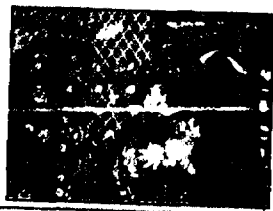


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WEEK AHEAD

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 communities.

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 Center.

The Tuesday Musicales of Detroit will present a concert at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial at 7 p.m. John Madison, viola; Candace DeLattre, soprano; and Mary Siciliano, piano, will perform compositions by Brahms.

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 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.

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

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

Helping Kids" program. 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. Together with the Grosse Pointe News and participating

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



Photo by Brad Lindberg

Model behavior

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

By Bonnie Caprara
 Staff Writer
 When the Children's Home of Detroit was hit with an \$18,000 water bill, the donations came pouring in. 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 percent of the outstanding water bill. 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

a day. "As an institution dedicated to fostering compassionate students, we are greatly concerned about the charitable 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 hesitate 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

See WATER BILL, page 3A



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.

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.

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 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.

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 \$82,500 in 2004-05 and \$170,000 from grade five musical instruction in 2005-06.

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 purposes.

"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 fourth- and 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 on your children's future." "Eliminating early instrumental music would be a devastating blow," added resident Marguerite Dene.

Other districts like East Grand Rapids, Novi and

Resident Cindy Pangborn suggested that before programming like music is cut, See VOTE, page 2A

POINTER OF INTEREST

Jessie Chapman

Home: Grosse Pointe Park
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 fun."
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Jessie Chapman

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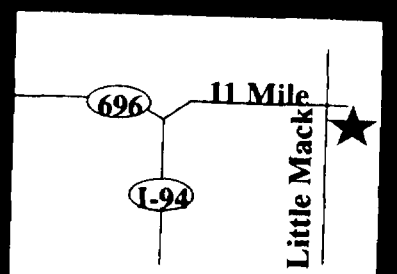
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Blue Devils tie for 2nd in BLC race

The Grosse Pointe Blue Devils finished the Border Cities League campaign with a 6-4 record, good enough to tie 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.)

yesterday's headlines

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 trees.

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

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

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 permeated the audience at Parcels Junior High School

auditorium.

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 of the University of 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, shortly before noon on a 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 interior.

The explosions 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.

10 years ago this week

A majority of Grosse Pointe Woods city council members support outdoor dining.

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 late-winter 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 ice.

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

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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 vote.

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.

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 Francais; 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 9-year-old victim of a bicycle accident earns two Certificates of Valor for a pair of Cub Scouts from Defer Elementary School Pack 147.

Scouts Michael Coffey and John Scott were riding down Jefferson 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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Village wall could come tumbling down

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The wall might be coming down.

"There was no opposition," said John Stevens, a City of Grosse Pointe councilman who this week presented alternatives to the heavy-stone 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 Pointe News deadline. Council members planned to meet with the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation.

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

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

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.



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 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 raises 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 responsibilities.

Since the discontinuation

of the assistant to the city 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 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 — comprised 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 administrator position.

"An assistant to the city manager requires a bachelor's degree or preferably a master's degree in public administration," Howle said. "I think we would be remiss in not posting for an assistant city administrator, not an assistant to the city administrator. In the event the city administrator is disabled, we rely on the person who's been here the longest. I don't think taking the deputy city clerk or the confidential secretary and saying 'Now you're the assistant to the city administrator' is the right thing to do. The savings by not hiring an assistant to the city administrator would be lost."

cerned about staff morale since word of the reassignments leaked to the public, and that other administrators would ask for raises above and beyond those given to fellow employees.

Reynolds and Spicher did not comment on the issue.

Councilwoman Vicki Granger countered Howle's motion with a counter-motion which would have authorized this city to hire an outside firm to conduct a human resources audit to determine 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 recommendation through for a formal council vote.

"We are taking away 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 of 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 and Cottage Hospital itself.

To the right: Tassles, Freezing Pointe, Grosse

Pointe News and Mid-State Surities.

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 two-story 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 on Kercheval and McMillan.

Councilman Louis Theros said the branch's brick portion made the structure look "like a bank."

Fifth Third officials want 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

council, Jeff Wagner, Fifth 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 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 opinions.

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 Peter 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 on-site 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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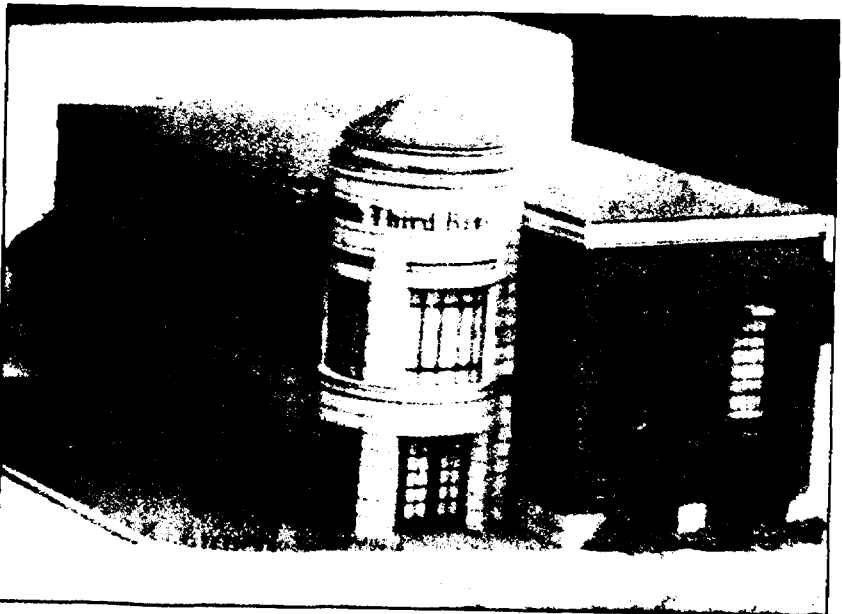


Photo by Brad Lindberg

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.

Park girl seeks bit o' Irish luck at competition

By Patti Therios
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 represent the United States at a world championship competition 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.

Water bill

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common objective of improving the well-being of children 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 community."

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

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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. "We have been competing together for about five years. We're like family. We know about each other's problems and things that are going on in each other's lives."

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 competitions.

"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 e-mail 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, Kevi.

"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 fun."

She credits her success in dance to her family's support.

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 for seniors."

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.

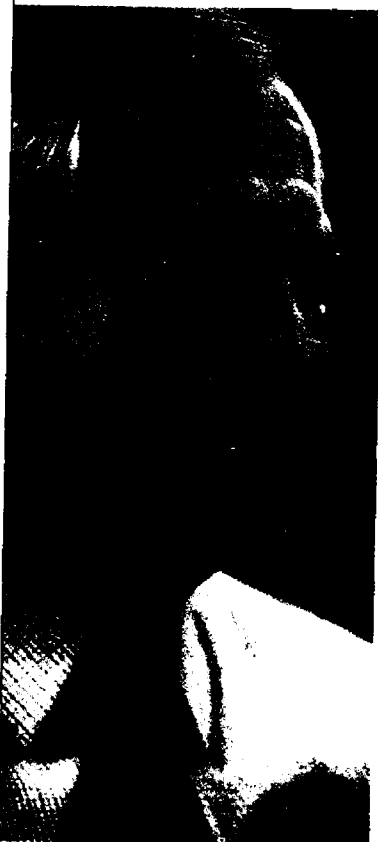
"I'd like to study sports

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.

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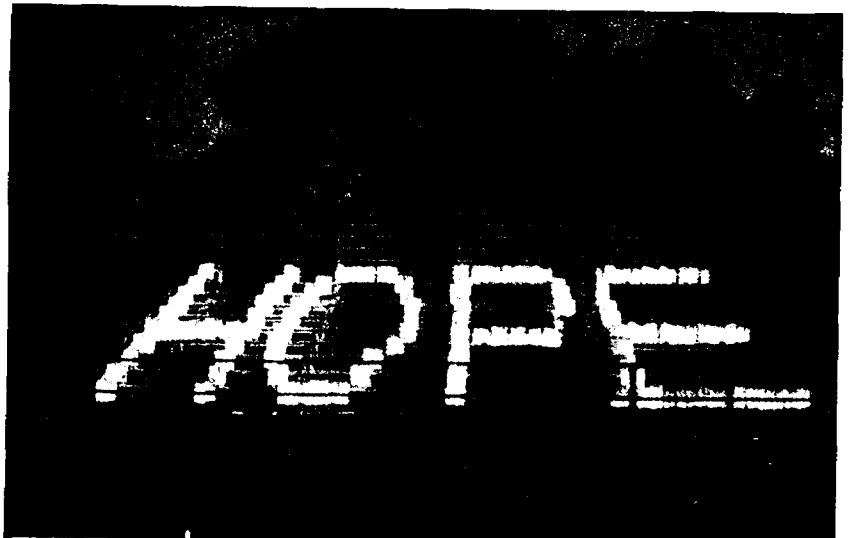
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Enough steroids! Play ball!

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 situa-

tion 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 to.

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 I was 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



and stronger than in the 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

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

The batter either way is still trying to gain an advantage.

In his State of the Union address in January, President Bush criticized 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.

Commissioner Bud Selig 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 all-time 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 Creatine, which is legal in baseball's book.

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

record, but will these allegations overshadow that 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 want.

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

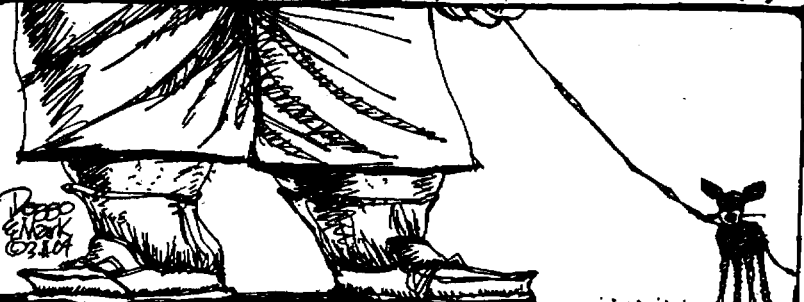
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Question of the Week:

What are you looking forward to most about spring?



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

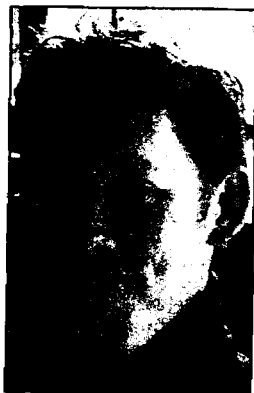


"I can hardly wait to plant my garden."
Patti Junker
Grosse Pointe Park



"Planting flowers and getting the boat ready."
Susan Pope
St. Clair Shores

Susan Pope



"Not having to scrape the snow and ice off the windshield of my car."
Michael Day
Grosse Pointe Farms



"Getting outside more, reentering the parks, and taking nice evening walks with my wife."
Tom Lavigne
Grosse Pointe Park



"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

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by Ben Burns



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 on.

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 zany crowd that surrounds Dick Purtan.

Heights, Kincaid and Walnuts were just some of the voices that the 4-foot, 7-inch 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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Mark "Doc" Andrews

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 people 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 including those 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 Sinfonia. 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@comcast.net)

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Mark Edward Andrews

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Mark Edward Andrews, 51, also known as Mark "Doc" Andrews, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, at 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 play-by-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

Athletic Association of America and on the board of directors of Wayne State Alumnae and Alumni Athletics Association Board.

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

He is survived by his spouse Amy Breiden Andrews, daughters Hollis and Alicia; son Eddie and sister Kryety 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 will be held at Lake Orion United Methodist Church on Wednesday, March 10.

Interment is at Gethsemane Cemetery in Detroit.

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.

She was employed by the United States Customs Agency where she 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

was fond of looking at pictures 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 and Catherine and brothers Chris, Moses, Sam and Danny.



Delphine Dodge Petz

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Grosse Pointe Farms resident Delphine Dodge Petz passed away peacefully on Monday, March 1 at her home in Metamora, 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 Detroit. 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 family retreat in northern Michigan.

In 1974, Mrs. Dodge took up residence at West End Farm, her farm in Metamora. She raised and bred thoroughbred horses there. An accomplished

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 great-grandchildren.

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 rest at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit.

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



Bice Powers

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Grosse Pointe Woods resident Bice Powers died Saturday, March 6, 2004.

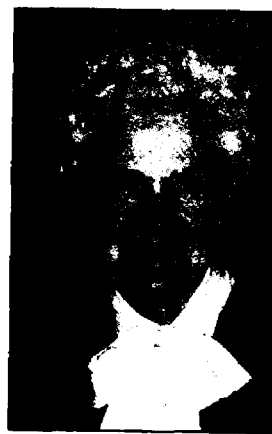
Born in Italy to Ettore and Adele Ricci, she was educated at the University of Naples in Italy, where she received a doctorate in English.

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, curling, bowling and traveling.

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

A funeral service was held Tuesday, March 9, at Our Lady Star of the Sea.

Memorial contributions may be made to Capuchin, 1820 Mount Elliot, Detroit, MI 48207.



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 attended the Cape Girardeau Schools, including one year at Southeast Missouri State University. She transferred to the University of Missouri, Columbia where she 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 in Fontainebleau, 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 ed housewife and mother, she was active in the 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 daughter Elsa Martha Purdy and husband Remington.

Mrs. Purdy's ashes will be interred beside those of her husband, Remington at the Columbarium at Grosse Pointe Memorial



Dwight Thomas Scott

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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 Monday, March 8, 2004 at the Crittenton Hospital in Rochester Hills.

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 great-grandchildren.

He is predeceased by his wife Mary Ann Scripps Spitzley.

Interment is at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit.

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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 projects.

Announcing the City's objectives and proposed uses for developing projects using Federal Community Block Grant funding, subject to full funding by Wayne County, as herewith listed:

- Infrastructure Repair \$72,000
- Services for Older Citizens
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Chris Reimel,

G.P.N.: 03/11/2004 Director of Community Development

Mackinac Center head to address GOP

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

Ed Joseph, chairman
Eastside Republican Club

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

"Mr. Reed will provide a very informative presentation on the issues being addressed by the Mackinac Center," said Ed Joseph, chairman of the Eastside Republican Club. "The Mackinac Center is the largest and one of the most effective think tanks in America for evaluating pub-

lic policy options from a free market perspective. Lawrence Reed has authored over 800 newspaper columns and articles, as well as five books. He has a great deal of expertise on public policy issues."

Reed has extensive experience in political and economic affairs. He has served

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 Cambodia, developments in Eastern Europe, and civil war inside Nicaragua and Mozambique. In addition to his writings, Reed is a frequent speaker throughout the United States and abroad. He is also a frequent commentator on Michigan radio stations.

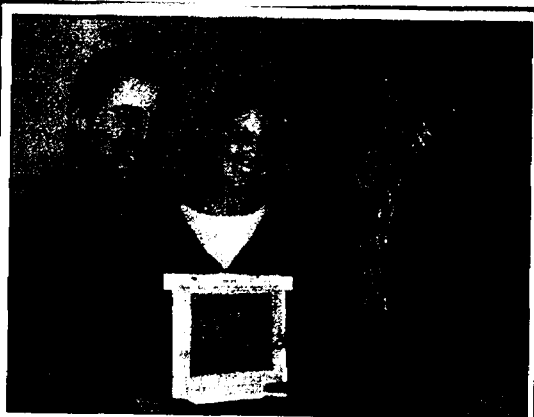
Reed serves on the Board of Trustees of the Foundation for Economic Education in Irvington, N.Y. The foundation is one of the oldest and most respected economics institutes in America. In 1993, Reed was appointed by Gov. John

Engler to the Headlee 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 from Central Michigan University.

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

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

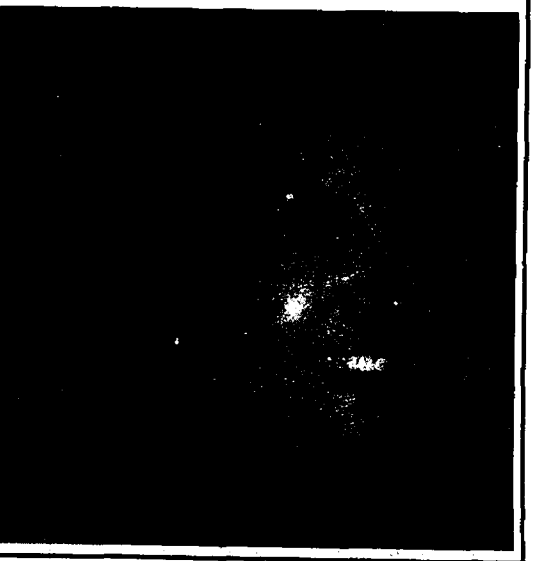


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Wedding winners

Honeymooning in Jamaica thanks to Seven Seas Travel on Kelly will be, above, Joe Lavis, left, and his fiancée 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 four-day, 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 fifth annual Wedding Show organized by The St. Clair Shores Connection and Grosse Pointe News newspapers. Hancock and her fiancée, Robert Galan, formerly of St. Clair Shores, will marry on July 9 in Blossom Heath Park.



Gleaners

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

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 surplus food from farmers, grocery retailers, food distributors and processors, as well as individuals through donations of canned and boxed goods.

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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.

Support by the generous members of Grosse Pointe and surrounding communities goes a long way in helping Gleaners serve its neigh-

bors in need, 59 percent of whom are children and seniors.

For additional information about "Kids Helping Kids," youth programs and food drives, call "Kids Helping Kids" coordinator Bernadette Williams at (313) 923-3535, ext. 238.

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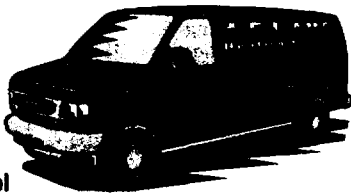
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School millage vote Tuesday

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

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

Opinion

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 range.

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.

Correction

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 district \$1.9 million a year.

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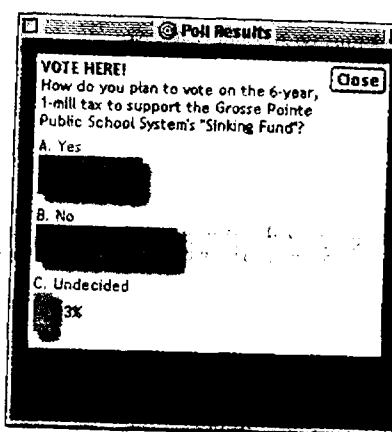
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Web voters say 'No' to tax

If 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 undecided.

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 and 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, the Grosse Pointe Public Schools System is asking me to approve a 1-mill increase to my property tax.

Well, no, not right now. 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 back 10 days' pay, one day a check for 20 weeks.

Warren Woods' teachers gave up steps — pay increases when they had money problems.

The Madison Heights teachers received a pay increase this year, the first in three years, 1 1/2 percent; 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.

I know our board has made cuts. I know they are trying. They are talking about six classes instead of seven at the middle and high school level. They say if this millage doesn't pass, cuts will have a direct effect on classroom instruction, maybe an increase in class size, and all kinds of things are going to happen.

One thing hasn't happened. I haven't heard anything from our teachers. Oh yes, the rumors my children come home with about how bad it's going to be if this tax doesn't pass. I haven't heard that they will give up their pay raises.

Oh, by the way let me ask the board of education if

there is such a money problem how did they get a pay raise in the first place?

People of the Grosse Pointes, I will vote yes to this increase, if the teachers pitch in and help.

Unsigned because I still have children attending Grosse Pointe schools.

P.S. The next time someone in Lansing tells you he has a better way to fund something, remember we didn't have this problem before Proposal A.

Maintaining healthy program To the Editor:

It was with much disappointment that the Grosse Pointe News March 4 editorial, "Schools must tighten fiscal belt," reflects a negative view toward the upcoming millage request on Tuesday, March 16.

And further, it is extremely surprising to hear of your regret for your previous support of the \$62 million bond, which was passed overwhelmingly several years ago. It is particularly disappointing that the editorial raises questions on areas that could have been addressed through discussions with representatives of the school district and board of education, not unlike the types of discussions held at various times over prior years.

It is clear that in these times, the state officials aren't sympathetic to budget concerns from "affluent" districts. Unfortunately, their actions merely patch the

problem and do not address the core failings of the current method for funding all districts equitably. Clearly, the state has not met its commitment to adequately fund schools.

The issue is pretty basic. By all measures of success, be it MEAP, ACT or SAT scores, or college acceptances, students graduating from the Grosse Pointe schools are well prepared for the future. But, going forward, there will be less money to support the existing programs. With input from all concerned, the board will make the tough decisions to reduce spending after exploring all areas. Spending cuts have been and will continue to be made. Utilization of fund equity will continue in a controlled manner.

As a point of correction to the editorial, the seven to six period day alternative would generate a one time savings of \$1.9 million, not \$2.9 million. The evaluation of schedule alternatives is not deferred indefinitely; rather, a study report of the board is scheduled for this fall.

It is not just cuts that the school system is evaluating. Additionally, all revenue generating opportunities are being considered as well, via the fund for excellence, facility naming, endowments and alumni contribution programs, and yes, probably even advertising.

The sinking fund is but one piece of the puzzle to help maintain a healthy educational program. A quality education program is the sole objective of the

school administrators, staff, teachers and the board of education. And regardless of the outcome on March 16, we will not waver from that objective. Supporting the sinking fund will just help us in that effort.

Jeff Broderick
Treasurer
Grosse Pointe Board of Education

School health insurance To the Editor:

I read with interest the March 4 Grosse Pointe News article, "Why school districts can't save on health care," about the challenges school districts face in negotiating with the MEA over MESSA insurance.

Appearing as it did in on the Grosse Pointe News editorial page, your readers may arrive at the mistaken conclusion that Grosse Pointe Public Schools is included in the 50 percent of Michigan school districts that have MESSA.

In fact, Grosse Pointe Schools has never had MESSA insurance and, through a positive bargaining relationship with its employees, has been able to provide effective insurance coverage through a more creative "cafeteria" program.

At the current time, only 212 of the district's 1,000 employees elect a traditional Blue Cross program, while another 591 are provided a PPO or HMO.

All newly hired employees are required to elect a managed program for the initial years of their employment.

Another 255 employees accept a payment ranging from 10-15 percent of the annual insurance cost, to take no health insurance from the school district.

With the daily barrage of critical articles about schools, it's important to recognize where positive efforts are being made to control costs.

Larry Lobert
Director of Human Resources
Grosse Pointe Public Schools

Budget issues To the Editor:

As both a concerned parent and professional educator, I agree with the Grosse Pointe News that the community should not support the sinking fund at this time.

It is time that the school board be accountable for uncontrolled spending and to address the budget issues head-on. Even if the fund passes, the district will still be several million dollars short. That means that many cuts will still have to be made regardless of the amount generated by the fund. The shortfall is approximately 5 percent of the overall budget.

What is wrong with an across the board 5 percent reduction in all budgets for the district? The current shortfall can be blamed on others (governor and legislators), but the majority of correction must fall on the board, not the citizens of this community.

For those in support of the fund, go to work tomorrow and ask your boss for a raise

because you forgot to budget for the new roof on your house; the braces on your child's teeth; the increase in your health care co-pay; a new computer because your old one is outdated; or those music lessons you've always wanted to take.

Those are the realities of how to manage any organization today. Priorities have to be set and some things are either delayed or done without.

Today's economy requires 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

Reality check To the Editor:

On Tuesday, March 16, Grosse Pointe Public Schools want only some residents to vote in an election that could reach into every resident's pocket for the next six years.

The school district does not want to ask voters to make that choice during the regularly scheduled voting time in June — when our "away-wintering" residents are back home again. No, Grosse Pointe Public Schools has decided to try and "tax-grab" extra monies to support an excessive spending habit.

The district's rhetoric of shifting budgeted funds from building and site expenses to "monies for instructional purposes" should make a taxpayer's

Viva Italia! South choir visits Venice, Tuscany and Rome

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

Italy lives in the hearts and minds of the Grosse 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 Italian people.

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

The group flew into Milan and took a bus to Verona, where they saw a small coliseum and the original home of Juliet from Shakespeare's masterpiece, "Romeo and Juliet."

They went on to see the winding canals of Venice. In the city, they celebrated at

the town's carnival which is similar to New Orleans' Mardi Gras. They saw the stunning St. Mark's square which looks out onto an open water way.

From Venice, the group traveled to Florence and Tuscany. They stayed at a hotel in Montecatini, which is in Tuscany and performed in front of a school in that city.

"It was absolutely beautiful: the scenery and the Tuscan Alps," said student Sarah Bertakis.

"We got to talk to the students. We hung out with them," said another student Tim Pawlowski.

The group would travel to Florence during the day, getting to see the Uffizi museum and Michelangelo's sculpture of David.

"My favorite place was Florence. There were cute cafes and piazzas," said stu-

dent Dan Vannater.

They also saw the leaning tower of Pisa, located in the town of Pisa, which is held up by eight tons of cement.

The highlight of the trip was the visit to Rome. The group had the chance of performing songs at a St. Peter's mass. They sang Palestrino's "Adromus," Alessandro Scarletti's "Exultante Deo," Mozart's "Alleluia," John Rutter's "Oh Praise the Lord," and "Let there Be Peace on Earth" at the main altar of the church.

"I liked the acoustics. I liked the intricate detail of the art of the church," said student Davis Smith.

They also enjoyed a guided tour of the Sistine chapel and the universally-renowned Sistine ceiling painted by Michelangelo.

"It was surreal. It was unbelievable," said Ellen

The Grosse Pointe South High School choir had a fabulous trip to Italy. They are pictured on the right at Rome's Spanish steps.

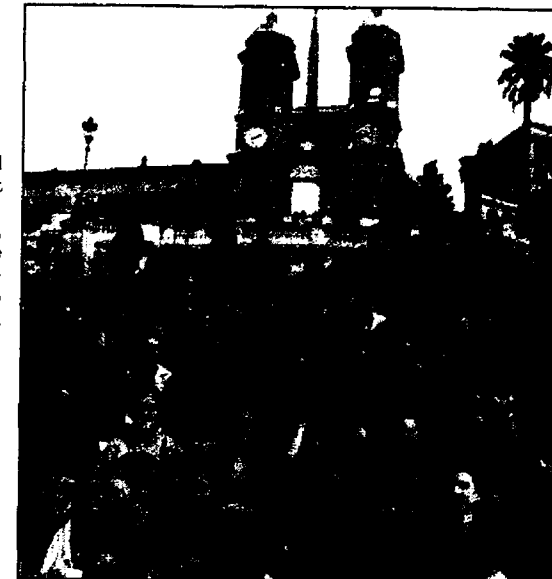
Bowen, director of choral activities of being amidst such gorgeous artwork.

In the students' free time, they shopped at the diverse range of stores in the country, enjoyed the down to earth Italian lifestyle and met the Italian people, whom they really liked.

"Italy is a lot more relaxing and fun than in America," said student Chris Mubich.

"I thought the people were very friendly. They were very open with us," said student Chris Vella.

"The people were absolutely beautiful. They're breathtaking. They dress amazingly," said Bertakis.



Singing their way across Italy and absorbing the wondrous nature of Italian culture, the group will have memories that will last a lifetime.



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.

The first act transforms the story of "Rapunzel," depicting a portrait of a girl who is saved by a Prince albeit with many mishaps along the way.

"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, Madeline Michalik and Harper Wildern, and in front is Eli Hoerler and Jon Manganello.

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-12 and reduced 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 118-inch 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 four-door hardtop sedans that year. Where did you get your numbers, as I'd be interested in trying to figure out the 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 rubber 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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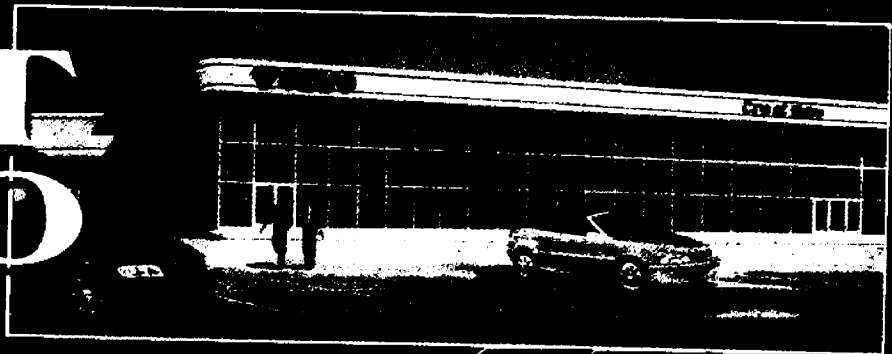
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'04 Monterey has full-sized pep with 4.2-liter V-6

By Greg Zyla

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 contemporary Mercury styling, with a strong resemblance to its sibling Mountaineer. The interior includes a fold-into-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 wonderful. (No need to remove seats here for more cargo space.)

Noteworthy are front and rear parking assists, heated and cooled front seats, AdvanceTrac stability control system, reinforced structure improvements and a powerful standard 4.2-liter V-6 engine.

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 the minute we hit the throttle, as Monterey zoomed forward with sports car-like 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 overdrive transmission. A

26-gallon fuel tank assures 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, first row floor console storage, third-row reading lamps, black roof rails and power sliding doors.

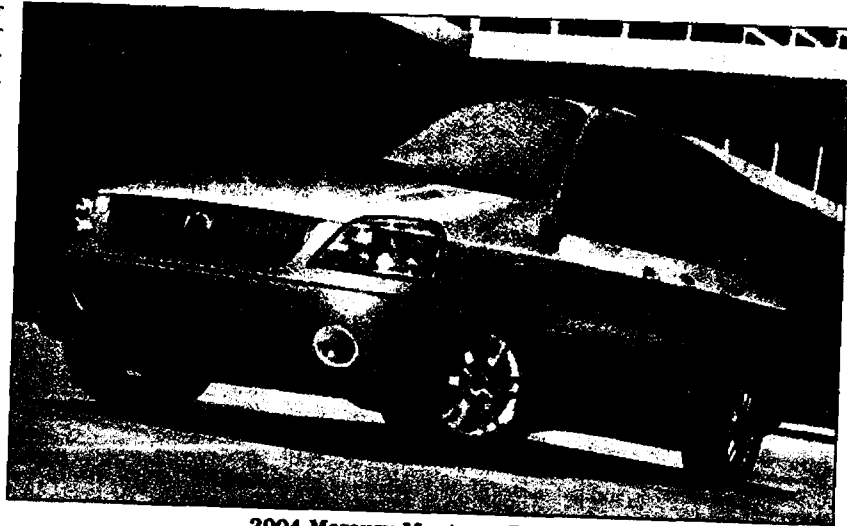
The Premier is top of the line, adding driver and passenger heated and cooled seats, front passenger lumbar adjustment, first- and second-row perforated leather seats, AdvanceTrac system, unique split-spoke design aluminum wheels and satin aluminum roof rails. Our Premier included

optional self-sealing tires for \$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 more.

The suspension features a MacPherson strut front suspension 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 mpg highway.

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



2004 Mercury Monterey Premier

retail, but the upgrades offered in Monterey are advantageous if you don't mind spending more. We expect lots of showroom traffic to drive this minivan. — King Features Syndicate

Hi-tech, comfort boosts muscle car

By Greg Zyla

We test drove Chevrolet's 2004 Monte Carlo 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 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 Pontiac Grand Prix, also 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 exterior color.

Of course, we all like the old look but want today's

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 package accented by bright, stainless-steel tips on the dual exhaust outlets. It has 17-inch 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 brakes, electronic traction control, tire inflation monitor and driver and passen-

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 200-watt 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 Carlo. We give it an 8.5 on a scale of 1 to 10.

— King Features Syndicate

Upkeep on car care keeps costs down

By Mary Davis

Are your connections corroded? Your car battery's connections, that is. Do your wiper blades function properly? 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. The 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 truck, and in the lobby at the repair shop.

What can you do to help keep your car healthy this winter? The auto club recommends having a compe-

tent mechanic inspect your 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 about the parts on your automobile that are most sensitive to cold weather. Here is a quick overview of the components that will 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 you aren't due for a replacement.

Alternator: Make sure the belts that deliver the charge from the alternator to the battery aren't cracked

or worn. If your fan belt is loose, have it tightened

Antifreeze: Double check 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 boiling points, rendering them ideal coolants for vehicles. General Motors (GM) cars use a special antifreeze called Dex-Cool, which is 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 are 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,"

music 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 talents," 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

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 saxophone. Some students 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 learn 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.

Photos courtesy of Debbie Nelson



Fourth grader Patrick Kutchka, left, stands with one of his trumpet instructors, Jeff Lakin.

"Even if it's just an introduction, they can take it somewhere," Benjamin said.

Benjamin's vociferous

enthusiasm for the life-giving benefits of music is very apparent and is sure to impact his students.

"Music is one language

for people to understand other people. It's a melody of the mind, body and soul," he said. "A school without that has a void."

ULS math teacher receives grant for outdoor education

By Carrie Cunningham
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 understanding 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



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.

Photo by Carrie Cunningham

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 canoe.

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

"It allows for sharing outside the classroom," she said.

Pointer meets, interacts with leaders in nation's capital

Mark Fazi of Grosse

Pointe recently attended the National Young Leaders Conference from Feb. 17 to 22. This unique leadership 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 face-to-face with members of U.S. Congress or their staff as well as other influential personalities.

"Rarely does someone so young 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 Council

(CYLC).

Former U.S. Representative Bill 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 sacrifices 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 information on CYLC, go to www.cylc.org.



Mark Fazi

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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:

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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.

Photo by Carrie Cunningham

Maire cleaning club makes school a brighter place to learn

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

The classrooms at Maire Elementary are looking sparkling clean, the result of a newly formed, student-run Cleaning Club.

Six members of Becky Easlick's third grade class — Jamie Smith, Max Mager, Kiera Valente, Juliet Harvey, Will Newell and Hannah Liska — are scrubbing away dirt as a way to perform service, help Maire and assist teachers.

"I like the cleaning club because it makes the school a better place — better 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 classrooms, reaching behind

shelves, on top of shelves and amidst desks.

The students have a system in which cleaners accumulate points for tasks which correspond to a certain prize. With 50 points, students can receive an eraser or marbles; 30 points translates to beads; stickers are 5 points, and pictures are 150 points.

Also, the club has instituted a cleaning person of the month for the most outstanding worker.

The students are happy that they can aid teachers all while performing a valuable service.

"I like that we take the jobs away from the teachers because it's hard for them 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 Liska.

The members of the club believe what they provide to Maire will make it more

appealing to outsiders.

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

The more sanitized classrooms 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 the group concurred with 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 members to work their hardest.

Easlick is very proud of her students.

"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 school," Mager said.



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 eighth-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 Zoo."

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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Assumption Summer Camp

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.

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Seniors and teens bond while sharing music

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

St. 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-session 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 Heart Academy.

In an attempt to discover what draws each generation to its music of choice, the

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

"I always listen for the beat," Spencer said. "The tempo keeps me up; plus, you've got to have a baseline."

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 understand the lyrics," Woods said.

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 student 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 about what they know —

everything they're surrounded by and everything they've experienced," said Johnathon Rowsey, a junior at Heart Academy. "It's supposed to be a political statement. 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 this, 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 participants 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, Johnathon Rowsey, Timothy Daus and Eric McGhee.

he admitted he does "to get the girls' attention."

Regardless of the differences 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 someone who can really

sing."

"A great song is one you 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 stereo sparked a discussion

between generations that assumed too much and understood too little about the other. Woods hopes to continue the program in the future.

"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.



Photo by Brenda Ban

Beacon students celebrate reading

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 sang "Dr. Seuss, We Love You," which they learned from music teacher Ann Connors.

"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 Stable.



Photo by Robert McKean

District awarded grant to revamp crisis plans

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

Harper 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, radiological, 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 trauma-response 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 out the 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 buildings," 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

schools to work directly with 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 relationship 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 22nd 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 Clerk

**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

MOTIONS 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 approve the request from Harper 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 adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for check numbers 69808 through 69931 in the amount of \$420,600.53 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 \$7,911.40 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 SRF bond, \$22,437.68 on our 1993 Series A bond and \$4,985.61 on our 1992 Series B bond.
- To Adopt the 2004 Community Development Block Grant Program as follows: Administration \$12,000, SDC Minor Home Repairs \$43,500, Kelly Road Improvements \$38,300, Pointe Area Assisted Transit Svc. (Handicapped Transportation) \$12,200. Total \$122,000.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor
Mickey D. Todd, City Clerk

GPN: 03/11/2004

Two new firemen prepare to battle HW blazes

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

Two new firefighters have joined the Harper Woods Fire 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 veterans of the field and have undergone paramedic training as well.

Frattini is a native of Harper Woods, having graduated from Lutheran East High School in 1992. He is thrilled to work in the community he calls home with his wife, Sandy, and twin 14-month-

old sons.

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

Fire fighting is in Frattini's genes, having known at a young age he would follow in the footsteps of his grandfather, uncle and cousin. His grandfather retired after decades of battling blazes in Detroit, where his uncle and cousin still remain.

"Fire fighting is like a family business," Frattini joked, adding that he secretly hopes one of his sons will continue the tradition. After high school graduation,

Frattini joined the Schoolcraft Fire Academy, graduating in 1995.

He became certified as a paramedic, and spent five years working in aircraft fire fighting and rescue at Detroit's Metro Airport. Although he enjoyed this experience, Frattini is excited to be working in a smaller community. He is getting used to his new schedule, which he juggles with coaching football at Lutheran East, and coaching high school and summer league baseball teams.

He said the veterans of the Harper Woods Fire Department 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.

He later joined the Grosse Pointe Woods Fire Department, where he fought flames for seven years before moving up the road to Harper Woods. He now lives in Algonac but doesn't mind the commute.

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



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



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

POLICE AND FIRE

House fire

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

Sgt. William Nitcholson of Grosse Pointe Shores department of public safety and fire/arson investigator with the Grosse Pointe Harper Woods Fire 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 accidental." Harper Woods police officers assisted the fire department in traffic and crowd control. The family was not home at the time of the fire.

Armed robbery

Sticking his handgun to the side of a Detroit woman's face, a man said, "Don't say nothing. Give me your purse. Don't say nothing."

The woman, who had 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 canvas purse which contained her Visa credit card, a checkbook, \$200 in cash, her Social Security card and her operator license. The perpetrator fled southbound on Kelly.

Auto theft

A white 1995 Pontiac parked on the 19900 block of Washtenaw was stolen on Saturday, March 6, between the hours of 12:10 and 6:30 a.m. The owner and his father attempted to locate the vehicle before contacting police.

Stolen tires

Someone stole the right two tires and wheels from a black 2001 Cadillac Deville on Friday, March

5, between the hours of 2 and 9 a.m.

Attempted car theft

Harper Woods police officers arrested a 19 year-old Detroit male who had been seen trying to break into a black 1995 Jeep in the 19100 block of Kenosha on Friday, March 5, at 10:15 a.m.

The vehicle's owner heard her car alarm going off and looked out the window, spotting a man wearing a red sweatshirt looking up at her as he backed away from her car. As she called Harper Woods police officers, the suspect walked north down Lansdowne and turned east on Elkhart.

An officer was driving east on Washtenaw at Rossiter when he saw a subject walking on Rossiter. When the subject saw the marked police car, he dropped a red article of clothing and continued walking. When ordered to stop, the suspect complied and was handcuffed. The red sweatshirt was discovered a few feet from the perpetrator, along with a screwdriver. Police discovered the Jeep's passenger side rear vent window had been broken out.

Mo-ped theft

A black 2001 Honda moped was stolen from the 20400 block of Williamsburg on Friday, March 5, between 11 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. the following day. The woman parked her mo-ped in the lot and secured it with a padlock from the right wheel to its frame. When she returned to the lot hours later, the mo-ped was missing.

Suspended license

A traffic stop resulted in the arrest of a Detroit man who had a suspended operator license, a warrant for his arrest from the 38th District Court in Eastpointe, no identification, no proof of insurance, and five prior suspension convictions.



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Scrapbooking at the library
Kathy Leppek of "Creative Memories" will show Harper Woods Public Library patrons how to start a scrapbook on Tuesday, March 18, 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.

Fled on foot

Grosse Pointe Park public safety officers found a parole violator from Detroit hiding under a porch on Corville in Detroit after an extensive yard search conducted on Wednesday, March 3.

The Detroit man fled from the officers, who attempted to stop him for a traffic violation at Mack and Beaconsfield at 2:17 p.m.

Stolen car

A 1995 Dodge Neon 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 Grosse Pointe Woods was quick to recognize a man suspected of ripping off a Taylor bank with a rolled coin scam.

The suspect, a 41-year-old Detroit man, came into the bank at 11:12 a.m. on Friday, March 5, with about 110 dime rolls he asked to have converted to five \$100 bills. As in the Taylor incident the day before, the rolls contained pennies with dimes on each end of the rolls.

The suspect also provided a fake name and account number to the bank employee.

Public safety officers also confiscated a small amount of a controlled substance at the time of the arrest.

Cops told to leave party

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

Officers were called to the house at 10:44 p.m. and were allowed into the house by the 17-year-old female host. While officers were conducting PBTs on the 16 guests, the host was on the phone with her father, who was out of town.

An officer asked to speak to the father. According to the incident report, the father 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 outside.

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

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 person.

— 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 Kerecheval in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The victim, a Detroit man, said the plate spelled "WINSURE."

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 3.

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 suspensions and was wanted on six warrants totaling \$1,374.

The officer made the traffic stop on eastbound Mack near Manor after a computer check showed no record of the man's license plate.

The man was wanted on two Dearborn warrants for contempt of court in Dearborn, three warrants for failure to appear in court in Dearborn Heights and Hamtramck, and in Detroit for a misdemeanor traffic charge.

Two men, same crime

Two men trying to cash fraudulent checks worth a combined \$998.19 were caught in separate incidents at the same location in Grosse Pointe Farms on the afternoon of Friday, March 5.

At 3:47 p.m., a 47-year-old Detroit man was arrested in the 18800 block of Mack near Moross for trying to pass a fake \$495.87 check.

Exactly a half-hour later, at 4:17 p.m., a 36-year-old Detroit man was caught trying to obtain \$492.32 by the same method.

Police learned the man had been arrested for check fraud the day before. He said two men paid him \$100 to cash the checks.

A manager of the Farms business intends to prosecute.

Bag man

An unknown man who stole two suitcases from a store in the 18800 block of Mack near Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms discarded the items in Detroit before escaping the area.

On Wednesday, March 3, at 4:52 p.m., store employees called police as the subject carried the stolen suitcases down an alley and across Mack into Detroit. A short while later, a Farms patrolman learned the items had been abandoned in the rear parking lot of a Detroit business.

The suitcases, worth a total \$260, were returned to the store. The suspect was described as being in his early 40s, wearing a green coat and blue pants.

Garage theft

A Grosse Pointe Farms

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resident said two sets of Royal golf clubs worth a combined \$4,000 and a \$1,000 Panasonic DVD player were stolen from his unlocked garage in the 200 block of Grosse Pointe Boulevard sometime between Feb. 2, and Sunday, March 7.

Busted

On Sunday, March 7, at 3 a.m., a 32-year-old female stripper from Phoenix who had been pulled over for speeding got racy with a Grosse Pointe Farms patrolman.

Upon stopping the woman for driving a white 1996 Honda Accord 14 mph over the limit on eastbound Lakeshore near Moross, the officer smelled alcohol and 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, became uncooperative, would only let herself be searched by a male officer and claimed a bag of marijuana found during the search had been planted by police.

She was released on bond at about noon.

Drunken

A 27-year-old St. Clair Shores woman registered a .16 percent blood alcohol level upon being tested for drunken driving in Grosse Pointe Shores on Friday, March 5, at 11:30 p.m.

An officer had pulled over her white 1999 Mercury on northbound Lakeshore near Still Meadow Lane for having a broken taillight.

Hummertime

When Grosse Pointe Shores police investigated an occupied 2003 Hummer parked on Lochmoor, they discovered a 24-year-old male driver from Southfield and 23-year-old female passenger from Detroit.

The driver told police he and the woman were

"parked on the street relaxing and listening to music."

Police found open bottles of vodka and champagne. The driver passed three sobriety tests but was cited for having open intoxicants in a motor vehicle.

Shots heard

A Grosse Pointe Shores resident living in the 900 block of Lakeshore heard two gunshots coming from nearby property shortly after 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 6.

Police learned that guards had shot two rounds from a starter pistol to scare geese off the property.

"It was determined the starter pistol was allowed as long as guidelines of the village noise ordinance were followed," police said.

Bad moves

A drunken driver from Royal Oak spent the early hours of Friday, March 5, soboring up in a Grosse Pointe Shores jail cell.

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 westbound Vernier.

The officer also saw the man drift the Trailblazer over the yellow line on Vernier into oncoming lanes. The man registered a .164 percent blood alcohol level.

Car flips on Lakeshore

A witness said a 59-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores woman was driving "all over the road" before flipping her 2002 GMC Envoy sports utility vehicle on northbound Lakeshore near Roslyn on Friday, March 5, at 9:55 a.m.

Medics took the woman to a local hospital for observation.

She was given a blood test to determine if she were sober at the time of the single-vehicle crash.

"Apparently she lost control and ran off (the right) roadway striking the curb 100 feet south of a light pole," police said. The vehicle reportedly

continued along the northbound shoulder, struck a light pole, overturned and came to rest on the driver side.

While helping the woman from the vehicle, police said they detected alcohol on her breath.

Swerving

On Sunday, March 7, at 12:55 a.m., a Grosse Pointe

Shores policeman cruising southbound Lakeshore saw a green 1994 Cadillac Eldorado "swerving from lane to lane for approximately one mile."

During a traffic stop near Woodland Shores, the 48-year-old female driver from Grosse Pointe Park was arrested for having a blood alcohol level of .155 percent.

— Brad Lindberg

Thwarting burglars

As temperatures warm and fair-weather burglars begin their rounds, Grosse Pointe Farms police are offering homeowners tips on making their property less tempting.

Detective Rick Good recommended the following:

- "Make sure shrubbery isn't high enough so somebody could easily hide behind it during an attempt to break into the house.

- "Don't leave the garage door open without a car in it. If the garage door is open without a car inside, it indicates no one's home.

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

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

— Brad Lindberg

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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 Kerecheval, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan.
PRECINCT B - All voters in the City of Grosse Pointe vote at MAIRE ELEMANTARY 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 ballots) Voting place at BARNES SCHOOL, 20990 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.

Dated: March 16, 2004
G.P.N.: 03/04/2004 & 03/11/2004

Stephen Matthews,
Secretary, Board of Education

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)

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 1-inch 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 minutes.



À LA ANNIE
By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

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 collection 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 form. 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 stick.

"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 version of the Gingerbread 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 performances and by doing

that, 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 student (\$25) to Major Benefactor (over \$1,250). PuppetART is a 501C-3 non-profit organization, and donations are tax-deductible.

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 year-round 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 restaurant."

Italian Heritage Society

The Italian Heritage Society will present "La Collezione Invisible," written and directed by Gianfranco Isernia, on Friday, March 12, in the Italian Heritage Room Academy Theatre in the General Lectures Building on Wayne State University's Detroit campus. The evening will begin at 6 p.m., with opening remarks at 6:45 p.m. The film, a classical detective story, will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$20 to \$100 for benefactors.

Members of the Italian Heritage Society are seated, from left: Joseph N. Impastato and Andrea di Tommaso. Standing, from left, are Marian A. Impastato, chairman; and Patricia Cardello.



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by kathleen stevenson



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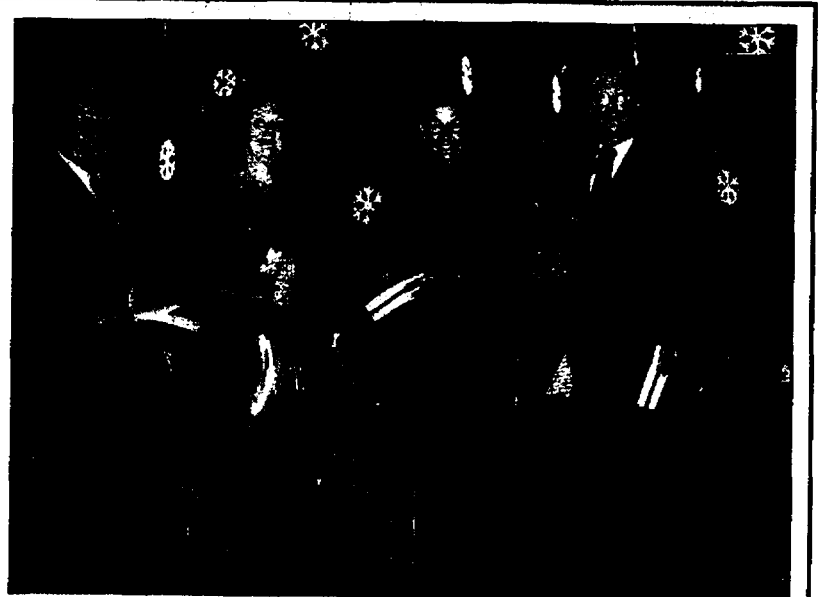


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Classical sounds

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 Parcels 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.

Italian frescoes is topic of lecture

The Dante Alighieri Society will sponsor a lecture, "The Walls That Speak: Frescoes as Visual Stories in the Italian Alps," by Grosse Pointer Richard Raspa of Wayne State University, on Thursday, March 25, at Andiamo's restaurant, 7096 E. 14 Mile, in Warren. Raspa is a professor and

graduate chairman in the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies program at WSU.

Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. Admission for members is \$20; for non-members, \$25.

For reservations, call Paola Morabito at (313) 3224.

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Below, PuppertART CEO Igor Gozman poses with Esther's wise uncle, Mordechai.

At the right, The King, Ahasuerus, makes an appearance during rehearsal for "Purim Shpiel" at the Detroit Puppet Theater.

Above, puppeteer Natasha Khusid poses with Esther.

Detroit Puppet Theater is fun for all ages

By Michael Shelton
 Special Writer

Imagine when you were a child, seeing the movie "Pinocchio" 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.

PuppertART/Detroit Puppet Theater invites people to experience this unique art form through live shows, education and hands-on workshops.

"Our personal belief is that the right way to solve a problem is through art and beauty to bring whatever problem we have on the table and solve it aesthetically. Beauty will save the world," says Igor Gozman, CEO and artistic director of PuppertART.

"We've been working a lot with the children, the families and the schools, and it is our primary goal and audience."

The studio and theater, located at 25 Grand River, has performances every Friday at 2 p.m., September through May. They originally started as a touring

group at libraries 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 PuppertART's 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 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.

PuppertART not only puts on plays and workshops, but also offers classes across the city. Classes are held in classrooms in Grosse Pointe Park. Trips to the studio are also available.

"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 PuppertART 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 power," Granger said.

Granger co-wrote a book called "A History of Puppetry in Detroit," along with

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.

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 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.

McPharlin also introduced puppetry into Wayne State University's curriculum before he died in 1948 at the age of 48.

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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.

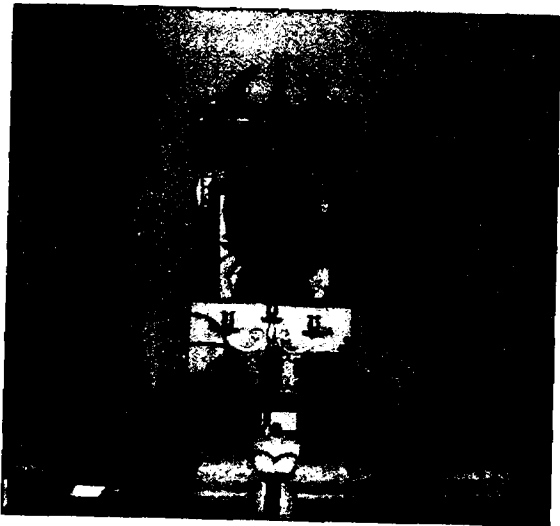
Elaine Schweitzer is chairman of the event. Schweitzer expects some 500 guests to participate in the afternoon of food, fashions and entertainment.

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 professionally 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-tet.

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 co-chairman of the Heat and Warmth Fund's fourth annual "Night of Warm Hearts" fundraiser.

A sold-out crowd of more



Lisa Kotula of Grosse Pointe Park was co-chairman of the Heat and Warmth Fund's fourth annual Night of Warm Hearts fundraiser.

than 550 attended the February event and raised more than \$203,000 for the Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW).

THAW is an independent nonprofit organization that provides emergency energy assistance to low-income families, individuals and

seniors facing temporary 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 celebrities, politicians, designers, art educators, school children, volunteers and guests.

Mask makers will include **Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick**, artists from the Heidelberg Project and **Al Kaline**.

COTS is a private, non-profit organization that provides emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing and comprehensive support services for Detroit's homeless population.

"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

are \$125. For tickets and sponsorship information, call **Joyce Dallas** at (313) 576-0206.

Other MASKorAIDE previews 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 summer.

— Margie Reins Smith

Engagements

tion from DePaul 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 is 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

Steve 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 is planned.

Toffelmire earned a Bachelor of Science degree



Jessica Lynn Hegemier and Stephen Doty Bernhardt

in interior design from the University of Central Arkansas. She is an interior designer.

Laney attended the Recording Workshop, where he studied recording engineering. He also attended the Recording Institute of Detroit for advanced study in recording engineering and music production. He is a recording engineer.

Babies

Kate Anna Adams

Marc and Meagan Adams of Grosse Pointe Farms are the parents of a daughter, **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 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. Great-grandmother 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 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.

The SJH&MC F.I.T. (Functional Independent Training) Program will be

presented. The F.I.T. 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 self-image and a better quality of life. It also helps patients undergo cancer treatments.

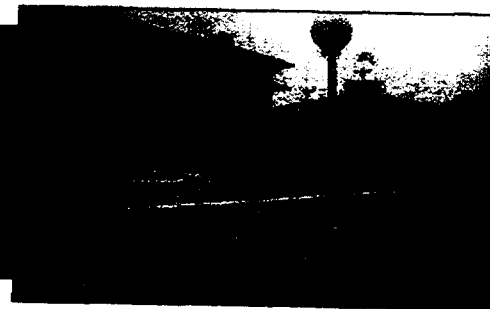
The VECC is located behind St. John Hospital at 19229 Mack and Moross, east of I-94. To register or for more information, call (866) 246-4673.

Free VECC community education night programs are held on the second Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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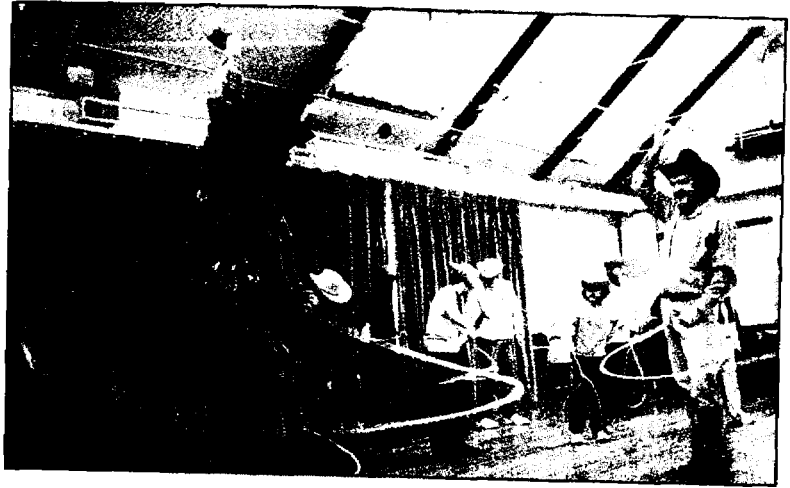
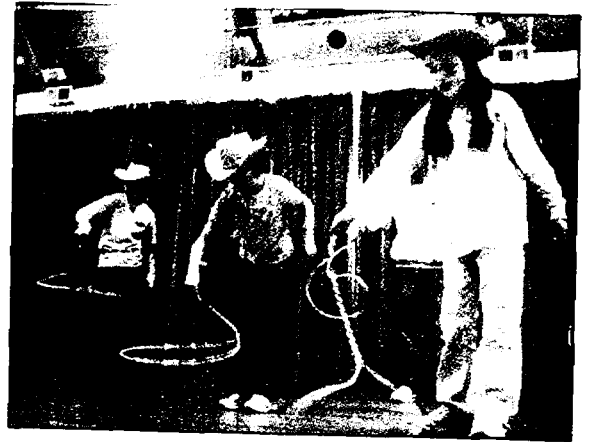
Grosse Pointe Theatre will present "The Will Rogers Follies" May 2, 5-9 and May 12-15. The production will feature 16 Ziegfeld beauties and a four-cowboy chorus doing elaborate dance routines. Theatre members are working hard to make it a true Ziegfeld production through the set, artifacts, choreography 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 Rogers.



Slimed by spam

By Debbie 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 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 reading 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.

You 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 pants-skirt 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.

Family Daze

By Debbie Farmer



Suddenly all sorts of people need my help. Take, for instance, a certain Mrs. Jumai Afsatu Abachua, the wife of former 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

online business opportunities 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 e-mail 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 special 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 know.

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.

G.P. Symphony presents concert on Sunday, March 21

The Grosse Pointe Symphony will present a 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.

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 will

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Do you remember?

In the 1940s, where did Grosse Pointe High School students hang out and meet friends over a big, 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 question about Grosse Pointe's past. The answer will be printed the following week.

Garden centers are all about education

Garden centers are 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 definition.

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 education.

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-

al world," Hayes said.

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 working with children.

"The projects don't have to be sophisticated," Hayes

Down to Earth

By Kathleen Peabody

What's going on?

Pruning: Everything you 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) 884-6688 to register.

Home and Garden Expo 2004: From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, March 13, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Call (313) 884-6000 for details.

Richard & Sue Abbott Memorial Lecture: David Szymanski of the Nature Nook will speak about flower arranging at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Ph.D. of Orchid Central will speak about orchid care at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, at Conner Park Florist, 21480 Greater Mack in St. Clair Shores. Make a reservation before Monday, March 22, by calling (800) 272-5270.

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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-of-state 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 Szymanski 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

Program," said Janet 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 War II.

"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 kmaslan@peabody@sbcglobal.net.

GP Public Library presents 'Detroit Architecture' lecture

The Grosse Pointe Public Library will present "Detroit 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 Public Library Central branch at 10 Kercheval, in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Hill will provide a fresh, in-depth look at the city of

Detroit itself, as well as discuss the special environment 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 Musicales concert

The Tuesday Musicales 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 Brahms.

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 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

The 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 the Farmington Hills 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 crucifixion.

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 stereotype.

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/cj/meta-elements/partners/CSG/passion_guide.htm (The Christian Scholars Group on Christian-Jewish Relations)

<http://www.nccur.org/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. Peace.



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 Tlem, 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 Gibney, secretary; and Glen Peters, treasurer.

Not shown: Hugh Henderson, assistant entertainment and Elizabeth Peters, treasurer.

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) 884-5554.

The 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 United Church, Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, Our Lady 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, Buxtehude, Locklair and Guilman will be featured.

Vogt has recently performed this recital at St. Phillip's Cathedral in Atlanta, Ga., and will perform at 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 Hall.

Meetings

La Societe des Jardinieres

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

The Grosse Pointe 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 more information, call (313) 881-9701.

Windmill 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. Hostess will be Claudine Watt. Guests are welcome. For information or to make a reservation, call (586) 979-2868.

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."

Pointer Bridge Club

The Pointer Bridge 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

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club will meet at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, in the Crystal

Ballroom of the Grosse 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 several dances.

All Grosse Pointe women are invited. Guest reservations should be phoned to (313) 881-6251 by Saturday, March 13.

Author will sign books

Grosse Pointe South High School graduate Kathryn Andries has written a book, "Soul Choices: Six Paths to Find Your Life Purpose." She is an author, public speaker, teacher, video and television producer.

She will be signing copies of her book at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 11, at Borders Books & Music, 17141 Kercheval in the City of Grosse Pointe.

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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 happier 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 your 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, occupational 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 Parcels 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@drkac.wayne.edu or uor or mblangan@hotmail.com.

BSC helps couples plan pregnancies

Research indicates that 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 educator.

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 diseases
- Exercise and pregnancy
- Ways to decrease risk of abnormalities of the unborn child
- Ways to decrease com-

plications of diabetes during pregnancy

Questions are encouraged during the informal session, and a tour of the Bon Secours BirthCare unit is offered.

Bon Secours Cottage also offers a variety of family-centered childbirth classes for those delivering at Bon

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For more information, call (586) 779-7909.

Volunteer drivers needed

Bon Secours Cottage is 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-in.

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 one-half hours at the noon-hour on weekdays (excluding major holidays).

Scheduling is based on the availability. The program services zip codes 48224,

48225, 48230 and 48236.

Celebrating its 28th year 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.

Free wellness workshop

The Van Elslander Cancer Center (VECC) support staff and Valade Healing Arts Center invite cancer 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 pre-registration 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 community-based hospitals and health care services in Southeast Michigan.

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 correct loose or worn-out artificial joints.

The speaker, Dr. Paul Telehowski, is an orthopedic physician affiliated with BSCHS.

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 at 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.

Heart skips?

By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.
Q. I am a 53-year-old male whose motorcycle club regularly donates blood. The last time, the nurse said my heart was skipping some beats. Should I be concerned? 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 to your doctor on your next visit.

Rarely are they of significance, and rarely do they need treatment.

Readers may write Dr. Donohue or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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From page 4B informed of all drugs taken in the past two years?
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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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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.

and

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 City Assessor



March 11, 2004

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 the bench. Marcell (Maxwell) made it tough

night for (Darryl) Garrett." Garrett, who is headed to Eastern Michigan University, led Denby with

North victory. Denby got a basket from Wallace Hall and a three-pointer from Garrett in the

twice on putbacks, was fouled each time and made 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 47-47, 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 run.

"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 said.

"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 24-16 lead on a pair of free throws by Maxwell to cap a

10-0 run, but Garrett scored 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 its own.

"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.

"Our kids gave it their best shot, but our shooting wasn't very good," said Blue Devils' 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 10.

"You never like to finish on a sour note, and for me this is a sour note," said Petrouleas, who was informed two weeks ago that his contract would not be renewed next year.



Michael Bramos had a career game for Grosse Pointe North in its victory over Detroit Denby.

Photos by Lori Wilson

23 points but had to work for each of them.

Bryan Bennett, David Klein, Jacob Bloomhuff and Jake Krystoforski also made key contributions to the

final 46 seconds of the third quarter to take its biggest lead of the game, 45-39, into the final quarter.

That's when Bramos took over the game. He scored

North spikers repeat as district champs

Grosse Pointe North's volleyball team had something 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 semifinals, and the Norsemen defeated Regina 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 play."

North plays in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division with perennial state powers Fraser, Marysville, Chippewa Valley and Port Huron Northern.

The Norsemen had several outstanding performances in winning their second straight district championship.

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

aces serves and 16 kills. Jessi Koltun led North with 19 kills and six blocks.

"I was very proud of the way the girls played as a team," Lockhart said.

North will play Detroit Northern in the first game

of the regional at South on Saturday at 10 a.m. Fraser and Royal Oak Kimball will meet in the other semifinal at 11 a.m. The championship match is scheduled for noon.

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 felt much like celebrating after the Blue Devils outlasted Dakota 76-71 in two overtimes in a Macomb Area Conference Red Division game.

South finished the regular season with victories in six 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 has 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 situ-

ation 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 would be posted on the school's website. This year's South team lost its first 12 games, but the Blue Devils have played much better for the last month.

"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-



Grosse Pointe North's Henry McCain puts up a shot against Denby.

Knights upset foe in hockey playoffs

By 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 victory.

"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 send.

"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 ULS goals, including the winner with 4:10 left in the third period.

Elizabeth Palmer, who 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 net.

"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) line."

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.

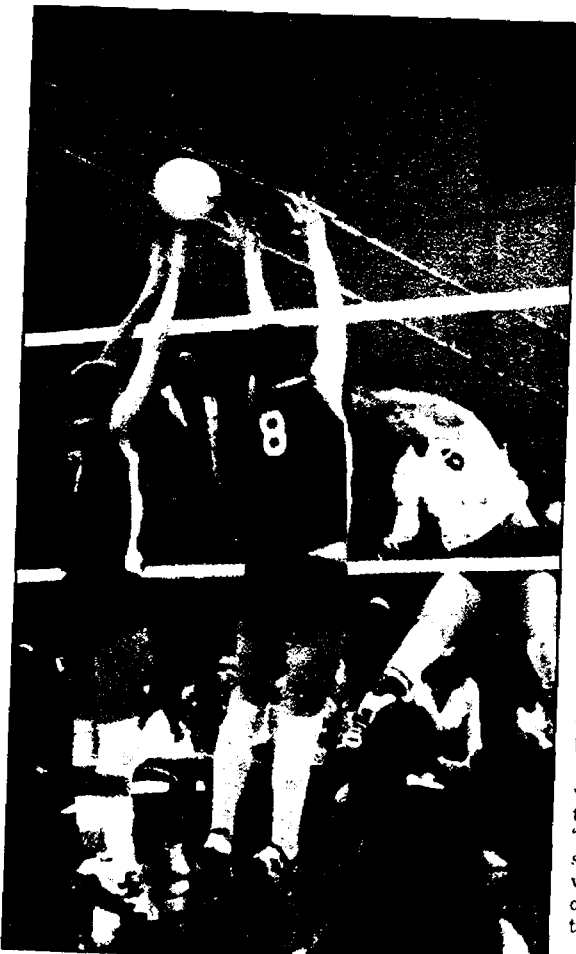
Owczarski praised her defense corps of Caitlin Hanly, Julie Borushko, Erin Deane and Monique Squiers.

"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 score."

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.

Photo by Lori Wilson

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 tournament.

The Norsemen clinched a tie for the title with a 69-64 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.

North led for most of the game, although the

Norsemen struggled at times in the first half.

"Port Huron is capable of making you look bad," Trombley said. "We were out of sync in the first half, but we played better in the second half."

North got a big lift off the bench from Henry McCain. He hit two straight three-point 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 by Marcell Maxwell increased North's advantage to eight points, David Klein made a big play.

Noting that Port Huron's leading scorer, Josh Collier, had picked up his third foul, Trombley set up a play for

Klein.

"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 best-case 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 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 put-back and converted a three-point play.

Bramos led North with 18 points, including 10 of 14

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.' They did."

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 North in the lead.

"In the second half we just

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 dunk over two St. Clair

defenders.

"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 Norsemen's balanced attack.

Pioneers' volleyball spiked in districts

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Harper Woods' girls volleyball team ended its season last week, falling to title-favorite Royal Oak Shrine in a Class C district first-round match at 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 tournament," 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 girls have to play more volleyball in the off-season,"

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, 7-inches."

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 lead to a loss, and you're out." Class A

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 past couple of years has paid off."

The Lancers have struggled the past few seasons, but this year Komini has been able to get the most out 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 Anne Wasukanis, junior Amelia Guyon, junior Nicole Gailliard and sophomore DeAndrea Kimble.

Head coach Reay Zoellner and his Eagles nearly pulled off the upset, thanks to a group of underclassmen who had nothing to lose and everything to gain.

Juniors Shana Pritchett, sophomore Mary Orosz, sophomore Ashley Maestri, sophomore Chrystal Pendell, sophomore

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Lancers hang on

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Trinity Catholic's boys basketball team won its nonleague game last week, edging host Center Line St. Clement 53-51.

"It was an ugly game, but we earned the win," head coach Ed Banks said. "I think the guys were still thinking about our Catholic League championship instead of thinking about playing St. Clement."

Senior Quentin Washington had 14 points, and senior Ron Hildreth had 11 points and 14 rebounds to lead the Lancers.

"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 on the state playoffs."

North wins two relays at LCN

Grosse Pointe North won both freestyle relays at the recent L'Anse Creuse North Invitational.

The North team of Larry Briski, Stephen Cornillie, Chris Blunden and Michael VanBeek set pool records in winning the 200- and 400-yard freestyle relays.

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.

Season-best times were posted by VanBeek in the 200 freestyle, and Cornillie in the 50.



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 Haring. 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.

Maple Leafs win tourney title

Nick Rahaim's goal in the closing seconds of the championship game against Troy lifted the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Mite Division Maple Leafs to the championship in the Great Lakes Tournament Series, which was held in Holland.

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.

"We came to have fun and we certainly did that," said coach Tom Champney.

The Maple Leafs had one 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' tournament run. Mark Adamaszek, Rahaim, Andrew Bigham, Casey Livingston, Max Haring

and Josh Champney were the leading goal scorers.

Support came from hard-working 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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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:

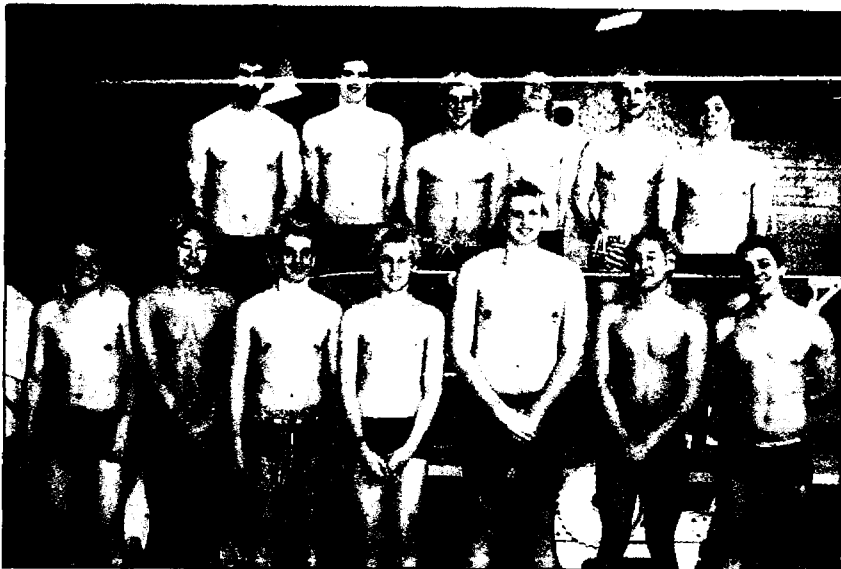
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The board will meet on Tuesday, March 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, March 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Hearings will be by appointment only. Contact the City of Grosse Pointe Park at 822-4361.

Resident taxpayers or their representative should appear in person. Written appeals will be accepted postmarked no later than March 24, 2004.

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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 represented, pending the out-

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 qualified in the 50, 100 and 200 freestyle, and the 100 butterfly. Ben Jenzen has state cuts in the 50 and 100 freestyle events.

Dave Richardson-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

The Lutheran East boys 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 season," 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.



Four Grosse Pointe North swimmers will compete in the state Division I meet in Ann Arbor this weekend. From left, are Larry Briski, Chris Blunden, Stephen Cornillie and Michael VanBeek.

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 vu.

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-

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 best."

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 Jared 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 at The Palace.

Local swimmers do well for NYC team

The winter swimming season has been a successful one for the Grosse Pointe contingent of USA swimmers from the Detroit Yacht Club.

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 12-14.

They are led by 10-year-old Kaitlyn Fries of Grosse Pointe Farms, who has eight state qualifying times. She has qualified in the 50-, 100- and 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 NYC'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

meet for swimmers in the 13-18 age group will be held at Oakland University from March 26-28.

Local qualifiers are 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 there."

Robert Ferber, chief of public safety, said extra police will be on hand for the crowd.

"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 interesting."

Outlaw said ticket prices, if any, haven't been determined.

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

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