph highway.

Monterey's sister, the Ford Freestar, goes for less money, starting at \$24,600

2004 Mercury Monterey Premier

retail, but the upgrades mind spending more. We offered in Monterey are rate the new Monterey a fic to drive this minivan.

— King Features Syndicate

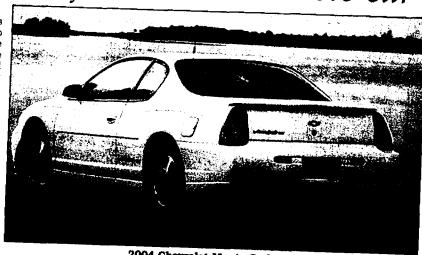
Hi-tech, comfort boosts muscle car

We test drove Chevrolet's 2004 Monte Supercharged SS, a muscle car that retains its image and power from the past and wraps it nicely with new

comfort and technology.

The Monte Carlo was already one of the few remaining classics powers from the 1970s, but Chevrolet decided it would leave no room for the competition and added the supercharger option to the SS model for 2004. What was a powerful 200 horsepower motor is now head-snapping at 240 horses. Also, the 3800 Series II Supercharged V-6 with sequential fuel injection ups the torque from 225 at 4,000 rpm in last year's model to 280 at 3,600 rpm in supercharged form.

Granted, the Monte Carlo overdrive transmission. A rails Our Premier included still has a lot of body to get



2004 Chevrolet Monte Carlo SS

moving, but the 3800 and the supercharger certainly get it going fast in a hurry. There are comparable competitors (the supercharged Politic Grand PHx 1876) powered by GM's 3800 series, comes to mind), but the supercharged Monte Carlo starts to separate itself in mid-range and top-

end power and speed.

Beyond the engine, changes in the Monte Carlo SS for 2004 are minimal. That's OK, though, because this classic coupe is more

about old than new anyway. Swing open the long driver's door and it's like a trip back in time. While the outside of our Competition Yellow SS says 21st century quite loudly, the big-bucket. all-black seats, black dashboard and black carpet say 1970s cool as you climb inside. The leather-accented seats of our tester (\$625 extra) certainly helped communicate that message, as did the kick plates embossed with "Monte Carlo" in lettering that matches the exteri-

Of course, we all like the old look but want t

comfort, and the SS obliges with dual-zone air conditioning, radio controls on a leather-wrapped steering wheel, remote keyless entry and all the powers. XM Satellite radio is a \$325 option (with subscription charges extra) that we love and recommend.

On the outside, Monte Carlo's rear spoiler looks like it does on the NASCAR model - standing tall and straight, a functional appearance compared with the cosmetic look of the horizontal spoilers on almost any other vehicle. The tall taillights also communicate Monte Carlo's heritage. Of course, the supercharged SS is equipped with a full ground-effects ground-effects package accented by bright, stainless-steel tips on the dual exhaust outlets. It has 17inch diamond-cut aluminum wheels and P235/55 R17 speed-rated tires.

Chevrolet incorporates modern-day safety in the Monte Carlo as well, with four-wheel antilock disc Carlo. We give it an 8.5 on a brakes, electronic traction scale of 1 to 10.

control, tire inflation moni-

ger front air bags. A driver side impact air bag is a \$350 option.

Most of the cost boost from base is incorporated in the \$1,960 preferred equipment group. It includes features as minor as a cargo net and heated outside mirrors and as significant as a 200watt premium sound system, driver information center and OnStar.

Other important numbers include 28 mpg highway and 18 mpg city fuel ratings, a 17-gallon fuel tank, curb weight of 3,522 pounds, 15.8 cubic-feet of cargo space and a 110.5-inch wheelbase. The supercharged SS comes with a four-speed automatic as its only transmission choice.

A supercharged Monte Carlo SS is obviously not practical for everyone - in fact, it has only limited availability — but if you've got an appreciation for the past, a desire for the comforts of today and still thrill at the feel of raw horsepower, consider the 2004 Monte

Syndicate

Upkeep on car care keeps costs down

Are your connections cor-roded? Your car battery's connections, that is. Do your wiper blades function prop erly? Has it been a while since your air filter was changed?

Clogged air filters, worn or damaged wiper blades and dirty oil made the top five list of problems identified in cars that underwent AAA's Winter Car Inspections in 2002. same inspections found that 3/4 of all the autos inspected were in need of some kind of

basic maintenance. Neglect can quickly translate into bigger problems that will cost you much more in the long run, be it in repairs or diminished sale value, not to mention lost wages for the unscheduled time you spend on the side of the road waiting for a tow the repair shop.

What can you do to help

tent mechanic inspect your or worn. If your fan belt is car's battery, belts, tires, wiper blades, brakes, alternator, oil, and antifreeze, power steering and transmission fluids.

But before you turn your car over to a mechanic, you may want to take a few moments to educate yourself Here is a quick overview of the components that will called Dex-Cool, which is need some tender loving

care this winter season. Battery: As the temperature drops, so does the battery's cranking power. Make sure the battery cables are tight and remove any corrosion that has built up on the battery terminals with a stiff wire brush and a solution of baking soda and water. Check the date on your battery to make sure truck, and in the lobby at you aren't due for a replace-

Alternator: Make sure keep your car healthy this the belts that deliver the winter? The auto club rec- charge from the alternator ommends having a compe- to the battery aren't cracked

that you have enough antifreeze in the radiator. Most antifreeze mixtures are ethylene glycol based formulas that, when combined with water, have low freezing points and high about the parts on your boiling points, rendering automobile that are most them ideal coolants for vehisensitive to cold weather. cles. General Motors (GM) cars use a special antifreeze designed to last 10 years or 100,000 miles before requiring a change. Dex-Cool is not compatible with other brands or kinds of antifreeze and should never be mixed with them. Most antifreeze mixtures should be changed every two years, or 30,000 miles. If you are unsure about which antifreeze to use, consult your owner's manual.

Oil: Most manufacturers recommend using a low viscosity or lighter weight oil, otherwise known as winter

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St. Paul music program is a symphony of sounds

By Carrie Cunningham Staff Writer

Exquisite sounds emanating from St. Paul Catholic School.

The school performed in the Annual Instrumental Concert on Thursday, Jan. 29, which was the culmination of many hours of vigorous practice.

The purpose of the concert was to introduce the world of performance to students, many of whom just play and don't get the opportunity to perform in front of a large group,"

director Benjamin said.

The concert, performed by over 50 students, was attended by many parents and fellow students.

"It provided (students with) an opportunity to display their Benjamin said.

"It was fun. I was a little nervous before. I took a look at the crowd. I saw my parents, grandpa and grandma, and that made me less nervous," said fourth grader Patrick Kuchta. "I'm very happy the concert was put

Ben together. It really got me to understand that if you're in front of a lot of people, it's okay,'

A variety of instruments were exhibited in the show such as the violin, trumpet, piano, guitar and saxostudents phone. Some played duets and trios. The songs "Adagio in a G Minor" and "Allegro" were played.

Several St. Paul students assisted in the technical aspects of the production, aiding with the stage decoration and lighting.

Learning and performing music has many cognitive benefits, Benjamin said.

"It's been proven to help in reading skills and memory," he said.

Students also important socialization and organizational skills via music.

"You get training and confidence, discipline and cooperation," Benjamin said. The simple gorgeousness

of music is another bonus for students. "It's a beautiful thing. It's

a universal language that crosses several barriers," Benjamin said.

Benjamin teaches voice and piano at St. Paul. Students playing brass instruments are taught in conjunction with De La Salle school's students, and string performers have private lessons.

In the future, Benjamin hopes to introduce students to woodwind instruments such as the clarinet and oboe.

He also hopes to have students appreciate different types of music like Latin, jazz, blue grass and opera as well as classical.



Sisters Hannah (right) and Rebecca Adams perform in St. Paul's Annual Instrumental Concert.

"Even if it's just an introsomewhere,"

Benjamin's vociferous

enthusiasm for the life-giv- for people to understand duction, they can take it ing benefits of music is very other people. It's a melody Benjamin apparent and is sure to of the mind, body and soul,

impact his students. he said. "A sch "Music is one language that has a void." he said. "A school without

ULS math teacher receives Pointer meets, interacts with

Fourth grader Patrick Kutchka, left, stands with

one of his trumpet instructors, Jeff Lakin.

Staff Writer

The outdoors will be calling for University Liggett Middle School students. Math teacher Barb King has received a Venture Grant to develop an outdoor education program. She will develop a mission

statement and curriculum regarding the importance of learning from the outdoors and will travel to sites across the country and state in order to locate places for students trips. She is currently perusing books about Lewis and Clark to develop ideas for the program.

The grant, funded by an anonymous donor, will pay for the development of the mission and curriculum, travel to sites and the pay check to substitute teachers while King is traveling. The grant's aim is to encourage curriculum growth and innovation as well as staff development.

Sixth graders will go to Pleasant Lake while the destination for seventh and eighth graders, which will occur in autumn 2004 and 2005 respectively, is still being

determined.
"The kids learn so much from outdoor education," King said. "It challenges them physically and emotionally. Hopefully, they will be able to develop a respect and under-standing of nature and the environment."

King has had a deep devotion for the outdoors ever since she was little, and throughout her adulthood, she has communed with nature in a variety of formats. She spent room," she said.



ULS math teacher Barb King, above, has received a Venture grant to develop an outdoor education curriculum. She has a wide range of experience traveling and teaching in the outdoors.

three years in Nepal in the Peace Corps and participated in a NOLS course in Wyoming.

She is no stranger to teaching students about the outdoors, either. Since she has been a teacher, she took back packing and canoeing trips with girls in Canada and Isle Royale. She has even made her own cedar

For King, the outdoors is full of possibilities for learning and development.

"It allows for sharing outside the class

grant for outdoor education leaders in nation's capital

Mark Fazi of Grosse (CYLC). Pointe recently attended the National Young Leaders Conference from Feb. 17 to 22. This unique leadership development development program invites high school students

based on scholastic merit, community involvement and leadership contributions - to interact with today's leaders. NYLC scholars work through many issues facing our country today in a series of simulations and meet faceto-face with members of U.S. Congress or their staff as well as other influential personalities.

"Rarely does someone so oung come to our nation's capital to interact with today's elected officials, presidential appointees and nationally recognized opinion makers. This program offers young leaders Washington, D.C. as their class room," said Mike Lasday, executive director of the Congressional Youth Leadership

Former Representative Sarpalius of Texas welcomed the students to the

floor of the House of Representatives. "We have an extraordinary opportunity in this country to make our dreams come true. When you consider the goals you've set for your lives and careers, always remember the sacri-

fices people have made in order for you to fulfill your dreams," Sarpalius said. Fazi also had the opportunity to meet with renowned journalists such as Jonathan Karl of ABC News, Clarence Page of the Chicago Tribune and Karen Tumulty of Time.

For additional informa-tion on CYLC, go to www.cylc.org.

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Mark Fazi

City of Grosse Bointe, Michigan

BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING

The Property Assessment Roll of the City of Grosse Pointe, Wayne County, Michigan, for the year 2004 has been compiled. The estimated State-Equalization Factor for 2004 is 1,0000 Residential and 1,0000 Commercial. The taxable value increase is limited to 2.3% unless ownership of the property was transferred in 2003. Therefore, in accordance with the General Property Tax Laws of the State of Michigan and Section 35, of the City Charter, as amended:

> The Board of Review will meet Monday, March 22, 2004 and Tuesday, March 23, 2004

March 22, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and March 23, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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The Maire Cleaning Club provides important cleaning services to the school. Members, above from the left, are Jamie Smith, Max Mager, Kiera Valente, Juliet Harvey, Will Newell and Hannah Liska.

Maire cleaning club makes school a brighter place to learn

By Carrie Cunningham Staff Writer

The classrooms at Maire run Cleaning Club.

Easlick's third grade class Mager, Kiera Valente, Juliet Harvey, Will Newell tures are 150 points.
and Hannah Liska — are Also, the club has instiscrubbing away dirt as a way to perform service, Maire and assist teachers.

because it makes the school a better place - better able service. taken care of and not sloppy," Mager said.

The students, headed by president of the club Smith and vice president Liska, dust, vacuum and wipe away grime every two weeks with materials from the school's janitorial services. They cover every nook and cranny of first through third grade class rooms, reaching behind

shelves, on top of shelves appealing to outsiders, and amidst desks.

"People will want to

The students have a sys-Elementary are looking tem in which cleaners accusparkling clean, the result mulate points for tasks of a newly formed, student- which correspond to a cerwhich correspond to a cerun Cleaning Club.
Six members of Becky students can receive an eraser or marbles; 30 points Jamie Smith, Max translates to beads; stickers are 5 points, and pic-

> the month for the most outstanding worker.

The students are happy "I like the cleaning club that they can aid teachers all while performing a valu-

> jobs away from the teachers because it's hard for them her students. to grade papers and clean. They don't have enough time to clean," said Harvey.

"The cleaning club is good because it helps our teachers as a service," added

The members of the club believe what they provide

"People will want to come to Maire," Newell said.

The more sanitized class-rooms are additionally a healthier place to learn.

"There's no dust. You don't get sick. There are no germs," Mager said.

Newell first proposed the idea of the cleaning club and the other members of Also, the club has instithe group concurred with tuted a cleaning person of him that it would be a fantastic and worthwhile activity. Officers were then elected, and the students established the point system and cleaner of the month, which motivates the club mem-I like that we take the bers to work their hardest.

Easlick is very proud of

"It's really cool that they took charge of this," she said.

Indeed, by their own initiative, the students provide essential services for Maire.

"I think we're really important for the whole to Maire will make it more school," Mager said.



Assumption Nursery School and Toddler Center, recipient of the 2002 Governor's Quality Care Award, will be accepting registrations on March 20th from 8 to 9 a.m. for a ten-week Summer Camp, which lasts from June 14th to August 20th.

Children ages 1 to 6 will be involved in weekly themes that are creative and filled with summer time fun. Youth workshops for children aged 7 to 12 will also take place as well as science, cooking, theatricals, crafts, gardening, sports and field trips.

For information and registration, call (587) 772-4477.



Phenomenal essays

Three students from the Grosse Pointe Academy have been named local winners in the 35th annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance

From the left, they are eigth-graders Emily Liggett (second place), Anna Basse (third place) and Ashley Thibodeau (first place).

The students received award certificates for their achievement. As the school's first place winner, Thibodeau's name will be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

Thibodeau's essay now advances to the state level competition, from which the top ten essays in Michigan will be selected. The top ten statewide winners, who will be announced in April, will receive plaques, cash and U.S. savings bonds values from \$500 to \$1,000. The winners will also be honored at a banquet in Lansing, meet with Michigan's top governmental leaders and be the featured guests at a Lansing Lugnuts minor league baseball game dedicated in their honor.

Several thousand eighth grade students from over 500 Michigan schools participated in the 2003-04 America & Me contest. The topic of the contest was "My American Hero". Thibodeau wrote about Rosa Parks while Liggett and Basse wrote about their grandmothers.

Started in 1969 and open to all Michigan eighth grade students, the contest encourages Michigan youngsters to explore their roles in America's future. As sponsor of the contest, Farm Bureau Insurance has earned 11 national awards from the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge.

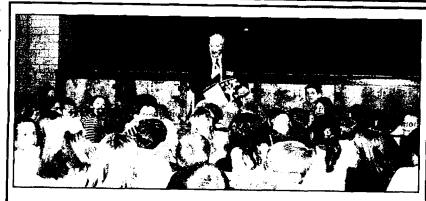


Photo by Carrie Cunningham

Gregarious Gaffney

State Representative Edward Gaffney (R-Grosse Pointe), above, visited with Kerby Elementary second graders on Wednesday, March 3, to commemorate Dr. Seuss's 100th birthday. He fascinated students with his reading of Seuss's book, "If I Ran the Zoc."

After he completed the book, he answered students' questions about his life and views. He told them how he has three children and likes his job as a state representative. One of his favorite efforts at work is to garner funds for education.

The government has cut money, and we're trying to get it back," he said. He explained to the students how he is happy that he can work in a job in

which he can create positive and good effects. He told the students how blessed they are

You are very fortunate to be able to live here," he said. With charm and openness, Gaffney elicited cheers and smiles.

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Seniors and teens bond while sharing music

By Jennie Miller Staff Writer

Peter's Senior Learning Center echoed sounds of music that were a little bit be bop, a little bit hip hop last week.

The learning center organized an intergenerational music program, a two-ses-sion interactive class which brought together the generation raised in the 1950s with the teens of the new millennium. The group used music to spark discussion.

The purpose of this, in essence, is to bridge the generation gap — to bring together the senior community with the younger generation," said Betty Woods, the center's social work intern who helped organize the program. "One way to bring these groups together is through music. Music is an intergenerational language everyone can identify with it in their own way."

Senior members of the parish, many of whom sing in the church chorus, shared a circle of rhythmic discussion with students from Heart Academy in Harper Woods. The seniors shared the sounds of jazz, big band and swing, while the students brought in CD cases filled with the likes of hip hop, pop and R&B.

You listen to music for different reasons: to dance; to relax; to think about the song's message," said Anthony Spencer, a senior at message," said Heart Academy.

In an attempt to discover what draws each generation

Although the seniors agreed that the beat is what attracts them to a certain type of music, many admitted they couldn't identify with hip hop.

"All I hear is "boom, boom, boom," and I can't under-stand the lyrics," Woods

The sounds of hip hop were initially created as a form of protest in the mid 1970s, among black and Hispanic performers in New York City, explained Danielle Djordjevski, a stu-dent social work intern. The lyrics were also called "street poetry," accompanied by disco or funk recordings, she said.

"Detractors criticize most rap music as a promotion of violence and misogyny; others admire rap as an inventive manipulation of cultural idioms and credit many rappers with an acute social and political awareness," Djordjevski argued after doing research on the subject to prepare for the class.

While the students admitted that the music has become commercialized with the likes of Jay Z, 50 Cent, P. Diddy and Eminem, they agreed it wasn't promoting sex and violence, but rather telling it how it is.

"These guys are singing to its music of choice, the about what they know

group discussed what elements of a song individuals find most appealing.

they're surrounded by and everything they're surrounded by and everything they've experienced," said they've experienced,' "I always listen for the Johnsthon Rowsey, a junior beat," Spencer said. "The at Heart Academy. "It's suptempo keeps me up; plus, posed to be a political state-you've got to have a base-ment. They're not telling ment. They're not telling people to go out there and kill someone; it's saying: 'This is what I went through, and this is how I survived."

But the seniors argued that much of the romance from the past generation of music has been lost along the way. They wondered where the ideals of love can be found in songs with sexual connotations.

"There are no love songs anymore," said Palma Strussine. "No one dances cheek to cheek anymore."

But the students argued that dancing isn't just about partners anymore. Groups of friends get out on the floor to share the music together. Upon hearing

Strussine seemed envious that the music doesn't require a partner, which eliminates the term "wallflower."

"It was embarrassing to not be asked to dance by a boy," she said. While none of the partici-

pants would get up to demonstrate dance moves, it was clear the activity was a shared interest among the group. Many bopped their feet along to the music as it resonated through the room.

"I couldn't dance to this," Spencer said when hearing the sounds of big band, preferring the sounds he turns up loudly in his car, which



Photo by Jennie Miller

The St. Peter's Senior Learning Center held an intergenerational music program to spark discussion between senior citizens and students. Participants included Mary Shaw, Rose Marie Sosnowski, Donna Brenner, Marilyn Lhota, Palma Strussine, Shirley Bates, Crit and Keith Leibbrand, and Heart Academy students Anthony Spencer, Lauren Johnson, Johnsthon Rowsey, Timothy Daus and Bric McGhee.

ences in taste and style, the entire group agreed that it is talent that makes a good singer, and a good song pulls at heart strings.

"It's all about talent," said Eric McGhee, a senior at Heart Academy. "You get that chill when you hear

he admitted he does "to get sing."

"A great song is one you "here you were" remember where you were when you first enjoyed it," said Mary Shaw, who admitted that she and her husband always find each other at a party when "their song"

comes through the speakers. The program was considered a success, after one push of a button on the between generations that assumed too much and too much and understood too little about the other. Woods hopes to continue the program in the

"Music is just the key to open the door," she said.

For more information

about the Senior Learning Center and the programs it offers, call director Marion McCarthy at (313) 343-0771

District awarded grant to revamp crisis plans

By Jennie Miller Staff Writer

Woods School District is stepping up to protect its students.

Through a federally-funded grant, the district is preparing to revamp its emergency response plans by the end of the year.

Every Michigan school had the opportunity to apply for the \$2,200 grant which will be awarded to each school building, according to superintendent Dan

Danosky.
The U.S. Department of Homeland Security authorized the funds, hoping to enhance the capabilities of school buildings to respond to an incident such as terrorism, or one that involves chemical, biological, radio-logical, nuclear and explosive weapons of mass destruction.

"School buildings throughout the state of Michigan have been identified as critical infrastructure, thereby allowing them to benefit from Homeland Security grant funding," reads the program's initiative.

The Harper Woods School District is happy to have been awarded the funds to carry out the necessary

objectives. This will make us more ready and more consistent in our response in any kind of emergency," Danosky said. "I don't anticipate terrorist attacks in Harper Woods, but there are other things that can happen, as have been demonstrated over the past couple weeks.'

Currently, each of the school buildings in Harper Woods has a traumaresponse manual which details how staff will handle emergency situations.

The schools practice handling emergencies every now and then, Danosky said. The procedures need to be revisited. This grant allows us the time and money necessary to take a look at our crisis response manual, update it, and do a number of simulations."

The grant allows a school district to seek support from

private firms to help carry schools to work directly with he necessary elements, which Harper Woods is considering doing.

"An audit firm will come in and take a look at our current plans and meet with teams at each of our build-Danosky explained. With its professional eye, the firm will know what works and what might not."

First, each school is required to complete a vulnerability assessment from a template provided through the Michigan State Police. Then, each school is required to update its School Safety Response Guide, incorporating the concepts of chemical biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive emergencies.

The grant then requires

police and fire departments and emergency medical personnel in what is called a "table top exercise." A disaster situation will be laid out, and the group will go through a course of action in full detail.

"We have to make sure everyone knows what they are responsible for doing, Danosky said.

Finally, the district will be required to complete and submit an exercise evaluation and needs assessment.

Each of these elements must be completed by Jan. 15, 2005.
"We have a good relation-

ship with the police and fire departments, and I am comfortable it will go smoothly," he said.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN **BOARD OF REVIEW** MUNICIPAL BUILDING

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Review of the City of Harper Woods will be holding public meetings on Monday, March 8, 2004 to review the Assessment Rolls and Monday, March 23rd from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Tuesday, March 23rd from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to consider appeals on property assessment.

Residents who are unable to attend this meeting may submit their appeal by letter to the Assessor's office at 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225 on or before March 23, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.

Posted: February 20, 2004 GPN: 02/26/2004 & 03/11/2004 Mickey D. Todd

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

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

ROLL CALL: All Council persons were present

- OTIONS PASSED

 To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council Meeting held February 18, 2004, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Board of Trustees Employees Retirement System Meeting held on February 18, 2004.
 To open the Public Hearing on the 2004 Community Block Grant Program. To close the Public Hearing on the 2004 Community Block Grant Program. To close the Public Hearing on the 2004 Community Block Grant Program. To approve the request from Happer Woods Little League to hold their 50th Annual Opening Day Parade on Saturday, May 1, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjoorned at 8:25 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

SOLUTIONS PASSED

To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for check numbers (9808) through (9931) in the amount of \$420,000 \$3 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to Statewide Security Transport in the amount of \$7.931 40 for prisoner lodging and maintenance for the month of January 2004. (3) Approve payment to Wayne County in the amount \$38,425.24 for our \$RF bond, \$22,437.68 on our 1993 Series A bond and \$4,985.61 on 1992 Series Road.

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G.P.N.: 03/11/2004



Beacon students celebrate reading

We Love You

Stabile.

In honor of National Reading Month, which was kicked off on Dr. Seuss'

100th birthday Tuesday, March 2, Beacon Elementary School students celebrated the importance of reading.

During an assembly with teacher Priscilla Miller serving as our master of

ceremonies, students wore Dr. Seuss' hats they made in school. Pictured above are kindergartners Seth Dzikowski and Branford Marshall. The school

which then le

"We also did a whole school choral reading of the Dr. Seuss book, "Great

Day for Up!" Each grade level was assigned certain pages and practiced in their classrooms ahead of time," said principal Nancy Ozimek.

The following day, Rep. Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms visited the

school and read a book aloud to the students, pictured below.

Reading month activities are being chaired by first grade teacher, Barb

Photo by Robert McKean

Two new firemen prepare to battle HW blazes

Preventable,

treatable,

curable -

get the test.

Frattini is a native of Harper cousin still remain. Woods, having graduated from
Lutheran East High School in
business," Frattini joked, adding

Lutheran East High School in

Lutheran East High School in community he calls home with his wife, Sandy, and twin 14-month-

1992. He is thrilled to work in the that he secretly hopes one of his Harper Woods Fire Department

old sons.

"It's great to be able to work Fire Academy, graduating in 1995. Two new firefighters have joined the Harper Woods Fire Department, adding to the talent live."

The great to be able to work here," he said. "I'm helping the citizens of the community in which I live."

He became certified as a paramedic, and spent five years working in aircraft fire fighting and res-Department, adding to the talent and dedication of the force.

According to fire chief Mike Durbin, Patrick Rollison and Jason Frattini are highly qualified individuals as both are veterons.

According to fire talent live."

Fire fighting is in Frattini's cue at Detroit's Metro Airport. Although he enjoyed this experience, Frattini is excited to be working in a smaller community. of the field and have undergone paramedic training as well.

Seeps of his grandfather, uncle and working in a smaller community. He is getting used to his new schedule, which he juggles with Detroit, where his uncle and coaching football at Lutheran

> have all been welcoming and haven't given him much grief about being the "new guy." "They're not razzing me too

much," he laughed. Nor are they teasing Rollison, who also joined the department in February.

"The unit has a great bunch of guys who have been helpful and understanding," he said. "The transition has been wonderful. I couldn't ask for more."

Fire fighting was a childhood dream of Rollison's, who always wanted to don a fireproof jumpsuit, run into a burning house and save the day.
Following his graduation from

the fire academy, Rollison wanted to join West Bloomfield's volunteer Fire Department, which required its fighters to be certified as paramedics. He began working for Med Star Ambulance before he was able to work in his home town.

where he fought flames for seven trained paramedics. years before moving up the road to Harper Woods. He now lives in Algonac but doesn't mind the com-

"Harper Woods is a nice community and I'm happy to work here,"

Left, Jason Frattini gears up for fire battle in his new posi-tion in the Harper Woods Fire Department.



He later joined the Grosse
Pointe Woods Fire Department,
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He later joined the Grosse
Harper Woods Fire Department. The two newest members of the department are seasoned veterans of the field and as well as Above, Patrick Rollison is excited to jump in a truck of the

POLICE AND FIRE

House fire

On Saturday, March 6, at 8:07 p.m., a house fire in the 20900 block of Anita, Attempted car started when a lamp that theft had been sitting atop two books piled on a table Harper Woods police either fell over or was knocked over.

ty and fire/arson investiga-tor with the Grosse Pointe

Kenosha on Fric 5, at 10:15 a.m.

Investigation team made the following report:

"The point of origin is where one of the two lights came into contact with combustible, probably the back of the leather chair. It appears that the light either fell off the books or was knocked off, possibly by the cat(s). The fire is determined to be accidenofficers assisted the fire crowd control. The family was not home at the time

Armed robbery

of the fire.

just exited her car parked in a parking lot in the 19700 block of Kelly at 7:14 p.m. on Saturday, March 6, handed over her black canves which had been broken out.

Mo-ped theft

A black 2001 Honda

Auto theft

parked on the 19900 block of Washtenaw was stolen on Saturday, March 6, between the hours of 12:10 Suspended license and 6:30 a.m. The owner A traffic stop resulted in and his father attempted the arrest of a Detroit man to locate the vehicle before who had a suspended contacting police.

Stolen tires

5, between the hours of 2

officers arrested a 19 yearold Detroit male who had Sgt. William Nicholson of Grosse Pointe Shores into a black 1995 Jeep in the 19100 block of Kennesteen Eviden Months Kenosha on Friday, March

Harper Woods Fire Investigation team made the following report:

The vehicle's owner heard her car alarm going off and looked out the win-

determined to be acciden-tal." Harper Woods police officers assisted the fire

An officer was driving east on Washtenaw at Rossiter when he saw a officers assisted the fire department in traffic and crowd control The family Rossiter. When the subject saw the marked police car, he dropped a red article of clothing and continued walking. When ordered to Sticking his handgun to stop, the suspect complied and was handcuffed. The of a Detroit red sweatshirt was discovwoman's face, a man said, ered a few feet from the "Don't say nothing Give perpetrator, along with a me your purse. Don't say nothing."

The woman, who had side rear vent window had

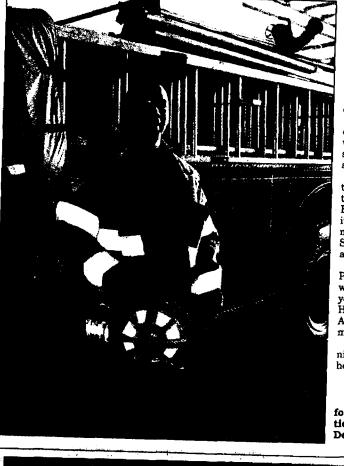
black canvas purse which contained her Visa credit 20400 block of card, a checkbook, \$200 in Williamsburg on Friday, cash, her Social Security March 5, between 11 p.m. card and her operator and 2:30 p.m. the following license. The perpetrator fled southbound on Kelly.

day. The woman parked her mo-ped in the lot and her mo-ped in the lot and secured it with a padlock from the right wheel to its A white 1995 Pontiac frame. When she returned to the lot hours later, the mo-ped was missing.

opeartor license, a warrant for his arrest from the 38th District Court in Someone stole the right two tires and wheels from a black 2001 Cadillac Deville on Friday, March Someone stole the right Eastpointe, no identification, no proof of insurance, and five prior suspension convictions.

Scrapbooking at the library

Kathy Leppek of "Creative Memories" will show Harper Woods Public Library patrons how to start a scrapbook on Tuesday, March 16, at 7 p.m. Those interested should bring four or five photos along. For more information, or to register for the program, call (313) 343-2575.





So, You've Turned 50. CAN WE TALK?

You may not know it, but if you're age 50 or older, you are at risk for developing colorectal cancer, the second leading cancer killer in the United States. For some, there are no symptoms until the disease has progressed. Protect yourself and get tested. If detected early, this form of cancer is curable.

The Endoscopy Center, located in Bon Secours Hospital, has outpatient appointments available. For your peace of mind, see your doctor to set up a screening.

If you need a physician, call Bon Secours Cottage Physician Referral at 800-303-7315.



lane to lane for approxi-

year-old female driver from Grosse Pointe Park was

arrested for having a blood

- Brad Lindberg

Fled on foot

Grosse Pointe Park public safety officers found a parole six warrants totaling \$1,374. violator from Detroit hiding under a porch on Corville in stop on eastbound Mack near Detroit after an extensive Manor after a computer check yard search conducted on showed no record of the man's Wednesday, March 3.

The Detroit man fled from to stop him for a traffic vio-

Stolen car

A 1995 Dodge Neon charge. parked in the street in the 1300 block of Wayburn in Grosse Pointe Park was stolen during the night of Friday, March 5.

Penny saved is a dime earned

An employee of a bank in the 20400 block of Mack in noon of Friday, March 5. coin scam.

The suspect, a 41-year-old same method.

She refused to repeat the same method.

She refused to repeat the test at police headquarters, became uncooperative, would only let herself be dimes on each end of the the checks.

The suspect also provided a fake name and account number to the bank employ-

Public safety officers also An unknown man who stole confiscated a small amount two suitcases from a store in of a controlled substance at the 18800 block of Mack near the time of the arrest.

Cops told to leave party

Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officers had some interference with breaking up an down an alley and across unsupervised house party in the 500 block of Cook on Saturday, March 6, from, of the party father. all people, the host's father.

Officers were called to the house at 10:44 p.m. and were cass.

Man learned the items had been abandoned in the rear parking lot of a Detroit business.

Hummertime

When Grosse Poi

allowed into the house by the 17-year-old female host. \$260, were returned to the an occupied 2003 Hummer sober at the time of the sin-17-year-old temale nost. While officers were conducting PBTs on the 16 guests, the host was on the phone with her father, who was out of town. \$260, were returned to the store. The suspect was described as being in his early dos, wearing a green coat and blue pants. \$260, were returned to the store. The suspect was described as being in his early dos, wearing a green coat and blue pants. \$260, were returned to the store. The suspect was described as being in his early dos, wearing a green coat and blue pants. \$260, were returned to the store. The suspect was described as being in his early dos, wearing a green coat and blue pants. \$260, were returned to the store. The suspect was described as being in his early dos, wearing a green coat and blue pants. \$260, were returned to the store. The suspect was described as being in his early dos, wearing a green coat and blue pants. \$260, were returned to the store. The suspect was described as being in his early dos, wearing a green coat and blue pants. \$260, were returned to the store. The suspect was described as being in his early dos, wearing a green coat and blue pants. \$260, were returned to the store. The suspect was described as being in his early dos, wearing a green coat and blue pants. \$260, were returned to the store. The suspect was described as being in his early dos, wearing a green coat and solve the store. The suspect was described as being in his early dos, wearing a green coat and solve the store. The suspect was described as being in his early dos, wearing a green coat and solve the store. The suspect was described as being in his early dos, wearing a green coat and solve the store. The suspect was described as being in his early dos, wearing a green coat and solve the store. The suspect was described as being in his early dos, wearing a green coat and solve the store. The suspect was described as being in his early dos, wearing a green coat and solve the suspect was described as being in his early dos, wearing a green coat and solve the suspect was

An officer asked to speak to the father. According to the Garage theft told the officer: "Get the (expletive) out of my house. Who the (expletive) do you think you are? You don't know who the (expletive) you're

dealing with.' The officers left the house and finished conducting alcohol tests on the guests out-

Only the host and an 18year-old St. Clair Shores man tested positive for blood alcohol content and were cited for

Man with rifle

A Mount Clemens man walking in the 1200 block of Wayburn in Grosse Pointe Park at 1:02 a.m. on Sunday, March 7, was arrested after officers found a .308 Remington rifle on his per-

- Bonnie Caprara

Plate stolen

On Sunday, Feb. 29, between 5 and 5:30 p.m., a personalized license plate was stolen from a vehicle parked behind stores in the 17100 block of Kercheval in

the City of Grosse Pointe. The victim, a Detroit man, said the plate spelled "WIN-

Bike found

A boys fluorescent green and black 16-inch Murray bicycle was found abandoned near bike racks in the 17600 block of Mack in the City of Grosse Pointe on the afternoon of Tuesday, March

Six warrants

When a City of Grosse Pointe patrolman stopped a white 1994 Lexus ES300 on Monday, March 1, shortly before 4:30 p.m., he learned

the 30-year-old driver from Detroit had 15 driving sus pensions and was wanted or

license plate. The man was wanted on the officers, who attempted two Dearborn warrants for Boulevard contempt of court in lation at Mack and Dearborn, three warrants for Beaconsfield at 2:17 p.m. failure to appear in court in failure to appear in court in Dearborn Heights and Hamtramck, and in Detroit for a misdemeanor traffic

crime

Two men trying to cash fraudulent checks worth a combined \$988.19 were caught in separate incidents at the same location in Grosse

quick to recognize a man Detroit man was arrested in suspected of ripping off a the 18800 block of Mack near Taylor bank with a rolled Moross for trying to pass a fake \$495.87 check.

Exactly a half-hour later, at Detroit man, came into the 4:17 p.m., a 36-year-old bank at 11:12 a.m. on Detroit man was caught try-Friday, March 5, with about ing to obtain \$492.32 by the

contained pennies with men paid him \$100 to cash A manager of the Farms business intends to prosecute.

A Grosse Pointe Farms

Bag man

Drunken

A 27-year-old St. Clair Moross in Grosse Pointe Shores woman registered a Farms discarded the items in .16 percent blood alcohol Detroit before escaping the level upon being tested for drunken driving in Grosse On Wednesday, March 3, at 4:52 p.m., store employees March 5, at 11:30 p.m. called police as the subject

An officer had pulled over Still Meadow Lane for havat 9:55 a.m. ing a broken taillight.

When Grosse Pointe

senger from Detroit. The driver told police he pole," police said.

and the woman were

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

resident said two sets of "parked on the street relax-Royal golf clubs worth a ing and listening to music." combined \$4,000 and a Police found open bottles \$1,000 Panasonic DVD play-er were stolen from his The driver passed three unlocked garage in the 200 sobriety tests but was cited block of Grosse Pointe for having open intoxicants sometime in a motor vehicle. between Feb. 2, and Sunday,

Shots heard

Bad moves

A drunken driver from

Royal Oak spent the early

hours of Friday, March 5,

sobering up in a Grosse

At 1:44 a.m., an officer

pulled over the 33-year-old

man's 2004 Chevrolet Trailblazer for turning

against a red light from

southbound Lakeshore to

The officer also saw the

man drift the Trailblazer

over the yellow line on

Pointe Shores jail cell.

westbound Vernier.

Busted

On Sunday, March 7, at 3 Lakeshore heard two guna.m., a 32-year-old female shots coming from nearby speeding got racy with a Police learned that guards

Upon stopping the woman off the property. the limit on eastbound long as guidelines of the vil-Lakeshore near Moross, the lage noise ordinance were folofficer smelled alcohol and lowed," police said. Grosse Pointe Woods was At 3:47 p.m., a 47-year-old asked if anything was in the vehicle that shouldn't be. "The suspect unzipped her

top, shook side to side and stated, 'Besides these?'" the officer said.

The woman tested positive for a .14 percent blood alcohol level.

She refused to repeat the test at police headquarters, dent the day before, the rolls the day before. He said two would only let herself be searched by a male officer and claimed a bag of marijuana found during the search had been planted by

Vernier into oncoming lanes She was released on bond The man registered a .164 at about noon. percent blood alcohol level.

Car flips on Lakeshore

A witness said a 59-yearold Grosse Pointe Shores Pointe Shores on Friday, the road" before flipping her woman was driving "all over 2002 GMC Envoy sports utility vehicle on northher white 1999 Mercury on bound Lakeshore near northbound Lakeshore near Roslyn on Friday, March 5,

Medics took the woman to a local hospital for observa-

The suitcases, worth a total Shores police investigated to determine if she were

The vehicle reportedly

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2004 THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, **WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Election for The Grosse Pointe Public School System will be held in the School District on Tuesday, March 16, 2004.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M., EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME, ON MARCH 16, 2004.

REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT SINKING FUND

Shall the Grosse Pointe Public School System, County of Wayne, Michigan, be authorized to levy 1.00 mill to create a sinking fund for the purpose of the construction or repair of school buildings and the improvement and development of sites and, to the extent permitted by law, the acquisition and installation of furnishings and equipment, by increasing the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the School District for a period of six (6) years, being the years 2004 to 2009, inclusive? It is estimated that 1.00 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) would raise approximately \$2,830,000 in the first year that it is levied.

Under state law, sinking fund proceeds may not be used to pay teacher or administrator salaries.)

The places of election will be the duly designated voting places in each election precinct in the School District and are as follows:

> PRECINCT A - All voters in the City of Grosse Pointe Park vote at PIERCE MIDDLE SCHOOL, 15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan. PRECINCE B - All voters in the City of Grosse Pointe vote at

> MAIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 740 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan. PRECINCT C - All voters in the City of Grosse Pointe Farms vote at BROWNELL MIDDLE SCHOOL, 260 Chalfonte,

Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan. PRECINCT D - All voters in the City of Grosse Pointe Woods vote at PARCELLS MIDDLE SCHOOL, 20600 Mack, Grosse

Pointe Woods, Michigan.

PRECINCT E - All voters in the Township of Grosse Pointe vote at the GROSSE POINTE SHORES ADMINISTRATION OFFICES, 795 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan. PRECINCT F - All voters in the City of Harper Woods portion of the Grosse Pointe Public School System vote at POUPARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 20655 Lennon, City of Harper

Woods, Michigan, ABSENT VOTER COUNTING BOARD: (All absentee voter hallots) Voting place at BARNES SCHOOL, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.

Each person voting in this election must be a registered elector in the City of Township within the School District in which the person resides

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

G.P.N : 03/04/2004 & 03/11/2004

Stephen Matthews, Secretary, Board of Education

ontinued along the north- Shores policeman cruising bound shoulder, struck a southbound Lakeshore saw light pole, overturned and a green 1994 Cadillac came to rest on the driver Eldorado "swerving from

While helping the woman mately one mile.' from the vehicle, police said During a traffic stop near they detected alcohol on her Woodland Shores, the 48-

Swerving On Sunday, March 7, at 12:55 a.m., a Grosse Pointe Park was arrested for having a blood alcohol level of .155 percent. — Brad Lindberg

A Grosse Pointe Shores resident living in the 900 block of Lakeshore heard two gun-As temperatures warm and fair-weather burglars begin stripper from Phoenix who had been pulled over for had been pulled over owners tips on making their property less tempting.

Detective Rick Good recommended the following:

Grosse Pointe Farms patrol- had shot two rounds from a . "Make sure shrubbery isn't high enough so somebody starter pistol to scare geese could easily hide behind it during an attempt to break into the

for driving a white 1996 "It was determined the Honda Accord 14 mph over starter pistol was allowed as garage door is open without a car inside, it indicates no one's "It was determined the "Don't leave the garage door open without a car in it. If the

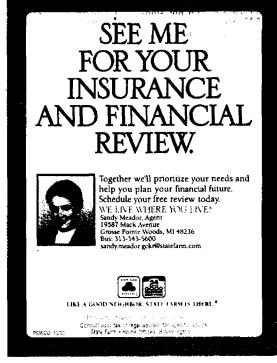
• "Make sure your house is locked and secure when you leave it. If you have an alarm system, make sure it's on.'

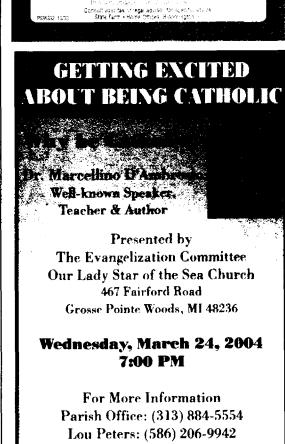
McCarthy offered a way to outsmart burglars of their favorite haul, jewelry. "Put jewelry in a place other than their master bedroom," he said. "Store it out of the way."

Detective Mike McCarthy said burglars often are drug addicts hoping to turn other people's valuables into quick cash.

- Brad Lindberg







No Charge

Root for this tasty veggie mixture

It's not over until the warm weather sings — for more than a day, that is. We anticipate spring, but it could likely snow again, and the temperature is bound to dip before winter is really over.

A warm, end-of-winter side dish is the perfect way to take the chill out of the air. Braised winter vegetables brings together the flavors of familiar root vegetables with others that don't usually end up in the shopping cart turnips, for example, and parsnips and fennel

Braised

Winter Vegetables 2 medium carrots,

peeled 1 medium parsnip,

peeled

2 small turnips (8 oz.), peeled

2 small onions 1 medium bulb fennel, trimmed

1 tablespoon olive oil 1 bouquet garni (1 sprig fresh thyme, 1 bay leaf and 4 parsley stems tied together with twine)

Salt and pepper to taste

1/2 cup water (or 1/4 cup each, water and chicken broth)

for benefactors

cia Cardellio.

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

2 tablespoons chopped fresh herbs, such as parsley, thyme and chives

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Cut the carrots and the parsnip on the diagonal into 1-inch chunks. Cut the turnips and the onions into wedges about one inch thick at their widest point. Split the fennel bulb lengthwise; notch out the core, and then cut the fennel crosswise into 1inch slices. Set the prepped vegetables aside.

Heat the olive oil in a medium (9-inch) Dutch oven over medium heat. Add the onions and cook stirring occasionally until they're softened and lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Add the remaining vegetables, the bouquet garni, and the salt and pepper. Raise the heat to medium-high, and cook until the vegetables are lightly browned, about 5 to 7 minutes. Add the water (or broth) and bring to a boil.

Cover the pot; place in the 350- degree oven, and bake until the vegetables are fully cooked but still hold their shape, 20 to 25

The Italian Heritage Society will present "La Collezione Invisible," writ-

ten and directed by Gianfranco Isernia, on Friday, March 12, in the Italian

Italian Heritage Society



Using a slotted spoon, transfer the vegetables to a serving bowl. Bring the pan juices to a boil over medium heat. If there's a lot of liquid left in the pan, boil until it is reduced to about 1/4 cup. Discard the bouquet garni. Whisk in the butter and the herbs. Spoon the sauce over the vegetables and serve.

Root vegetables are available year-round and have a good shelf life when properly stored in a cool place. This tasty mix of the roots was quite simple to prepare. Peeling and chopping the vegetables first helps the actual cooking go smoothly. Braised winter vegetables sit nicely with steak, lamb or ham, making it a good choice for the upcoming Easter meal that's in the planning stage.

Puppets :

From page 1B But there would be others to pick up his torch. Ed Johnson, a puppeteer who began his career in Detroit. started the Detroit Puppeteers Guild in 1946.

The Detroit Recreation Department started sponsoring shows in the 1930's, and many other organizations followed.

But none has been more influential than the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Today the DIA is home to many of McPharlin's puppets that were donated by his widow and parents in the Paul McPharlin Gallery of Puppets.

Some are his own creations while others are from

his collection.
"The DIA has one of the biggest collections of puppets in the country. I became interested in puppets because of the collec-tion they had," Granger

says.
"I was on the educational staff at the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA), and I would invite puppeteers over to put on plays.

Granger left the DIA in 1999 and later was asked to join an up and coming group called PuppetART.

This newest addition to Detroit puppet history began in 1995. PuppetART was founded by several Russians who were looking to incorporate their culture into a new community.

Today, local puppeteers now work side-by-side with them, and a board of trustees is in place.

Gozman serves as the artistic director while his wife, Irina Baranovskaya, is the theater's designer.

They both had successful careers in the Moscow State Puppet Theater in the former Soviet Union in the 1970's before coming to the U.S. in 1980.

"Puppetry for us is the ultimate art formi. It's a form where we can really see the crossroads of all art forms as far as visual, performing and including new technology," Gozman says.

The first works we did were based on Russian and Jewish heritage because

that's our roots. And then we stepped aside, and we had Japanese folk tales. Western African, Native American stories, and we will continue that way."

The group toured the state and country before opening the Detroit Puppet Theater in 1998 near what would soon become the new

Compuware Building. News of the theater started spreading through word of mouth.

"We've experienced a phenomenon here; almost everyone who comes once comes back. Our audience grows with every performance," Gozman says. "We want to bring as many culturally diverse stories on our stage as possible."

The puppets range from miniature finger-style to full-scale. Puppeteers manipulate the puppet's arms with two wires while holding it up by a wooden

"It's almost as if you're putting your heart and soul into this person," says Natasha Khusid, one of the puppeteers at the studio.

"It's the animation of the object that causes it to become a real person, animal or whatever form. That's the magic of it," Granger says.

Among the plays PuppetART presents are "Kolobok" (A Russian ver-Man), the West African folk tale "Oh, Anansal," and even "Cinderella."

"The puppets, scenery, the music all work together. The dialogue is important and carefully written," says Granger.

"We based stories on ancient folk tale, but scripts and puppets are original," Gozman says. "They are based a lot on our personal experience, and it's an immediate picture of that time and the people. It always reflects today's view and understanding.

Children who visit the studio for a field trip are guaranteed to be in for a

treat.
"We teach children how to make simple puppets and how to put up their own perthat, children are entertained, and they'll learn what their story tells about," Gozman says. "We want to help teachers make children enjoy the learning process.'

PuppetART also offers workshops for college students and theatre professionals and are offered in conjunction with performances. Apprenticeships

are also available. "All this is a necessity to have a studio and bring puppetry to a level where we believe it's supposed to

be," Gozman said.
The museum showcases puppetry's history as well as famous puppeteers and local artists such as Greg Johnson and Brad Lowe.

"The goal for the museum is exploration and preservation. We will save it for future generations, Gozman says.

Memberships are also available ranging from stu-dent (\$25) to Major Benefactor (over \$1,250). PuppetART is a 501C-3 non-profit organization, and donations are taxdeductible.

This April marks National Puppetry Month, and PuppetART will welcome various guest artists to its studio.

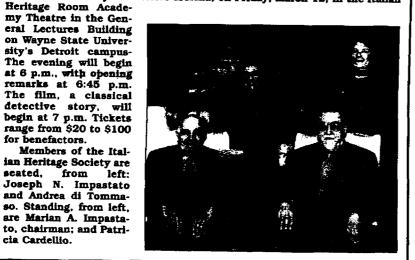
"Everywhere in the country there is some kind of festival, presentations, workshops, or some kind of festivity," Gozman says. "They have different kinds of puppets, and they bring even more diversity.'

Gozman also said there's a big celebration planned for the last Saturday of April on the 24th.

"This year should be a big event because there will be two major points in the area where people can find entertainment and information on puppetry: here and the Clinton Township Library.'

But Gozman hopes that the celebration of the art of puppetry will continue yearround in Detroit and its surrounding communities.

"Detroit wouldn't be complete without such a venue,' he says. "It needs it just as every city needs an opera house and a great restauformances and by doing rant."



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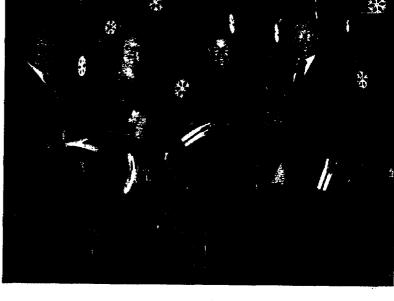


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Classical sounds

The Grosse Pointe Classical Music League awarded scholarships of \$500 each to three musicians who have performed with the Grosse Pointe Symphony for two or more years. The presentation of the awards was made on Sunday, Jan. 18, by Gerard Leone (left) of the Classical Music League's Scholarship Committee. He attended the January concert of the Symphony at Parcells Junior High and presented the checks to the honorees. The recipients are second from left Pamela Francis (viola), Lynne Bacon (violin) and Sam Stanley (violin).

The awards are funded by the estate of Elfrieda Palmentier, wife of Pierre Palmentier, a flutist with the Grosse Pointe Symphony until his death. The will stipulates the funds must be used for private lessons. This is the third year of the scholarship presentations.

Engagement? Wedding? New baby?

Announce it in the Grosse **Pointe News**

Dante Alighieri graduate chairman in the Society will sponsor a lecture, "The Walls That Interdisciplinary Speak: Frescoes as Visual program at WSU.

Italian frescoes is topic of lecture

Stories in the Italian Alps,' by Grosse Pointer Richard Raspa of Wayne State 7:30 p.m. Admission for University, on Thursday, members is \$20; for non-March 25, at Andiamo's members, \$25. restaurant, 7096 E. 14 Mile, in Warren.

Raspa is a professor and 3224.

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Section B

At the right. The King, Ahasueras, makes an appearance during rehearsal for "Purim Shpiel" at the Detroit Puppet Theater.

Above, puppeter Natasha Khusid poses with Esther:

eater is fun for all ages

By Michael Shelton Special Writer

Imagine when you were a child, seeing the movie "Pinnochio" for the very first time or making puppets out of the socks in your drawers.

But the art of puppetry isn't just child's play. For a group of people in downtown Detroit, it's about bringing people together

in a positive way.

PuppetART/Detroit Puppet Theater
invites people to experience this unique art
form through live shows, education and

Gor personal belief is that the right way to solve a problem is through art and beauty to bring whatever problem we have on the lable and solve it aesthically. Beauty will save the world," says Igor Gozman, GO and artistic director of PuppetART. We've been working a lot with the chilling families and the schools, and it have our primary goal and audience."

Label 1 Grand River, have been access every that at 2 p.m., September through

hey originally started as a touring

group at histories and schools. They got the idea of a theater modeled after the theaters in Russia," says Gina Granger, a Grosse Pointe Park, native who serves as secretary and art historian on PuppetARTs board of trustees.

"They found space downtown and created a beautiful theater."

This month's play is "Purim Shpiel," a story based on the biblical Book of Esther.

"It has to do with Haman, who was very much out to defeat the Jews. The King is married and doesn't know his wife, Esther is Jewish," Granger says.

"When she comes up to him and confess-

"When she comes up to him and confesses, he is so taken by her beauty and kindness, he refuses the order to have the Jews persecuted. Haman, the villain, is done away with."

This story is the basis for the Jewish holiday of Purim, or the festival of lots.

"It is a big festival in Israel; it's like their Halloween," Granger said.
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"We can work with a teacher or a family; puppetry can be used in the classroom, or it can be a family hobby. It can create better bonds," Gozman said.

"We aspire to be a puppet theater, an exhibit museum and also a workshop. It's a three-pronged workshop where people learn how to make puppets. We have a collection from around the world," Granger says

For more information about PuppetART and the Detroit Puppet Theater, call (313) 961-7777.

The roots of puppetry can be traced back to early civilizations.

"Children were taught through storytelling and it was often done with objects that would support the word of the story," Gozman said.

From the very beginning, objects were used by people to communicate with divine powers. They would need some kind of personification or materialization of this

granger to wrete a book called A History of Puppetry in Detroit," sleep Nancy Henk, a local veteran puppeteer.

According to the book, puppetry existed in Detroit since it was founded in 1701. At one point it was even outlawed as an immoral practice.

"Detroit has been an important center for puppetry in the 20th century," Granger says.

says.
Shadow-puppet shows were a popular attraction in Greektown from the 1920's to the 1940's with Harry Tsouleas putting on stories of the hero Karagiozis.

The art form became popular in the 20th century thanks to the help of Paul McPharlin, a Detroit native.

"He made puppetry an art form. He also wrote a book on the history of puppetry in America," Granger said. McPharlin's efforts lead to the creation

McPharlin's efforts lead to the creation of the Marionette Fellowship in 1929, which allowed other puppeteers such as William Duncan, Edward Mabley and Meredith Bixby to showcase their talents to new audiences.

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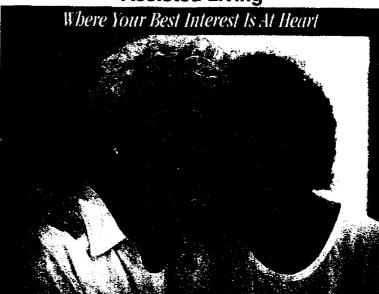
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South's Mother's club fashion show is March 30

The Mother's Club of Grosse Pointe South High School will present a fashion show and luncheon from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, in the school's gym. The annual benefit helps fund South's scholarship, enrichment and

preservation programs.
Elaine Schweitzer is chairman of the event. Schweitzer expects some 500 guests to participate in the afternoon of food, fashions and entertainment.

The afternoon begins with lunch catered by Opus to Go. The fashion show will follow, with fashions modeled by South students, administrators and parents. The fashions this year are compliments of Boutique Bellissima, Cusmano's Tuxedo Rental, Dawood, Hickey's/Walton Pierce. Jane Woodbury and Nicole Miller.

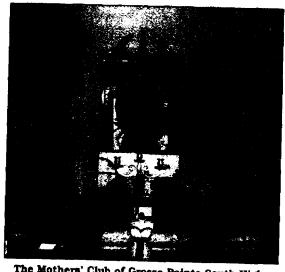
The show will also feature original designs by South's fashion and fabric students. The models' hair and make-up will be profes-sionally styled by The Coliseum International Salon and Spa.

Entertainment throughout the afternoon will be provided by the Grosse Pointe South Choir and the Grosse Pointe South Jazz-

The event will also offer some dazzling raffle prizes donated by local merchants. such as a Tag Heuer ladies watch from Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers, white gold and diamond drop style earrings from Joseph DuMouchelle Auctioneers and Jewelers, a triple-tier diamond and white gold necklace from Valente Jewelers, a white gold, diamond and garnet necklace from George Koueiter & Sons Jewelers, a Waterford two-tiered crystal server, a framed watercolor painting by Michael Derbyshire, an original acrylic painting of your home by Hala Besmar, a hand-painted silk pillow by local artist Jane Shook, a Sony Clie personal entertainment organizer with color screen from Circuit City, a Village

of Grosse Pointe shopping

spree and more.



The Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South High School committee chairmen preview raffle items for the upcoming Spring Benefit. Standing, from left, is Rose Gilpin and Barb Palazzolo, fashion show co-chairmen. Seated, from left, are Mary Catherine Kedzior, underwriting chairman, and Elaine Schweitzer, event chairman. The luncheon and fashion show will take place in the Grosse Pointe South High School gymnasium on Tuesday, March 30, from 12:30-3:30.

Tickets are \$30 Reservations are required. Space is limited and the event traditionally sells out.

Raffle tickets are available in advance or at the door for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Call Schweitzer at (313) 881-1254 for information and reservations

Heart-warming benefit: Lisa Kotula of Grosse Pointe Park was cochairman of the Heat and Warmth Fund's fourth annual "Night of Warm Hearts" fundraiser.



Lisa Kotula of Grosse Pointe Park was cochairman of the Heat and Warmth Fund's fourth annual Night of Warm Hearts fundraiser.

February event and raised

more than \$203,000 for the Heat and Warmth Fund

than 550 attended the

THAW is an independent nonprofit organization that provides emergency energy assistance to low-income families, individuals and

financial crises.

This year, the need for energy assistance has been greater than we've ever seen," said **Kathleen** Walgren, THAW executive director. "Many families have been hit hard by the state of the economy and the extremely bitter cold temperatures; so raising funds and awareness is

more important than ever." The amount raised at the event is matched by DTE Energy, Consumers Energy, Aquila Inc. and SEMCO Energy.

Compuware Corp. and Standard Federal Bank were honored with the Warm Hearts award for their philanthropic commitment to the community.

Preview party: Grosse Pointe's Maniscalco Gallery of Fine Art, 17728 Mack, will host the first

preview reception for the MASKorAIDE fundraiser for the Coalition on Temporary Shelter (COTS). Preview receptions offer views of one-of-a-kind masks created for the annual benefit. Masks will be on display at the Maniscalco Gallery from Thursday, March 18 through Friday, March 26. The reception is from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 18.

The annual MASKorAIDE VI fundraiser is slated for 6:30 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, April 14, at the GM world headquarters Wintergarden at the Renaissance Center. More than 700 guests are expected to attend the evening of dinner, entertainment, art and fantasy and live and silent auctions of unique masks created by

school children, volunteers and guests. Mask makers will include Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, artists from the Heidelberg Project and

celebrities, politicians,

designers, art educators,

Al Kaline. COTS is a private, nonprofit organization that provides emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing and comprehensive support services for Detroit's homeless popula-

tion. "MASKorAIDE VI" will not only help raise much-needed funds for COTS, but also will contribute to raising awareness and unmasking' the critical issues that surround homelessness," said Cheryl P. Johnson, COT's CEO. "We invited the community to help us help homeless people get back on track and get their lives back."

Tickets for MASKorAIDE

— Margie Reins Smith

sponsorship information, call Joyce Dallas at (313) 576-0206. Other MASKorAIDE pre-

views are at the Traffic Jam & Snug Gallery in Detroit from March 25-31. The reception is from 6 to 10 p.m. Thursday, March 25; and at Batista Gallery in Ferndale from April 1-9. Reception is from 6 to 10

p.m. Thursday, April 1.

Elected: Grosse Pointe Woods resident Anthony J. Niarhos was recently elected first vice president of the Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit. He has been a member since 1995 and has served on the purchasing and Boat Day committees and as the chairman of the scholarship committee.

The Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit, which was founded in 1914, distributes thousands of Christmas gift packages to needy children each Christmas. It also sponsors an emergency dental program for children, awards scholarships through Wayne State University, provides free shoes to children in need, and helps send hundreds of needy children to camp each sum-

<u>Engagements</u>



Patricia Ricci and Stephen Guest

Ricci-Guest

Elizabeth and Robert Ricci of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Ricci, to Stephen Guest, son of Margaret Guest of Grosse Pointe and the late Dr. Michael Guest.

wedding is A July planned.

Ricci earned a bachelor's degree in business administration, with concentration in finance and human resources, from University of Michigan and a master's degree in educa-

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University. She is an elementary school teacher in Chicago.

Guest earned a Bachelor of Science degree in microbiology from the University of Michigan and is currently a Ph.D. candidate in virology at the University of Chicago.

Hegemier-Bernhardt

Tim and Anne Hegemier of New Knoxville, Ohio, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Lynn Hegemier, to Stephen Doty Bernhardt, son of Florence Bernhardt of Grosse Pointe Woods.

A March wedding planned.

Hegemier earned a bachelor's degree in communications management with a minor in business organization management from the University of Dayton, She is working on a master's degree in organizational communications.

Bernhardt earned a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Dayton. He is a financial consultant with A.G. Edwards.



David M. Laney and Jessica Toffelmire

Toffelmire-Laney

and Lorna Toffelmire of Dardanelle, Ark., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Toffelmire, to David M. Laney, son of Diane and William G. Laney of Grosse Pointe Woods. A November wedding

Toffelmire earned



Jessica Lynn Hegemier and Stephen Doty Bernhardt

in interior design from the University of Central Arkansas. She is an interior designer.

Laney attended Recording Workshop, where he studied recording engineering. He also attended the Recording Institute of Detroit for advanced study in recording engineering a and music production. He is Bachelor of Science degree a recording engineer.

Babies

Kate Anna Adams

Marc and Meagan Adams ointe l'arms are Kate Anna Adams, born Jan. 10, 2004.

Maternal grandparents are Walter and Carol Gray of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Paternal grandmother is Judy Adams of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Eleni Alexandra

Tecos

Bill and Gina Tecos of the parents of a daughter, Grosse Pointe Farms are the parents of a daughter, Eleni Alexandra Tecos, born Dec. 7, 2003. Maternal grandparents are Lew and Elaine Sbrana of Healdsburg, Calif. Paternal grandparents are George and Barbara Tecos of Grosse Pointe Park. Greatgrandmother is Virginia Sbrana of Healdsburg, Calif.

Free community education night to be held at VECC

A free community education night focusing on the importance of exercise and strength training in overall health will be presented from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Mar. 11, at the Van Elslander Cancer Cancer Center (VECC), at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

Roger Anderson, director of SJH&MC Rehabilitation Services, Tracey Steeves and Christopher Simone will lead the discussion and demonstrate certain gym equipment and at-home strength training exercises.

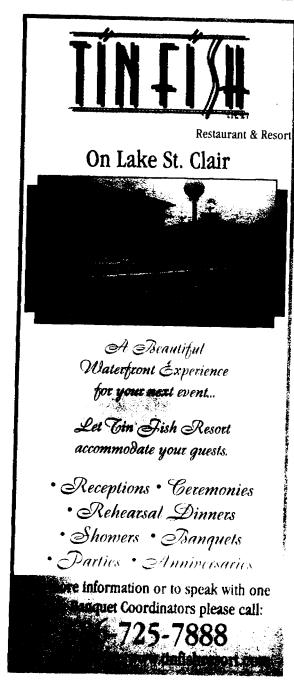
SJH&MC F.I.T. (Functional Independent Training) Program will be

presented. Program is a bridge between completing outpatient physical and/or occupational therapy and exercising at a gym. Benefits of exercise and

strength training include more energy, a stronger selfimage and a better quality of life. It also helps patients undergo cancer treatments.

The VECC is located behind St. John Hospital at 19229 Mack and Moross, east of I-94. To register or for more information, call (866) 246-4673

Free VECC community education night programs are held on the second Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.





GP Theatre actors learn the ropes

Grosse Pointe Theatre will present "The Will Rogers Follies" May 2, 5-9 and May 12-15. The production will feature 16 Ziegfeld beauties and a four-cowboy chorus doing elaborate dance routines. Theatre members are working hard to make it a true Ziegfeld production through the set, artifacts, choreography and costumes. Actors are required to perform with ropes.

Doug Smith, a professional roper from Medway, Ohio, recently led two four-hour

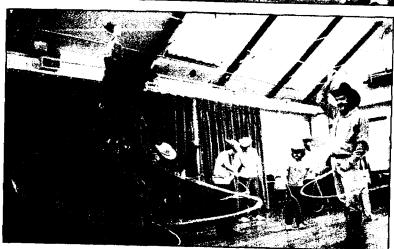
seminars to teach the actors how to do some rope tricks.

At the left, Smith helps actor Stephen Morrison learn the art of twirling a rope.

Above right, Stephen Repicky, Sara Shook and Danielle Muawad, all Grosse Pointers. practice what they've learned.

At the right are Don Bischoff, who plays a professional roper in the play, and Tim Reinman. who plays Will





Slimed by spam

By Debble Farmer Special Writer

No one can argue that the Information Super Highway is not a great thing. I mean, where else can you type in the words," Iron Butterfly," and find out the real lyrics to their 1971 concert film, "In-a-Gadda-Da-Vida," or shop at Eddie Bauer at midnight in your pajamas?

But, to me, the truly amazing thing about the Internet is the quality of junk mail you now can in receive. It's enough to make all of the credit card offers and usual collections of bills that come through the mail seem, well . . boring.

Don't get me wrong; normally I'm not the sort of person who goes around looking for exciting junk mail (known as "spam" in computer lingo). It's not one of my interests; so, when spam first started arriving in my e-mail box some time ago, I was deleting it from my e-mail inbox without really read-

ing it.
Then, one day, out of spite and desperation, I made a terrible mistake: I replied to one with the plea: "Take-me-off-your-list!!!!" Little did I know that these five little words would open a floodgate of Internet junk mail the likes of which no human has ever seen.

iou would think that someone who used to wear bell-bottoms and hang out at Rolling Stone concerts wouldn't be so naive. You would think.

However, let me just say that replying to spam belongs second on the Really Bad Idea List, right under fashion's odd pantsskirt combo, gouchos, but somewhere above home perms. You see, by the nature of replying, I have just proven that I am, indeed, a live person.

Possibly, one who reads. Which is, at least as far as spam is concerned, a very, very big mistake.

Do you **rem**ember?

In the 1940s, where did Grosse Pointe High School students hang out and meet friends over a hig, greasy hamburger and french fries?
Last week's answer:

Fromm's hardware store in the Village.

. Each week we will try to provoke readers with a ques-tion about Grosse Pointe's past. The answer will be printed the following week.

Family Daze
By Debble Farmer

Suddenly all sorts of people need my help. Take, for instance, a certain Mrs. Jumai Afsatu Abachua, the wife of for-mer head of a foreign state, who is under house arrest and needs me to help her collect her deceased husband's funds and deposit them, interestingly enough, into my account for safe keeping.

On top of that, there are senators, ambassadors and even princes who are sitting by their computers at this very minute desperately waiting for my legal advice.

Usually, more people are concerned with my financial state than my knowledge of foreign politics. People send me all sorts of

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ties that will make me rich without having to do anything at all.

In fact, one particularly ambitious person claimed that my entire credit history could be erased just by replying to his e-mail. Just think: what's taken me a lifetime to ruin can all be gone in less than three minutes.

If that's not enough, there are people who would like nothing better than to improve my health, usually through the use of some sort of rare and pricey natural herb. In fact, just the other day, I received an email from a nice man named Bob who was concerned about my body toxins. Apparently they've reached alarming levels. Luckily, he had a special tea to remedy this. In fact, the regular use of this spe cial cleansing tea had many additional benefits. For instance, it would improve my overall digestion, strengthen my immunity system, help to prevent cancer, make my skin more flexible, clear my eyes, and, I think, even make me a better dancer.

(I could be wrong about the last one.)

But let's be fair. Sometimes, just when you least expect it, some truly useful spam comes through: like the offer I received the other day for free spam protection.

Of course this brings up all sorts of other issues; For instance, would it really work? Whom did it come from? Or, more importantly, is this just another cheap trick that would open the floodgates

to even more junk e-mail? I finally ended up hitting the delete key.

Truth be told, I miss the good old days when you could get rid of junk mail by tossing it into the garbage can without having to worry if it's multiplying or seeking revenge.

It's a crazy thought, I

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

tee applicable. Ticket price includes \$2.50.6.

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G.P. Symphony presents concert on Sunday, March 21

Symphony will present a concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 467 Fairford and Morningside.

Kevin Miller will be the guest conductor. Works will include Leonard Bernstein's "Overture to Candide;" Bach's "Passacaglia and Fugue," orchestrated by Leopold Stokowski; and Brahms' Fourth Symphony.

Two student scholarship winners, Jeffrey Northman and Cecilia Kozlowski, will perform solos with the orchestra. Northman

Pointe offer the Hummel Trumpet Concerto. Kozlowski will play the Strauss French horn concerto.

Tickets will be available at the door. They are \$15; \$12 for seniors; free for students. For more information, call (313) 882-0077.





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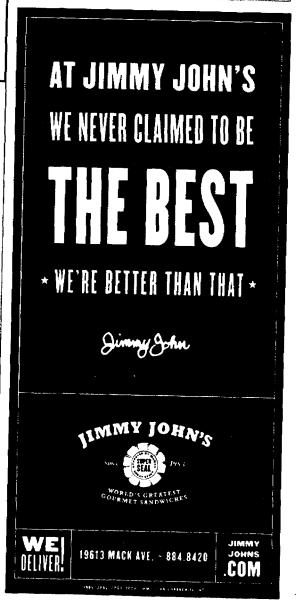
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Garden centers are all about education

known to many of us as the place one goes to buy plants. We think of English Gardens, Allemons Landscape Center or Meldrum & Smith Nursery. The term "garden center," however, in the Detroit metro area has a different

We are blessed with two different groups often mentioned in this column. Both are busy groups with active volunteers, offering plenty of program opportunities. The main thing the groups have in common is educa-

Last week I went on a bus trip. We left the Grosse Pointe Shores Park and traveled first to Grand Ledge to visit an orchid greenhouse, where I got my orchid questions answered by a grower. Then we went to Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids for lunch and a tour. All the way there and back, we shared garden-related stories with people who enjoy plants as I do.

And all of this was planned by the members of the Detroit Garden Center. It's what they're about.

Barbara Hayes of Grosse Pointe Woods has been the executive director of the Detroit Garden Center for 15 years. Her passion for educating the community about all things horticultural is evident, especially when she speaks of the children the center reaches out to. "We want to help children reconnect to the natur- to be sophisticated," Hayes

The Detroit Garden Center began in 1932 after some local women visited the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland and thought Detroit needed something similar. Garden "clubs" were exclusive, and members were asked to join by invitation. The "center" approach meant the organization invited anyone to join who wanted to learn about gardening. Members of the Garden Club of Michigan were the center's founders.

"There were noon lectures at the old City Hall," Hayes said. While there was no official linkage, the city and the center had a relationship. Similar collaborations have continued with the Detroit Garden Center working closely with the MSU Extension Service, especially the Master Gardeners of Greater Detroit, the former Nature Center on Belle Isle, the Detroit Agricultural Network and FARM, Detroit Public Schools, and others including the current relationship with Alternatives For Girls (AFG).

Girls from AFG, and often their moms too, visit the Detroit Garden Center bimonthly to participate in classes designed by Hayes and Elaine Dold of Grosse Pointe. Both are Master Gardeners and enjoy work-

ing with children.
"The projects don't have



What's going on?

Pruning: Everything ou need to know from Mil Anthony, instructor, from 1 to 3 p.m., Thursday, March 11, or from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, March 20, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, Call (313) 884-6638 to register.

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said. "The kids learn by doing. They see the connection between the seed and the live plant."

A program sponsored by the Detroit Garden Center that brings together gardeners from around the area is their Winter Gardening Series, held in January and February each year. The 13th season of the series brought hundreds of gardeners to Historic Trinity Church to learn from local gardening favorite Janet Macunovich and other horticulture

experts.
The Detroit Garden Center has been housed in the Moross House, Detroit's oldest brick home, since 1971. Recently asked to vacate the premises, the center has packed up and will move down the street where its large botanical library will once again be open to the public.

Some of the programs run by the Detroit Garden Center include the annual Elmwood Cemetery Historical Tree Tour in May, the Ojibway (Ontario) Prairie Tour during the summer, workshops and trips to outstate and out-ofstate locations.

Garden centers around

the country often take up residence in historic sites as was the case with the Detroit Garden Center. That is also true of the Grosse Pointe Garden Center, which is housed at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Founded in 1949 when the Alger Family left its home (which eventually became the Grosse Pointe War Memorial), Mrs. Alger wanted a specific second floor room to be used for gardening activities. Two garden-related organizations came together to form the Grosse Pointe Garden Center, which is still housed at the War Memorial.

The Grosse Pointe "center" offers a garden tour for the community each June (in 2004, it will be June 26 and 27), and the Berry Memorial Lecture each November.

On March 30, the Richard and Sue Abbott Memorial Lecture will present David Spytma of the Nature Nook. The March lecture is always about flower arranging, and this year is no exception.

"Right now, we're looking for someone to chair our Children's Garden

Grosse Pointe War Memorial's

Hagen, current president of the 137-member Grosse Pointe Garden Center. The Grace Adams Harrison Children's Garden, also found at the War Memorial, is where the children do projects which can include seed planting and crafts.

This center also offers a scholarship for someone to take the Master Gardening courses. It also gives annual monetary awards to schools, hospitals and other community groups who apply.

Local garden clubs in Grosse Pointe participate in the Trial Gardens, which are found at the War Memorial.

"The Center is like an umbrella over the clubs," Hagen said. The clubs are chosen (by draw from a hat) to participate in the Trial Gardens. "This year's theme is Song Titles," Hagen said.

The Trial Gardens originally began to research new products from companies like Burpee," said Sue Martin Auch of Grosse Pointe Shores, who currently chairs the Board of the Detroit Garden Center and is also a Grosse Pointe Garden Center member. We'd test the seeds and plants to see how they would grow in this area."

Auch's understanding of the start of the Detroit Garden Center was to help people in the city create victory gardens during World

"There were immigrant steelworkers from Scotland and all types of people who had no background with farming," she said. "Members of the Detroit Garden Center helped them learn how to grow tomatoes, squash and beans."

The Centers have both changed from white-gloved ladies with hats to women and men who work hard in the soil and spread the word about horticultural education throughout our

community.
If you have the chance, take advantage of one or both groups. You'll receive newsletters; you'll get an opportunity to participate in programs; or you'll learn how to take care of your orchid and all your other plants.

The 350-member Detroit Garden Center is in the midst of a membership drive. Call them at (313) 259-6363 for details. Be patient, however, as the move may leave the phones out of commission for a day or two.

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center can be reached at (313) 881-4594, and be sure to attend its lecture on March 30.

Kathleen Peabody is a master gardener who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods. E-mail her at kmaslankapeabody@sbcglobal.net.

GP Public Library presents 'Detroit Architecture' lecture

Library will present "Detroit cuss the special environ-Architecture: Untold Stories" with local architect and author, Eric J. Hill, on Wednesday, March 24.

Hill, who co-authored "AIA Detroit: The American Institute of Architects Guide to Detroit Architecture," will speak on the rich architectural heritage of Detroit. The presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Pointe Public Library Central branch at 10 Kercheval, in Grosse Pointe

Hill will provide a fresh, indepth look at the city of

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The Grosse Pointe Public Detroit itself, as well as disment of the Grosse Pointe lakeshore. His presentation will also feature a number of architectural photographs. Hill is a Director of Urban Design and Planning with Albert Kahn Associates and adjunct Professor of Architecture at the University of Michigan.

Tuesday Musicale concert

The Tuesday Musicale of Detroit will present a concert at 7 p.m., Monday, March 15, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. (313) 881-7511.

John Madison, viola; Candace DeLattre, soprano; and Mary Siciliano, piano, will perform compositions by

Stephanie Herm, French horn; Carl Karoub, French horn; and Mary Holmes, will perform

Telemann's Concerto in D. Herm and Karoub will tion by Karoub. Laura Burris, soprano, and Blake Ray, piano, will perform works by Rachmaninoff. Julia I, pianist, will perform works by Rachmaninoff and Debussy.

Admission is free. A \$5 donation is suggested. For more information, call (248) 848-9930 or (586) 739-5707.

Gospel music comes to Academy

Grosse Pointe Academy has planned "An Evening of Gospel Music," beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, in the Academy's auditorium.

Preston Brown is musical director of the Fellowship Chapel church choir and of Farmington Middle School choir.

He will present his adult choir and students from Farmington Hills as well as seventh- and eighth-graders from the Academy in a celebration of gospel music. The Academy's eighth grade bell choir will also perform.

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Dare I try it? The Rev. Bradford G. Whitaker

Christ Church Grosse Pointe

Having seen the film The Passion of Christ, dare I try to write a pastor's response?

This is a daunting task in that no doubt there are many, many different responses to this

provocative film.

I will have to admit that given Mel Gibson's record starring in, directing and producing films, I was and remain quite skeptical of his producing and directing a film about the Prince of Peace. Gibson's use of violence and sex in his other films had me wondering how he would approach the final days of the life of Jesus of Nazareth.

He clearly attempts to convey the gruesome and inhumane realities of 1st Century Roman crucifix-

Much of the conversation around this film has been centered on the realism of its graphic violence and Gibson's possible message in his interpretation of the Passion of Christ through this film as anti-Semitic.

I am not Jewish; so I cannot say that I experience anti-Semitism. However, in regard to this film, I was offended by the unfair stereotypical manner in which the Jewish leaders (not the Jews in general) were portrayed as angry hook-nosed, hissing Christ haters.

Christians, since the writings of the Gospels, have knowingly and unknowingly perpetuated this

I was also bothered by the interpretation Gibson used with Herod as some sort of evil sexual deviant or androgynous at best.

Nothing in the Gospels suggests such a thing. What was his point? One can only speculate without having the benefit of a personal conversation.

On the positive side, I was moved to tears at many points in the film. Overall, I have been pleased with how this film has helped me during my Lenten journey. It has called me to question ways in which I unfairly continue stereotypes of other persons or groups.

Also, as a Christian, it has invited me to discover even further what Christ's passion means for me and for humanity.

For that I thank Gibson.

Overall however, I found the book to be better than the film.

We will be discussing this film in our parish on Tuesday evening, March 23. There are a number of helpful resources on the Internet which serve as a guide for processing the viewing of this film. I have found these guides helpful for myself and for small groups. They are:

http://www.bc.edu/research/cjl/metaelements/partners/CSG/passion_guide.htm (The Christian Scholars Group on Christian-Jewish

Relations http://www.io.tusage/interfaith/passionfilmresources.html (National Council of Churches as suggested by the Episcopal Church)

http://www.elca.org/ea/Interfaith/gibson_statement.html (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

http://www.jcrelations.net/ (Jewish Christian Relations; type in The Passion of Christ) For those whose journey this time of year is through Lent and toward Easter and who will see this film, I hope it will serve as a medium to promote a deeper understanding of what Christ's willingness to suffer means for them and for humanity.



Newcomers Alumni Club

The Grosse Pointe Newcomers Alumni Club is devoted to fun and friendship for senior members of the community. The club sponsors six events a year, from cocktail parties to hoedowns, croquet parties to mystery trips.

Any senior interested in joining the club should contact one of the officers.

Officers for 2003-04 are seated, from left: Ron and Ginger Morketter, president couple; Phil and Darlene Van Tiem, entertainment couple.

Standing, from left, in the second row are: Al and Louise Thomas, vice president couple; Beth Gibney, secretary; Darlene Henderson, assistant entertainment; Tom and Sally Moore, membership couple.

Standing, in the back row are Tom Cibney, secretary; and Clear Reterry Standing, in the back row are Tom Gibney, secretary; and Glen Peters,

Not shown: Hugh Henderson, assistant entertainment and Elizabeth

Peters, treasurer.

Market 1 pm. La Societe des lardinieres

La Societe des Jardinieres will meet at noon Thursday, March 11, to assemble Easter baskets for a cottage at the children's Home of Detroit. The hostess, Mary Dennehy, will provide lunch.

Classical Music League

Grosse The Classical Music League will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 18, at Lochmoor Club. The Sweet Adelines chorus will entertain after lunch. The cost is \$21. For

Pointe Questers

The Windmill Pointe Questers will meet at 10 a.m. Monday, March 15, at the Deserrano residence, 17225 Common in Roseville. The program, "The Realm of Flora, Botanical Imagery at the DIA," will be presented by the Detroit Institute of

Arts. Luncheon will follow. Watt. Guests are welcome. For information or to make a reservation, call (586) 979-

Grand Marais Questers

The Grand Marais Questers will meet on Friday, March 12, at the home of hostess Betsy Rowe. Callie Barrett will speak on "The Arts and Crafts Movement."

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Bridge Bub more information, call (313)

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Windmill

Ther foint widge Club will meet at 11 a.m.
Thursday, March 18, at the Grosse Pointe War

Memorial's Alger House for a spring luncheon and bridge. For more information, call (313) 886-7595 or (313) 881-8566.

Woman's Club

Grosse Pointe The Woman's Club will meet at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, in the Crystal

Arts. Luncheon will follow. Ballroom of the Grosse Hostess will be Claudine Pointe War Memorial.

Lillian Forrest, a dance instructor at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, will be the speaker.

Her topic: "Invitation to the Dance." War Memorial instructors Dennis and Geri Maxwell will demonstrate Marais several dances.

All Grosse Pointe women are invited. Guest reservations should be phoned to (313) 881-6251 by Saturday, March 13.

Author will sign book

Pointe South High School graduate Kathryn Andries has written a book, "Soul Choices: Six Paths to Find Your Life Purpose." speaker, teacher, video and television producer.

of her book at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 11, at Borders Books & Music, 17141 Kercheval in the City of Grosse Pointe.

LTA explores 'Apocalyptic Code'

"The Apocalyptic Code" will be the topic for the Lay Theological Academy's presentation from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 18, by The Rev. Dr. Gustav Kopka, pastor emeritus of St. James Lutheran Church. For more information, call (313) 884-

Lay Theological Academy provides ecumenical education opportunities for adults in the area. Member congregations are Christ Church Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, Grosse Pointe Church, United Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, Our Star of the Sea Catholic church, St. Ambrose Catholic Church, St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, St. James Lutheran Church, St. Paul Catholic Church and St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church. The Children's Home of Detroit is a supporting institution.

Christ Church organist to give recital

Christ Church Grosse Pointe's series of organ recitals will conclude with a concert at 4:30 p.m., Sunday, March 14, by Sean Vogt, the church's new assistant organist.

Music by Widor, Bach, uxtehude, Locklair and Buxtehude, Locklair an Guilmant will be featured.

Vogt has recently performed this recital at St. Phillip's Cathedral in Atlanta, Ga., and will perform goat the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago later this month. He is pursuing his doctorate in conducting at Michigan State University.

Christ Church Grosse Pointe is located at 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

The recital is free and open to the public. A reception will follow in Miller

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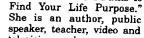
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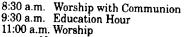


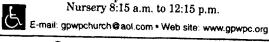
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Treatment for seniors

By Jeff and Debra Jay Special Writers Dear Jeff and Debra,

My mother is 83 years-old and taking 16 different prescription drugs. She also uses aspirin and other various over-the-counter drugs. I am concerned that she doesn't keep all of her medications straight. I don't know if she takes them when she should or if she accidentally doubles her doses. She has bottles on her nightstand, dresser and in her bathroom. I've read about people dying from using prescription medications incorrectly. Could you please give me some guidelines that I could share with my mother?

- Apprehensive About Mom

Dear Apprehensive:

Using prescription drugs incorrectly causes 125,000 deaths in the United States annually and leads to 10 to 25 percent of hospital and nursing home admissions. Some say it is becoming an international epidemic. Studies show that 50 percent of all medications are taken incorrectly. To help you and your mother lower the risk of medica-

tion misuse, take the following quiz.

• Are all doctors informed of all drugs used (including over-the-counter drugs, vitamins, herbal remedies and alcohol)?

 Are doctors given a complete list of drugs now being used before a new drug is prescribed?

 Are directions for drug use — including possible side effects, what to do if a dose is forgotten, possible interactions with other drugs — clearly understood by the older adult?

• Does the older adult keep, in his or her wallet or purse, an updated list of all drugs used including name, dose, and frequency?

 Is the older adult mixing drugs into the wrong bottles?

 Can the older adult differentiate the color of different pills? (Older adults lose the ability to distinguish some colors.)

Does the older adult take medications prescribed for someone else?

 Is a drug reference guide put to use to learn everything about every drug taken?

 Does the older adult keep medications that change mood or cause drowsiness any place other than the bedside table (to avoid overdose)?

 Does the older adult put on his or her glasses and use good light to read prescription bottles every time medications are taken?

 Are the labels on nonprescription medications read thoroughly? Is a standardized measuring spoon from the

pharmacy used for liquid medications?

· Are diet instructions followed when using medications that require special dietary requirements.

 Are medications stored properly — away from the heat and humidity in places such as bathrooms and thrown out when expired? Does the older adult check with the doctor

before changing a dosage or discontinuing use? Is one pharmacist used for all prescription and over-the-counter medications?

Does the older adult need a Medic-Alert identi-

fication bracelet, and does he or she wear it? Does the older adult abstain from driving

when using medications that cause drowsiness?

 Is the doctor promptly notified of any symptoms that may be caused by medication?

Prior to surgery, is the doctor or dentist

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Alzheimer's: Early intervention works best

change in memory is normal as we grow older, the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease are more than simple lapses in memory.

People with Alzheimer's can experience difficulties communicating, learning, thinking, and reasoning.

To help family members and health care professionals recognize warning signs of Alzheimer's disease, the Alzheimer's Association offers this checklist of common symptoms.

1. While it's normal to forget appointments, names, or telephone numbers, those with dementia will forget such things more often and not remember them later.

2. People with dementia often find it hard to complete everyday tasks that are so familiar we usually do not think about how to do them, such as using a household appliance, or partici-

pating in a hobby.
3. Everyone has trouble finding the right word sometimes, but a person with Alzheimer's disease often forgets simple words or substitutes unusual words. making speech or writing hard to understand.

4. It's normal to forget the day of the week or where you're going. But people with Alzheimer's disease can become lost on their own street, forget where they are

5. No one has perfect judgment all of the time. ment all of However, those with Alzheimer's may dress withthose out regard to the weather, or show poor judgment about money, giving away large amounts of money to telemarketers or paying for products they don't need.

Someone Alzheimer's disease could forget how to balance a checkbook, what the numbers are and what needs to be done with them.

7. A person with Alzheimer's disease may put things in unusual places: an iron in the freezer or a wristwatch in the sugar bowl.

8. Rapid mood swingsfrom calm to tears to angerfor no apparent reason may be a sign of Alzheimer's dis-

9. Personalities ordinarily change somewhat with age, but a person with but a person with Alzheimer's disease can change a lot, becoming extremely confused, suspicious, fearful, or dependent on a family member.

10. The person with Alzheimer's disease may become withdrawn or not want to take part in usual activities.

diagnosis Early Alzheimer's disease or other disorders causing dementia is an important step in getand how they got there, and ting appropriate treatment,

Seniors: Stay active for health's sake

(NAPSI) — A sedentary lifestyle is as hazardous to your health as smoking cigarettes, warns the U.S. Surgeon General. Older Americans are at special risk of losing strength, flexibility, endurance and balance without adequate exercise. Inactivity has also been tied to many of the debilitating health conditions associ-

ated with aging.
In fact, the National Institute on Aging warns that seniors hurt their health far more by not exercising than by exercising. The good news is that now it is easier than ever for them to get up and go, even if they have never been active before.

"Find out what the experts on aging have to say," says Mark Matenaer with Bankers Life and Casualty insurance Company, an company that specializes in life, health and annuity products for seniors.

Butler, Robert M.D. expert on senior health, suggests starting slowly and with the activities you like in order to maximize the likelihood you will stick with

The following ideas are recommended by Butler to

If you like shopping, consider walking laps inside your favorite mall. Not only is this good exercise, but it is also a good excuse to window shop.

 Adopt a dog from animal rescue. Not only will you save a life, but you will also have a great walking companion. Another tip: consider adopting an older dog years.

rather than a puppy. Older dogs are generally more docile and easier to handle. They are also usually in the most need of a good home.

 Rediscover old hobbies. If you once loved tennis or golf, chances are you will love it again if you give it a

 Playing with children is a great way to stay young at heart. Chasing a toddler around can be just as much exercise as an afternoon at the gym, only it is more fun. Community centers are always looking for extra hands. Call yours for more information.

Housework is a good way to get some exercise and spruce up your home. A recent study suggests that women in the 1950s were actually more fit than women today because they did not have labor saving devices such as dishwash ers, laundry machines and freezers.

• Learn the polka. Dance classes are a fun way to burn some energy without really feeling as if you are exercising. They are also an excellent opportunity to rekindle romance or meet new_people.

• For more ideas, call your local recreation center, gym or senior center. Many offer free or affordable classes. They can also help match you with other people your same age and ability level. This is a great way to meet new people in your community.

Remaining active is a simple way to keep healthy throughout your golden

not know how to get back care and support.

Many avenues are being explored to find new treatments for this debilitating disease, including several that are in clinical trials. Participation in clinical trials allows patients to play an active role in their own health care and gain access to new research treatments before they are widely avail-

One such treatment is being studied in over 20 U.S. medical centers. Called the COGNIShunt System, this ServiceS medical device is designed to improve the clearance of harmful chemicals found in the fluid surrounding the brain that are believed to contribute to the progression of Alzheimer's disease.

Early clinical study results, published in the Oct. 22, 2002 issue of the journal Neurology, indicated that the device may slow or stop the progression of Alzheimer's disease symptoms. This multi-center pivotal trial is designed to demonstrate its safety and efficacy.

Physicians across the currently country

How to get free, low cost prescriptions

Is your medication too expensive for your budget? If so, information in a new booklet might help.

The Cost Containment Research Institute Washington, D.C. has just published a 48-page booklet, Free and Low Cost Prescription Drugs 7th Edition." The revised booklet gives information on how and where to get free and

low cost prescription drugs.
"Many major drug companies provide free or low cost medication, but rarely, if ever, publicize the pro-grams, Said Gary Nave, director of the Institute.
"We've published an A to Z listing of all the drugs that available through patient assistance programs, for free or at very low cost directly from the manu-

Consumers can receive a copy by sending \$6 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Institute Fulfillment Center, Booklet No. PD-75, P.O. Box 210, Dallas, PA 18612-0210. Consumers can also get more information from the hip, knee pain Institute's Internet Web site: www.institutedc.org.

SOC celebrates Ireland all week

Services for Citizens will celebrate Ireland during the week of March 15-19.

A St. Patrick's Day party planned for Tuesday, March 16, at the Neighborhood Club. Lunch, "Irish bingo" and entertainment are slated.

travelogue about Ireland will be featured on Wednesday, March 17.

Lunch at Pat O'Brien's restaurant is scheduled for Thursday, March 18. "Puzzles for Prizes" will be held on Friday, March 19.

For more information, call Susan Kopf at (313) 882-

enrolling patients who are:

• Diagnosed wit

Alzheimer's disease; In the early to middle stage of the disease:

Ages 62 to 85; and Otherwise in good

For more information, call (888) 469-6463.

health.

Day care for seniors

The "sandwich generation" often must contend with difficult decisions with difficult decisions about the care of aging parents and at the same time, raise their own children and fulfill career goals.

An increasing need for daytime senior care is met by Charlotte's Place. Located at the Lakeview campus in St. Clair Shores, Charlotte's Place provides older adults with organized activities, educational and support programs, opportunities to socialize, physical

activities and spiritual care. According to Leslie Maunz, director of resident services, "The progressive concept of Charlotte's Place fills a need for seniors who shouldn't be left at home alone during the day, yet don't need or desire assisted living or nursing care. Skilled staff, nutritious meals and a relaxed social atmosphere make Charlotte's Place a welcome

solution for many families." Art, music and pet therapies are enjoyed by guests, as is the diversity of activities offered on a daily basis.

One day we might bake cookies, play golf and join the residents of the Nursing Care Center for Bingo. The next day's plans could entail watercolor painting and games like Uno or checkers, and a sing-along. Of course, there is also plenty of time for guests to relax, nap, chat or curl up with a book, Maunz said.

Charlotte's Place is open from 6:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. weekdays. Employee discounts are available. For details or for a personal tour, call (586) 779-7050.

Seminar on at St. John

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 Thursday, March 18, from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Medical Education Building located near the hospital's rear entrance.

To register, call (888) 751-

The hospital is located at 22101 Moross Road at Mack, east of I-94.

"The seminars will provide information about the latest nonsurgical treatments, new arthritis medicines, and advance physical therapy. If necessary, we can make referrals to physicians specializing in ortho-pedics," said Heidi pedics," said Heidi Kalinowski, nurse practitioner and program director for the St. John Hip and Knee Center. For more information, call

Kalinowski at (313) 343-7785 or visit ww.stjohn.org.

Harper Woods seniors' party

The Harper Woods Seniors St. Patrick's Day dinner dance will be Thursday, March 11, at the Harper Woods Community Center beginning at 1:30

A donation of \$10 is suggested for Harper Woods residents, a \$15 donation is suggested for guests from other communities.



Know Your Skin by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD

even HIV. This is why patients with chronic

You itch. What should you

Last week we talked about "winter's itch". Beyond the cold, dry weather that can make us itch, there are many other potential causes for

pruritus or itching.

Allergies, insect bites, poison ivy, psoriasis and just normal dry skin are some common causes of itching. Treatment is usually provided using topical medications, as well as oral antihistimines for most cases. Severe cases of pruritus may also require systemic corticosteroids

Beyond the normal dermatologic causes, itching can also indicate other conditions, including liver or renal disease, hypothyroidism, lymphomas or

pruritus may require lab work if other testing to help determine of any underlying problem is causing the itch. Researchers are placing a new emphasis on how

to best characterize pruritus. By determining if an itch is being generated at the skin level, or if it is emanating from the peripheral or central nervous systems, or if the symptom is psychogenic can be useful in determining the best course of treatment.

To learn more about pruritus and its treatment 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.

Books help parents of special needs children

By Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan Special Writers

Mary Beth discovered if you have a child with special needs, unexpected requirements may creep

up. This is her tale of woe:
I've always been interested in foreign languages. I took classes in Italian and Greek and majored in Spanish at the University of Detroit.

Statistics class was never pleasant. I dreaded it. It was a requirement for my M.A. in counseling at the University of Detroit Mercy. I even dropped it once. The second time I stuck with it and passed the course but vowed to never again speak of standard deviations after completing my degree.

Imagine my surprise and fear at the Feb. 28 Wrightslaw Special **Education Law** Conference. Pete and Pam Wright's conference included a final exam of which about 25 percent was statistics.

Despite my clammy hands, I finished near the 80th percentile. I was happy for myself but hap-pier for Joan McCarty of Grosse Pointe Park, who just about aced it and received a well-deserved round of applause.

Let's face it: there's quite a bit of studying and mastery to do when you have a child with special needs. It's just one of many things you discover along the journey.

You'll need to become proficient in unexpected areas. This includes immersion in a foreign language. The following categories may vary for vour child, but I have a growing library of books and articles on such topics

X-tra Special Advice

for parents of children with special needs:

as Fragile X Syndrome, Autism, ADHD, occupa-tional therapy, sensory integration therapy, speech therapy, P.L.A.Y. therapy, special needs trusts and inclusive education. After attending the Wrightslaw conference, I have added three books on special education law and advocacy: Wrightslaw: Special Education Law, by Peter W.D. Wright and Pamela Darr Wright; From Emotions to Advocacy," by Pam Wright and Pete Wright; and "No Child Left Behind," by Peter W.D. Wright, Esq., Pamela Darr Wright and Suzanne Whitney Heath.

This conference was a great place to learn about special education law. Pete said he was going to exhaust us, and he was right.

I highly recommend Wrightslaw conferences and materials. For more information, visit www.wrightslaw.com.

The Wrights will not be at Parcells Middle School from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. March 27, but many great speakers, vendors and service providers will be there, and you should plan to attend. Preregistration is \$20 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

Sign up today for the Know & Grow symposium, which is sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Public School System Department of Student Services and the Partnership for Different Learners PTO.

Registration form and payment must be received by Friday, March 19. The keynote speaker is Elizabeth Bauer, an international consultant of human rights and civil society and is a member of our State Board of Education.

Preceding Bauer will be introductory remarks by Thomas Watkins, our State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

For more information about the symposium, including a list of speakers and the registration form, visit www.gpschools.org/ss or call (313) 432-3803 to learn how to register using telephone or fax.

Look for me at the Know & Grow symposium. I will be feverishly taking notes, in case there is another final exam. Truth is, it's not the final exam that counts.

It's the application of the course content, perhaps long after the new language is absorbed. Our children need to know we can learn along with them - even if it's a foreign language and stats.

Grosse Pointe residents Theodore G. Coutilish 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 tcoutilish@draac.wsyne.edv mblangan@hotmail.com.

BSC helps couples plan pregnancies Research indicates that plications of diabetes during Secours Hospital. They

planning before pregnancy can reduce the incidence of complications. Bon Secours Cottage offers a free class from 7 to 10 p.m. Monday, April 19, in the Bon Secours Private Dining Room (lower level) where couples considering parenthood can speak with a Bon Secours Cottage BirthCare physician or experienced childbirth edu-

During the class, participants learn about:

• The many physical and emotional changes to expect during pregnancy

 Nutrition before pregnancy and after delivery Exposure to infectious

 Exercise and pregnancy Ways to decrease risk of abnormalities of the unborn

child
• Ways to decrease com-

Free wellness workshop

The Van Elslander Cancer Center (VECC) support staff and Valade Healing Arts Center invite patients and their families to experience the special services available to them at the VECC. A free Wellness Workshop, including lunch, will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Thursday, Mar. 25.

The focus will be on spotlighting health practices that can further promote hope and healing.

The VECC is located behind St. John Hospital at 19229 Mack and Moross, east of I-94.

Seating is limited and preregistration is required. Call (313) 647-3000 or (866) 246-4673 to register or for more information.

The Van Elslander Cancer Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center is a member of St. John Health, a network of communitybased hospitals and health care services in Southeast Michigan.

Questions are encouraged during the informal session, and a tour of the Bon Secours BirthCare unit is

Bon Secours Cottage also offers a variety of familycentered childbirth classes for those delivering at Bon

Grandpare Childbirth, casher, Infant F Grandparents, Prenatal Refresher, Infant Care, Focus: Breast Feeding, Sibling, and Motherhood and Prenatal Massage.

For more information, call (586) 779-7909.

Volunteer drivers needed

Bon Secours Cottage is 48225, 48230 and 48236.

Celebrating its 28th year Celebrating its 28th year forms and help to currently in need of volunteers to assist with the Bon Secours Cottage Meals for the Homebound Program. Your time and effort could brighten the day of a shut-

The program is the only temporary meal service in the area, helping individuals for up to eight weeks with delivery of balanced, healthy, hot meals.

Volunteers must have a valid driver's license, a personal vehicle, proof of automobile insurance and be available for one and onehalf hours at the noon-hour on weekdays (excluding major holidays).

Scheduling is based on the availability. The program services zip codes 48224,

of providing "good help to those in need," Bon Secours Cottage Meals for the Homebound is a community service program that assists recently discharged patients and elderly people in the community during periods of recuperation or need. The success of the program is due not only to the quality and variety of meals provided, prepared by Food & Nutrition Services staff at Bon Secours Cottage, but also the caring spirit and friendly visit provided by delivery volunteers.

To volunteer your time or to get more information, call Bon Secours Volunteer Services at (313) 343-1795.

Joint replacement technique

Bon Secours Cottage Health Services (BSCHS) is sponsoring a community lecture on the latest techniques for knee and hip replacement and joint revision surgery, a procedure to cor-rect loose or worn-out artificial joints.

The speaker, Dr. Paul Telehowski, is an orthopedic physician affiliated with

Information about the Bon Secours Cottage joint replacement recovery program, Spa by the Shore, will also be provided. The program incorporates holistic therapies aimed at soothing

and revitalizing the body, mind and spirit with accelerated physical therapy for a rapid recovery.

The talk will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11, in Connelly Auditorium Bon Secours Hospital, 468 Cadieux in the City of Grosse Pointe.

A question-and-answer session will be included, and refreshments will be served.

For more information or to register, call Bon Secours Cottage Community Health Promotion at (586) 779-7900 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays.

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan **BOARD OF REVIEW**

Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the 2004 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

> TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2004 from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236. Hearings will be scheduled by appointment. Please contact City of Grosse Pointe Farms at 885-6600, Ext. 252.

Tim O'Donnell.

GPN: 03/04/2004, 03/11/2004, 03/18/2004

Heart skips? By Paul G. Donohue, M.D. Q. I am a 53-year-old male whose motorcycle club regu-

larly donates blood. The last time, the nurse said my heart was skipping some beats. Should I be con-cerned? Can it be fixed? - E.C

A. The skipped beats were probably premature ventricular contractions - beats coming from the bottom heart chambers (ventricles) between normal beats. Be concerned only to mention it

Rarely are they of significance, and rarely do they need treatment.

to your doctor on your next

Readers may write Dr. Donohue or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-

Seniors —

From page 4B informed of all drugs taken in the past two years? Is the doctor informed

of the amount of alcohol used by the older adult? · Is the older adult using

medications intended for short-term use over a prolonged period of time (months or years) such as sleeping pills?

Jeff Jay and Debra Jay are the authors of "Love First: A New Approach to Intervention for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction," and Debra Jay is the co-author of "Aging and Addiction. both published by Hazelden. Jeff and Debra Jay are professional interventionists who live in Grosse Pointe Farms. They may be contacted with your questions at (313) 882-6921 or www.lovefirst.net.



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husth.

(LSC25ROS) 586-778-8100 \$299,900



GROSSE POINTE WOODS Gorgeous
This classic Colonial features four family sized
bedrooms, three and one-half baths and a wonderful
floor plan. Formal dining, living and samily room.
Newer gourmet kitchen. Finished basement. Private
yard.
(LGP96NOX) 313-886-5040 \$514,900



GROSSE POINTE Classic Tudor GIRBRIC TUGOr Exception, Gorgeous new kitchen with bulk-ins, fabulous woodwork, newer martie bath with cherry vanity. Spectacular master bedroom with valuted ceilings. New furnace, air and roof in 2003. English garden.

(LGP47WAS) 313-886-5040 \$549,900



GROSSE POINTE PARK This brick bungalow is completely refurbished. Five bedroom. Large home for the price. Offers two flus baths, natural woodwork and newly finished hardwood floors. Newly peried. Too many amenities to mention. A must see home.

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GROSSE POINTE PARK GRUDSSE POINTE PARK
This split level duplex home provides an open
concept with volume ceilings, a first floor master suite
and a large library. Finished extra deep basement
offers a wet bar, exercise area and full bath. Much Elegant

more. (LGP70TRO) 313-886-5040 \$499,000



GROSSE POINTE PARK This true "Lakefront" home is set on the tip of a secluded point with panoramic views from Peche Island to the Eastern horizon. Freighters glide through the nearby channel. This gorgeous home is in a speciacular certific in a speciacular setting. (LGP34LAK) 313-886-5040 \$2,680,000 (LGP73BEA) 313-886-5040

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Lovely three bedroom, two bath brick bungalow.

Great eat-in kitchen with appliances that stay. Gas
forced air heet, air conditioning, two car gerage and a
deck in a senced yard. Finished besement with onehalf bath. \$197,500



GROSSE POINTE FARMS Grosse POINTE FARMAS Charming Grosse Pointe Farms spacious three bedroom brick ranch with updated furnace, central air, windows and hot water heater. Living room with gas fireplace and sicher with oak cabinets. Finished basement. An incombile table. Charmin

(LGP48ELI) 313-886-5040 \$212,900



GROSSE POINTE WOODS Stunning Sharply updated/decorated. Outstanding kitchen opens to dining and living room. Fireplace in living room. Master bedroom with office, central air, paver patio, new windows 2003, second office/play area in

(LGP81HAM) 313-886-5040 \$198,500



GROSSE POINTE PARK Spacious Outstanding location and neighborhood close to Village and Maire. Great space and floor plan. Large bedrooms. Big kitchen, tamily room, recreation room with pool table area and fireplace. Newer windows and central air. (LGP72BIS) 313-886-5040 \$259,500



GROSSE POINTE WOODS Inviting
Three bedroom English style Colonial with a great
lamily room and lots of wood and leaded glass
detailing. Updated kitchen with gorgeous maple
cabinets. New lear-off roof in 2002 and new Andersen

(LGP91ANI) 313-886-5040 \$200,000



GROSSE POINTE WOODS Move-in
Don't drive by this one! Kitchen with eating space, a
formal dining room, fiving room and tamily room
leading to outside deck. Three large bedrooms with
master featuring a walk-in closel and bath. A must

(LGP69HAW) 313-888-5040 \$330,000



GROSSE POINTE PARK GROSSE POINTE PARK
Clease create entrance Colonial in prime location. Neutral decor. Hardwood floors throughout. Four bedroom, who and one-half baths, master bedroom with bath. Central air, finished basement, natural fireplace and a two car garage. Central ex, missing daselment, ham two car garage. (LGP23WHI) 313-886-6040

\$499,000



GROSSE POINTE PARK Immaculates
Newer virryl windows, carpet, roof, updated kitchens
and baths. Copper plumbing, separate furnaces,
enclosed front porch, Owner cocupied, Glass block Immaculate basement windows. Charming patio. Three parking

(LGP04WAY) 313-886-5040 \$180,000



GROSSE POINTE Magnificent
This English Tudor offers three floors of grace and
elegance with a carriage house. Two story loyer
leading to sunken garden. This home has been
restored with ceramic tile and marble throughout.
This home will not disappoint you!
(LGP84LAK) 313-886-5040 \$2,150,000



GROSSE POINTE PARK Under Market Restored bungalow with lovely oak kilichen and open floor plan. New roof 2003, hardwood floors, new carpeting in bedrooms. Lovely master bath with Jacuzzi and separate shower. Family room, finished hasament with hash

(LGP81BEA) 313-886-5040 \$184,500



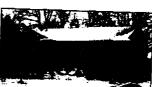
GROSSE POINTE PARK Two-Family Spacious two-family home located south of Jefferson. Perfect for extended lamily or snowbirds looking for peace of mind in having someone to keep an eye on things while they're away. Lots of updates. New price makes this a steel!

(LGP88TRO) 313-886-5040 \$449,000



GROSSE POINTE WOODS Attractive Very attractive brick bungalow with three bedrooms, format during room and updated kitchen with eating space. Recreation room with wet bar and one-half bath. Fenced yard with deck and newer landscaping.

(LGP45HOL) 313-886-5040 \$193,500



GROSSE POINTE WOODS GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Three bedrooms and two full baths with newer
hurrace, air conditioning and roof. Some hardwood
floors, Pergo flooring in kitchen and lamily room and
fresh paint inside and outside. All appliances,
basement and name basement and parage. (LGP14ALI) 313-886-5040 \$224,900

GROSSE POINTE WOODS Impeccable

GROSSE POINTE WOODS Impeccable
This brick bungalow offers three bedrooms. The
partially finished basement has a full second better
Hardwood floors throughout with brand new carpeting
on second floor. Appliances included. Central air, two
car garage. This is a great buy.
[LGP80ANI] 313-886-5040 \$159,000



GROSSE POINTE FARMS Charm This Rose Terrace Tudor offers a two story Great Room, updated kitchen with grante counters, three frances noon, updated forces with grantile counters, three fireplaces, a second floor library and a first floor aundry it also offers a large three season room and (LGP18ROS) 313-886-5040



GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS Remodeled This is the home that you have been waiting for Beautiful three bedroom ranch on quiet street. Newly decorated kitchen; oak cabinets, custom tile, recessed lights and cathedral ceilings. Cedar pe and glass room. (LGP45LOC) 313-886-5040

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GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS Beautiful CHROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS Beautiful Three bedroom bungalow with a new kitchen in 2003, new air conditioning and furnace in 2002, new roof in 2001, two car garage, newer windows, fenced yard, netural fireplace, one-half bath in basement and beautiful landscaping. (LGP03NOR) 313-886-5040 \$163,500



GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS Sharp
This brick ranch offers Grosse Pointe schools, three
bedrooms, three car garage, new kitchen 2003,
ceramic bath, new three dimensional roof and a great
floor plan. Wonderful all brick block. FHA, VA terms.
This home has new Berber carpet. A 10?
(LGP33HUN) 313-886-5040 \$114,900



GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS Maintained Well maintained three bedroom brick bungalow with never roof, cement, vinyl windows, kurnace, central air and gutters. Natural fireplace, hardwood floors and finished basement with wet bar. Stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer included. (LGP20KEN) 313-886-5040 \$183,900



WEST BLOOMFIELD New Construction Gorgeous four bedroom Colonial Three full baths, vaulfed ceiling in master bedroom and bath with separate Jacuzzi and standup shower. Living room, study, family room with gas fireplace, granite counters. This is a must see home. (LGP81HAL) 313-886-5040

ST. CLAIR SHORES Waterfront Condo Ergor panoramic views of Lake St. Clair. Thee full baths, multiple fireplaces, two car attached parage, second floor lavalory. Master bedroom suite with private bath, Jacozzi and freplace. Family room. walkout to paver patio. (LGP40JEF) 313-886-5040 \$498,000

Gracious This wonderful home on the St. Clair River offers two leves of gradous fiving with an in-ground pool Enclosed summer house with kitchen and freplace. Three bedrooms how and one-half baths, deck, two boat houses and a steel see wall (LGPa3NRI) 313-886-5040 \$529,000

ST. CLAIR SHORES Private Beach Unique limestone home. Newer bath 2003, new carpet, copper plumbing, central air and furnace, newer cherry cabinets, sun porch. Two bedroom apartment on second floor with separate utilities and entance. Private beach.



ST. CLAIR SHORES Canal Front Ganaf Front Wonderfu waterfoot, totally redone. Addition in 2000 has a master surie, doorwall balcony overlooking water, skylights, porgeous master bath Jacuzzi, standup shower, cathedral ceiling, ceramic tile. Finished basement. \$195,000 (LGP35MAP) 313-886-5040 \$274,900



CLAY TOWNSHIP Waterfront Home we bedroom, three and one-half bath. Master with sem room shower. Recreation room with sauna and r. Second floor Great Room with sauna and bar. Second floor Great Room with exquisite view of river. Canal access to river. Deep garage and boat height

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Beautiful contemporary home nested in the woods.
Open floor plan with vaulted ceilings. Gorgeous first
floor master bedroom with his and her walk-in closets BLOOMFIELD TWP. Unique Design Four bedrooms, four and one-helf bath contemporary Colonial with urmatched quality in maericals. Built in 1997, extensive use of maple, granite and glass throughout. Private setting and multiple extension deots. floor master bedroom with his and her walk-in closet and trayed ceiling. Custom kitchen with island an

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St. Clair Riverfront
This is a beautiful home with views of ships from
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Beautiful home. Three bedrooms, private office or
additional suite. Deck and beautiful. St. Clair Rh Beautiful home. Three bedrooms, private office or additional suite. Deck and boardwalk overlooking niver. Beautiful landscape (LCH55RIV) 313-886-5040 \$659,000



Sensational Estate akland Township custom estate on appro nacres of serene setting. Six bedrooms, si pourmet kitchen and staircase leading to second level Frinshed walkout, sixteen car garage and (LBH58BRE) 313-886-5040 \$1,800,000



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DRYDEN Fabrulas Log Home Over themity acres, approximately 3,200 square feet and a walk-out basement support this fantastic true log home. Natural feldstone fireplace, master suite with walk-in closets and bathroom with tub and schower. (LCH54ATW) 313-R86-5040 \$699,000

WEST BLOOMFIELD Gorgeous Condo A three year beauty with very open high ceilings an model carpeting. Two and one-half baths, three bedrooms, dining room, Great Room, white kitchen Bleached wooded floors, two fireplaces, full (LWB14CRA) 313-886-5040 \$464.900

(LBH46LAH) 313-886-5040 \$1,895,000



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Grosse Pointe News

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North stuns top-ranked Denby in district opener By Chuck Klonke

Sports Editor

Michael Bramos has had so many outstanding games in his three seasons with Grosse Pointe North's basketball team that it's hard to remember all of them.

But one that everyone will remember is the performance the 6-foot-5 junior put on Monday night in the Norsemen's district opener against Detroit Denby, the No. 1 team in the state in the final Class A pool.

You remember when he plays big in big games, not against cupcake teams," said North coach Matt Trombley after the Norsemen stunned the Tars 66-51, handing them only their second defeat of the season. "He came up big against Country Day and Fitzgerald — and now tonight. Those are the ones I remember."

Bramos was a big reason for the North victory. He had 25 points, 14 rebounds, seven blocked shots and

eight assists.

"I don't think I've ever seen him play so well,"
Trombley said. "He's been waiting for this game for a long time."

It took more than just Bramos to beat Denby.

"We needed everybody tonight, not just Michael, and everybody played well," Trombley said. "Henry (McCain) did a good job off Marcell bench.

Garrett, who is headed to

Garrett." North victory.
headed to
Michigan

Mallace Hall and a three-University, led Denby with pointer from Garrett in the



Michael Bramos had a career game for Grosse Pointe North in its victory over Detroit Denby.

23 points but had to work for final 46 seconds of the third each of them.

Bryan Bennett, David Klein, Jacob Bloomhuff and the final quarter. Jake Krystoforski also made

quarter to take its biggest lead of the game, 45-39, into

twice on putbacks, was 10-0 run, but Garrett scored fouled each time and made six points and Peterson both free throws. Moments later, he scored on another offensive rebound and North had a 47-45 lead.

Clifford Peterson made two free throws for Denby to tie the game at 47-all, but a basket by Klein triggered a 10-0 run by the Norsemen that was capped by Bennett's steal and layup to make it 57-47 with 4:13 remaining.

Denby seemed to panic, and the Tars began firing up ill-advised shots. North finished the game on a 19-4

"We saw that they got down when they played Renaissance (in the PSL championship game), so we figured that if we hung with them, the same thing might happen," Trombley said.

Denby was missing its starting point guard, Rico Harris, who was in the Macomb County jail after being arrested by Roseville police and charged with larceny from a vehicle.

Not having their point guard didn't give them the structure on offense that they might have had with him in there," Trombley

"But our kids deserved to win. They were determined to leave it all on the floor and they did."

The first half ended in a 27-27 tie. North had taken a six points and Peterson added five as Denby ended the half with an 11-3 spurt.

"Except for the end of the second quarter, I thought we controlled the tempo of the game," Trombley said. "We controlled it offensively by running our set plays."

One concern of Trombley's was Denby's advantage on the boards, but North turned it into an positive of

"They were sending all five people to the glass, so we felt that we could get some easy baskets if we got the ball," Trombley said.

North wasn't the least bit intimidated by Denby's lofty ranking in the state polls.

"We've played Country Day and Renaissance,"

Bennett said. "We knew what to expect." Maxwell finished with 12 points, Bennett had 11 and Klein added 10 for North.

Hall was Denby's only other double figure scorer with 16 points.

In the other district quarterfinal game, Detroit

Finney beat Grosse Pointe South 48-36.

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"Our kids gave it their best shot, but our shooting wasn't very good," said Blue coach George Petrouleas, who was coaching his final game at South.

The Highlanders, who raced out to an 8-0 lead, never trailed in the contest, although South closed the gap to 13-9 at the end of the first quarter.

Finney started the second quarter on a 10-0 run and the Highlanders led 27-17 at

halftime.

Deon Ware led Finney with 13 points and 16 rebounds. Anthony Bates and Preston Gibbons each scored 10 points for the Highlanders.

Andy Wolking finished with 12 points for South, while Christian Conroy had

"You never like to finish on a sour note, and for me this is a sour note," said Petrouleas, who informed two weeks ago that his contract would not be renewed next year.



Grosse Pointe North's Henry McCain puts up a shot against Denby.

(Maxwell) made it tough key contributions to the over the game. He scored throws by Maxwell to cap a North spikers repeat as district champs

Grosse Pointe North's volleyball team had something play." to prove when it met Grosse Pointe South and Regina in the state Division I district tournament at North.

"This was a great victory for us," said coach Kim Lockhart after North beat South 15-12, 15-10 in the Norsemen defeated Regina straight district champi-15-0, 15-8 in the championship match.

"We have come off a tough season in our league and this was a great way to prove how hard we have worked all season long. The girls came out with a goal in mind and conquered it. Everyone was on and that

made a difference in our

North plays in Macomb Area Conference Red Division with perennial powers state Fraser. Marysville, Chippewa Valley and Port Huron Northern.

The Norsemen had several outstanding performances the in winning their second onship.
Danielle Zohrob led in.

assists with 49.

Sara Chapman had 19 digs, and Lockhart said, she was definitely a team leader, very focused."

Liz Andary had 18 digs, 16 kills and four blocks. Emily Schleicher had 15 digs, four

ace serves and 16 kills. Jessi of the regional at South on kills and six blocks.

"I was very proud of the team," Lockhart said.

Northern in the first game

North will play Detroit for noon,

Koltun led North with 19 Saturday at 10 a.m. Fraser and Royal Oak Kimball will meet in the other semifinal way the girls played as a at 11 a.m. The championship match is scheduled

South finishes strong but coach won't return

By Chuck Klonke Sports Editor

It should have been a happy ending to the regular season for Grosse Pointe

South's basketball team. However, nobody much like celebrating after the Blue Devils outlasted Dakota 76-71 in two overtimes in a Macomb Area Conference Red Division

season with victories in six much better for the last of its last eight games but the strong finish wasn't enough to save veteran coach George Petrouleas's

job.
"The administration told me about two weeks ago that my contract wasn't being renewed," Petrouleas said. "These last two weeks have been tough.

"I thought we did a pretty good job of keeping our focus, but last week at the end of our team prayer before the game it got kind of emotional when our manager said, 'Let's win this for Coach "

Petrouleas, who coached at South since 1979-80 and has had only five losing seasons, said that he was surprised when he was told that he wouldn't be back.

"I asked if it was about wins and losses, and was told that it wasn't," he said. "I was told that there were some questions about the way things were being handled. I said that those

things had been addressed. "I was stunned. Usually when a change is made, it isn't done until evaluations at the end of the season, unless there's a drastic situation and a change is made immediately."

"George has given the school 24 really good years, but we decided to move in a different direction," said athletic director Matt Outlaw.

Outlaw said that the job school's website.

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"The kids have matured from game to game," Petrouleas said. "That's been a big factor, just getting game experience. And people forget that we had injuries. We lost Brett Read, Christian Conroy and Andy Wolking for periods of time.

"Those are three of our better players, and we just don't have the depth to overcome losses like that."

Petrouleas also pointed out that there were several games in which one bad quarter cost the Blue Devils a chance for a victory. "We could have had four to

six more wins, but we had to develop the mental toughness that comes with experience," he said. "As the season went on, the younger kids started to play with more poise and composure.' South had one of its best first quarters of the season against Dakota. The Blue Devils jumped out to a 19-11 lead, but by halftime the Cougars had whittled the

margin to four points. Dakota's Brad Harrison hit four straight three-point baskets in the third quarter to give the Cougars a four-

would be posted on the Knights upset foe school's website. South finished the regular season with victories in Signature. This year's South team lost its first 12 games, but the Blue Devils have played in hockey playoffs

sy Chuck Klonke

Sports Editor

If Plymouth Canton-Salem was trying to send University Liggett School's girls hockey team a message a few weeks ago, something got lost in the translation.

The Knights, who lost 6-1 to Canton-Salem on Feb. 17, turned the tables in the first round of the state playoffs and ULS posted a 2-1 victo-

"I told the girls before that game that we would probably see them in the first round of the playoffs and they would be trying to send us a message," said ULS coach Laura Owczarski.

The Knights got the message, but not the one that Plymouth was trying to

"We played like a team in this game, which is something that we didn't do in that game," Owczarski said. We tried to fine-tune some things, but weren't able to do it. This time we had a great effort from everybody on the ice.'

Sarah Hughes scored both score.' ULS goals, including the winner with 4:10 left in the third period.

Elizabeth Palmer, who See SOUTH, page 3C assisted on both of Hughes's

goals, sent her a pass and Hughes slid the puck to the far end of the crease. It went off the goalpost and into the

"It looked like it was happening in slow motion," Owczarski said. "I was yelling from the bench for the puck to go over the (goal)

Hughes opened the scoring with 3:55 left in the second period, assisted by Kimmy Dickinson and Palmer. Canton-Salem tied the game on a goal by Stephanie Murray at 2:06 of the third period.

Owczarski praised her defense corps of Caitlin Hanly, Julie Borushko, Erin Deane and Monique Squiers.

They did a good job of clearing the front of the net, and they blocked a lot of shots," Owczarski said.

Goalie Allison Jones also turned in a stellar effort.

"She stopped a breakaway in the first period," Owczarski said. "That's a momentum changer if they

It was the first playoff victory in several seasons for the Knights, who were the only lower seeded team to win in the first round.

Grosse Pointe South's Julianna Burrows (7) and Liz Ridgway (8) go up to block a hit by Grosse Pointe North's Liz Andary.

Norsemen wrap up MAC White crown with a pair of wins

By Chuck Klonke Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's basketball team took care of business in the Macomb Area Conference White Division before setting its sights on the state tourna-

The Norsemen clinched a tie for the title with a 69-54 victory over Port Huron. then wrapped up the outright crown with a 62-49 victory over St. Clair.

North finished 13-1 in the MAC White, one game ahead of Fitzgerald. The Norsemen ended the regular season with an 18-2 overall mark.

Coach Matt Trombley used the Port Huron game for a dual purpose.

"They're a very athletic team, and that helped prepare us for (Denby),"
Trombley said.

"They're a very athletic to eight points, David Klein made a big play.
Noting that Port Huron's leading scorer, Josh Collier,

North led for most of the although the

Lancers

hang on

Sports Writer
Trinity Catholic's boys
basketball team won its

nonleague game last week,

edging host Center Line St.

"It was an ugly game, but we earned the win," head

think the guys were still

thinking about our Catholic

League championsing instead of thinking about

Washington had 14 points,

and senior Ron Hildreth had

11 points and 14 rebounds to

"The guys have played so

well during the past couple

of weeks that I think they

were due for a letdown," Banks said. "We were still

able to hang on for the win,

and now we can concentrate

The North team of Larry

VanBeek set pool records in winning the 200- and 400-

VanBeek won the 500

freestyle and was second in the 200. Briski was second

in the 50 freestyle. Cornillie

was fourth in the 50

freestyle and third in the

100, while Blunden was sixth in the 50 freestyle.

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Quentin

coach Ed Banks said.

By Bob St. John

Clement 53-51.

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Norsemen struggled at Kiein. times in the first half. "We "Port Huron is capable of knowing." making you look bad," Trombley said. "We were out of sync in the first half, but we played better in the sec-ond half."

North got a big lift off the bench from Henry McCain. He hit two straight threepoint baskets to give the Norsemen a 27-16 lead with about two minutes left in the first half. Then he scored from beyond midcourt as the half ended to send North off the court with a 32-21 lead.

The Big Reds came out strong to start the second half and cut the Norsemen's lead to 33-27. After a basket Marcell Maxwell increased North's advantage

leading scorer, Josh Collier,

"We ran a play for David, knowing that Collier was worried about getting his fourth foul," Trombley said. "We figured that he'd have a clear path to the basket. It turned out to be the bestcase scenario. David got the basket, Collier fouled him, and he made the free throw

North came out of the third quarter with a 43-36 lead. Port Huron used a 6-0 run to cut the Norsemen's lead to 49-46 with 5:04 left, but North answered with a 15-2 spurt to put the game out of reach.

During the run, Michael Bramos hit four straight They did." free throws, including two on a technical foul against the Big Reds, Bryan Bennett was 4-for-5 from the line, and McCain scored on a putback and converted a threepoint play.

free throws. McCain had 14 points, Maxwell had 11 points and 10 rebounds, and Bennett finished with 10 points.

Collier, who had 29 points the first time the teams met, finished with 17 to lead the Big Reds. He also had nine rebounds.

In the St. Clair game, the Saints who finished at the bottom of the league standings, came out with a mission

"They came out with intensity and a good attitude," Trombley said. "Their coach told me, we just wanted to earn your respect.'

St. Clair played with so much intensity that the Saints led 27-22 at halftime.

The lead didn't last long, however. Jacob Bloomhuff scored the first six points of the third quarter to put

took care of business," Trombley said. "We had a couple of big defensive spurts. On offense, we made them chase us and we got

some back-door layups."
Bramos led North with 19 points, including a first half

That was the best dunk

of the year," Trombley said.
Bloomhuff and Bennett finished with eight points apiece and McCain, Jake Krystoforski and Maxwell added seven each to the dunk over two St. Clair Norsemen's balanced attack.

Pioneers' volleyball spiked in districts

By Bob St. John Sports Writer

Harper Woods' girls vollevball team ended its season last week, falling to title-favorite Royal Oak Shrine in a Class C district first-round match Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

"We had to play a perfect match to beat Shrine," first-year head coach Laura Bock said. "We're still a relatively young team, while Shrine has been in this spot before, and they were ready to play."

In other recent action, the Pioneers finished 1-2 in the Metro Conference Tournament.

"We had trouble serving and receiving the serve throughout the tourna-ment," Bock said. "Our girls weren't mentally ready to play, and it showed by our lethargic performance.

The Pioneers lost to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood in the first round but came back to beat University Liggett School in the consolation semifinals.

In the consolation title match, Bock's squad lost to host Lutheran Northwest.

We had our moments but not enough of them to challenge for a tournament championship," Bock said.

Junior Annmarie Solomon was the team's leading player, according to Bock.

Despite losing three of its final four matches, the Harper Woods volleyball team finished the year 10-10-2 overall.

"We have the potential to be a very solid volleyball team next season, but the lead to a loss, and you're girls have to play more vol- out."Class A

Bock said. "I like the athletic girls we have coming back, and I like their attitude."

Bock loses Becky Nanni, Angela Wierszewski, August Bragg, Ashley Harris and Kahra Fox to graduation, but returning are Solomon, Maria Mahon (All-Metro second team), Sally Smolinski (All-Metro first team), Jade King (All-Metro second team), Bridget Wagner and Natalie Barranca

Basketball

The Harper Woods boys basketball team watched its 15-game winning streak end last weekend, losing 77-54 to visiting Detroit Martin Luther King.

"We held our own for the first half, but King's huge front court was too much for us to handle in the second half," head coach Loren Ristovski said. "We got beat up on the boards, and that was expected when King's front line averaged 6-feet, 7inches."

Junior Jerome Douglas scored 15 points to lead the Pioneers, which finished the regular season 17-3 overall, and ranked in the top 10 in the state in Class C.

"We had a very successful regular season, and I'm proud of our boys for winning some impressive games this year," Ristovski said. "Now it's time to put that behind us because the state playoffs are a new season. We won't overlook any team we play in the playoffs because one bad game can

had picked up his third foul, Bramos led North with 18 North in the lead. Trombley set up a play for points, including 10 of 14 "In the second half we just

The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Maple Leafs won the Mite Division championship at the Great Lakes Tournament Series in Holland. In front is Brett Bigham. In the first row, from left, are Andrew Bigham, Casey Livingston, Jason Marek, Josh Champney, Bayard King and Max Harring. In the second row, from left, are Wyatt Flynn, Mark Adamaszek, Nick Rahaim, Mary Moesta, Matthew Brown and Johnny Knapp. In back, from left, are coaches Tim Livingston, Bob Moesta, Tom Champney and John Knapp.

on the state playoffs." North wins two Maple Leafs win tourney title relays at LCN

Nick Rahaim's goal in the Grosse Pointe North won closing seconds of the chamboth freestyle relays at the pionship game against Troy recent L'Anse Creuse North lifted the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Mite Division Maple Leafs to the Briski, Stephen Cornillie, championship in the Great Chris Blunden and Michael Lakes Tournament Series,

> Rahaim, who was the tournament's most valuable player, came out of the penalty box, took a pass from Andrew Bigham and shot a one-timer past the Troy goalie to break a tie.

which was held in Holland.

"We came to have fun and we certainly did that," said coach Tom Champney.

of their toughest tests in the first game of the tournament.

They fell behind against Rochester but scored five goals in the second and third periods to post a 5-4 victory.

The Maple Leafs then beat teams from Mount Clemens and St. Clair Shores to advance to the title game.

Strong offensive play highlighted the Maple Leafs' highlighten ber run. Mark tournament run. Rahaim, Andrew Bigham, Casey Livingston, Max Harring

The Maple Leafs had one and Josh Champney were the leading goal scorers.

> Support came from hardworking forwards Matthew Brown, Wyatt Flynn, Bayard King, Johnny Knapp and Jason Marek, although the team missed Charlie Annas. Mary Moesta was strong defensively.

> Brett Bigham and Josh Champney were strong in goal, with Champney posted a shutout.

"It was great to see our team mature to the next level," said coach Tim Livingston.

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leyball in the off-season, Trinity edges East, earns district crown

By Bob St. John

Sports Writer

Trinity Catholic's girls volleyball team won its first district title under Elvira Komini last weekend, beating host Lutheran East girls 15-13, 15-11.

"Winning the district title feels great," Komini said. "All of the hard work the girls have gone through the

gled the past few seasons, but this year Komini has been able to get the most out sophomore Mary of her girls.

"The girls are doing the little things it takes to win," Komini said. "Lutheran East gave us quite a match,

but we made the plays when it counted the most and won.'

Komini pointed out the efforts of senior Onicko Biggs, junior Wasukanis, junior Amelia Guyon, junior Nicole Gailliard and sophomore DeAndrea Kimble.

Head coach Reay Zoellner and his Eagles nearly pulled past couple of years has paid off the upset, thanks to a group of underclassmen who everything to gain.

Juniors Shana Pritchett, Orosz, sophomore Ashley Maestri, sophomore Chrystal Pendell. sophomore

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City of Grosse Hointe Bark, Michigan

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review of the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Wayne County, Michigan will be in session in the Municipal Building, 15115 East Jefferson Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, for the purpose of reviewing the 2004 Assessment Roll:

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2004

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The board will meet on Tuesday, March 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, March 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Hearings will be by appointment only. Contact the City of Grosse Pointe Park at 822-4361.

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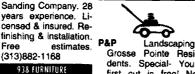
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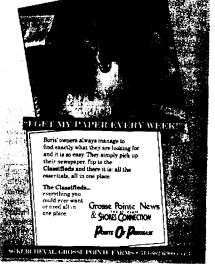
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By Chuck Klonke Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's regional championship game with Birmingham regional Brother Rice was a re-run that North coach Scott Lock didn't really want to watch again.

"It was just like last year," Lock said after the Warriors' 5-3 victory in the Division II championship game at the Mount Clemens Ice Arena.

"We were tied going into the third period and they scored two power play goals to beat us.

Brother Rice couldn't have waited much longer to get its special teams untracked. "Special teams have been

one of our strengths all year, but since the playoffs started, they've been terrible," said Warriors coach Lou Schmidt.

Rice also killed off three penalties in the third period, including two in a row that overlapped by 11 seconds.

"We beat Crestwood 11-2 and both of their goals came on the power play," Schmidt said. "And two of Berkley's three goals (in a 6-3 victory) came on the power play."

North's downfall began with 1:27 to play in the second period. A costly turnover by the Norsemen in their defensive zone led to a goal by Eric Kozik that tied the game at 3-3.

We were a little down at that time," Schmidt said. We were ahead 2-1, then they took it to us in the second period and we were back on our heels.

"When we scored it picked us up, and changed the momentum. That was definitely a turning point in the game.

Carl Schmidt broke the tie with a power-play goal at 2:02 of the third period, and Dan Cycholl gave the Warriors a two-goal cushion with a power-play goal at

The two power-play goals left Lock frustrated.

"I'm not saying they weren't penalties, but they were things that they didn't call during the first two periods. and they were both in the neutral zone," Lock

The way that the pucks found their way past goalie Jordan Zielke also left Lock shaking his head.

skates to a guy standing alone in front of the net, one time. We had some turn into an outstanding right in front of the net," he took a pass from Peter times where we struggled, four-year player for us who

North didn't have many shot past goalie Ryan over the last two weeks. Gregory. Bobby Scarfone also assisted. "We saw Peter Bar serious scoring chances during its three power plays in the third period.

"It's tough to step up and get a power-play goal when you've just given up a couple

of goals," Lock said.
"We just didn't play like we did the last couple of weeks or even in the first two games of the regional."

Lock thought that the Norsemen's route to the finals might have taken its toll by the time the third period rolled around.

"We had two tough games (a 1-0 win over Grosse Pointe South and a 4-2 victory against De La Salle), and they had two easy games," Lock said. "There was a lot of clutching and grabbing in the De La Salle game and in the first two periods of this game. That ears you down.

Lou Schmidt said that his team had to play a different style of defense in order to compensate for North's advantage in quickness.

"North brings out the best in you because they're always so good," he said. "You have to back in more on defense because they're so quick. You can't let them get that half step on you.

Schmidt was a little bit concerned that his team might not be sharp enough after playing Crestwood and Berkley, but the Bears turned out to be tougher

than he expected.
"That was a great warmup for us," he said. "They have five or six forwards with a lot of speed, so they forced us to play defense, and that helped us tonight.

North jumped in front early on a slap shot from the point by defenseman Jimmy Solomon at 1:23 of the first period, assisted by John

Dallas. A minute and one second later, Rice tied the game on a goal by Rob Brunmeier on a 2-on-1 break. The Warriors went ahead with 1:51 left in the first period on a shot from the point by Pickens that appeared to be deflected past Zielke.

The second period was all North, starting with Eric Knoll's goal at 3:33 to tie the Both of the goals went off game at 2-2. Knoll was left took a pass from Peter Watson and one-timed a

The Norsemen ahead 3-2 at 9:04 when Shaun Fulton passed from behind the net to Eric Dloski, who also scored on a one-timer.

"We should be playing in the quarterfinals," Lock said. "I think we're a better team, but we didn't play like we played the last two weeks."

In North's 4-2 victory over De La Salle, the Norsemen built a 4-0 lead before the Pilots got a pair of third period goals.

Knoll started the scoring at 4:48 of the first period when he beat goalie Chris Jozwiak on a backhand shot from the slot. Solomon got the assist.

Julien Horrie took advantage of a De La Salle mistake at 12:18 to give North a 2-0 lead. Jozwiak came out of the net to clear a rebound, but Eddie Tropp got the puck and slid it to Horrie, who had an open net.

Zielke came up with two outstanding saves in the first period. He stopped John Gave on a breakaway with about 6 1/2 minutes to go and robbed Mike Langewicz on a rebound in the final minute.

"The first period killed us," said De La Salle coach Dan Barry. "That's been our problem all year."

The Norsemen added a pair of goals in the second period. Fulton got the puck after a De La Salle turnover and scored from close range at 4:17. Colin Brown scored an unassisted goal for North at 11:58.

De La Salle spoiled Zielke's shutout bid when Jonah Rogowski scored on a breakaway at 6.35. Fifty-one seconds later, Rogowski scored a power-play goal. The Pilots continued to

put on the pressure in the third period, but couldn't get any closer.

We made it interesting," said Barry, who coached at University Liggett School for several seasons before moving to De La Salle this year. "We threw everything we had at them — and we'd have thrown the kitchen sink at them if we would have had it."

Although North fell short of its goal of winning its third state championship in five seasons, there were some positives that came out of the year.

"We had a lot of ups and downs," Lock said. "We were ranked No. 1 in the state at

times where we struggled, but we played pretty well

"We saw Peter Baratta

tour-year player for us, who played 100 games in a North straight regional champi-

at the end. That's our goal. To be in the state final. It's uniform. We've been in five tough to see teams that aren't as talented still playing, and we're done."



Grosse Pointe North's volleyball players and coaches celebrate after winning their second straight Division I district championship.

Volley — South will host state lacrosse rivals From page 1C

Courtney Beschke, sophomore Jessi Kollar and junior Qumisha Goss played one of their best matches of the

"We have lacked varsity experience this season, but the girls have continued to play with a positive attitude because they want to get better," Zoellner said.

The Lancers and Eagles were in each other's shoes a year ago when the experienced East squad beat the inexperienced Trinity Catholic team.

In the semifinals, Trinity Catholic beat Detroit Urban Lutheran, while Detroit Holy defeated Redeemer.

"Our girls are really doing well serving, spiking and passing," Komini said. We're excited we won, and now we can focus on the regionals.'

The Trinity Catholic volleyball team improved to 15-5 overall; Lutheran East finished its season 7-21-3.

Coming up for the Lancers is a Class D regional semifinal at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 13, against Warren Zoe Christian at Lutheran East.

By Brad Lindberg

Last month, a wolverine was first spotted in Michigan for the first time. Next month, odds are good that a Spartan will show up in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Staff Writer

Women lacrosse players from the state's largest universities will battle it out in front of a hometown crowd next month at Grosse Pointe South High School.

The game between University of Michigan and Michigan State University will be played on South's new turf field on Wednesday, April 7, at 7 p.m. U-M is 7-1 and this month

swept all three games of its annual home tournament. In the final contest against Ball State, Jen O'Brien, a South graduate, matched her game high of two goals to help the Lady Wolverines to a 16-0 victory.

"The game will be a

chance to showcase the new turf and stadium improve-Matthew ments," said

Outlaw, South's assistant principal and athletic direc-South's girls lacrosse team

is coming off a state champi-"Women's lacrosse is

becoming a huge sport in Grosse Pointe," Outlaw said.
"It will be a fantastic community event." He said the Michigan-

Michigan State match was organized by Deb Pavle, the Lady Blue Devil's lacrosse coach. "She went.

University of Michigan. She has contacts with the coach. She's the one who got this game set up." The Farms city council

this week gave South special permission to use its outdoor lights for an additional athletic event. "It's great to have two

great colleges compete in Grosse Pointe Farms, especially since so many Pointe residents went to State or U

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South •

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point lead going into the final period.

Dakota led for most of the fourth quarter, but Wolking hit a three-point basket with 4.5 seconds left to lift South into a 58-58 tie.

The Cougars again had a three-point lead late in the overtime, and once again Wolking hit a triple to tie the game at 67-all.

"Andy really stepped it up in the second half and the overtimes with 19 of his 22 Petrouleas said. Those were a couple of clutch three-pointers.

South had several other solid performances. Conroy had 16 points and three assists. Eric Berschback had seven points and five assists, while Zac Hacias came off the bench and played well.

Read, Marcus Bonafede and Nate Jones also played well across the front line. Jones had seven points and seven rebounds, while Bonafede came in and collected seven points and four

"We don't have any superstars so we need everybody to make a contribution, Petrouleas said. "That's what we've been getting lately. Earlier, South avenged an

earlier loss to L'Anse Creuse by beating the Lancers 42-

Blue Devils fell game, but finished the opening quarter with an 11-1 run. South led the rest of the

Creuse had the final possession with about five seconds to go.

"We pressed the ball, and they weren't able to get off a good shot at the end," Petrouleas said. The Lancers had two des-

peration attempts, but neither one was close to going Conroy finished with 16

points, while Read had six points and six rebounds. Jones collected eight points five rebounds and and Bonafide pulled down four rebounds and played some solid defense inside. "Conroy is finally healthy

and he's playing much better," Petrouleas said of the sophomore guard, who missed time with a sprained ankle. Petrouleas said that he

has had several former players contact him since word of the firing became public.

"We've had a lot of good kids come through this program, and I hope that we've been a positive influence on their lives, and on them becoming good citizens, Petrouleas said. "That's what it's really all about. Teaching the game and life's lessons, and the wins will come along with that."

Some of his coaching colhave Petrouleas if he would be interested in joining their staffs, but he said he wasn't sure what he would do.

"Right now, I'm just thinkbehind 5-0 at the start of the ing about spending more time with my family," he said. "Coaching basketball takes a lot of time, and not although L'Anse just during the season."

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Pursuant to federal guidelines, on February 23, 2004, the City of Grosse Pointe Woods determined to submit the projects listed below for funding from the 2004/05, 2003/04, and 2002/03 Program Years Community Development Block Grant Program. The City's 2004/05 CDBG Budget is estimated at \$107,000.

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Handicapped Accessibility	13,600
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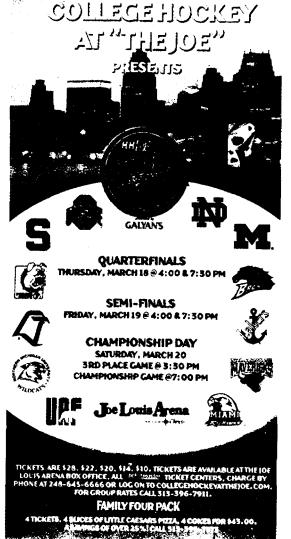
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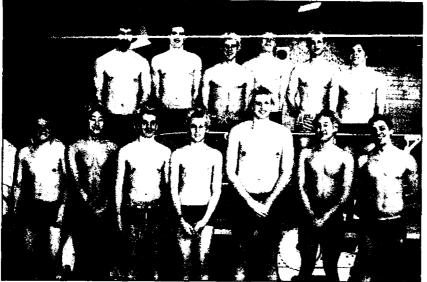
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Thirteen Grosse Pointe South swimmers will be in Ann Arbor this weekend for the state Division I swimming and diving championships. In front, from left, are Andrew Graham, Robby Browning, Jon Sax, Danny Basile, Jeff Tompkins, Casey Browning and Wilson Holm. In back, from left, are Luke Richard, Ryan Gunderson, David Richardson-Rossbach, Mike Dunaway, Ben Jenzen and Pete Stevens.

North, South swimmers headed to state Division I meet in Ann Arbor

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South will each send several swimmers to this weekend's Division I state championships in Ann Arbor.

South, which has been ranked fourth in the state for most of the season, will send 13 swimmers to the meet.

North will have two individuals and two relay teams in the state competition, which begins with the preliminary heats on Friday at the Canham Natatorium.

South coach Bill Thompson will enter teams in all three relays, and at least one swimmer in all of the individual events.

The Blue Devils could also have one or more divers rep-

come of the diving regional which was held after press time.

Junior Jeff Tompkins was South's most recent qualifier with a time of 4:59.49 in the 500-yard freestyle at the Macomb Area Conference Red Division meet.

He is the third South swimmer with a state cut in the 500, joining Danny Basile and Casey Browning. Browning also has qualified in the 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly.

Luke Richard has quali-

fied in the 50, 100 and 200 freestyle, and the 100 butterfly. Ben Jenzen has state cuts in the 50 and 100 freestyle events.

Richardson-Dave Rossbach has qualifying times in the 100 backstroke

and the 100 butterfly, while Robby Browning has state cuts in the 100 backstroke and 100 butterfly.

Other state qualifiers are Pete Stevens, 100 breaststroke; Jon Sax, 200 individual medley, and Mike Dunaway and Ryan Gunderson in the 50 freestyle.

Alternates are Wilson Holm and Andrew Graham.

North's Larry Briski qualified in the 100 butterfly and Michael VanBeek had a state cut in the 500 freestyle.

North also qualified the 200 and 400 freestyle relay teams of Briski, Chris Blunden, Stephen Cornillie and VanBeek.

Eagles fly high

basketball team stretched its winning streak to three games last week, crushing Huron Valley 66-26.

We felt that we could gain some momentum heading into the state playoffs by getting some wins here at the end of the regular sea-son," head coach Joe Beck said. "Now, it's time for our guys to focus on playing our best basketball of the season because we feel we can get to the finals."

Senior Mike Meinhardt led the host Eagles with 21 points, followed by senior Robert Carlisle with 18 points. 12 rebounds and seven blocked shots.

Senior Matt Johnston chipped in with 11 points and eight assists.

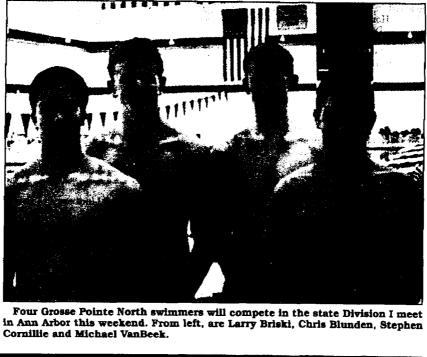
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in Ann Arbor this weekend. From left, are Larry Briski, Chris Blunden, Stephen Cornillie and Michael VanBeek. Grosse Pointe News & SHORES CONNECTION Grosse Pointe News and The St. Clair Shores Connection newspapers are planning their 3rd special edition 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, gerbel, 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 hoto. If you would like your photo returned to you include a self addressed stamped envelope Pets Name: SYLVESTER Age: 5 yrs. old Type of Pet: Black Cat Favorite Activity: Being chased around Included will be Memorial Page the house. in remembrance of the Owners: Kim & Scott Mackey loss of your pet, \$10.00 a pet Send photo and \$10.00 to 96 Kercheval Avenue Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236 Attention: Kim Mackey, Display Advertising

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Cranbrook Kingswood ices Irish in regionals

By Bob St. John Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team has to feel as if it is experiencing a severe case of deja vue.

Head coach Kevin McKay and his Fightin' Irish ramble through another successful regular season, and then experience another regional loss to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

The past two years the Irish lost to the Cranes in a Division III regional championship game, but early last week McKay's squad dropped a 7-0 decision to the home squad in a first-round contest.

"We have to play a solid game to beat them," McKay said the day before the game. "We're the underdogs, but we're going into the game believing we can win.

The Cranes, winners of 10 state championships, used their big-game experience to expose the 'young' Fightin' Irish.

McKay loses seniors John VanOenen, Anthony Rossi, Brekan Kohlitz, Edward Carey, Dan Kittendorf, Steve Pokorski, Chris Small, Karl Hiedermann, Sean Morefield, Chris Hentrich, Jason McBride and Joe Riehl to graduation.

The Notre Dame hockey team finished the season 11-13 overall.

Basketball

The Notre Dame basket- at The Palace.

ball team split its final regular season games last week, beating Detroit Benedictine 34-28 and losing 58-49 to Detroit East Catholic.

"We're playing better than a few weeks ago," head coach Don Sicko said. "We have made progress in the right direction. Where that leads us in the state playoffs will be answered by our players when we take the court in our district semifinal."

The host Fightin' Irish led Benedictine 18-17 at the half, and their defense held the Ravens to only six points in the third period and five in the fourth.

"It was a defensive battle for four quarters," Sicko said. "Our guys play very sound defense, but our offense hasn't been the

Junior Darryl Clements scored 14 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, while senior Seth Quaranta had 10 points and 15 rebounds to

lead the Irish. Clements had another solid game against East Catholic, scoring 16 points, but it wasn't enough to prevent a loss.

Wrestling

Notre Dame's Chauvin (135-pound class), Matt Brodich (140 pounds) and Steve Chauvin (145 pounds) will compete in this weekend's Division II individual state wrestling finals

Local swimmers do well for DYC team

one for the Grosse Pointe contingent of USA swimmers from the Detroit Yacht

So far, 11 swimmers in the 12-and-under age group from the Pointes have qualified for the state championship meets at Lake Orion High School from March 12-

They are led by 10-yearold Kaitlyn Fries of Grosse Pointe Farms, who has eight state qualifying times. She has qualified in the 50-, 100and 200-yard freestyle; the 50 and 100 breaststroke, the 50 and 100 butterfly and the 100 individual medley.

Sarah Auk of Grosse Pointe Park has a pair of state times, and Lilli Boggs, 8, also of the Park, is the DYC's youngest qualifier with a state time in the 100 breaststroke.

Five Grosse Pointe boys earned state berths in the 12-and-under meet. Park swimmers are Roby Boggs, 100 and 200 breaststroke; Cameron Laney, 50 and 100 breaststroke; and brothers Joe and Luke Hessburg, 200 and 100 breaststroke. David Warner-Cockell of the City of Grosse Pointe has qualified in the 100 breaststroke.

The state championship

The winter swimming sea- meet for swimmers in the son has been a successful 13-18 age group will be held March 26-28.

qualifiers Local Morgan Laney and Melissa Oddo in the 100 breaststroke, and Jeff Tompkins in the 500 freestyle.

Relay teams members from the Pointes who have qualified for the state meet are Nicholas Lupul of Grosse Pointe Shores, and MarkEvan Auk, Emma Mathews, Jack Hessburg and Libby Roach, all from the Park.

Lacrosse=

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of M," said Mayor James Farquhar. "It helps showcase Grosse Pointe. It's a good use of our school facilities. South is a gorgeous school. I graduated from

Robert Ferber, chief of public safety, said extra police will be on hand for the

"They anticipate a crowd of about 500, but I think it will be much larger," Ferber said. "It sounds like a fun night. I think it will be inter-

Outlaw said ticket prices, if any, haven't been determined.

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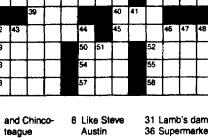
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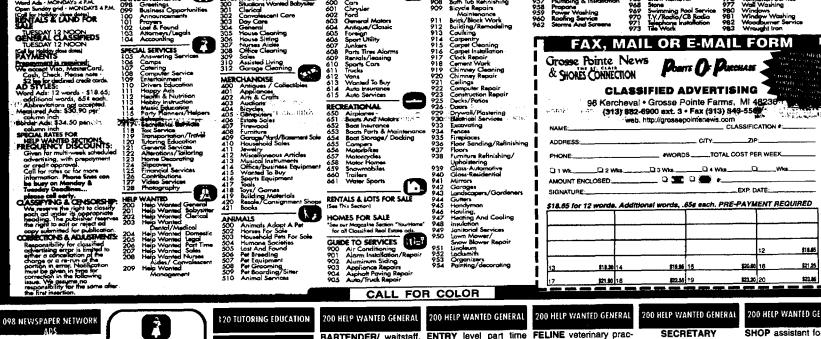
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