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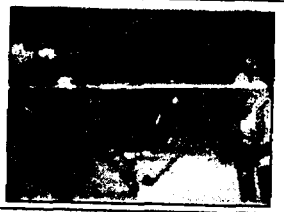
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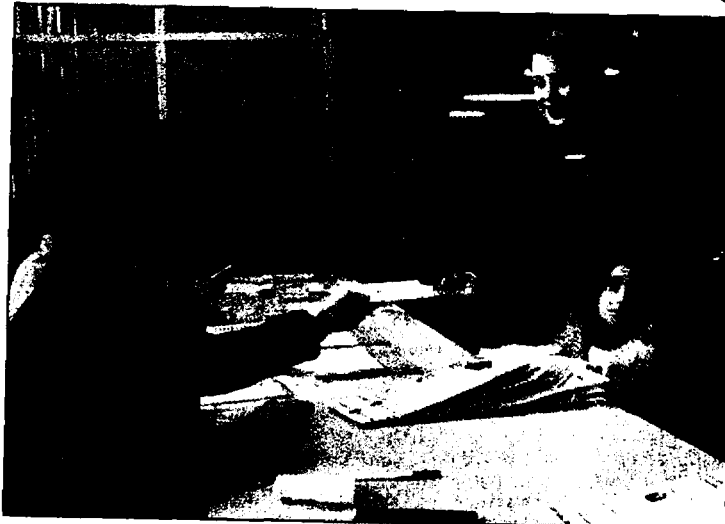
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School voters salvage sinking fund



Courtney Calcatera, 4, of Grosse Pointe Farms, accompanies her mother, Carrie, Tuesday morning to the polls at Brownell Middle School for the Grosse Pointe Public School millage election. Mary Drummy, left, an election worker from the Farms, said turnout was busy despite the late-season snowfall.

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

The vote on the sinking fund for mid-range school repairs passed by over 400 votes. "Yes" voters totaled 4,064, while those opposing the measure amounted to 3,610.

As of 8:30 p.m. on the night of Tuesday, March 16, the vote count for the election on the sinking fund was virtually tied. Some 2,847 were in favor of the measure, while 2,848 were against it. The fate of the school budgeting process hung in the balance by one vote.

The mood among school board members and administration officials waiting for the results from Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent for business affairs, at the district office on St. Clair was anxious but light-heartedly optimistic.

The school board and dis-

Sinking fund vote

	Yes	No
City	412	286
Farms	741	526
H.W.	188	108
Park	825	511
Shores	136	208
Woods	1,217	762
Absentee	545	1,209
Total	4,064	3,610

Results are unofficial

trict officials ended up skipping to victory when late-reporting Grosse Pointe Woods made the difference.

"We're thrilled," said board president Joan Dindoffer. "We're very pleased that the voters voted to maintain the excellence of our schools."

"We're very happy," added board member Jeffrey Broderick. "Our work is still cut out for us. We'll get to work in meeting our budget requirements for next year."

WEEK AHEAD

Thursday, March 18

The Inventors Association of Metropolitan Detroit meets in Room 312 of Grosse Pointe North High School at 7 p.m.

James E. White, author of "Will it Sell?" will speak on "Marketing 101."

The first meeting is free. New members are welcome. Call (586) 776-3658 for more information.

Saturday, March 20

The Family Center and Barnes Early Childhood Center present a symposium at Barnes Early Childhood Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Speakers will opine on topics such as raising the strong-willed child, taking care of your brain, step-parenting, nutrition and attention deficit disorder.

The cost is \$25, which includes the lectures, handouts, continental breakfast and a box lunch.

For more information, call (313) 432-3832.

Monday, March 22

Rep. Edward Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, meets with constituents during an open office hour from 9 to 10 a.m. at the City of Grosse Pointe municipal building.

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

Tuesday, March 23

Maquel Thoenton will be the guest speaker at the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club luncheon at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Thoenton will speak on the Tuskegee airmen. Lunch begins at 11 a.m.

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

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A birthday wish comes true

Emily Vreede of Grosse Pointe Farms celebrated her 10th birthday by performing on stage with American Idol Kelly Clarkson during the singer's concert with Clay Aiken at Joe Louis Arena on Thursday, March 11.

Sitting 21 rows back from the stage, Vreede held up a sign reading "It's my birthday, can I come up?" and her wish was granted. Vreede accompanied Clarkson on her hit single, "A Moment Like This."

Woods council fires city administrator

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

In a surprise move, Grosse Pointe Woods City Administrator Ted Bidigare was fired last week by four out of seven members of the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council.

Council members Lisa Pinkos Howle and Darryl Spicher called a special meeting on 24-hour notice on Thursday, March 11, in the move to dismiss Bidigare. Council members Spicher, Patricia Chylinski and Dona DeSantis Reynolds supported the vote initiated by Howle.

Bidigare, who had the option to discuss his employment status in a closed session, elected to hold deliberations in front of about 100 people, most of whom showed up to support the ousted city administrator.

Bidigare had come under attack in the past few months after a group of 25 city employees discovered he



Ted Bidigare

gave two members of his staff substantial pay raises. The raises were given in lieu of handling additional responsibilities once handled by an assistant to the city administrator, who left her post in July and was not

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Timothy A. Dinan

Home: Grosse Pointe Farms

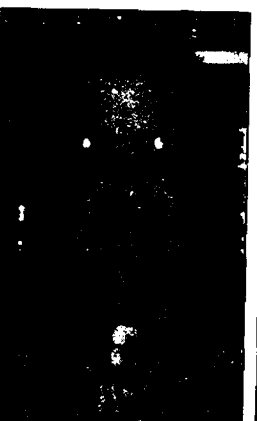
Age: 39

Family: Wife, Julie, and three children, Tim, 13, Mike, 11, and Claire, 7

Occupation: Self-practicing attorney in Grosse Pointe Park who helps other pass bar exams.

Quote: "Basically, the test is designed to trick smart people."

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Timothy A. Dinan

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yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ People attending a special meeting of the Monteith School Parent-Teacher Association discuss the need for more classrooms in the school district's north end.

Monteith can't handle enrollment expected next year. A majority of parents attending the meeting recommend sixth-graders be transferred from the school to another location until more room is made available.

■ The Grosse Pointe school board proposes to finance construction of new facilities through the sale of bonds. The question will be put to voters in June.

If approved, some \$1,255,000 in bonds would fund construction of a Torrey Woods elementary school and additions to Poupard and Kerby elementary schools. School officials also will ask voters to provide an additional two mills for operating purposes.

■ The renaming of Grosse Pointe Woods Mack Park is approved by the city council.

The park becomes the Alois A. Ghesquiere Memorial Park to commemorate the man instrumental in acquiring the recreation site on Mack between Huntington and Kenmore.

Ghesquiere, who died recently, served from 1934 to 1939 on the Village Commission of the then Village of Lochmoor. He served from 1939 to 1950 as Woods president.

25 years ago this week

■ Pressures of a tight budget force City of Grosse Pointe council members to consider cutting one of their community's most convenient perks — backyard rubbish pickup.

While back yard collections are convenient, especially for senior citizens, they're costly.

By instituting curbside pickups, City Manager Tom Kressbach estimates the city could reduce its workforce by two positions, saving about \$35,000, and cut equipment costs for the small, three-wheeled Cushman trucks, saving an additional \$12,000.

■ City of Grosse Pointe Mayor John King will step down from office this month in the midst of his fourth term.

"My business has grown

tremendously over the last few years," says King, an attorney. "In all fairness, I feel I can't adequately do both jobs anymore."

King won a seat on the city council in 1967. In 1970 he was appointed mayor to replace the late David Burgess.

■ Grosse Pointe North High School cagers roll to two impressive victories in taking district honors.

The Norsemen rout Detroit Finney 73-44 and then nip Detroit Southeastern 42-39.

Glen Williams is North's big gun in both games. He scores 17 points in each game.

10 years ago this week

■ Proposal A, featuring a 2 percent sales tax increase, wins by more than 3-to-1 in the Grosse Pointes. Voter turnout is 51 percent.

Promoted by Gov. John Engler as the best way to fund Michigan schools, Proposal A lowers school millage rates for Pointe homeowners to 13.7 mills from a current rate of 30.41 mills. In addition to the higher sales tax, the measure imposes a 50 cent tax per pack of cigarettes.

The proposal also caps property assessment increases at 5 percent per year or the rate of inflation, whichever is less.

■ A committee comprised mainly of Grosse Pointe South High School boosters wants to install lights on the football field to allow night games. Some neighbors near the field voice opposition.

Committee members propose that no more than 12 events per year would take place under the lights.

■ Teachers and administrators with a minimum 10 years employment with Grosse Pointe public schools will be offered a buyout.

Ed Shine, superintendent, says replacing approximately 85 of the district's highest paid teachers with new teachers at the lower end of the pay scale could save \$15 million over a decade.

5 years ago this week

■ Richard Elementary School kindergartners celebrate the 100th day of the school year with help from Zero the Hero, a.k.a. Chris Fenton, Grosse Pointe public school's assistant super-

intendent of business affairs.

Fenton, accompanied by his bulldog, Hobbs, helps students learn about tens and ones.

■ Dick Graves, a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms and proprietor of the snack shack at Pier Park, likes what he sees when inspecting construction of a new eatery.

The new shack has the same layout as the old one, but is bigger.

"We were so cramped in the other one," Graves says.

■ Joel Parrott, University Liggett School's sure-shot basketball player, is his team's high scorer for the second week in a row.

A week after scoring 40 points in a route against Clarenceville, Parrott racks up 37 points to nip New Haven 62-61 in an upset.

— Brad Lindberg

50 years ago this week



To break ground Sunday for new church in Woods

Ground will be broken this Sunday for a new Burns Avenue Baptist Church at Mack and Eight Mile in Grosse Pointe Woods. The church is located presently at Burns and Chaplin in Detroit. Plans for the new structure include a sanctuary, educational plant, fellowship hall, chapel to accommodate 150, formal parlor, recreation room, office space and more. At a later date a large parish hall will be built at an additional cost of \$150,000. (From the March 18, 1954 Grosse Pointe News.)

Bidigare

From page 1A

replaced.

Bidigare's confidential secretary/deputy city clerk was given an \$8,100 raise, which elevated her yearly salary to \$62,000. A part-time employee, the assistant to the confidential secretary, was given a \$3-an-hour raise, which brought her hourly wage to nearly \$20 per hour.

According to city employees, the discovery of the discretionary pay raises had deflated employee morale and played a part in the city's AFSCME workers not ratifying a three-year contract. The city's workers have been working without a contract since July 1.

Bidigare has maintained the move would have saved the city \$50,000.

"That letter of Dec. 30 (signed by the 25 employees) was clear evidence of their cry to council of their 'no' vote of confidence in him as a leader," Howle said. "I don't understand why we would ignore their cries."

The same four council members who voted Bidigare out of his job made a recommendatory vote three nights earlier that the council force Bidigare to reinstate the assistant to the city administrator position and to rescind the raises given to the two employees. A formal vote was expected to have taken place at the council's Monday, March 15, regular meeting.

Howle also laid into criticism that in a late January meeting of the council's Employee Compensation and Evaluation Committee, Bidigare was asked to offer suggestions to redefine the staffing structure at city hall and to improve employee morale, which had been deflated since the discovery of the two discretionary pay raises.

"I was hoping that he would come back with a written proposal with some scintilla of success in opening up the lines of communication with the other appointed officials and with the employees," Howle said. "In fact, it went the other way. The proposal that was made to me was to make a charter provision so that instead of the council appointing the clerk, treasurer, the city attorney and the assessor, that the city administrator be responsible for all those departments. A charter change like that was absurd in my opinion."

In addition to complaints of the discretionary pay raises, low employee morale and management structure issues, Howle claimed Bidigare lacked sufficient education to perform his duties as city administrator. "We require, through our own job description, a bachelor's degree and master's degree in city administration for this position," Howle said. "Ted Bidigare has neither."

Bidigare, however, holds a Bachelor of Science degree in social science from John Carroll University and was working on a master's degree in public administration in the mid-1990s. Before coming to the Woods as city administrator, he served as transit systems manager for Muskegon County from 1994 to 1999 and held a variety of managerial positions for SEMTA/SMART from 1972 to 1992. He also served as a Woods councilman from 1983 to 1991.

Chylinski, who seconded the motion to fire Bidigare, said she was the only council member to vote "no" on Bidigare's hiring in 1999. She felt there were other more suitable candidates

who applied for the position.

Like Howle, Chylinski also took issue to Bidigare's personnel decisions and criticized him for delays in implementing the city's sign ordinances and no smoking policy in city buildings and approving plans for the Grosse Pointe Public Library's new Woods branch.

"I have witnessed some extremely disturbing things that need to be corrected ... It is in the best interest of our employees and this city to vote 'yes' on this issue," Chylinski said.

"We're so far from stable, it's not even funny," said Spicher, who was most concerned with the turnover rate in the public safety department. "Last year, we hired four police officers and three quit. In 2001-02, we hired eight and six quit. In 2000-01, we hired eight and four quit. People are hired in, and some of them quit the same year."

"We need to put our friendships aside and do what's best for the city."

Howle defended her motion to fire Bidigare, citing that the city administrator shall serve the city at the pleasure of the city council and that Bidigare was an at-will employee of the city.

A council divided

Since after the November election, many votes on divisive issues among Woods council members have been passed by 4-3 margins. The decision to fire Bidigare was no different.

"I guess I'm part of that old boy network that hired Mr. Bidigare," Councilman Allen Dickinson said with a hint of sarcasm. "I met Mr. Bidigare at a Michigan Municipal League conference a number of years before I was involved in city government ... he is dedicated to improving his service."

He has earned his role through experience. I have a bachelor's and master's degree but I would be the first one to say that you can gain every bit of expertise by doing as you can with a degree."

Councilwoman Vicki Granger, who told the audience she felt as if she were at a witch hunt, defended Bidigare's decision to eliminate the position of assistant to the city administrator.

"Ted Bidigare consulted with the city's labor attorney," Granger said. "He did not have to post that job. His action was appropriate."

"I'm rather embarrassed sitting here," Mayor Robert Novitke said. "I'm offended. I've never seen such involvement (by the council) in personnel matters. I think there would have been some discussion and deliberations. I do not think this is the way business should be done in Grosse Pointe Woods."

Support in small numbers

Despite the majority vote of the council, only two members of the audience — both city employees — expressed causes for concern.

Jane Brown, one of the 25 employees who complained to the council of reassignments and raises given to Bidigare staffers in a Dec. 30 letter, blamed Bidigare for creating a lack of communication and trust between administration and his department heads and a lack of respect toward employees. She also said that the employees did not feel comfortable with the confidential secretary/deputy city clerk handling human resources

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NOTICE OF SALE OF VEHICLES: Sealed bids will be received by the City of Grosse Pointe Woods at the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236-2397, until 10:00 a.m., Friday, April 2, 2004, at which time and place bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for sale of the following vehicles:

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1997 Ford Escort Wagon
1995 GMC Pickup Truck

Minimum bids are posted on each vehicle, as well as mileage. Vehicles can be inspected daily at the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety, 20025 Mack Plaza. Bid sheets may be obtained from the City offices or Department of Public Safety. The City of Grosse Pointe Woods reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in the bidding and to accept any bid it deems to be in the best interest of the city.

Louise S. Warnke,
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 03/18/2004

ULS senior dazzles audience in play 'Where's Charley'

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

Theater is a symbiotic exchange where performers relate stories that an audience absorbs and makes its own. The comic, tragic and transcendent are depicted in a way that inspires both actors and those watching them.

University Liggett School senior and actor T.J. Corbett embraces the exchange between those on stage and the public at large. He just completed a leading role in the ULS play, "Where's Charley," in which he and fellow cast members relished the opportunity to solidify a relationship with an audience.

"They need us to entertain them, and we need them to give us the reason to keep going," he said.

"Where's Charley" is a romantic comedy in which Charley and a friend Jack are trying to woo two women, Amy and Kitty, in the setting of the 1890s at Oxford in England. Because women of the day could not be courted without the presence of a female chaperone, Charley hopes his aunt can be the

bridge for him and his friend to connect with the two women. Because she is not available, Charley decides to dress up as his aunt. In a series of circus-like twists and turns, the characters become attached to each other in a variety of different ways with the two men ultimately winning the hearts of the women they seek.

The audience loved the recent performances of the "Where's Charley" cast. They gave the performers a standing ovation at each performance.

"Where's Charley" was a work of passion for Corbett in which he was able to bond with those close to him. He dates Tracy Halso, who plays Kitty, and his brother Michael was a character in the play.

"It was good entertainment for the whole family," he said.

For Corbett, his dazzling of the ULS audience is just the most recent example of his acting prowess. He has performed in several other plays at ULS such as the "Sound of Music," "I Hate Hamlet," "Once on this Island," "Born Yesterday," "City of Angels," and "A

Company of Wayward Saints."

For his efforts, Corbett has received superior and excellent recognition from the International Thespian Society.

A seemingly budding renaissance man, Corbett is a prolific and skilled cartoonist and artist in addition to being an actor. He has drawn scores of comics and plans to draw murals of Bible stories at St. Lucy Catholic Church for his Boy Scout Eagle project.

He hopes to have a dual major in art and theater in college. He has been accepted to both Albion College and Catawbal College in North Carolina, both of which have solid theater programs and opportunities for drawing. He wants to work as a cartoonist as well as in theater.

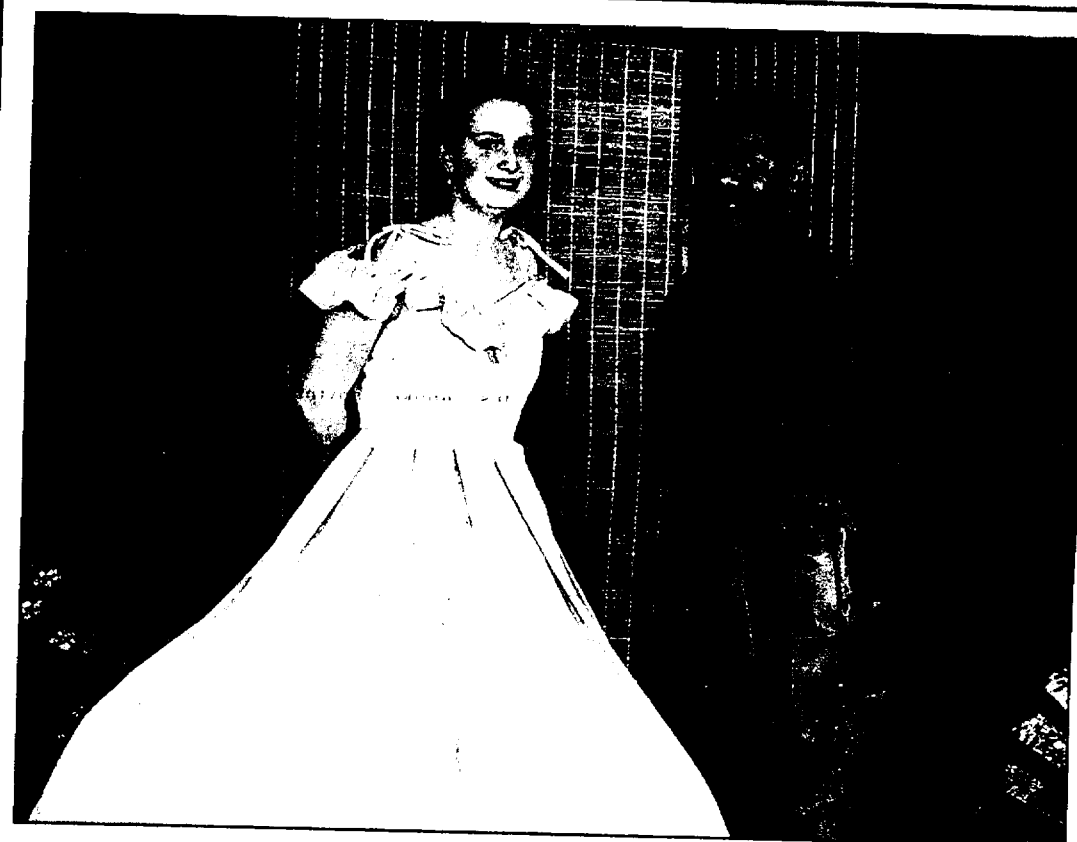
Corbett seems evidence that the sometimes lonely and sad nature of the world can be set free by theater.

"It gives you things to laugh about and stories to relate to," he said.

The audience and those in the spotlight can indeed be one.



T.J. Corbett played Charley, above, in the ULS play, "Where's Charley." His performance, as well as those of others in the cast, drew standing ovations from audiences. Photo courtesy of T.J. Corbett



A crowning performance of The King and I

St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School is presenting a live stage performance of the musical extravaganza, "The King and I" on April 1, 2 and 3 at Dominican High School auditorium, 9740 McKinney in Detroit.

After last season's sold out performances of "Annie," St. Clare has added an additional night for a performance of "The King and I." Directed by Roseville resident and St. Clare music and drama teacher Kim Korba, with the assistance of her husband Russ, the play features, pictured above, Tim Osman of Detroit and Angela Berg of Grosse Pointe Park in their respective title roles of the King and Anna. Other leading characters are Hannah Guaranta as Ying, Cariele Lewis as Lady Thiang, Elizabeth Brick as Tuptim and Isaac Piepszowski as Anna's son, Louis. More than 60 children have roles in the production.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased by calling St. Clare School at (313) 847-5100. Performances begin at 7 p.m. at Dominican High School.

Guys and Dolls at Star of the Sea

Students at Our Lady Star of the Sea will perform the Broadway musical "Guys and Dolls" on Thursday, March 25, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., in the school gymnasium.

Considered by many to be the perfect musical comedy, "Guys and Dolls" follows Salvation Army crusaders and high rollers from the streets of Times Square to Havana and back again.

Admission is free. There will be an Afterglow Party following the Thursday evening performance.

For more information, contact Lidia Prush at (313) 881-4913

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE OF BID: CONCRETE PAVEMENT REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Receipt of Bids: The City of Grosse Pointe Woods will receive sealed Bids until 10:00 a.m. local time, on Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at the offices of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236 at which time and place all Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, and clearly marked:

BID FOR 2004 CONCRETE PAVEMENT REPLACEMENT PROJECT (AEW Project #160-258)

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: the major items of work and the approximate quantities are as follows:

Pavement, Remove.....	11,800 SY
Sidewalk, Remove.....	1,300 SF
Drainage Structures.....	28 EA
Sewer, CL-IV, 12", Trench Detail B.....	850 FT
Underdrain, Subgrade, 6".....	8,300 FT
21AA Aggregate Subbase.....	12,650 SY
Concrete Pavement with Integral Curb, Nonreinforced,8"	11,800 SY
Sidewalk, Concrete, 4", 8", and Ramps.....	2,200 SF
Driveway, Nonreinforced Concrete, 6".....	2,600 SY
Topsoil Surface, 3" and Sodding.....	7,600 SY

together with the usual appurtenances and related items of work.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS: Plans and Specifications are on file and copies may be secured on or after Tuesday, March 16, 2004, at the offices of Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc., 51301 Schoenherr Road, Shelby Township, Michigan 48315. A fee of \$30.00 will be required for each set of Plans and Specifications, and will not be refunded. An additional mailing fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to cover the cost of handling and postage will be charged to anyone wishing to receive the Plans and Specifications via United Parcel Services. Plans and Specifications are also on file for viewing purposes only at the offices of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236

BID SECURITY: A Certified Check, Bank Draft, or satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and a Surety Company, payable to the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the Total Bid shall be submitted with each Bid. Withdrawal of Bids: No Bid may be withdrawn for the 2004 Concrete Pavement Replacement Project for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the receipt of Bids. This time frame may be adjusted through mutual agreement of the Owner and the Bidder. Award of the Contract: The City of Grosse Pointe Woods reserves the right to accept any Bid, to reject any or all Bids, or to waive any irregularities in any Bid in the best interest of the City. The successful Bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory Performance, Maintenance and Guarantee, Labor and Material Bonds, and Insurance Certificates, all as outlined in the Contract Documents.

Louise S. Warnke, City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe Woods

G.P.N.: 03/18/2004

Brownell to present musical with royal themes

Brownell will present the musical, "Once Upon a Mattress," on Thursday, March 25, and Friday, March 26, at 7 p.m. The show is comprised of 75 sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students.

"Once Upon a Mattress" is based on the fairy tale, "The Princess and the Pea." The story revolves around Prince Dauntless the Drab whose mother declares that he will wed only a true princess of royal blood. When Princess Winifred arrives, the queen devises a test to determine whether this self-proclaimed princess is worthy of her son.

Teachers Susan Dempsey, Tamera Duffield and Carolyn Gross are supervising the musical. The group is in its sixth year.

The musical will be presented at Parcels Auditorium, located at Vernier and Mack. Tickets are \$7 for general admission and may be purchased in advance by calling Tammy Duffield at (313) 432-3900. Senior gold cards will be honored.

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan
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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:

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

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

Such meetings will be held at the Municipal Offices, 17147 Maumee.

Karen A. Johnson,
Assessor

GPN: 03/04/2004, 03/11/2004 & 03/18/2004

Second Suburb comedy group elicits laughs and helps community

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

Budget cuts to Grosse Pointe Public Schools have been painful, but there is one group that has defied them.

Second Suburb, a satirical theater group out of Grosse Pointe South High School, faced its demise when its budget of \$1,500 was cut this year. The pow-

ers that be decided to keep the one act plays, the musical and the play that is performed by South's Pointe Players, but withdrew funding for Second Suburb.

Fueled by a passion for comedy and performing, the group of seven in Second Suburb decided to practice its kits anyway and put on shows at Trombly Elementary from Tuesday,

March 2, to Friday, March 5.

"I liked how we were all dedicated," said Maureen Savinov, one of the troupe's members.

Some 1,000 students watched their show, and the money garnered from it both covered their costs and allowed them to give back to the community. They donated \$1,000 to the Trombly



Photo by Carrie Cunningham

Members of the comedy group Second Suburb performed at Trombly Elementary, allowing them to give money to the Trombly PTO and a Neighborhood Club program called Just Kids. In the back are group members Chris Harrison, Ben Beutel-Gunn, Pete Truba and Michael Fentin. In front are Lindsey Ross, Maureen Savinov, Tim Mulheron and Neighborhood Club volunteer director Jeanne Lizza.

PTO and on Thursday, March 11, gave a check of \$1,500 to a summer program at the Neighborhood Club for special needs kids called Just Kids.

"This is just another example of the great teenagers we have in Grosse Pointe," said Jeanne Lizza, head of volunteer activities at the Neighborhood Club.

The Second Suburb skits involved satire of school-related issues such as the administration, the choir and even the group's conversations with school staff about the cutting of its budget.

"It's the most fun show of the year," said Susannah Goodman, the stage director for the group. "The funniest and most charismatic kids are part of it."

The performers love being part of the group and making people smile.

"It's a creative way to have a voice about being in high school," said member Lindsay Ross.

"I just enjoy laughter. It makes me feel better when I make people laugh," said Chris Harrison.

"It's unlike anything else," said member Michael Fentin.

Second Suburb was guided by P.J. Jacoukes of the comedy group Second City in Detroit. The renowned entity, which originated in Chicago, is a feeder for the most high profile comedy show, Saturday Night Live.

Many members of Second Suburb want to continue in some avenue of performance in their adult lives. Harrison wants to become

part of Detroit's Second City, while Goodman hopes to attend the University of Cincinnati, which has a first-rate theater program.

Despite its sometimes controversial material, the show elicited warm feeling from parents as well as students.

"I'm very pleased with the show," said Erin Savinov, mother of group member Maureen.

The group might put on another show this year, but these plans are still murky. They definitely plan to perform next year in either February or March.

Being able to infuse the community with the wonder of laughter, the group feels satisfied and happy about its show.

"It's my favorite thing ever," said Pete Truba.

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan Wayne County

CODE NO. 11-13 RESIDENTIAL AUXILIARY GENERATOR ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NO. 371

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF GENERATORS AND SIMILAR EQUIPMENT USED FOR AUXILIARY POWER IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS IN THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS.

THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS ORDAINS:

Section 1. In all residential districts in the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, no generators or other equipment used for the purpose of creating and/or delivering auxiliary power shall be installed, erected, maintained or permitted outside a residential dwelling or any structure attached to a residential dwelling except:

(a) movable equipment that is not affixed or installed as a permanent appurtenance and that is used solely on a temporary emergency basis; or

(b) equipment located either (1) in the rear yard (as defined in Section 201 of the Zoning Ordinance), not closer to any side lot line than the extreme sides of the residential dwelling, not less than twenty five (25) feet from the rear lot line, and not less than thirty (30) feet from the nearest adjoining residential dwelling, provided that such equipment shall not be located in a rear yard abutting Lakeshore Drive, or (2) in a rear yard other than as permitted in clause (b)(1) above, provided (A) such equipment shall not be located in a rear yard abutting Lakeshore Drive and (B) the side lot line closest to the equipment shall be either (i) a public right-of-way or (ii) private property and the owner of such property shall consent in writing (on a form approved by the City) to the placement of such equipment in such location, which written consent shall be filed with the City and shall be irrevocable and binding on succeeding owners of such adjoining property, or (3) in a side yard (as defined in Section 201 of the Zoning Ordinance) adjoining a public right-of-way, not less than thirty (30) feet from the nearest adjoining residential dwelling, provided that such equipment shall not be located in a side yard abutting Lakeshore Drive, or (4) in a side yard adjoining private property, provided the owner of such property shall consent in writing (on a form approved by the City) to the placement of such equipment in such location, which written consent shall be filed with the City and shall be irrevocable and binding on succeeding owners of such adjoining property; or

(c) equipment located in any location which is not authorized by Section 1(b) of this Ordinance, provided, however, that the property owner obtain, by petition, the prior approval of the City Council for the proposed location of such equipment. With the petition to the City Council, the owner shall submit plans to scale showing all dimensions of the equipment, the owner's property, adjoining lots and streets and specific landscape plans for screening the equipment from view, including the type of plants or shrubs, number and height. The petition shall fully describe the reason(s) for placing such equipment in the requested location. The City Clerk or his designated representative will set a date for a hearing on such petition and notice by mail shall be given not less than ten (10) days prior to the hearing to all property owners with residences located within 200 feet of the equipment to be installed.

Section 2. Equipment authorized by Section 1(b) or 1(c) of this Ordinance:

(a) shall be properly screened from view from adjacent properties and any public right-of-way by the placement of landscaping, shrubbery, walls, fences or other barriers approved by the Director of Public Service;

(b) shall, during normal operation, emit audible sound not greater than sixty (60) decibels measured at the nearest adjoining property line; and

(c) shall be operated for routine maintenance purposes not more frequently than once per week for a period not to exceed fifteen (15) minutes during the hours of 9:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday only, and, if feasible, will be coordinated at the same time as other property maintenance activities.

Section 3. Before any generator or other equipment used for the purpose of creating and/or delivering auxiliary power shall installed or used in any residential district in the City of Grosse Pointe Farms (excepting any such use on a temporary emergency basis), a written permit therefor shall be obtained from the City upon application in writing. The application shall set forth a description of the equipment and its proposed location, and such other information as the officers of the City may reasonably require. A permit shall be issued upon determination by the administrative officers of the City that the location of the proposed equipment and its design specifications and proposed landscaping or screening are in compliance with the requirements of this Ordinance and any other applicable codes or ordinances; otherwise the permit shall not be issued. A fee in an amount established from time to time by the City Council shall be paid to the City upon the issuance of such permit.

Section 4. An appeal to the City Council may be taken from any action of the administrative officers of the City denying a permit for the installation of generators or other equipment used for the purpose of creating and/or delivering auxiliary power. Appeals must be in writing and must be filed within ten (10) days after the decision appealed from is mailed or otherwise communicated to the appellant. The Council may, upon such appeal, reverse, modify or affirm the action of the administrative officers. The Council may also, upon any such appeal, in its discretion, reduce or modify the requirements of this Ordinance in individual cases, where it determines such action will not impair the general intent of this Ordinance, (a) in any situation of unusual practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship, or (b) in the general interest of the public safety, comfort, convenience, or the protection of property values. The Council may impose conditions in granting approval, including but not limited to required landscaping and screening to conceal the equipment from view from adjoining properties and public rights-of-way.

Section 5. Any violation of the provisions of this Ordinance shall constitute a public nuisance.

Section 6. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after its enactment or upon its publication, whichever is later.

Enacted: March 8, 2004

Shane L. Reeside,
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 03/18/2004



Photo by Robert McKean

Reading for the March of Dimes

Students at Maire Elementary began a reading fundraiser for the March of Dimes on Friday, Feb. 27.

Children have gotten sponsors to contribute to the charity depending on how much they read. The winners with the most money and books read from each class will receive a gift certificate donated from Borders Book store. The class winners will receive a pizza party.

For the beginning of the fund raiser, students made posters about their conception of reading. Councilman John Stevens of Grosse Pointe judged the posters, and Devin Scillian of Channel 4 visited Maire to jump start the event. The poster winners are above in back Brennan Gillespie, Hannah Liska, Meg Galea, Scillian and J.J. Beach. In front are Hannah Brauer and William TomHon.

The March of Dimes works to promote the health of babies by mitigating birth defects and infant mortality.

Maire's activities for the charity will run through March.

Bidigare: 'I'm proud of what I've done'

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

The future remains unclear for recently fired Grosse Pointe Woods City Administrator Ted Bidigare, but he maintains his conscience is clear.

"I'm proud of what I've done," Bidigare said. "I felt I properly represented the City of Grosse Pointe Woods."

Just shy of five years in the city's top administration position, Bidigare was abruptly fired at a hastily called special meeting on Thursday, March 11. His firing was led by Councilwoman Lisa Pinkos Howle, who was elected to her first term on council in November.

One of Howle's chief reasons for Bidigare's ouster was his decision to eliminate a position on his staff and delegate those responsibilities to two other staff members, who received substantial pay raises. Howle also took issue with Bidigare's proposal to take three council-appointed positions — the city clerk, comptroller/treasurer and city assessor — and put them under the city administrator's purview. She also felt his lack of a master's degree in city administra-

tion was unsuitable for carrying out the responsibilities of the duties of city administrator.

Bidigare had served as city administrator since May 1999 and previously served as a city councilman from 1983 to 1991.

Bidigare returned to the Woods as city administrator after serving as the transit systems manager for Muskegon County from 1994 to 1999. Previously, he held a variety of managerial positions for SEMTA/SMART from 1972 to 1992.

Bidigare earned a Bachelor of Science degree in social science from John Carroll University and was working on a master's degree in public administration while he was living and working in Muskegon.

Despite criticism for not having an adequate educational background required to hold the city administrator position, Bidigare said, "Working with the council and different committees and commissions and working for the County of Muskegon was help for this position. I felt I had a good, well-rounded education to succeed."

During his tenure as city

administrator, Bidigare oversaw the construction of a new activities center at Lake Front Park, the implementation of indoor ice skating for residents at University Liggett School's McCann Ice Arena, the city's 50th anniversary celebration in September 2001 and the Mack water main project.

Bidigare, however had received criticism for the high rate of turnover in the city's public safety department and the length of time the city spent before it gave approval to the Grosse Pointe Public Library to construct a new branch on the grounds of Parcels Middle School.

However, it was Bidigare's decision to not fill the position of assistant to the city administrator that was left vacant in July and to delegate the responsibilities to two other staff members, both who received substantial pay raises, that in large part led to his firing.

Critics charged that the personnel move was unfair in that one of the employees was undereducated and overcompensated in consideration of an \$8,100 pay raise. Bidigare maintained that eliminating the assistant to the city administra-

tor position saved the city \$50,000.

As for making the move that got him fired, Bidigare said, "I think there are several disgruntled employees who were not happy. I don't expect everyone would be so pleased with what I had done."

"I still think it was the correct procedure. We have declining revenues coming into the city, and there was an opportunity to provide some cutbacks."

As for being dismissed two months before he was eligible to receive a pension, Bidigare said, "I think this whole issue could've been resolved during the budget discussions. I think there were several ways of handling any disputes or issues."

Bidigare said he was "disappointed but not surprised" when he was fired in a motion led by Councilwoman Lisa Pinkos Howle at a special city council meeting on Thursday, March 11.

"It was difficult to believe that someone who was there (on the city council) for four months made this decision," Bidigare said.

Bidigare did not comment on future plans.



Photo by Brad Lindberg

Last blast of winter?

Dulled by a season of hyped-up weathercasting and false warnings of impending winter storms, Karen Bartik Berkery of the City of Grosse Pointe left her gloves at home Tuesday when heading to work as a sales associate at Higbie Maxon Agney Realtors on the Hill in the Farms. "I thought we'd only get a little skiff of snow," Berkery said as the late-season snowfall accumulated two inches deep on the sidewalks. "It will warm up in a day or two."

Bidigare

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functions.

"Over the past few years, it has become more difficult to properly function as a professional unit," Brown said. "The employees' morale has dropped significantly. We have lost many highly qualified and trained individuals."

Carl Schuster, a sergeant in the Woods public safety department, also voiced concern of employee turnover.

"There is a problem when 30 people from public safety have left the department in the past five years," Schuster said. "That's a sign of issues that have not been addressed."

While Brown was ambivalent in urging the council to do "the right thing," Schuster implored to the council that Bidigare should at least be given the opportunity to receive a pension if he were to be terminated.

The defensive line

Of the roughly 100 people who attended the special council meeting in support of Bidigare, over 20 were current and former members of the city's various commissions.

"My experience with Mr. Bidigare has been significant," said Fred Petz, whose mayoral reappointment to the Community Fund Advisory Board was blocked by Howle and company in January. "I have found him to be a tough and fair man. His professionalism has prevailed. I am very upset by this situation; it is inappropriate. There is a large percentage of city employees who did not sign that letter."

"To chastise Mr. Bidigare is abusive at best," said Marge Kingsley, a member of the Beautification Commission. "I find it funny that a council that had no problem debating the price of meatballs and chicken has a problem with the city administrator saving \$50,000."

But not everyone who spoke in favor of Bidigare had political ties to the mayor or the council.

"When I first came to the city and walked into city hall, I was met by surly employees — people who would rather carry on a conversation with a co-worker than deal with a person on business," said Ken Daher, a 30-year resident of the Woods. "Since Mr. Bidigare

has been city administrator, I've had nothing but good to excellent service from city employees."

Resident Art Bryant, who is leading a group to consider recalling one or more of the council members who fired Bidigare, said, "To base that (Bidigare's firing) on one letter from employees is absurd."

Resident Kevin Hendrick echoed Bryant's sentiments and called complaints of Bidigare "fixable."

"This process is flawed," Hendrick said. "You have the right to call a meeting on 24-hour notice, but I don't think you should fire someone on 24-hour notice."

"Also, do you have an idea of the potential expense, delays and disruption this would lead to? If there's litigation, there's litigation costs and settlement costs."

In his words

Bidigare, who opted to have his employment status discussed in a public forum, spoke briefly in his defense in his typical slow but thoughtful and methodical demeanor.

Bidigare claimed since taking on the city administrator position, he has been unable to finish his master's in city administration course work.

"It's awfully difficult to do when (I'm) working 60 hours a week," Bidigare said.

He also defended his proposal to change the city

charter to accommodate a change in the management structure in city hall, which would put the clerk's, assessor's and comptroller's offices under the purview of the city administrator. He believed such a move would allow for more effective communication throughout city hall.

Bidigare admitted there were problems in the clerk's, assessor's and comptroller's offices and in the public safety department.

"The actions taken by this council will not solve the problems; they need to be addressed," Bidigare said. "The legislative branch of this city is getting involved with the administrative branch of this city. That is causing a problem."

The deciding factor

At the end of discussion, the vote of Reynolds, who did not speak on the matter, cast the fate of Bidigare.

After the last vote, the council chambers — which had been full of impassioned rhetoric, cheers and jeers over the course of 2 1/2 hours — fell silent. The quietness diminished the 6-foot, 3-inch Bidigare as he got out of his seat, collected his paperwork and walked out of city hall as an ordinary citizen.

It is uncertain if Bidigare will be eligible to receive a pension. His contract stipulates he would be eligible for

Woods comptroller named acting city administrator

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Immediately after firing City Administrator Ted Bidigare on Thursday, March 11, the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council selected City Comptroller/Treasurer Clifford Maison to serve as acting city administrator.

Maison has served as the city comptroller/treasurer since 1988. He previously served as city treasurer for St. Clair Shores from 1975 to 1988.

Maison had served as acting city manager in 2001 and 2003 when Bidigare took medical

leaves.

Maison takes on the assumption of duties at one of the busiest times of the year for city governments.

"The biggest priority is to get together with administration and staff and set a list of priorities, and we have to get all 26 administrators on the same page," Maison said. "Then, we have to get together with council on the budget."

The first draft of the 2004-05 budget is due to the

city council on April 5.

In addition, the city begins its Mack water main project the week of Monday, March 22.

"That project is in good hands with our DPW and city engineer," Maison said.

Maison will serve his regular and additional responsibilities concurrently until a permanent city administrator is hired. The council will be in talks regarding step-up pay for Maison in the coming weeks.

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Farms esquire helps would-be attorneys pass bar

By Patti Theros
Special Writer

When we think of lawyers, we think of mergers, bank deals or courtroom drama involving criminals and their sometimes flamboyant lawyers.

While Tim Dinan has his share of these familiar legal experiences, he also works behind the scenes to help aspiring lawyers.

Ever since entering practice 10 years ago, Dinan has found a niche that few lawyers pursue. He not only teaches review courses to help law graduates study for the bar examination, he offers a "helping hand" to law candidates who fail the bar exam and who decide to appeal the results.

"Going from law student to professional is a big step. The bar exam is one part of the transition," Dinan says. "Less than 70 percent of the candidates pass the bar exam when it is offered. If you disagree with your score from the written portion of the exam, you can appeal it. I help law students, who decide to appeal, prepare their appeal. Just because a candidate fails the bar exam by a few points on essay answers is no measure of what type of attorney he or she will be. An appeal can refocus the examiners on a candidate's specific answers in isolation, rather than just as one answer of the hundreds they read."

And Dinan is well-qualified to help candidates through the lengthy process, based on his experience teaching a prep course for the bar exam and on his years of helping prepare appeals. His very first appeal concerned his own bar examination.

Ten years ago he took the bar exam and missed passing it by just a few points. "I learned a great deal from my own appeal," he said. "I needed just two more points to pass. After my appeal, I earned five additional points."

Part of his responsibility while working for the bar exam prep course is to help students write the practice essays. "It's coaching, encouraging and criticizing constructively," he says.

"There's a specific technique to write for the bar exam. I stay current on the test. I prepare an outline for each test and a key to the individual points for the answer."

Dinan adds, "Basically, the test is designed to trick smart people. The bar exam now includes extra subjects, such as family law and workers compensation. These specialized areas have been added in just the last two years. What makes the experience even harder is that it can get very lonely studying for the bar exam. It's like having to eat 50 pounds of cold oatmeal one spoonful at a time."

"It's a terrible feeling to not pass the bar exam," he says. "Some students have a lot at stake, namely their jobs. Depending on where a candidate is working, he or she could lose a job immediately. At many law firms, a candidate gets two tries to pass the bar exam and then, if they fail twice, he or she is asked to leave."

"After I've looked over a candidate's test, I give my opinion if an appeal is justified, or if they should just retake the exam. If I think they should appeal it, I always encourage the candidate to do their own appeal. Some do not have the time. A candidate may be working a full-time job, have family commitments and be unable to give the full attention an appeal requires."

"An average appeal takes about 60 hours to prepare. An appeal costs money and time, which includes preparing briefs and developing a creative strategy to demonstrate to the graders that the candidate's answer to a question deserves more points. There are many reasons that a candidate hires me to do the appeal."

"Once I am hired, it's a very short-term, high pressure job. The appeals have to be written and submitted within 30 days. I have been very fortunate that many of the appeals that I've written have been successful."

Dinan gets a self-satisfaction from helping others. "It's something that I can give back to the profession," he says. "This is one part of

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the transition where I can help. It's all part of what I do as a lawyer. It's a good feeling to get a new lawyer steered in the right direction."

Dinan reminds candidates that "the graders are not out to hurt them." The bar examination is graded by other lawyers hired by the Board of Law Examiners. On average, they spend about two minutes reviewing each answer. They are looking for candidates to identify specific issues, employ terms of art and other indications that a candidate understands the law as applied to the facts.

"When I've finished the appeal," he says, "I have the client read and approve it. On average it is about 80 to 125 pages long. I am spotting arguments regarding the answers, and present it in a concise form for the graders to reconsider."

Dinan says others were there for him when he needed help, and he is doing likewise.

"I was fortunate to have family and friends there for me when I wrote my appeal," he said. "I'm happy to be there for others. Many of my clients are now professional colleagues who send me work."

When he's not helping bar candidates, Dinan is busy practicing law, including handling corporate, real estate and criminal matters. He is the president of the Hellenic Bar Association, an organization of lawyers who are generally of Greek descent.

"Although I'm not Greek, members of the organization have accepted me as one of their own. I'm looking forward to doing some great things this year with the organization," Dinan explains.

In the near future, his office will be moving down the street. He and a group of investors recently purchased a building on Jefferson in Grosse Pointe

Park. He also plans to get his real estate license.

"I want to get involved in urban development," he says. "I want to help the city of Detroit. I feel the future of the Grosse Pointes is tied to the success of the city of Detroit."

Dinan is also somewhat of a "regular" on the Dave Draper's Legal Insider Show on WMTV.

"I mostly talk about criminal issues," he says.

"Rarely do you get all the facts in the media about high profile criminal cases. I hope I give the viewers more information about these cases. Dave's a great host, and the show is fun to do."

Woods water main work to begin

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

In Michigan, some people say there are two seasons: winter and construction.

Luckily, there is another mild construction season being forecast for Mack as Grosse Pointe Woods begins its second year of its water main project the week of March 22.

This year, the construction zone extends from Oxford to the south city limits.

As performed last year, a directional drilling machine will bore its way under the traffic islands to make way to place a 20-inch high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe, which will be installed in 900-foot sections. The sections of pipe are fused together.

"You will see some crossovers closed as we connect the pipe but only for a day or two," said Public

Works Director Joseph Ahee. Traffic and parking will be minimally disrupted on Mack during the construction process.

"Parking will be disturbed only in the active construction areas a block or two at a time," Ahee said.

After the water main is laid, crews will test water quality and pressure, which may take a week or two. After that is completed, crews will drill the 8-inch connections to side streets.

Access to side streets may be temporarily blocked while the connections are being made, but water service to residents should not be affected.

Businesses will be notified in advance when their water is being cut off. Special consideration will be given to water-sensitive businesses such as hair salons and doctors offices. Connections to businesses should take no

longer than one hour. "We will notify those affected by a shutoff," Ahee said. "If you lose water, please call us. It is not our intention to do that."

Businesses will be updated on the construction's progress through a weekly newsletter, which is also available at city hall and on the city's Web site, www.ci.grosse-pointe-woods.mi.us.

The project is scheduled for completion on Oct. 1.

Wall meeting delayed

A meeting to revamp Kressback Place will likely be delayed until next month so a key stakeholder can attend.

Members of the City of Grosse Pointe council and Improvement Foundation had aimed for a joint meeting March 30 to agree how the rock walls comprising the streetscape at Kercheval and St. Clair should be reworked.

Because Councilman John Stevens, a major force for altering the streetscape, will be in Europe, the session could be pushed back to

April.

Mayor Dale Scrace said it would be "prudent to have you (Stevens) there."

On Monday last week Stevens showed fellow council members how Kressback Place could be made more inviting by removing the largest of a series of rock walls.

The following Tuesday, Stevens' proposal was considered by the foundation. The foundation generated money to build Kressback Place as part of an overall beautification project in the Village district.

done."

Howle and Reynolds were unavailable for comment.

Clifford Maison said. "Four of them were written in crayon."

Chylinski was rather unbothered by the threat of a recall.

"America is America," Chylinski said. "It's the people's right to voice their satisfaction or dissatisfaction."

"Bring it on," an undaunted Spicher said. "It seems like it's only a core of 20 or 30 people who are never happy with whatever decisions we make. Many of them are commissioners who are friends of the mayor (Robert Novitke), (and council members) Vicki Granger and Al Dickinson. I see a lot of people at my store (Oxford Beverage), and they've complimented us on what we've

things are falling into shambles," said Bryant, a resident of 24 years. "It's necessary to explore the opportunity of a recall election."

Bryant took particular offense to council members who criticized Bidigare for poor management decision making and low employee morale.

"I listened to their concerns and every one of those concerns is fixable," Bryant said.

Bryant has collected the names of 30 residents who are interested in developing a recall campaign. He expects to meet with them by the end of this week.

Cries for a recall election have also reached city hall.

"I had eight letters on my desk that said, 'Recall now,'"

Recall vote possible for 4 Woods solons

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Ted Bidigare may not be the only person out of a job at city hall in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Woods resident Art Bryant is fronting a drive aimed to recall one or more members of the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council who ousted City Administrator Ted Bidigare at a special meeting held on Thursday, March 11.

Possible recall targets are council members Patricia Chylinski, Lisa Pinkos Howle, Dona DeSantis Reynolds and Darryl Spicher.

"There are problems in my mind and a lot of other people's of how these people are trying to run things and how

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No whine before its time

Last year, smack in the middle of winter, I visited Toronto. It was bitterly cold. It was windy. It snowed.

Surprisingly, I never observed a Toronto television weather reporter waving and gesturing: "Winter storm alert" or "Blizzard warning."

I never heard a Toronto native whining about the cold, the wind or the snow. I never read a newspaper article designed to whip up excitement by urging people to stock up on food and rev up their snow-blowers and haul out their sidewalk salt.

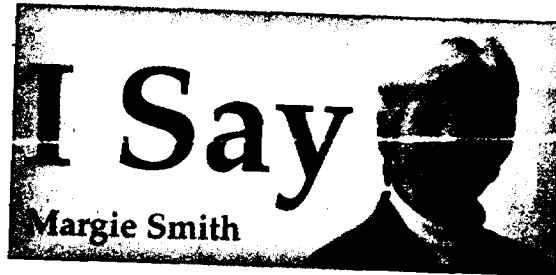
No schools were closed.

It was winter, after all. It was Canada. Everyone expected it to be cold.

How cold was it? So cold, your footsteps made the snow squeak. So cold, your nostrils clamped shut. So cold, the tips of your fingers dried up, cracked and bled.

Curiously, Toronto natives didn't even make small talk about the weather. The people who live in this safe, clean, cosmopolitan, ethnically diverse, energetic, hip-hop-happening city apparently have accepted their prolonged season of cold, gloomy, gray, snowy weather without huffing and puffing and stirring up a big fuss.

They were out and about — cheerfully dining, shopping, going to museums and theaters and galleries and coffee shops and bistros and



I Say

Margie Smith

restaurants, paying no mind to the slushy stuff they had to slog through to get to their destinations.

In fact, the challenge of getting from one place to another made the destination even more alluring.

Music seemed more beautiful, more worthwhile if you had to park the car, brace yourself against a 25-mile-an-hour wind, walk three blocks through slush and

breathe air that was minus 25 degrees Celsius, just to get to the concert hall.

One reason Torontoans are so nonchalant about their weather, I think, is that they dress for it.

Instead of wobbling about in high-heeled boots, flippy little miniskirts, lightweight swing coats and embroidered suede jackets, Toronto residents were wrapped in down-filled parkas with fur-

trimmed hoods, knitted hats, woolly mittens, Gore-Tex gloves and pants, long, colorful scarves and no-nonsense, knee-high, fur-lined boots.

The natives think nothing of tromping through a foot and a half of accumulated snow to buy a frothy cup of Cappuccino or to see to second-rate movie. It's not a big deal because they're dressed appropriately.

Once they get where they're going, they peel off the parkas and boots and double-knit gloves. Underneath, they're decked out in turtleneck sweaters, long wool skirts and pants and warm tights or socks.

They're sensible. Toronto's city planners were also sensible. Much of the city is connected by

underground tunnels. You can walk from the railroad station, for instance, to a hotel, a shopping center, a major retail store and several restaurants — without ever setting foot outside. Many shops and restaurants are located underground.

I think Detroiters should take a lesson from the people of Toronto and Canadians in general. Stop whining about the weather and admit that in Michigan, winters can be brutal or balmy; summers can be scorchy or shivery. Spring and fall are . . . let's use a euphemism . . . unpredictable.

Wintertime sleet, hail, snow, freezing rain and ice are part of Toronto's territory. Detroit's too.

Deal with it.

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The Op-Ed Page



"THESE ARE THOROUGHLY UNNECESSARY, BUT THEY SURE MAKE ME LOOK COOL."

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

Streetwise

Question of the Week:

What is your favorite way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day?



Ryan Kingsley

"St. Patrick's Day should be a national holiday. Everyone should have the day off work to drink green beer. We should also have the next day off so we can sleep in."

Ryan Kingsley
Grosse Pointe Farms



Jim Griem

"I enjoy celebrating my Scottish heritage just to spite my Irish friends."

Jim Griem
Grosse Pointe Park



Dave Weber

"I spend the day serving green beer to my Irish friends."

Dave Weber
E. English Village



Liz Mac

"I'm spending St. Patrick's Day with new friends in honor of St. Patrick himself."

Liz Mac
Grosse Pointe Park



Jason Lorence

"I have a leprechaun I keep locked in a closet. This is the one day of the year I get to let him out to celebrate."

Jason Lorence
Grosse Pointe Farms



Chris Nixon

"I don't think I'm going to be doing anything this year. That's how I know I'm getting older. I'm not taking a half day off work and going out for St. Patrick's Day."

Chris Nixon
Grosse Pointe Park

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



Kid speak

Park resident Ted Everingham, who was recruited to duty during National Reading week at his granddaughter's school in Livonia, quizzed 8-year old Christine on what she would like him to read that day.

He had given her as gifts a series of "Legends" books, including "Legends of Leelanau," and wanted to borrow her favorite from the series to read to the class.

After some discussion about which "Legends" Christine liked best, the Adams School third-grader stopped him with a comment that went something like this: "Grandpa, I don't think it would be appropriate for you to read 'Legends of Leelanau' because it has pixies in it with no clothes on."

Bemused, Ted agreed. So on March 5 he read from "Legend of the Lady's Slipper" instead.

Perhaps the television networks should consider hiring the young Christine to help them determine what is appropriate to air since they seem to have difficulty discerning those things for themselves.

Strike 1

Got a nice call from George Young, the elder, telling me that I erred when I reported recently

that world-class-Around Alone sailor Tim Kent of Milwaukee had attended Grosse Pointe North. He actually graduated from University of Detroit High School. And if all corrections were so pleasantly offered as Mr. Young's, I might make more mistakes just to get to have conversations with such nice folks.

Strike 2

When I wrote about Ernest Hemingway's younger sister once living in the Grosse Pointes, I erred again. Marcelline Hemingway Sanford was actually Ernie's older sister. Her son, John Sanford, points out via e-mail from California:

"It must have been humiliating to him to have an older sister who was taller and brighter than he. She was editor of the school literary magazine; he was just a reporter. She got better grades than he did. I think much of his adult life drive was to show he was better than she was.

"Guess what. Long-term, he won the writing contest. She won the warm, gracious personality contest."

Sanford said the contrast in their personalities shows through clearly in their letters to each other that are part of the Centennial Edition of "At the Hemingways," available under her name at Amazon.com.

Strike 3

Sometimes you make errors by what you leave out of a story. That was the case with the item I wrote about Mark (Doc) Andrews, the little giant of motivational speaking and WOMC-radio's Dick Purtan collection of zanies.

Mark died an untimely death from colon cancer at age 51. I failed to mention that Mark is survived by his wife, Amy, "who was the light of his life. Their devotion to family and each other was truly inspiring. They endured an exceptional battle in the past year as a family, and their courage and unwavering love for each other was incredible."

That last, well-said quote comes from Amy's sister, Laurie B. Schmidt, and I couldn't have said it better myself. My apologies to the Andrews family.

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Points about the Pointes

\$3.5 million or \$5 million...either amount means big cuts in our school programs!

By the time you read this, the results of the sinking fund election will be in. Whether it was passed or voted down, we are still going to be in the hole big time, to the tune of either \$3.5 million or \$5 million!

As a community, we have to get a grip on the fact that with or without the sinking fund, programs will be cut, class sizes will go up, and parents are going to be unhappy. It's no different than life for any of us when money is tight. We make sacrifices to live within our means.

On March 7th, I hosted a Town Meeting at our store for concerned community members to share their views on where we should invest our tax dollars. If you'd like a copy of the 12 page list of ideas and questions that came out of the meet-

ing, please e-mail me.

While everyone had their pet program they would like to see survive, the overwhelming sentiment expressed by the attendees and in the hundreds of comments I received by letter and e-mail was that we have to go back to the good old days when it comes to school administration, from having teachers who are in the trenches with the kids designing the curriculum and picking textbooks to having building administrators with lean staffs also teach part time so they don't lose touch with the real world. Let's hope our School Board keeps our priorities in mind when they are wielding their red pens on the budget.

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

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Donald George Barr

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Donald George Barr, 80, died March 15, 2004, after a series of long illnesses.

Born in Detroit, he resided in Grosse Pointe Woods and was a summer resident of Port Huron since the 1940s.

Mr. Barr served the nation in World War II as a forward artillery observer in the United States Army. He was a life member of the Masonic Order, 32nd degree (Scottish Rite), Moslem Temple Shrine and the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks.

He is survived by one son, Donald George (Gail) Barr, Jr., of Troy; daughters Paula (Robert) Cleland of Port Huron, Karen Barr of Shelby Township and Wendy (Dr. Ronald) Uppeger, Jr. of Grosse Pointe Woods; and grandchildren Carrie Cleland Keegan, Christina and Kathryn Cleland, Paul Barr, Jamie, Wendy and Terri Bulgarelli and Robert and Katherine Uppeger.

He was predeceased by his wife of 48 years, Maxine Clamage Barr.

A memorial service will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms on Wednesday, March 17.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial contributions may be made to the Eastern Michigan University Foundation, Donald and Maxine Barr Endowed Scholarship, 1349 South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

Bonita L. Castner

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Bonita L. Castner, 70, died on Thursday, March 11, 2004 at her residence.

Born in Shepherd, Mich., to Joseph and Velma (Dunn) Murphy, she married Oliver Castner in 1973 and lived with him in Harrison until his death in 1999.

Mrs. Castner was a volunteer at Bon Secours Hospital and a member of the Services for Older Citizens in Grosse Pointe.

She is survived by sister Bette Jones; brothers William Murphy and Dennis Page; daughters Judy (Felix) Malinowski of Grosse Pointe Woods and Donna (Jeffrey) Deters; son Thomas (Marcia) Schmidt; stepdaughters Janice (Rodney) Smith and Linda (Randy) Heckla; 10 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by husband Oliver Castner and a brother, Robert Murphy.

Her remains have been cremated. A memorial service will be held at St. Athanasius Catholic Church in Harrison on Saturday, March 20, at 10 a.m. Please sign the guest book at www.cremationmichigan.com

Memorial contributions may be made to Henry Ford Bon Secours Hospice.

Barbara D. DeCaluwe

Barbara D. DeCaluwe, 64, died Sunday, Feb. 29, 2004 at St. John Hospital in Detroit.

Born on April 23, 1939 in Elizabeth, N.J. to Ruth Eyres and Robert Billingsley, she graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1957.

Mrs. DeCaluwe worked in food distribution and sales at Hobans Food in Detroit.

She was a member of the Elks Lodge, No. 34 in St. Clair Shores, the New Gratiot Lions Club and the St. Angela Festival Committee.

She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, ceramics, gardening and reading.

Mrs. DeCaluwe is survived by her daughter Lauri; son Robert (Kristen); grandchildren Alexa, Hunter, McKaylee; sisters Judy, Sue,

Jill, Cindy and Lisa.

She was predeceased by husband Jon and sister Marcia.

A funeral mass was celebrated at St. Angela Catholic Church in Roseville on Wednesday, March 3.

Interment was at the Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.



Kenneth F. Evanski

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Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Kenneth F. Evanski, 50, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004 at St. John Hospital in Detroit.

Born in Detroit to parents Frank and Rose Evanski in 1953, doctors predicted Mr. Evanski would have a short life span since he had Down syndrome. With a loving family and many caring friends, Mr. Evanski was a special person, who defied the odds by living a long and productive life.

He attended special education classes at Poupard Elementary School in Harper Woods.

A great sports fan, Mr. Evanski enjoyed attending Grosse Pointe North football games and following Michigan State football and the Red Wings on TV. He could be spotted in the stands at North cheering and waving his pompoms. He also loved watching his nephews Brian, Brad and Adam play baseball at Ghesquiere Park and Adam's hockey games at City Ice Arena.

Mr. Evanski was an avid reader, who often visited the library, and he loved music, having enjoyed concerts and singing in church.

He worked at Farmer Jack and liked greeting the many people he knew.

For the last 17 years of his life, Mr. Evanski lived in two group homes, one in Grosse Pointe Farms and one in Harper Woods. He challenged his family and the group home staff with his active lifestyle and desire to be involved in social activities.

"Looking back on Ken's unusual life, I can say, Ken was custom made — he was one-of-a-kind. And God didn't make any accident when He made Ken. He made him just the way He wanted him to be, full of sweetness and laughter and simplicity," said his sister Janet Blakely at his funeral on Feb. 25.

In addition to his parents Frank and Rose, Mr. Evanski is survived his sisters Janet (Dan) Blakely, Andrea (Kip) Krause; brother Robert (Diane); aunt Shirley Evanski of Grosse Pointe Woods; and nephews Brian, Brad, Adam Evanski and Nicholas Krause.

Memorial contributions may be made to the ARC-Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods, P.O. Box 36130, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, which is an association of parents of developmentally disabled children.



Mary Symington Thurber Galloway

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Galloway died Saturday, March 13, 2004 in her home.

She grew up in Grosse Pointe and attended the Grosse Pointe School (now University Liggett School). She graduated from Miss Hall's School in Pittsfield, Mass. and attended Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, N.Y.

Mrs. Galloway served on the Board of Trustees of the Tau Beta Association, the Junior League of Detroit, the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and the Children's Home of Detroit.

She was a member of the Garden Club of America, the National Society of Colonial Dames of America, the Detroit Historical Society, the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall, the Michigan Opera Theatre, the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Detroit Zoological Society and the Grosse Pointe University Liggett School Alumnae Association.

She is survived by her son E.B. Galloway Jr. (Ted); grandchildren Dr. E.B. Galloway III, Jeffrey Sutton Galloway, Dr. Christopher D. Galloway, Frederick Ollison IV and Mary Ollison Martinson and six great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband Edgar B. Galloway; her parents Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Gage Thurber; and daughter Nary Galloway Ollison.

A memorial service will be held at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 18.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Tau Beta Association, the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church or the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.



Marie D. Gust

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

Mrs. Gust was born on Jan. 15, 1915 in Somerville, Mass. She graduated from Eastern High School in Detroit on Jan. 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 tasks, she 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 her sons David J. and Dr. Andrew J.; brother Samuel Gianoplos 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.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, March 6 at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Detroit.

Mildred M. Herrold

Mildred "Memo" (DeWitt) Herrold, 96, died Friday, Feb. 20, 2004.

Born on Dec. 19, 1907 in Bluffton, Ind., Mrs. Herrold graduated from Sturgis High School in 1925. She was a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods from 1982 through 2000.

Between 1989 and 2000, she resided with her son,

John. Herrold and grandson William. John was a science teacher at Grosse Pointe North High School from 1969 until his retirement in 2000. William attended North his freshman and junior years.

Mrs. Herrold was a member of the Congregational Church in Suttons Bay. She and her mother Josephine operated a Tea Room in Sturgis for many years. On her 21st birthday she married Edward Herrold in Sturgis.

She is survived by her son, John of Cedar and his fiancée, Ardis Maciolek of Plymouth; son-in-law Don Mieras of Sturgis; grandchildren Josey (Floyd) Brouwer, Joseph (Kathy) Mieras, Jonathan Mieras, Jannine (Dan) Merten, Jaime Mieras, William Herrold; great-grandchildren Abe and Amanda Merten; and her daughter Joan's good friend Katie Bontrager of LaGrange, Ind.

Mrs. Herrold was predeceased by her husband Edward, grandson Jeff and daughter Joan.

A memorial service will be held in the Suttons Bay Congregational Church on Saturday, June 5.

Interment will be next to Edward at the Solon Township Cemetery near Cedar.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Carter Center, www.cartercenter.org, (800) 550-3560 ext. 109.

Anne Lorraine Moore

Former Harper Woods resident Anne Lorraine Moore, 58, died Saturday, March 13, 2004 in Lexington, Ky. at the Hospice Care Center.

Born on Jan. 13, 1946 in Lexington to Edward and Lydia Marentette, Mrs. Moore was a former preschool teacher's assistant at Christ the King Lutheran Pre-School in Grosse Pointe Woods.

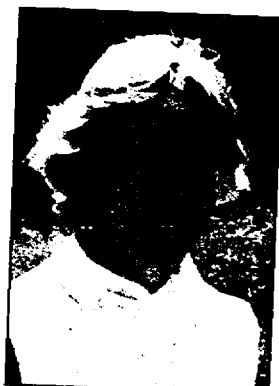
She was a longtime member of St. Jude's Parish in Detroit.

She is survived by husband James Edward Moore; daughter Kimberly Anne Moore and son James Nolan Moore; sisters Marie Holovaci and Dolores Niesluchowski and brothers Frank Marentette and Clarence Marentette.

A memorial service was held at St. Peter Catholic Church in Lexington on March 17.

Mrs. Moore was interred at Calvary Cemetery in Lexington.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Bluegrass, 2312 Alexandria Drive, Lexington, KY 40504 or God's Pantry.



Delphine Dodge Petz

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Grosse Pointe Farms native Delphine Dodge Petz passed away peacefully on Monday, March 1, 2004, at her home in Metamora.

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. Petz 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 30s, 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 many summers at the family retreat in northern Michigan.

In 1974, Mrs. Petz took up residence at West End Farm, her farm in Metamora. She raised and showed thoroughbred horses there. An accomplished rider, she enjoyed riding for pleasure and show well into her 60s.

While Mrs. Petz 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 P. Willinsky, Geoffrey L. Petz, Thomas D. Petz, Martha P. McCauley; 24 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, 18831 West 12 Mile, Lathrup Village, MI 48076.



Bice Powers

Bice Powers

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

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

She taught high school in Italy and in the United States; she was a member of the Lochmoor Club and the Southern Michigan Bridge Association. She enjoyed golf, bridge, tennis, curling, bowling and traveling.

She is survived by husband Robert E. Powers, daughters Mary Ester Hazebrook, Leslie DeGalan, and Pamela Powers Hough; and grandchildren Shyla, Lorelle, Lauren, Shelby, Penelope and Elisabeth.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to The Capuchins, 1820 Mount Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

Jane Keller Souris

Jane Keller Souris, 77, died Wednesday, March 10, 2004 at the Richard L. Rosenthal Hospice Residence in Stamford, Conn., after valiantly battling cancer for four years.

Mrs. Souris was born in Detroit on June 1, 1926, the only child of Helen Harper Keller and Walter T. Keller. She grew up in Highland Park.

She was valedictorian of the class of 1944 at Highland Park High School. She won a scholarship to Kalamazoo College, where she majored in economics and graduated in 1948, magna cum laude. She received an M.A. in economics from the University of Michigan in 1952.

Ms. Souris then went to Chicago and worked in the economic analysis department of Standard Oil of Indiana. Subsequently, she returned to Detroit and worked as an economist at

the Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn

She married Theodore Souris in 1954, and the couple moved to Grosse Pointe where she raised three children while attending law school.

One of the few women in her day to attend law school, she graduated from the Detroit College of Law second in her class. After law school, she worked for 10 years in the Detroit law firm of Riley and Roumell, where she immersed herself in matters related to the desegregation of Detroit's public schools. She then became a senior attorney in the legal department of Detroit Edison, where she practiced contract and discrimination law.

She retired in 1995 from Detroit Edison and subsequently moved to Connecticut to be near her children and grandchildren.

Ms. Souris was an avid reader, music lover and art aficionado. An enthusiastic world traveler, she went to China and saw most of Europe.

She was a staunch believer in women's rights. Her ability to pursue a successful career while raising a family made her an important role model for her children. After her retirement, she volunteered for Planned Parenthood as well as the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit.

She is survived by daughter Susan Wilson; sons Christopher Souris and Stephen Souris and her beloved companion Emil A. Kratovil.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, March 22 at 1:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Darien.

The Edward Lawrence Funeral Home of Darien, Conn., handled the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Richard L. Rosenthal Hospice Residence, C/O Stamford Health Foundation, 2015 West Main Street, P.O. Box 110315, Stamford, CT 06913.

Marjorie Ruth Wehmeyer of Salem, S.C., died Monday, Feb. 23, 2004 at her home.

Mrs. Wehmeyer was born in Detroit to Harry Elliot and



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Marjorie Mae Brown Stickel. She graduated from the University of Michigan in 1949 with a degree in special education and taught in Battle Creek, Dayton and Grosse Pointe.

She was a member of the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, and after moving to South Carolina in 1988, she became a member and deacon of the Seneca Presbyterian Church. She was also a longtime member of the American Association of University Women and was a charter member of the Lake and Hills Garden Club of Keowee Key.

Mrs. Wehmeyer is survived by her husband of 52 years, David; son, Jeffrey Mark (Susan) Wehmeyer; daughters Kristin Sue (David) Palmer and Lisa Kathryn (Michael); six grandchildren; and a sister, Dorothy Lehr.

She was predeceased by brothers Harry and Frederick.

Mrs. Wehmeyer was a loving and caring person who will be missed dearly by her family and many friends.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Seneca Presbyterian Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Seneca Presbyterian Church Organ Fund, 115 S. First Street, Seneca, SC 29678; or to Hospice of the Foothills, 390 Keowee School Road, Seneca, SC 29672.

North students are finalists in art contest

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

Art and harmony are flourishing at Grosse Pointe North High School.

Three North students — Megan Smith, Andrea Przybysz and Jake Masinick — have been named finalists in the Coca-Cola Art of Harmony national contest. As competitors in the contest, the students were asked to draw what harmony means to them and to incorporate the concept of Coca-Cola into that scheme.

"I think it's a good thing. It's a way for kids to practice commercial art skills in an authentic way," said art instructor Robert Thies about the assignment. "It's nice to have those constraints: try to be creative and communicate a simple message."

The three students developed different interpretations of the assignment. Smith painted in oil students from different racial backgrounds looking at a chalk board inscribed with three messages: diversity, a point or representation in which things differ; har-

mony, a pleasant combination of elements in a whole; and Coca-Cola, a refreshing drink we all love.

Smith said her picture had a touch of irony as the kids were learning about diversity when they were already representatives of different racial groups.

Przybysz drew a tree in color pencil with a Coca-Cola bottle as its trunk. Branches sprouted in many different directions and bore a range of flags from countries around the world.

Masinick drew some kids looking out onto a blue sky with Coca-Cola cans in a cooler nearby. He hoped to convey the limitless possibilities of what's to come in his portrait, which was made in color pencils and edited on a computer.

"Kids are staring out into the bright future of society, and they're able to share that unity with Coke," Masinick said.

The Art of Harmony contest is sponsored in cities across the country including Boston, Detroit, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New York and San Francisco. Each region will have three

winners who will receive \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 awards.

As finalists, the three North students already have won \$200, which they all plan to use for school, and they will receive a book with their paintings as well as those of the other chosen artists.

Additionally, their paintings might be enlarged as murals in a city locale.

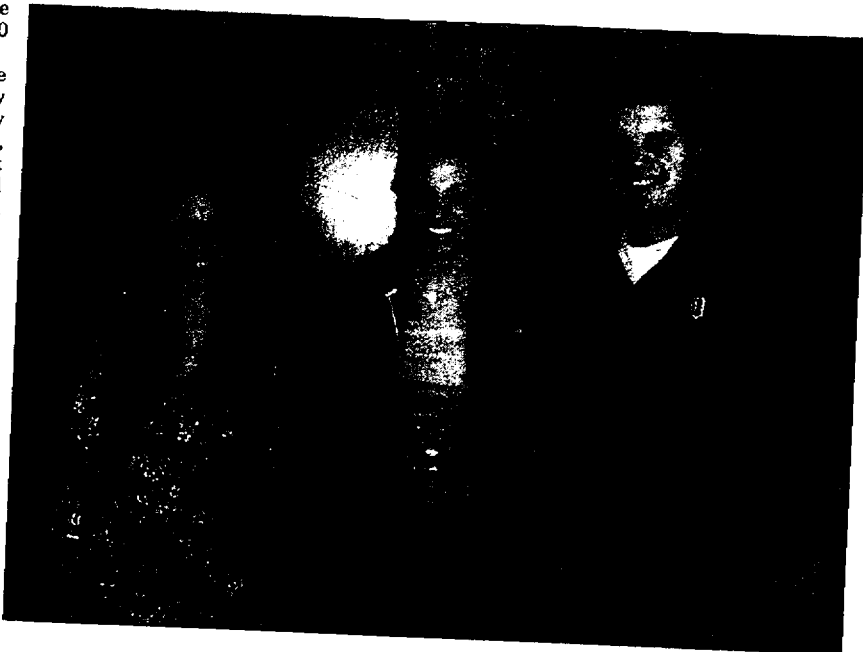
Smith, Przybysz and Masinick like art for reasons extending from its universality to its possibilities for self-expression and autonomy.

"It's a great learning experience. I like that there's no right or wrong answer," Smith said. "There's a good quality to everybody's work."

"I think it's a good way to express color and the mood you're in," Przybysz said.

"I enjoy that you can control every aspect of your idea and cultivate it," Masinick said.

All the students want to use the art skills they have developed in their future careers. Smith hopes to become an art teacher while



Megan Smith, Andrea Przybysz and Jake Masinick, above, were named finalists in Coca-Cola's Art of Harmony contest.

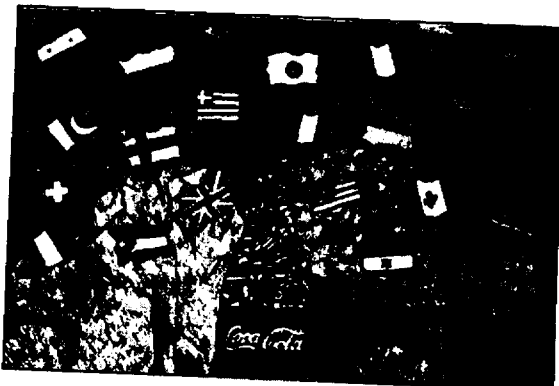
Photo by Carrie Cunningham

Przybysz and Masinick want to go into design and animation respectively. The students will go to a congratulatory reception for

their art work at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History on April 22.

Przybysz and Masinick painted in a favorable fashion.

"I'm very proud of my students," he said.



The winning art work is composed of Smith's rendition of kids looking at messages about harmony on a chalk board, Przybysz's picture of a diversity tree and

Photos courtesy of Robert Thies

St. Paul celebrates wacky world of Dr. Seuss

On Tuesday, March 2, St. Paul Catholic School celebrated Dr. Seuss' 100th birthday. "This is the perfect early childhood celebration because everyone loves the wacky world of Dr. Seuss," said preschool director Mary Nesom.

Nesom's students had fun talking about all the silly rhyming words that Dr. Seuss is famous for. They made up some of their own as well.

First graders had a Dr. Seuss Show and Tell. Items related to Dr. Seuss were brought in and were proudly presented to the class. Some items include a Dr. Seuss hat, the fish from the Cat in the Hat flashlight, and a remote control car with the Cat in the Hat on it.

One unique item was a book that had one of the student's uncle's name written on the inside cover.

"You can say a Dr. Seuss word which can bring forth hilarious ideas. His books bring joy to reading," said first grade teacher Sister Diane.

Students were just as enthused by the celebratory day as instructors were.

"I would miss Dr. Seuss books if they had never been written. They help me imagine things!" said first grader Brendan Capuano.

South symphony band rewarded at festival

The Grosse Pointe South High School Symphony Band, under the direction of Dan White, performed at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association's District 16 Band Festival for the first time since 1987 on Saturday, March 6, at Warren Woods Tower High School.

The band was awarded a First Division (Superior) rating for its performance, marking a return to a long and colorful tradition of excellence in instrumental music at South. Prior to 1987, the Symphony Band had earned First and Second Division rating at every MSBOA Band Festival dating back to 1959.

White attributes the band's success to "a real desire on the part of band students to do their absolute best and perform with real artistry." The instrumental music department will present its annual Spring Concert on Tuesday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pierce Middle School auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for students and seniors.

Then, the Symphony Band (along with the Symphony Orchestra) will travel to Orlando, Fla., on April 1 to perform for adjudication at "Musicfest Orlando" and present a feature performance in Disney World's Magic Kingdom.

Harbinger a literary joy

North's literary publication, Harbinger, is compiled and organized by students. Senior editor Leslie Petrovich '05 heads the publication. Everything from plays, art work, essays and paintings are included in the journal.

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Extraordinary economics

Students in Monique Vasquez's second-grade class at Ferry Elementary School are discovering the value of money and how to make a profit. As an exercise to illustrate economics, students held a sale, offering bags of snack mix for 50 cents. The group made a profit of \$30.47 and decided to use the money to adopt an animal at the Detroit Zoo.

Pictured behind the table are Tess Kolp, David Walton, Wissam Jawad and Jacob Drolshagen. In line to purchase snacks are Maria Vasquez, Ryan Kolp and Nick Murray.

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Bidigare's firing shows lack of tact

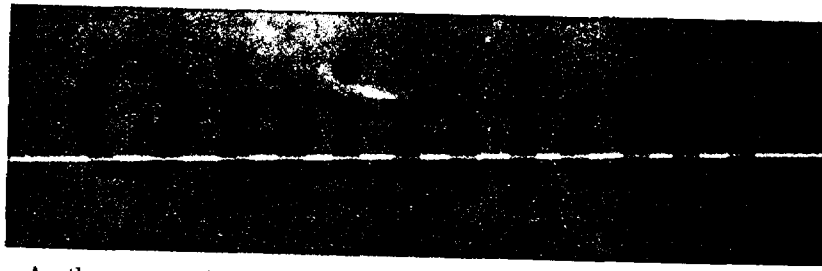
When the residents of Grosse Pointe Woods voted for change last November and rejected two incumbents in favor of three new council members, we doubt they were aware they were firing their affable city administrator.

Yet that is exactly what happened last Thursday night at a surprise, special meeting called with just 24 hours notice.

Ted Bidigare, a lifetime Woods resident and former city councilman of eight years, was hired in 1999. On May 24, he would have marked his fifth anniversary as city administrator.

But new council members Lisa Pinkos Howle and Darryl Spicher, along with Dona DeSantis Reynolds, after just four months involved in city government, already had their minds made up: Bidigare had to go — now! They were joined by veteran Councilwoman Patricia Chylinski as the fourth vote.

The reasons for firing Bidigare were feeble. One was that he did not have a master's degree in public administration. But he does have a bachelor's degree in social science from John Carroll University, and at age 61, he has decades of real-world experience in management and budget matters.



Another reason given for firing the city administrator was his decision to save the city \$50,000 by not filling the assistant to the city administrator vacancy, a hardship for him personally. Instead, he spread the work among two current city employees. To compensate for the extra workload, to one he gave an \$8,100-a-year raise, and the second a \$3-hour pay raise.

The raises sound excessive, but they were still far less than hiring a full-time assistant with salary and benefits.

But city employees, some whom we admire and expect better of, signed a letter protesting the raises.

Too often we have witnessed employees refuse to accept extra work but vociferously complain when a colleague receives extra compensation for volunteering to accept more responsibility.

Bidigare was also blamed for poor employee morale among city employees and in the public safety department. We do not know whether morale is any worse or better in Grosse Pointe Woods than in other cities, and we don't think the three new council members who voted for Bidigare's firing know the answer to

the morale question either. We suspect the new council members were used by others who sought Bidigare's removal.

Councilwoman Chylinski, for example, openly opposed Bidigare's appointment five years ago and even expressed her disenchantment in an article in the Grosse Pointe News at that time. (See "Former councilman named Woods administrator," April 1, 1999.)

It is interesting that it was not Chylinski who called last week's special meeting, but rather two newcomers.

One also has to ask: Who benefits from the city administrator's firing? Who stands to gain financially or professionally?

We are told by so-called city hall "insiders" that Bidigare was told he was "on the way out" back in December. Who told him this? Prior to last week's special meeting, the city council has never once met to discuss the firing of the city administrator.

Whoever told Bidigare he was going to be fired back in December had to have had four votes assured in order to make such an unofficial prediction. Bidigare's firing must have been in

the planning for some time, though not officially and not public.

A great man once said, "You will know me by my works." You can know Ted Bidigare, a Vietnam veteran and commissioned officer, by his actions. He could have chosen to have the council meeting discussing his employment behind closed doors, but he chose not to. He favored instead to conduct public business in public, even if it was his own crucifixion.

Perhaps Bidigare was not a good city administrator. We do not know since we are not city hall "insiders." We do not argue against the city council's authority to replace its manager. We do question what appears to us as a "railroad" action to remove an employee.

We also object to the way in which a good man was treated. The council could have debated his abilities at greater length. It could have waited after May 24, his fifth anniversary, to dismiss him so that he could at least be assured his \$200-a-month pension.

Bidigare's 24/7 devotion to the city should have earned him that small stipend in his golden years. Instead, he has nothing to show for his time with the city except a stab in the back.

We think Bidigare's firing was determined long ago by parties not willing to personally get their hands dirty, and we think what happened is shameful, not only for the Woods but for all the Pointes.

Most of all, we think a good man deserved better from the people he served.

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Calling out the early vote?

Families in the Grosse Pointe Public School System had no trouble getting up on time for church this past Sunday. They received 7 a.m. wake-up calls from the superintendent of schools.

She later sent home with school-children a letter of apology to district parents. Her apology is printed on the schools' Web site, www.gpschools.org: 3/14/2004

To parents of Grosse Pointe Students: Early this morning you received a call from an automated phone system to remind you about the sinking fund election on Tuesday, March 16th. This call, set for 7:00 p.m. Sunday evening, March 14th, reached your home twelve

hours earlier than it was scheduled. Please accept our apologies for the inconvenience to you and your family. We are looking into how this occurred so it will not happen again.

Dr. Suzanne Klein, Superintendent

Oops! Some e-mail writers want to know how much these phone solicitations to vote cost the taxpayers. Good question.

While we held the front page of this week's Grosse Pointe News to report the outcome of Tuesday's sinking fund millage election for the schools, we reserved editorial comment until we have had time to digest the results.



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

'Passion' a must-see here

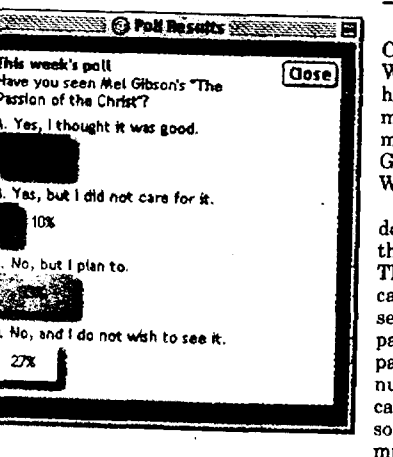
Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" is a must-see among www.grossepointenews.com readers.

Of those who have responded to this week's Internet poll question — "Have you seen Mel Gibson's 'The Passion of the Christ'?" — 30 percent said they had already seen it, and they thought it was good.

Another third of our respondents said they hadn't yet seen it, but they planned to see it. Only 10 percent of the respondents said they had seen "The Passion" and didn't care for it.

Interestingly, 27 percent said they do not wish to see the movie, which may be understandable considering the graphic violence depicted.

We have not yet seen the movie, but we plan to see it, and we may comment on it at that time. Be sure to go to our



Web site, www.grossepointenews.com, to vote in our next Internet poll.

Letters

Overtime

To the Editor: What a loss the residents of Grosse Pointe Woods have had with the "hurried" meeting and "dismissal" of the city administrator.

Ted Bidigare did nothing but work too many hours. I know because being his wife I suggested he put a sofa bed in his office instead of coming home to eat and sleep.

A council person wrote to your paper, after Ted was hired, mentioning a "good 'ole boys' club. Has that person now formed a "good 'ole girls' club? Perhaps there is more of a problem with that person to not let go of the

"witch hunt" after five years. Ted has never said an unkind word about anyone. He does not want to hear an unkind word about anyone. We do not talk much because I say it like it is — this letter will make him mad.

All it takes to fire a city administrator is a 3-4 vote. That is all. I guess it does not matter the hours put in and the vacations not taken.

I now know the meaning of "Dirty Politics" first hand. One added note to the person who had my permission to ask that the "all-important" 3-4 vote be postponed because Ted is dealing with my health which is heart

failure and vision "gone" in my right eye. I guess that was too much to ask — thinking that a few in the good 'ole girls club had a heart — to wait (probably) six months. I hope the taxpayers and citizens are as outraged as they should be.

George Anne Bidigare
Grosse Pointe Woods

Thanks Gleaners

To the Editor: I would like to make a comment on the annual food drive for Gleaner's Community Food Bank.

Here at Services for Older Citizens, our Meals on Wheels program supplies a hot nutritional noontime meal five days a week to more than 110 seniors in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

But what do these seniors do the rest of the time for their nutritional needs? Thanks to Gleaners, SOC can now supply these seniors with additional food packs. Included in these food packs are boxes of cereal, nutritional cereal bars, canned fruit and vegetables, soup, chili, stew, yogurt and much more.

We are proud to be a member of Gleaners Community Food Bank. We encourage everyone to support Gleaners annual food drive by dropping off bags of food at the designated locations.

This program may be called "Kids Helping Kids," but I can tell you that it has made a significant difference in the lives of the homebound seniors in this community. One of them might even be your next door neighbor.

Mary Rose Nelson
Director of Meals on Wheels Services for Older Citizens

More liquor licenses

To the Editor: As a property owner on Mack Avenue in the city of Grosse Pointe Woods, I have

many concerns about the referendum to free up four class C liquor licenses for Mack Avenue.

First, I feel the four like-minded council members; Patsy Kukula Chylinski, Dana D. Santis Reynolds, Lisa Pinkos Howle and Darryl Spiker, all who gave a formal approval on a motion at the Feb. 23 council meeting, are forcing this issue.

There are only six members to the council and the mayor which means four like-minded members are able to vote in what ever they want with a vote of four to three.

These four members have stated in public that they were voted into office for change. Change simply for the sake of change is not always the best route to follow. This is too serious of a change to be taken lightly.

What is the big rush? Do you really feel four more liquor licenses on Mack Avenue would make it a better place to live? At the present time we have seven licenses; with these four more, it would make the count 11. Since when is the city council in the endorsing and promoting additional liquor license for business?

As a property owner and a former business owner on Mack, I do not believe this action should be taken. What impact does this have on the city's new master plan? What impact will this have on the existing restaurateurs we have on Mack Avenue now? Do you really

care? If this is allowed to go on the August primary ballot, which these four members want to do, it would only take 10 percent of the registered voters to referendum this. It almost seems as if this is being done under cover or through the back door.

Again, what is your hurry? More study needs to be done on this matter. It has been said that the existing businesses have been informed. This is not true; many are very, very upset.

Antoinette DiClemente
Property Owner
Grosse Pointe Woods

More Catholic reaction

To the Editor: The damage has been done, but I would like to express my outrage with the opinion piece published on Dec. 11, "Catholic reform misplaced."

I personally found it inflammatory, offensive, inappropriate, and I hold the paper responsible.

The Grosse Pointe News is not the New York Times. Let's keep it what it's intended to be and not take on the Catholic Church, its leadership or any other religious entity.

Mary Gilbride
Grosse Pointe Farms

Deadline for Letters is 3 p.m. Monday

Ford's 351 Cleveland and Windsor engines

By Greg Zyla

Q. Greg, I read your column about 351 CID Ford engines in somebody's Mustang. You were discussing cylinder heads and that they don't interchange between the Cleveland and Windsor 351s.

Well, almost nothing interchanges between the Windsor and Cleveland engines. First, the 351W is a taller small-block Ford. It is a 221, 260, 289 and 302 with the 3/4-inch taller deck to accommodate the longer stroke of the crankshaft. Many parts between the 351W and the smaller versions interchange.

The 351 Cleveland is an entirely different engine family. It's much more modern than the W family. The 385 engine does indeed sport canted valves, as you mentioned. It has open chambers and is altogether stronger. The 385s include a 400, the 429 and the 460 engines. There is also a 514-stroked 460 out there.

These were some strong iron horses. They hauled all the big cars of the 1970s. The foundry content finally did them in. They were just too big to be anything but truck and bus haulers. They survived as truck and RV engines until just recently, replaced by the Triton V-10.

The Cleverlands were and still are great performance motors. The 514 was a hearty boat engine that produced 700 to 800 horsepower out of 460 inches, and this is not a stretch. The 429 SCJ (Super Cobra Jet) was rated at only 375 horsepower, but it was conservatively 500 horsepower right off the dealer's floor.

A few years ago Ford tried to resurrect the 351C to sell as a performance machine. Too bad they lost track of

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some of the important machine tools to build that beast.

— Jim Evans, via e-mail.
A. Jim, thanks for the great info on those Cleveland 351s.

1972 Dodge pickup camper

Q. My problem is what to do with my dinosaur, a 1972 Dodge 3/4-ton pickup with a Camper 9000. It has a 360 engine, air, automatic, the powers and only 83,000 actual miles. It has fallen to body cancer in spots. I also have a 1973 Eldorado Truck Camper that fits the Dodge, and also a trailer hitch that can be removed so I can put the camper on. Due to health problems, the camper has not been used in four years, but the Dodge gets driven once or twice a week. Do you have any idea what all of this might be worth? Thanks for your time.

— K.F. Jones, Hopewell, Va.

A. K.F., I'd run an ad in your local newspaper offering to sell both the truck and the camper as a unit for the best price offered, or, you can part out the truck and camper separately. If you choose to part the pieces, I think you'll sell the camper really fast, while the truck might sit a bit before a buyer arrives.

If you can get a quick \$1,000 for the truck in its present condition, I'd probably take the money, as the rust will have to be fixed right away. You will probably get more for the camper, and advertising a best offer deal usually receives lots of action on these types of used

units! Good luck, and let me know what way you go.

1975 Dodge Coronet

Q. 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?

— 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.

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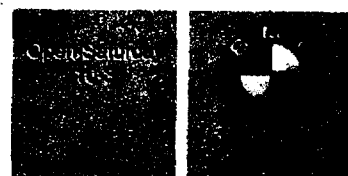
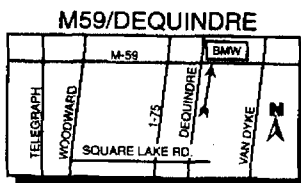
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HW library planners approach final designs

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

Harper Woods Public Library director Dale Parus can't wait for the building's renovation plans to be complete.

"We've been working on this for a while, and we're taking our time," he said. "We want to make sure everything is just right."

Harper Woods residents approved a \$3.1 million bond in November to renovate the interior of the old library building. Parus says the current facility is inadequate for what the library seeks to offer its patrons. In this modern-day world, the Harper Woods library needed to step up and demand a more powerful role in the community.

"The community has grown so much that this building has become obsolete," Parus explained. "There are things we probably should have done to the library back when Harper Woods was growing by leaps and bounds in the 1970s. Now we need to take the library into the 21st century but also catch up on the things that should have been done over the last few decades."

When Parus joined the library as director three years ago, a yearning for renovation was already com-

mon among staffers and community members. When the bond came up for election last fall, residents stepped forward to lend their support.

"I feel we are very fortunate to have the support of the Harper Woods community and that they realize how important a library can be," he said. "The knowledge we store in this building is an integral part of the community as a whole."

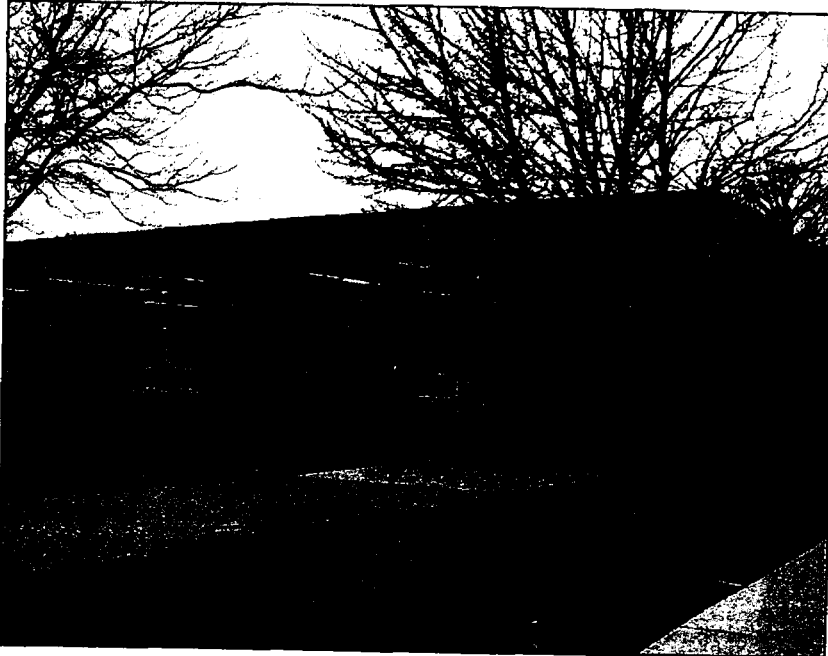
The designs are being drawn up by David Milling & Associates, the same architects helping the plans for Grosse Pointe Parks' new library branch.

Many of the problems in the current facility revolve around one major issue of space.

While the building is two stories, the basement is largely committed to use by the city's parks and recreation department. The library plans to take full use of its entire building, which will displace the community classes to another facility.

In addition, a small corner of the basement is home to the renowned history room, which Parus hopes to highlight on the first floor of the new facility, with a storefront window for items to be showcased.

"We want to make it more accessible to the communi-



The Harper Woods Public Library will see \$3.1 million in internal renovations beginning at the end of 2004.

Photo by Jennie Miller

ty," Parus said of the hundreds of historical artifacts that go largely unnoticed locked away in what he calls the "dungeon."

The layout of the library will be reconfigured to accommodate readers large and small.

"This facility will become a much more functional

space," Parus said, looking over the most recent plans. "Right now, there is no area for quiet study. There's no space for one-on-one tutoring."

Currently there's also no separation between a children and adult reading sections. All books are housed in one giant room.

"The basement will be renovated to house the children's section," Parus explained, motioning for the bottom floor to be where a lot of the action takes place. "There will also be a multi-purpose room which can house up to 125 people."

Upstairs, there will be more room for adults and

computers, and the shelving space to accommodate hundreds of new materials.

"There will be something for everyone in this new facility," Parus said.

Other renovations include bringing the restrooms up to modern standards and adding an ADA-compliant elevator. Externally, the building won't see many changes, with the exception of new glass bay windows for a more flattering look.

"This is not a grandiose project by any means," Parus said. "We're accomplishing what we set out to do. David Milling & Associates has laid out a good plan at a reasonable cost."

The new facilities, once complete, will require additional staffing and resources to fill the new space. Parus admits there is no funding to do this right now. He sees major fundraising ventures in the future, as well as reaching out to the community for an operating millage.

"They knew when we asked for the bond that we'd be back for more," Parus said. "We're fortunate the residents support us."

Library planners hope to break ground in August, at the end of the summer reading program. It is projected to be an 18-month project.

HW cops rewarded for work

Sgt. Dennis Root and patrol officer Thomas Lada were awarded citations from the Harper Woods Police Department for their cunning efforts and dedication to the force.

On Dec. 7, 2003, Lada's observation and diligence resulted in the arrest of two subjects later charged with the burglary of a local business in the 19300 block of Kelly.

While patrolling, Lada noticed a suspicious subject lurking in a yard, as well as an occupied vehicle waiting in the street. After radioing for assistance, Lada was informed that there was an active alarm inside a business near his location.

Lada detained the subjects and the vehicle and discovered property from the business in their possession.

"As a direct result of officer Lada's keen observation and decisive action, several felons were arrested and stolen property recovered," said Police Chief Lawrence Semple. "In addition, his actions, along with the other officers involved, resulted in a potentially dangerous situation being curtailed without incident and the prevention of additional crimes."

Last April, Root was directly involved in

the arrest of a man wanted in connection with home invasions in four cities.

While patrolling, Root heard a broadcast from the Eastpointe Police Department regarding a home invasion that had just occurred. He observed a maroon mini-van with a broken rear window traveling eastbound on Eight Mile, which also matched the description of a vehicle wanted for investigation in the Grosse Pointes in connection with home invasions.

Root radioed in to the Harper Woods Police Department and began to follow the mini-van.

He observed the passenger throw a wallet from the car window, which was later recovered and belonged to the complainant of the Eastpointe home invasion. Root followed the vehicle southbound on Gratiot before it stopped and the passenger bailed.

Root detained the driver, an action which later resulted in the filing of robbery and home invasion charges by Eastpointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe Woods police departments.

Rotary to hold pasta dinner

The Rotary Club of Harper Woods will sponsor a pasta dinner on Wednesday, March 31, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Harper Woods Community Center on Harper.

The dinner will include pasta, salad, rolls, beverages and dessert. The price is \$6 for advanced tickets or \$6.50 at the door. Tickets for children aged 6 through 12 are \$3. Five and under are free. Carry-outs will also be available. The dinner will also feature door prizes and an auction. For advanced tickets, call Yvonne Barnard at (313) 886-1748.

Library features movie nights

On Monday, March 22, the Harper Woods Public Library will hold its Family Movie Night at 6:15 p.m., featuring the film Freaky Friday. For more information, call (313) 343-2575.

Preschool storytime

The Harper Woods Public Library is preparing to launch its spring session of the preschool storytime for children aged three and a half through five. The session will be held on Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m. from March 24 through April 28.



Photo courtesy of Tim Folmar

Finest HW band members showcased

Seven Harper Woods High School band students participated in the Wayne State University Honors Band on Monday, March 8.

The students were among 124 students from 19 area high schools in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. This band is non-competitive and provides a learning experience for high school students from a variety of communities. Admittance into this ensemble was based solely on the recommendation of the band directors.

These students represent the finest from their school band programs. The honors band was conducted by Douglas Bianchi, WSU director of bands.

Pictured from left to right are Brandon Weiner, Tim Folmar, Jenni Symons, Adam Reinhard, Tom Wash, Laura Wright and Ian Talbot.

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Student council seeks more responsibility

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

Harper Woods High School students can't seem to get enough work and are asking for more.

The school's student government, in existence for years, is being revamped by the students themselves. They decided to take it upon themselves to change the constitution which will require more active positions and additional participation.

"This is the great thing about Harper Woods students," said Monica Lenhard, high school teacher and student council adviser. "Once they dedicate themselves to something, they run with it."

Lenhard is thrilled with the responsibility and dedication shown by the student council. The group impressed her with its motivation and drive.

"In this particular case, the students wanted to become more active as student leaders," she said. "They looked at the original constitution, worked with the class officers to decide what changes they wanted to make, and wrote a new constitution themselves. They really did a great job. It's so impressive and sets a great example to the rest of the school."

Most affected by these changes are the student activities planned throughout the year. Lenhard feels that not only will more



Photo by Jennie Miller

Harper Woods student council includes president Megan Achs, vice president Jami-Lou Galbo, secretary Jade King, adviser Monica Lenhard, treasurer Travis Williams and representative Stacy Douglas. The council is awaiting ratification of a new constitution requiring students to take on additional responsibilities.

events take place, but student involvement will likely increase.

Student council currently organizes Homecoming activities, school dances and community service events. But they're already planning additional activities for next year.

Lenhard feels this is a great opportunity for students to become more invested in their education.

"When you are a teenager, sitting at a desk in school for six hours a day, you need something that gives you a reason to want to be there every day," she explained. "School should be a place you want to come to rather than something you try to get out of. If you have active and effective leaders in that school who promote interesting and entertaining activities, it will change the educational perception as well

as the school environment." Harper Woods is well on its way to improving the school environment.

"With the stuff that has been going on lately, something like this is reminding the community that there are good kids here at Harper Woods High School," Lenhard said. "These students really want to do good things and take initiative to better the school as a whole." Since the changes have

been made, the student council representatives posed as hosts and hostesses for the parent-teacher conferences held last week. They are also petitioning to add picnic tables outside the cafeteria for students to enjoy lunch outside when the weather is nice. Representatives have also been joining board of education meetings to present school-related news and events to administrators.

"We have a history of tradition here in Harper Woods, but you have to encourage these new, wonderful ideas," Lenhard said.

Many of the changes were the inspiration from new principal Mike Fenchell, who formerly worked as student activities coordinator in another school district.

"We started communicating to look at ways to improve the school community," Fenchell said. "It makes sense that in any school, the student council should be the umbrella organization for all the various student activities that are going on."

Fenchell said he immediately noticed problems in the communication between student groups.

"There were great things happening here, but each was independent of the other," he explained. "The left hand didn't know what the right hand was doing. Now, the grade level officers will have a more prominent part of the student council undertakings."

Fenchell left it up to the students to decide what changes needed to be made. The council officers met with grade level officers to discuss the current system's strengths and areas to improve upon.

"I told them they needed to take on a greater role in this school," Fenchell said. "It's their school. They need to look at ways to become more visible in front of the student body and the community."

Fenchell and Lenhard can't wait until the students realize just how much they can accomplish. Lenhard herself was active in student government when she was in high school.

"I was really involved and know how much fun it can be," she said. "I know I can't re-create the experience for them, but I want to be able to give them the opportunities that I had."

The new system will provide positions for nearly 50 students to participate at the highest level of student leadership. Lenhard feels there is much to be gained from participation, such as communication and leadership skills, learning how to take initiative, planning and organizing events, working with others and generating support for a cause.

"There's no end to the amount of responsibility kids can undertake and the leadership skills they can develop," Fenchell said, looking to the future.

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Regina to perform 'Steel Magnolias'

Regina High School presents "Steel Magnolias" on Friday, March 19, and Saturday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 21, at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 at the door. From left, are Camrin Perkins (Truvy), Kaitie Lampkin (Clairee), Bridget Bienkowski (Shelby), Kaitlyn Jeziak (M'Lynne), Megan Breen (Ouiser) and Deanne Torrento (Annelle).

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immunization record and Social Security number.

Perfect attendance

Harper Woods students with perfect attendance in the first semester: freshmen Lea Allen, Eric Burtchett, Anthony Colista, Regina Elamri, Sanaa Elamri, Richard Hellwig, Jamie Regan and Kelvin Thomas;

sophomores Angel Avila, James Schmidt, Jordan Schmidt and Josh Stephens; and junior Lauren Gors.

NHS lends a hand

Harper Woods High School's National Honors Society visited Campbell School in Detroit. The members included Megan Achs, Josh Agattas, August Bragg,

Angela Bussineau, Jeff Clor, Michelle Campbell, Rita Ciaravino, Jessica Daudlin, Steve Dombrowski, Emily DuCharme, Katie Kaspari, Michelle McEachin, Nicole McEachin, Becky Nanni, Frank Pietrangelo, Graham Rockwood, Stephanie Sablowski, Kyle Stumpo, Angela Wierszewski and Laura Wright.

City of **Grosse Pointe Farms**, Michigan

BOARD OF REVIEW

Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the 2004 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2004
 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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,
 City Assessor

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION

THE REGULAR ELECTION of the School District will be held on Monday, June 14, 2004. Two members of the Board of Education will be elected for a term of four (4) years (July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2008).

Nominating petitions for candidates seeking election to the Board of Education are available in the Business Office at 389 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Fridays.

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

Petitions must be filed with the Business Office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 12, 2004.

Steven Matthews,
 Secretary, Board of Education

G.P.N.: 03/11/2004 & 03/18/2004

'04 Volvo XC90 T6 special purpose vehicle

By Greg Zyla
This week, we test drove Volvo's 2004 Special Purpose Vehicle. Introduced in 2003 and dubbed XC90, this unique vehicle combines the best of three automotive worlds: sport utility, mini van and automobile.

The XC90 offers smaller outer dimensions with huge cabin features, resulting in a vehicle that is easy to drive regardless of the situation. Available in two models — the base front-drive and optional all-wheel-drive T6 — the XC90 lived up to its billing as a special vehicle that features all of Volvo's innovative safety advances.

Our model included a third row of passenger seating, which is part of an optional package that includes air conditioning in the third row, self-leveling

rear suspension, center cushion in the second row and a rear headphone outlet for \$1,675 more.

Under the hood, Volvo relies on two distinct engines to power the XC90. The base front-drive receives a turbocharged 2.5-liter five-cylinder engine producing 208 horsepower, while the AWD finds the bigger 2.9-liter six-cylinder double turbo good for 268 horsepower. Our T6 featured the twin turbo, coupled to a high-tech Haldex all-wheel-drive transfer assembly to get the power to the ground. The engine performed well in all driving situations, although "break-neck acceleration" is not in its vocabulary because of its overall weight. The transmission is a well-built Geartronic four-speed auto-

matic.

We especially liked the XC90's driving manners, from handling sharper corners to parallel parking. On the highway, Volvo's comfort factor is very high and a pleasure on long drives. The seats are well-done and not overly stiff; the side support is good; and even the second-row seat offers more comfort than most. Headroom in the cabin is excellent, and all other dimensions are good. Instrumentation and accessibility to switches are also very good.

The suspension is different in that Volvo employs a single-unit design versus the usual ladder frame that sits under other SUVs. A fully independent front and rear setup features MacPherson struts in front and a multi-link design in



back. Four-wheel power-vented ABS discs help stop the Volvo with finesse and quickness.

Additionally, road control is enhanced by what Volvo calls a Roll Stability Control system that helps the driver in emergency or "losing control" situations. RSC contains computer sensor chips that monitor how well the driver is doing in a given emergency situation and then corrects the mistakes. Your Volvo dealer can explain it in detail.

Important numbers include a 112.5-inch wheelbase, 4,791-pound curb weight, ground clearance of 8.9 inches and EPA numbers

of 15 mpg city and 20 mpg highway. There is 43.3 cubic feet of cargo space with the rear seat folded down and 85.1 available with second and third row folded.

XC90's standard equipment includes all the powers, dual-zone automatic air conditioning, ABS, dual-heated power mirrors, fog lights, AM/FM stereo with CD, skid-plate protection underneath, keyless entry, tilt/telescoping steering, cruise, 17-inch alloy wheels and tailgate wiper and washer.

Our tester came with a Premium Package option for \$1,300 that included 18-inch wheels and tires, premium

sound and power retractable rear mirrors. A navigation system added another \$1,895, while a wood steering wheel (\$300), metallic paint (\$450), climate package with heated front seats (\$595) and reverse warning system (\$400) pushed the final tally to \$47,865 with the \$685 destination added. Not cheap, but lots for the money.

We rate this great vehicle from Volvo a nine on a scale of 10, and recommend it as one of our first best buys for 2004. It did everything well, and then some.

— King Features Syndicate

CLK 500

From page 20A

dash, along with the firm, form-fitting seats, promote inner peace on the interstate. Those seats adjust 10 ways electrically. The car even hands you your seat belt with a presenter. With the CLK's long doors, that's a real pleasure. My car interior's harmony-inducing Pacific Blue, along with a brilliant eight-speaker Bose audio system, helped me sail above the tide to work and back.

The CLK offers steering wheel access to a complex grid of information and controls. You can sort through a series of menus and then single pages of information within them all displayed one at a time in the center of the instrument panel. This is handy for selecting preset radio stations on the radio, as well as displaying a range of useful data, including distance to an

empty fuel tank and average fuel economy.

You can also set features that relate to how the car works, for example, how you want the alarm system or automatic seat pull-back to function. There is engine condition feedback, too, such as engine oil life. Emergency messages display as required, along with suggestions like Fasten Seat Belt and Low Fuel. You can use two buttons on the right side of the wheel to change the volume or answer the phone (if so equipped).

I got a kick out of the rain-sensing automatic windshield wipers, which are handy on those days where it never seems to rain the same amount from one minute to the next. I also appreciated the pillar-less coupe shape, which is a rare thing today.


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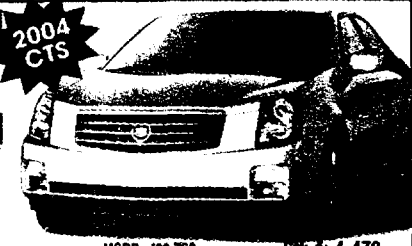

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Business People



Niarhos

Grosse Pointe Woods resident **Anthony J. Niarhos** was elected first vice president of the Detroit Goodfellows. Niarhos, an attendance agent for the Detroit Public Schools, has been a member of the Detroit Goodfellows since 1995 and serves on the purchasing and Boat Day committees as well as serving as the chair of the scholarship committee. His involvement as a Detroit Goodfellow stems from childhood when he and his siblings received Detroit Goodfellows Christmas gift packages.



Yglesias

Also, Grosse Pointe Farms resident **Therese Yglesias** was elected to the board of directors for the Detroit Goodfellows.

Yglesias has been a member of the Detroit Goodfellows since 2000 and is on the purchasing, scholarship and Boat Day committees. She has been teaching mathematics for 19 years at Howe Elementary School in Detroit, where more than half of the student population receives a Detroit Goodfellow Christmas gift package every year.

Gregory L. Ulrich, a partner at the law firm of Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Aho and a member of the State Bar of Michigan's Board of Commissioners, has been named to the bar's Finance and Personnel Committee. He was also recently named as the bar's liaison to the United States Courts Committee and the Real Property Law Section.



Ulrich

Ulrich, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident, concentrates his practice on business litigation, real estate, technology, dispute resolution and governmental matters.

Joe Clor, of the Grosse Pointe Farms-based Clor & Associates LLC, has added California-based Stone Tools to his list of clients.

Clor, a manufacturers' representative, lives in Grosse Pointe Shores.

How far will this 'correction' go down?

Let's talk... STOCKS

By Joseph Mengden



The long-overdue, but still awaited, "correction" began in earnest last week. The markets started their southerly journey shortly after noon a week ago Monday, March 8.

That Monday it showered down 66 Dow points, followed by Tuesday's rain, down 73 points. The deluge continued Wednesday, down 160 points, followed by Thursday's cloudburst of down 169 points, after the Madrid terrorist bombings.

At Thursday's close, after four days, the Dow had retreated 466 points, or 5.3 percent, closing at 10,128. Small wonder that the Dow bounced back 112 points Friday, helped in part by short-covering.

Floor traders say that cyclical (lasting two years or less) rallies normally self-correct every now and then, the downside corrections being 5 to 10 percent of the prior upward movement.

But the cyclical rally has moved up for almost a year without the usual "step-ladder" corrections along the way. Technicians point out that the bigger and longer rise will precipitate a bigger and longer correction now.

Confirmed bears are quick to point out that their market theories confirm that this market correction is within a cyclical bull market, all the while continuing the secular bear market which began during the collapse of the tech bubble in 2000.

Many commentators are dreaming up their litany of causes that may have triggered this correction, but few have any idea of how long it will last.

Many market strategists are looking forward to increased volatility — up and down — for the indeterminate future.

Institutional investors

are still flush with year-end seasonal cash deposits, and expect positive cash flow from IRA and 401(k) deposits through April 15.

Investors, who can stand the heat, will find attractive buying opportunities at current prices.

Fed met Tuesday

Chairman Alan Greenspan's Open Market Committee held its March meeting last Tuesday. At LTS's press time, bond analysts expected no change in the Fed's interest rates, but some parsing of language describing the current economy would not be unexpected.

Quadruple witching

Tomorrow, the third Friday of the month, is the simultaneous expiration of all four varieties of options contracts. Such contracts must be closed out in kind, not merely settled in cash. Occasionally, this leads to a choppy market at closing time.

Oracle of Omaha

Most investors recognize Warren Buffet as the Oracle of Omaha, his hometown. The annual meeting of his company, Berkshire Hathaway, will be held in Omaha on Friday, April 30, through Sunday, May 2.

Buffet's Letter to Shareholders was mailed March 6. If your computer is loaded with Adobe Acrobat Reader software,

you can print the letter in its 24-page entirety. But reading it is quite a chore!

At college, Warren Buffet devoured Benjamin Graham's text books on investments, which many claim described "value investing" for the first time. Later he enrolled under Graham at Columbia University's graduate program. In 1954, he worked as a security analyst at Graham's Wall Street firm.

Returning to Omaha in 1956, Buffet started his own investment firm, the Buffet Partnership, which later acquired Berkshire Hathaway and assumed its name.

Now Warren Buffet is America's second most wealthy person (behind Bill Gates). Berkshire Hathaway trades on the NYSE, symbol: BRKk, which closed last Friday at \$92,150 per share. (Yes, that's \$ thousands!)

Another Berkshire stock is BRKb, which represents 1/30th of 1 share of BRKk, and trades at \$3,065 per share. One "b" share makes a nice Christmas gift for grandchildren!

How's Berkshire done recently? The "a" shares posted a low of \$44,000 back in February 2000, and then meandered between \$65,000 and \$75,000 for over 2-1/2 years. Last year-end, they closed at \$84,250, increasing to \$92,250 last Friday.

Per share earnings grew

Stock Market at a Glance

Friday Close, 3/12/04	
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Nasdaq Comp.	1,985
S&P 500 Index	1,108
\$ in EUROS	1.2222
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3-Mo. T-Bills	0.95%
30-Yr. T-Bonds	4.71%

at a 28.2 percent compounded growth rate for the five years 1998-2003, while the tech stock bubble collapsed! No dividends have ever been paid.

Last year, Buffet completed two significant acquisitions: an unsolicited tender for Clayton Homes, a major builder of manufactured housing, and the purchase from Wal-Mart of its McLane subsidiary, which distributes groceries and non-food items.

Recently, Buffet announced that Berkshire holds about \$12 billion of foreign currency contracts, five currencies, which is, in effect, a short position of an equal amount of U.S. dollars.

Since February 1998, LTS has written eight articles about Warren Buffet and Berkshire Hathaway, a fitting tribute to the one who is acknowledged as America's greatest stock picker!

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

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MeL & marryin' the librarian

One of the best-kept secrets in Michigan is MeL. No, MeL is not the short order cook at the Mack Avenue Dinner.

Brought to you by your friends at the Library of Michigan, the Michigan eLibrary (www.mel.org) is an anywhere, anytime information gateway to select Internet resources, full-text magazines, newspapers, electronic books, online practice tests and much, much more.

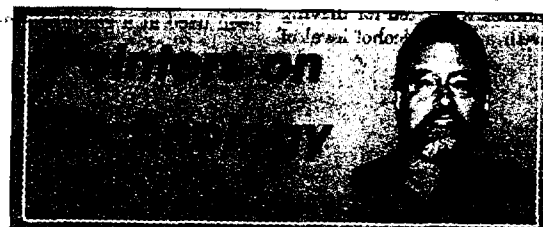
The overall purpose for the Michigan eLibrary is to create a full-featured, virtual library for the residents of Michigan. It will provide us with "anywhere, anytime" access to a core set of information resources. The two chief components of the current Michigan eLibrary are MeL Internet and MeL databases.

The new, improved MeL Internet collection is the result of a year-long conversion project designed to enhance the e-library's searching capabilities. Information can still be found by both browsing and by searching. MeL Internet was previously a collection of HTML links, but now has been converted into a database.

The Library of Michigan has purchased more than \$3.6 million in resources for Michigan with funding from the State of Michigan and a Library Services and Technology Act grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The most popular resources include the netLibrary electronic books, non-fiction titles to search or read online, and LearnATest, which includes sample tests for GED, SAT, ACT and citizenship exams, as well as basic reading and math skills. Users create their own account IDs and passwords and can then take the practice tests multiple times as needed.

So why go to MeL instead of doing, say, a Google or Yahoo! search? Here are two reasons. First, Google and Yahoo! try to be a comprehensive



collection, while MeL is highly selective.

Second, the 12 librarians who select the Web sites give you something else the commercial search engines cannot offer. These gatekeepers, who are experts in their fields, search the Internet and choose resources that they consider the most authoritative, comprehensive and useful on topics chosen to serve the needs and interests of Michigan residents.

According to State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau, "A librarian's role, first and foremost, is to be a navigator of information for its patrons."

Librarians don't know the specific information you need, but they know how to find it. The MeL Internet collection includes over 30,000 links to Internet resources. These are resources the Library of Michigan promotes, advocates and consistently works on to achieve the high level of library service for Joe or Jane Michigan. That's you and me. The bottom line is that the sources and the information provided have been reviewed before being made available to the public.

What type of information is available, you ask? Don't ask. OK, ask, but the list is long. It covers:

- Arts and Humanities
- Libraries and Information Services
- Business-Economics and Labor
- Michigan
- Children and Young Adults
- News-Media & Periodicals
- Computers & the Internet
- Recreation & Leisure
- Education

- Reference Desk
- Government-Politics & Law
- Science and the Environment
- Health Information Resources
- Social Issues & Social Services.

Searches are limited to a maximum of 250 results (25 Pathfinders, 25 Topics, and 200 Resources). Go to the Web site to get a complete explanation. (Or ask a librarian.)

One thing I like is searching can be done at a basic level, and then you can do a refining search within the original basic search. It eliminates going through the million or so Google search returns to find the 20 you really want to peruse.

Rebecca Cauley, statewide administrator for the Library of Michigan, said, "A MeL Internet search will produce fewer 'hits' but will retrieve the most substantive (usually ad-free) and relevant resources. That means, she said, the user spends less time wading through potentially useless material and more time seeing the information he or she really wants!"

Search results show a "bread-crumbs trail" allowing users to see where the results fit in MeL's browsing structure. This will help you to find additional information related to the search and results.

One thing I like is that the browsing page layouts follow a standard format throughout the collection. If it's simple, I like it.

So why call this column "Marryin' the Librarian," instead of "Marion the Librarian?" My wife is a librarian or, should I say, she is my gatekeeper.

POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS

Restaurant B&E

A burglar entered a restaurant in the 19700 block of Harper during the night on Wednesday, March 10, stealing \$150 in cash and possibly a can of pop to quench his thirst.

After the restaurant's owner, a Chesterfield Township man, closed up the store the night before, two employees returned the following morning at 11 a.m. to find the front door had been kicked in. Further investigation revealed the cash register had been moved and opened, and change was scattered around the floor. The pop cooler doors were also open. Harper Woods police officers discovered footprints on the counter and food preparation area. Photos and prints were also taken from the crime scene.

Possible B&E

Harper Woods police officers couldn't determine whether a home invasion had occurred in the 20400 block of Lennon on Friday, March 12, at 5:30 p.m.

Although the side door seemed to have been forced open (the door frame was broken off the wall), the owners were nowhere to be found, and the house was poorly maintained.

Officers noticed pots of old food on the stove and trash scattered throughout the house. It was unknown whether anything was taken. Unable to re-secure the door, a note was left suggesting the owner to call the department. It was also suggested that the department's building inspector visit the house to check for health code violations.

Drunken driving

Harper Woods police officers arrested a woman after she urinated in her pants while sitting in the back of a squad car on Friday, March 12, at 2:17 a.m.

The woman, a 33-year-old Detroit resident, was observed driving a gray 1984 Chevrolet Caprice at a high rate of speed northbound on Kelly at Old Homestead.

After following the vehicle for several blocks, officers observed signs of reckless driving as she straddled the "right turn only" solid line marker.

Officers activated the lights in an attempt to pull over the vehicle, but the driver did not respond. After police activated the siren, the woman eventually pulled over at Kelly and Ego in Eastpointe.

Police detected a strong odor of alcohol on the woman's breath, who was accompanied by a Detroit man. The woman, whose eyes were red and glassy, was unable to produce identification.

Officers asked her to perform balance testing outside of the vehicle, which she failed. A Breathalyzer test

indicated she had a .15 blood alcohol level.

While waiting inside the squad car, the woman repeatedly asked officers to allow her to urinate outside the car on the ground. She then urinated in her pants.

The woman was arrested, and because her passenger's operator license was suspended, the vehicle was impounded.

Traffic accident

A traffic accident involving four cars on the corner of Vernier and Beaconsfield sent one woman to St. John Hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

On Monday, March 8, at 11:24 a.m., a Harper Woods woman driving a white 2002 Honda attempted to turn onto Vernier but struck a green 2000 Chevrolet driven by a Keego Harbor woman.

The Honda spun out of control and struck a Harper Woods resident's white 1993 Dodge, but neither driver was injured.

The Chevrolet, clipped in its rear end, rolled over several times before striking a maroon 1992 Plymouth driven by a Clinton Township man. Both drivers received minor injuries, and the Keego Harbor woman was transported to St. John for medical care.

Arrest

A broken headlight on a dark gray 1996 Oldsmobile Ciera gave Harper Woods police officers a tip which resulted in the arrest of a wanted Detroit man on Saturday, March 13, at 1:30 p.m., at Harper and Lochmoor.

The vehicle was listed as stolen, and the driver could not produce an operator license. He said the car belonged to his mother, who was mad at him and reported the car as stolen.

He also informed police that he was a suspended driver and had a misdemeanor warrant out of the 10th District Court in Battle Creek. Another tip included the half-empty bottle of whiskey under the driver's seat.

The man was arrested. After failed attempts to contact the vehicle's owner, the car was impounded.

Assault

A 16-year-old boy was stopped at a light in his blue 1992 Geo on Harper and Vernier when the driver of a red Ford Aerostar got out of his car, walked up to him, and broke out the driver's side window with his elbow. Without saying a word, the perpetrator returned to his car and drove away.

The victim reported to Harper Woods police officers that this wasn't the first time he had been assaulted by a driver of a red Ford Aerostar. The week prior, he said he had been shot with a paint ball gun in Grosse Pointe Woods. As the van drove past him, he had

kicked and dented the driver's side door. The boy suspected these events were a result of an ongoing dispute with a classmate, who said he was going to send his older brother after the boy.

Police officers are still looking into the incident. The classmate's parents were notified, although a red Ford Aerostar wasn't found registered in the family's name.

Car theft

On Monday, March 8, at 8 a.m., a man discovered his red 2003 Dodge Durango was missing from outside his house in the 18900 block of Kenosha. The vehicle was parked in the street since midnight, and no one had been given permission to drive it.

Purse snatching

While shopping for toiletries in the 18000 block of Vernier, a Detroit woman's purse was stolen.

She left her purse in the shopping cart while reaching for a tube of toothpaste on the shelf. When she returned to the cart a moment later, the purse was gone, and no one was in sight.

The woman reported the incident to the store's loss prevention officers. Thirty minutes later, a customer entered the store and reported to a clerk she had found a wallet and cell phone in the parking lot, which were identified as belonging to the Detroit woman. The purse, her Gucci sunglasses and \$30 in cash were still missing.



Photos by Jennie Miller

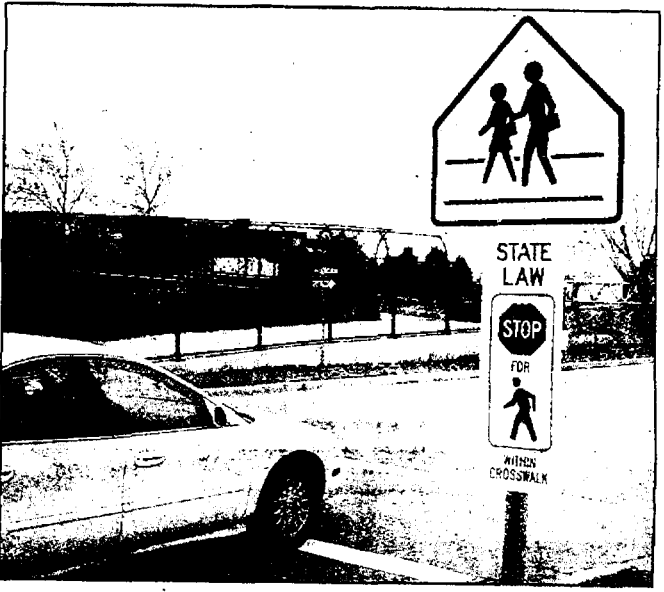
City improves crosswalk safety

Harper Woods Public Safety Department has installed new signs at pedestrian crossings along Harper, in an effort to create a safer environment for students walking to and from school.

The signs and new striping come as a result of a AAA traffic study conducted in January, following complaints from area residents.

"We want to make it as safe as possible," said City Manager Jim Leliein.

The pedestrian crossing signs are now a brighter yellow and more conspicuous. The city also installed signs reading "Walk Bicycles on Bridge" on freeway overpasses, and "State Law: Stop for Pedestrians" in numerous areas along Harper.



Secondary school honor roll

Harper Woods middle and high schools released its list of students who made the honor roll for the 2003-04 school year.

Seniors include Megan Achs, Joshua Agattas, David Baeny, Karena Brantley, Angela Bussineau, Jacqueline Caminita, Michelle Campbell, Rita Ciaravino, Jennifer Cilluffo, Jeffrey Clor, Ryan Curcuru, Jessica Daudlin, Adam Digiovanni, Steven Dombroski, Emily Ducharme, Lisa Ford, Kahra-Lyn Fox, Ryan Fradeneck, Jami-Lou Galbo, Randy Gray, Ashley Harris, Rokia Horton, Matthew Houtekier, Meaghan Huot, Kathryn Kaspari, Michael Lau, Theresa Lilly, Ernestine Lyons, Andrew Manor, Ashley Marshall, Michelle McEachin, Nicole McEachin, Ebone McLean, Jesus Melendez, Jeremy Myers, Becky Nanni, J. P. O'Grady, Jason Panas, William Pierce, Frank Pietrangelo, Richard Reardon, Adam Reinhard, Marcus Renwick, Graham Rockwood, Stephanie Sablowski, Kyle Stumpo, Jason Sturdivant, Jennifer Symons, Ryan Tabor, and Katie Watt.

Juniors making the honor roll include Timothy Alter, Emily Armand, Natalie Barranca, Brendan Blumentritt, Carly Brian, Kaitlin Carolan, Rebecca Dennis, Stacy Douglas, Katie Dwyer, Amanda Friedt, Jude Galbo, Lauren Gors, Dan Harris, DeAndra Harris, Bluraven Houvener, Jade King, Stephanie Lambert, Lisa Lopacki, Erin Maddigan, Maria Mahon, Christopher Malone, Justin Popov, Jennifer Rogers, James Slago, Saily Smolinski, Annmarie Solomon, Kelvin Thomas, Bridget Wagner, Brandon Weiner, David Wilder, Angela Wierszewsk, and Laura Wright.

Sophomores include Angel Avila, Aiman Aziz, Kayla Barnes, Maheen Basheer, Jeffrey Bertges, Margaret Bussineau, Michael Carter, Andrea Cawley, Colin Dalstra, Kira Deramo, Janay Duncan, Timothy Folmar, Lacie Garman, Justin Haigh, Joseph Herman, Alex Kidd, Jo Lewandowski, Daniel Martinez, Taylor Monday, Joshua Nemeckay, James Schmidt, Monique Soucy and Heather Sparks.

Freshmen include Lea Allen, Ivory Anderson, Dabeyba Benites, Christopher

Bibb, Brianna Blumentritt, Amanda Cherry, Candace Cobb, Anthony Colista, Kimberly Collins, Ashley Covington, Regina Elamri, Sanaa Elamri, Calixto Flores, Ashley Gooch, Patrick Grace, Margaret Hammond, Amanda Harris, Richard Hellwig, Rebecca Knott, Lindsay Lefief, Kristen Manor, Melanie Marino, Melvin Miller, Anglina Palazzola, Eric Pearson, Jamie Regan, Mehrunisa Rehman, Rebecca Rogers, Stephanie Schoof, Jordan Schmidt, Stacy Schulz, Brandon Sheffield, Blake Smith, Kimberly Sparks, Melissa Stumpo, Michael Sullivan, Stefanie Throckmorton and Kierre Young.

Eighth-graders include Christopher Alfaro, Anthony Bever, Amanda Bishop, Aaron Bowersox, Jamie Brian, Vincent Bright, Janeen Buchanan, Brandon Budzyn, Mark Ciaravino, Jackie Cobb, Kristina Como, Nicholas Curd, Joseph Daisley, Sara Daudlin, Sarah Deramo, Brian Folmar, Sabelia Gaston, Jeron Greene, Amanda Herman, LaShaar Hubbard, Nina Idemudia, Nicole Lassin, Frank Lewandowski, Dana Licko, Lauren Marshall, Lauren Mroz, Rebecca Nesbitt, Cody Nott, Amanda Patton, Kindee Sangster, Kathryn Schulz, Catherine Solomon, Rebecca Stremersch, Stuart Sturton, Matthew Varga, Ashleigh Vaughn, Brian Weidel, Leyna Werner and Jossilynn Williams.

Seventh-graders include Colvin Adams, John Bock, Christopher Boucher, Dazz Bragg, Reginald Brown II, Megan Buegel, Heather Bunnich, Aaron Carter, Elizabeth Cawley, Nickalous Gemi, Kevin Gray, Paul Hemmen, Kyle Herod, Chelsea Hook, Ashley Hooper, Brent Klosterboer, Nicholas Mighion, Paige Miller, Ebony Moore, Glenn Morris, Dominic Nanni, Tiffani Norman, Marianne Owen, Dana Paglia, Dominic Paluch, Timothy Panas, Paige Pierce, Jeremy Powell, Rochonda Reynolds, Cortney Richards, Rodney Rue, Jr., Benjamin Schram, Vitaly Sergeye, Amanda Snider, Katrina Soucy, Charita Stewart, Alyza Talbot, Daniel Weise, Kevin Werner, Branson Williams and Jermaine Williams.

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Nature calls

A 25-year-old man from Pittsburgh was arrested for public urination in Grosse Pointe Shores on Saturday, March 7, at 8:50 p.m.

The man told police he'd been driving his 2004 Toyota sports utility vehicle in the 900 block of Lakeshore when he "couldn't hold it any longer."

Too much alcohol

On Saturday, March 7, at 12:25 a.m., a 48-year-old Grosse Pointe Park woman was arrested in Grosse Pointe Shores for drunken driving.

A patrolman saw the woman's green 1994 Cadillac Eldorado swerving from lane to lane on southbound Lakeshore near Woodland Shores.

The woman tested positive for a .158 percent blood alcohol level.

Tipsy Farms tavern owner

A 26-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms tavern owner was driving home to St. Clair Shores on Friday, March 13, at 1:23 a.m., when a Grosse Pointe Shores patrolman saw his blue 2002 GMC being steered erratically in the 1000 block of eastbound Lakeshore.

A field sobriety test revealed the man's blood alcohol level at .11 percent.

The reading increased to .15 percent during a second test at headquarters.

The man said he'd taken part in a wine tasting event. The officer arrested him as a repeat offender.

Speeder caught

On Friday, March 12, at 10:17 p.m., a 31-year-old Detroit man who was caught speeding 56 mph on southbound Lakeshore near Shorecrest in Grosse Pointe Shores was cited for driving with a blood alcohol level of .073 percent.

He also was wanted in Detroit for public order crimes.

Prowler problem

On Friday, March 12, at 12:55 a.m., a man living on Lakeshore Lane in Grosse Pointe Shores reported that his Mercedes Benz parked in the driveway was being occupied by an unknown man. The stranger ran southbound through side yards.

When checking the vehicle at about 2 a.m., the resident reported the man attacked him from behind. The man ran away toward Morningside.

A few minutes after 4 a.m., officers who were keeping an eye of the property saw a man outside acting suspiciously. It was the homeowner.

He said he was checking his vehicle. Police told him to stay inside.

Female minor drives drunk

On Sunday, March 13, at 1:25 a.m., Grosse Pointe Farms police saw a drunken 16-year-old Farms girl drive her silver 2004 Jeep through a stop sign at Labelle and Mack.

She entered eastbound Mack and caused another driver to "slam on (his) brakes to avoid (a) collision," said police.

An officer stopped the girl's Jeep on Chalfonte near Moross.

She admitted drinking one beer and registered a .141 percent blood alcohol level.

Bad work day

On Friday, March 12, at 7:50 a.m., two male employees — a 45-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man and 50-year-old man from Harper Woods — of a restaurant in the first block of Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms had

their latest of "several disputes" on the job.

The restaurant owner reportedly ordered the Park man to leave the premises. As he was leaving, the man told police, he was attacked by the Harper Woods resident and son.

Police confirmed abrasions on the Park man's forehead where he said a punch landed.

He refused medical treatment and hasn't filed charges.

Girl's night out

On Friday, March 12, at 11:57 p.m., a 50-year-old Ira Township woman who was heading home from what she called a "girl's night out" was arrested for drunken driving in Grosse Pointe Farms.

An officer saw her white 2001 GMC Jimmy four-door weaving across the center line of northbound Kerby approaching Chalfonte. An officer found a two-thirds empty wine bottle in her vehicle.

Police said the woman had a .134 percent blood alcohol content.

Known thief

A 29-year-old known shoplifter from Grosse Pointe Park was caught walking on Mack near Audubon carrying a bag containing groceries stolen from a market in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The man admitted stealing two bags of shrimp.

Police said the man is "known to commit retail fraud in the area."

Costly party

On the morning of Saturday, March 6, a 22-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man discovered his wallet missing the morning after spending the night with friends at a home in the 100 block of Stephens in the Farms.

The next day, he learned one of his credit cards had been used at a gasoline station in Clinton Township.

The sleep over was attended by about 10 people, half of whom were Pointe residents.

Beer and drug paraphernalia

A 19-year-old man from the City of Grosse Pointe registered a .138 percent blood alcohol level last week upon being pulled over in the Farms.

A few minutes before midnight on Monday, March 8, an officer saw the man's black 1998 Ford Explorer two-door swerving on eastbound Lakeshore near Provencal.

Police who searched the vehicle found an empty beer can under the driver seat, beer cans on the rear floorboards and rolling papers in the center console. Officers detected suspected marijuana ashes on the man's pants.

Tire taker

A 47-year-old former trucking company employee living in Grosse Pointe Farms was caught last week allegedly trying to bill four new tires to his old employer.

Police suspect the man is responsible for six previous fraudulent purchases that netted him 24 tires from the retailer's outlets in St. Clair Shores, Roseville, Chesterfield Township, Centerline and Sterling Heights. Police said the man may have rented a mini-storage facility in Warren to hide the stolen goods.

On Tuesday, March 8, at 2:30 p.m., the manager of a tire store in the 18700 block of Mack in the Farms became wary when the suspect charged four tires to a trucking company account that had been flagged for possible fraudulent use.

While another store employee stalled the suspect by slowly loading the tires into a white 2000 Ford Explorer four-door, the manager called police.

The man left the scene on

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foot. Police caught him walking nearby on westbound Mack.

Police contacted the president of the trucking company, who reportedly said the Farms man is a former employee who hadn't shown up for three weeks.

Car taken

On Friday, March 12, between approximately 11 and 11:20 p.m., a car was stolen that belonged to an employee of a restaurant in the Village district of the City of Grosse Pointe.

The employee had started the car and left it unattended to warm up before driving home to St. Clair Shores.

Purse taken

On Friday, March 12, between 11:50 and 11:55 p.m., someone stole a St. Clair Shores woman's black leather purse from her car while the vehicle sat running but unoccupied behind a business in the 16900 block of Kercheval in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Tahiti bound

City of Grosse Pointe police said a personalized license plate "Tahiti" was reported taken off a red 2000 Dodge M300 parked on Mack between Cadieux and Loraine during the evening of Thursday, March 11.

Fake \$100 bill

Someone passed a fake \$100 bill at a store on Kercheval in the City of Grosse Pointe on the evening of Monday, March 8.

A store manager said the bill appeared to have been produced on a copy machine.

Dangerous gas

Shortly before 2 a.m. on Tuesday, March 9, high levels of carbon monoxide forced residents of a house in the 17000 block of Waterloo in the City of Grosse Pointe to evacuate to a neighboring dwelling.

Public safety officers confirmed the high readings, adding that tests detected an "explosive gas."

A MichCon repair crew discovered a disabled furnace.

Roof surfing

On Monday, March 8, at about 6 p.m., several people alerted City of Grosse Pointe police to a man riding on the roof of a 1994 Dodge Stealth.

Police are dealing with the driver and suspected rider, whom they found at a house at University and Kercheval.

Once a con ...

In the "no good deed goes unpunished" department, a 37-year-old Detroit man on parole since Jan. 20 is suspected of ripping off a City of Grosse Pointe woman who befriended him during his incarceration.

Police are investigating the man for selling the woman's gold Rolex watch, a three-carat ruby ring, a two-carat diamond ring and several other items, including her three-wheel handicap tricycle.

Other stolen possessions include an antique Hummel clock, statuettes and crystal lamp. An estate buyer acquired some of the items but terminated further transactions upon becoming suspicious.

The woman's brother, a former police officer, said she began corresponding with the suspect as part of a prison pen-pal program suggested by her priest.

When police informed the man's parole officer of their suspicions, the officer was in the process of rescinding the ex-con's liberty for failure to appear at an assigned address.

— Brad Lindberg

Girls fighting

A fight broke out between two 17-year-old female stu-

dents at a Grosse Pointe Woods high school on Monday, March 8.

Both students were engaged in eye poking and hair pulling. One of the students filed an assault and battery complaint with the Woods public safety department claiming the fight broke out after she was verbally accosted and punched in the back of the head three times.

Tipping the till

Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officers are on the lookout for a man in his late teens to early 20s suspected of ripping off a cash register of a restaurant in the 19700 block of Mack.

A security video showed the suspect raiding the restaurant's cash registers after hours the night of Tuesday, March 9. He is believed to have taken \$200 from the registers over a two week period.

Basketball brawl

Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officers broke up a fight that occurred after a basketball game at a local high school on Wednesday, March 10.

A 14-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods boy, a 15-year-old Detroit boy and a 16-year-old Detroit boy said they were fighting over the outcome of a basketball game that just ended shortly before 9:30 p.m.

None of the boys wished to press charges and none of the boys claimed to be injured as a result of the fight.

Get out of jail free — almost

A 38-year-old Madison Heights man and a 46-year-old Detroit man may have missed a charge of being in possession of a stolen vehicle, but the law caught up with them for past misdeeds.

The two were in a black 1985 Ford van that was stopped for having a noisy muffler at Harper and Allard in Grosse Pointe Woods at midnight on Wednesday, March 10. During the traffic stop, it was discovered the van was stolen out of Shelby Township.

The owner of the van was contacted. She did not wish to press charges; she only wanted her vehicle returned.

However, the Madison Heights man, who was driving the van, was arrested for his 26th driver license suspension. The Detroit man was held and then released to Detroit police, who wanted him on three misdemeanor warrants.

Dog bite

A Grosse Pointe Woods woman was bit in the buttock by a chow-shepherd mix dog on Thursday, March 11.

The alleged incident took place near Bournemouth and Raymond around 4 p.m. The victim said the dog ran after her while she was jogging and then growled at her when she fell after being bit.

The dog, which was reported as being aggressive, was taken to be impounded at a local animal clinic.

As officers were interviewing the victim at the scene, the dog's owner came by looking for the animal. The owner was issued citations for having a vicious dog and having an animal at large.

Broken windows

An unknown person broke the driver's side window of a minivan parked in the lot of a school in the 700 block of Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods sometime between 7

and 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 11.

A brick was thrown through the rear window of a 1998 Chevrolet Venture van parked in the 1100 block of Nottingham in Grosse Pointe Park between 7:30 and 8:35 p.m. on Thursday, March 11.

Larcenies from cars

Compact discs were taken from vehicles parked in the 500 block of Pemberton and the 600 block of Barrington in Grosse Pointe Park during the night of Thursday, March 11.

A tool set was also taken from the car that was broken into on Barrington.

Purse lost, returned

A Grosse Pointe Woods woman almost believed her purse was stolen at a store in the 20400 block of Mack on Friday, March 12.

The woman left her purse in a shopping cart while loading groceries into her car at 7 p.m. She returned to the store 15 minutes later and was unable to locate the purse. However, a store security camera photographed a woman carrying the purse in the store. Store employees could not identify the woman.

After the woman with the missing purse returned home, the woman shown on the video camera came by with the purse and all of its contents intact.

The woman in the video camera told police once she discovered the purse belonged to a neighbor, she decided to return it herself instead of leaving it with store security.

Stolen van

A 1992 Chevrolet Astro

van parked in the street in the 1300 block of Somerset in Grosse Pointe Park was stolen during the night of Friday, March 12.

Car theft attempt

Someone tried to steal a 1988 Chevrolet Caprice in the 1300 block of Buckingham in Grosse Pointe Park sometime between Friday, March 12, and Sunday, March 14. Damage to the steering column was reported.

Open door

An employee of an office building in the 21000 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods discovered the rear door of the building was open at 3:28 p.m. on Saturday, March 13.

The employee said she locked the door at 11:30 p.m. the night before.

The door was off balance and there appeared to be pry marks on the door frame. The building's alarm had not been activated.

Nothing was taken from the building.

Car wrecked, driver zonked

A 22-year-old Southfield man was taken to a local hospital after Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officers found him semi-conscious in his heavily damaged 1998 Oldsmobile parked in the 700 block of Canterbury at 7:17 a.m. on Sunday, March 14.

The driver admitted to having "a lot" to drink. However, operating while intoxicated charges are pending a blood test.

An incident report did not indicate if officers were able to locate any cars in the area that may have been damaged in a suspected crash.

— Bonnie Caprara

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES MARCH 8, 2004

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor James C. Farquhar, Jr., Councilmembers Joseph T. Leonard, Charles S. "Terry" Davis III, Louis Theron, Douglas Roby, Therese M. Joseph and Peter W. Waldmeir.

Those Absent Were: None.

Also Present: Messrs. Burgess, City Attorney; Reeside, City Manager; Tepper, Assistant City Manager; Brennan, Director of Public Service; Tolliver, Assistant Director of Public Service; Ferber, Director of Public Safety.

Mayor Farquhar presided at the Meeting.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 9, 2004 were approved as corrected.

The Council, acting as a Zoning Board of Appeals, approved the Minutes of the Public Hearing held January 5, 2004; granted the appeal of Nemar Warr of 45 Pine Court.

The Council adjourned the Public Hearing Requesting Site Plan Review for the Fifth Third Bank, 66 Kercheval Avenue, to Monday, April 5, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.

Following a Public Hearing, the Council adopted the proposed Auxiliary Generator Ordinance, Ordinance No. 371.

The Council approved the following from the Consent Agenda:

- Payment of the Statement of Attorney's Fees from the law firm of Dickinson, Wright.
- The re-appointment of Patricia R. Colett and Andrea K. Sullivan to the Historic District Commission, each to serve a 3-year term; and further, appointed Jane Fox to the remainder of a 3-year term left vacant by resignation of Commissioner McMillan.
- The appointment of Lisa Mower Gandelot, Jackie Scott, Eric Turin and Elaine Yates to the Beautification Commission.

The Council approved a request from Grosse Pointe South High School to host the University of Michigan vs. Michigan State women's lacrosse game on April 7, 2004, requesting a one game extension of the use of lights for the game, subject to all conditions and approvals of the Department of Public Safety.

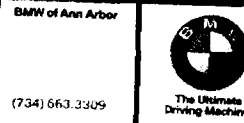
The Council appointed Councilman Joseph T. Leonard as Council Representative and The Honorable Frances L. Schoenberg, as Alternate Representative to the Grosse Pointes/Clinton Refuse Disposal Authority.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2004 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC. ALL PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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The '04 mighty CLK 500 is a premium vehicle

By Steve Schaefer

The arrival of the new CLK coupe for 2004 marked another Mercedes model that received the beauty treatment. While the old CLK was pretty nice, the new 2004 car is nicer, taking after its larger sibling, the CL.

Who could have foreseen

top, however, there are no plain-Jane CLKs. The three available levels are based on engine size and power.

The starting point is the CLK 320, with a proven 3.2-liter V6 engine that puts out 215 horsepower. In the middle is the CLK 500, with a potent 302-horsepower five-liter V8 engine,

cabriolets receive the same electronic five-speed automatic transmission. Like so many other gearsets these days, you can manually shift it if you'd like using the Touch Shift system. All you have to do is push the lever from side to side instead of forward and backward.



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2004 Mercedes-Benz CLK 500

a decade ago the svelte, curvaceous shapes on today's Mercedes-Benz products? Mercedes vehicles used to be conservatively drawn, solid and sober. Someone must have liberated the designers to create these gorgeous cars. Even their advertising flaunts a younger and hipper edge.

As on the big CL, the CLK's nose carries peanut-shaped twin light headlamp covers at each corner surrounding a low, horizontal grille. The Mercedes cars of yore had massive chrome noses, but today aerodynamics rules. A soft, friendly feeling pervades the body and works its way into the interior too.

2004 brings no significant changes to the year-old CLK coupe, but a new CLK cabriolet (convertible) is getting all the attention this year. Regardless of its

which is shared with the high luxury SL 500 and CL 500. At the top of the pack is the mighty CLK 55, which pours out an amazing 362 horsepower from its handbuilt 5.5-liter V8.

My test vehicle, a Brilliant Silver CLK 500, wore standard 17-inch AMG wheels, and an AMG design sculpted front air dam, side skirts, and a rear apron. The CLK 500 also receives bigger brakes and some other goodies.

Putting a big engine into a modestly proportioned car makes for some rocket-like performance. While the CLK 320 can go from zero to 60 in 7.4 seconds, the CLK 500 can do it in just 5.7 seconds. The Environmental Protection Agency touts mileage at 17 city, 22 highway, but I averaged 16.7.

All CLK coupes and

The CLK 500 can go fast, but even if you spend most of your driving time in commute traffic you can enjoy your time behind the wheel. The handsome burl walnut interior trim on the console and doors is restful on the eyes, and is surrounded by a delicate chrome edge that gives it the look of hand-made jewelry. Shiny metal also graces the gauges, air vents, long arching glovebox handle, shifter surround, and the famous logo on the steering wheel.

For comfort's sake, the automatic dual-zone climate control has a dust/charcoal filter to remove the unpleasantness of large trucks and aged vehicles ahead. Its sun sensor optimizes air distribution throughout the interior. The heavily padded doors and

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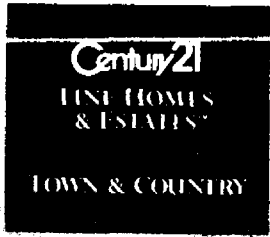
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March 18, 2004

South girls win another state hockey championship

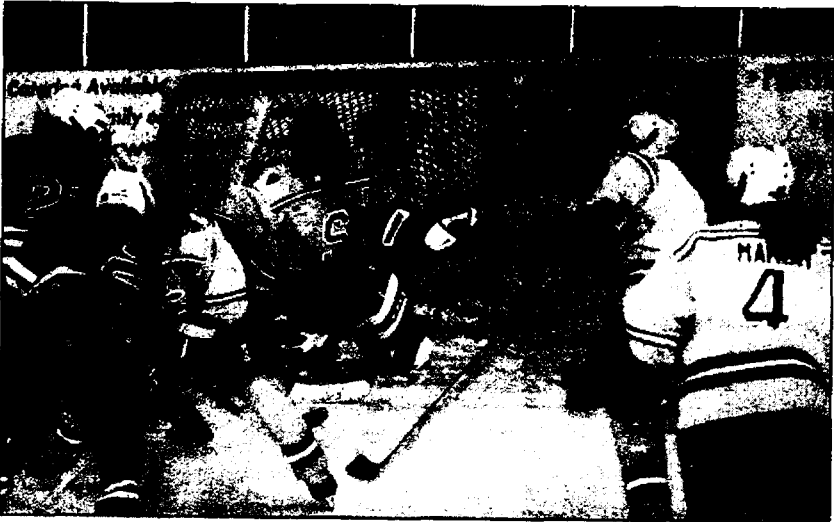


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Grosse Pointe South goalie Lauren Stanek is ready for a Cranbrook Kingswood shot, while teammates, from left, Katie Dosch, Kristin Inger and Amanda Marsh, provide their support.

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Lauren Stanek had a storied career as the goalie for Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team.

However, the happy ending didn't come without some painful chapters.

Stanek turned in a brilliant performance last Saturday night at the Novi Ice Arena to lead the Blue Devils to a 3-1 victory over Cranbrook Kingswood in the championship game of the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

The league tournament is considered the unofficial state championship for girls high school hockey.

Stanek has been part of three state championships in four seasons at South, but this one was special.

"This one is the most

sweet without a doubt," she said. "To go out with all my teammates is just unbelievable."

Although she has had offers to play in college, Stanek's goaltending career ended with Saturday's title game.

"This is my last game," said Stanek, who played the entire season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in her knee. "I'm going to have surgery in the spring."

Stanek injured her knee in the tug-of-war at halftime of the Grosse Pointe North-Grosse Pointe South football game, only days before hockey practice was scheduled to start. South won the tug-of-war, but Stanek's final high school hockey season was in jeopardy.

Doctors told her and her parents that she couldn't do

any further damage to the knee if she played, but she had to endure many sessions of painful rehabilitation to strengthen it enough to play on.

"This makes it all worth it," she said after being named South's most valuable player in the championship game.

A year ago, Stanek also had an outstanding final game against Cranbrook, making 23 saves in a 3-1 South victory. This year she turned away 26 shots by the Cranes.

The only one that got past her was a wrist shot by Tarasai Karega with 16 seconds remaining in the first period.

It came only nine seconds after Stacey Campbell had given South a 2-0 lead with

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North beats three PSL foes to win first district title since 1986

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Now it can be told.

Grosse Pointe North basketball coach Matt Trombley wasn't happy when he saw the pairings for the Class A state district tournament the Norsemen were hosting last week.

The draw had North starting off with Detroit Public School League East Division champion Denby. If the Norsemen got by the Tars, who were ranked No. 1 in the state in the Associated Press Class A poll, they'd have to play Southeastern.

And Finney would be their likely opponent in the championship game.

"I had hoped that a couple of the PSL teams would have had to play each other," Trombley said after North beat all three PSL teams to win its first district championship since 1986. "When I first saw the pairings I was not real happy."

By the end of the week, Trombley was happy.

Not only did the Norsemen beat Denby, but they also won handily against Southeastern (53-43) and Finney (40-25).

"I don't think anybody had a tougher path to a district championship," Trombley said.

Denby, Southeastern and Finney were the top three teams in the PSL East, so now North can claim the unofficial championship of that division along with its

league (Macomb Area Conference White Division) and district titles.

A lot of folks were worried about a North letdown against Southeastern in the district semifinal after its emotional win over Denby, but those concerns were quickly put to rest.

"We talked about that in the locker room before the game," Trombley said. "Every kid on the team had heard from somebody, 'you can't have a letdown.' I told them that if they had a dollar for every time somebody told them that, we'd all be pretty rich."

"They were certainly aware that we couldn't have a letdown, and we went out on the court and did what we had to do."

That was to jump out to an 18-2 lead before the Jungaleers knew what had hit them.

And what made things even better is that everyone on the team contributed to the quick start. David Klein had six of the first 18 points and Marcell Maxwell had four. Henry McCain and Jake Krystoforski each came off the bench to hit three-point baskets.

That was important because Southeastern had seen Michael Bramos dominate the fourth quarter against Denby, and coach Carleton Johnson came out with the defense geared to slow him down.

North led 18-8 after the

first quarter and the Norsemen held a 23-13 half-time advantage. Once North built its 18-2 lead, the Jungaleers never got within 10 points.

Southeastern hurt itself with poor free-throw shooting. The Jungaleers made only seven of 24 attempts from the line.

Bramos finished with 14 points to lead North's balanced scoring attack. He also had a team-high nine rebounds and four blocked shots.

Maxwell and Klein each scored 10 points and Bryan Bennett had six, along with several steals and assists.

Rashawn Marshall led Southeastern with 12 points, well below his season average.

In the championship game against Finney, North struggled on offense with poor shooting and turnovers, but the Norsemen's defense frustrated the Highlanders.

"We were tired but we managed to grind it out," Trombley said. "We didn't have the legs we had in the first two games."

"There were a lot of times where we were just a split-second away from getting a turnover. That's why we didn't have a lot of easy baskets."

North scored the first six points of the game and led 6-3 after the first quarter. Finney tied the game at 6-6 early in the second quarter, but a fast-break layup by Bramos broke the tie and triggered a 10-0 run by the Norsemen that was capped by Bennett's layup with 26 seconds left in the first half.

Finney used an 11-2 spurt in the third quarter to cut North's lead to 20-19 with 1:16 left, but McCain scored on a putback and then hit a three-pointer to send the Norsemen into the fourth quarter with a 25-19 lead.

"Henry played real well in the district," Trombley said. "He gave us a nice spark off the bench. He also has played well defensively, hounding people with those long arms of his. He's going to see more playing time."

After North missed a chance to build on a six-point lead midway through the fourth quarter, Bennett got a steal and fed McCain for a basket. That triggered an 11-2 run by the Norsemen to close out the game.

Another key to North's win was the defensive play of Klein against Finney's leading scorer.

"He did a great job of fronting Deon Ware, and made it hard for them to get the ball inside to him," Trombley said.

Ware, who led Finney in scoring in its victories over Grosse Pointe South and Roseville, managed to score only four points against North.

Bramos led the Norsemen with 13 points and seven rebounds. McCain finished with nine points and Bennett had six.

Bennett, Maxwell and Krystoforski each pulled down five rebounds.

Desmond McDaniel's eight points were high for Finney, which finished the season with a 12-9 record.

North took a 21-2 overall

record into its regional semifinal game against Utica Eisenhower at East Detroit High School.

The regional championship game will be at 7

p.m. Friday at East Detroit, matching the winner of the North-Eisenhower contest against the winner from the Southfield-Lathrup-Warren De La Salle semifinal.



Photo by Lori Wilson

Grosse Pointe North's Michael Bramos goes up to block a shot by a Detroit Finney player.



Photo by Lori Wilson

Regional final action

Grosse Pointe North's volleyball team advanced to the Division I volleyball regional championship game at Grosse Pointe South. The Norsemen beat Detroit Northern in the regional semifinal, then bowed to defending state champion Fraser in the title game.

Tough schedule gets Pioneers prepared

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

ROCHESTER HILLS — Harper Woods' basketball team won its second district title in the past five years last weekend, edging Royal Oak Shrine 65-64 in overtime in a Class C district final played at Lutheran Northwest High School.

"It was brutally tight for four quarters and through overtime," head coach Loren Ristovski said. "I can't describe how wonderful I feel for my players. They have worked so hard to get to this point, and I think playing such a tough non-league schedule got us prepared for what Shrine brought to the table. This was a great high school basketball team, and win or lose, it was a lot of fun."

The Pioneers lost to Shrine in last year's district title game, and they nearly made it two consecutive losses but senior Bruce Mosely canned a three-pointer at the buzzer to send the game to overtime.

"We trailed by 10 points at the half, but our kids battled back," Ristovski said. "Our guards were all over the place, and we received great play from everyone. This wasn't a case of one or two players winning a district title because it took our entire team."

The Pioneers trailed by four points midway through the overtime, but senior Rodney Batts drilled a three-pointer to cut the deficit to one, and junior Justin Popov hit the game-winning shot with six seconds left.

"I told the guys during a timeout in the overtime that they need to have fun because this is something special," Ristovski said. "I was having the time of my life because this has been one great group of players. We have come too far to lose now."

Popov, who was unstoppable, finished with 25 points, followed by Mosely with 13, and junior Jerome Douglas with nine points

and seven steals.

Other standouts were seniors Gilbert Walker and Jesus Melendez, and junior James Slago.

The Pioneers also won a Class C district title in 1999, and won their regional semifinal before falling by a basket in the regional championship game.

"This is new for the kids on the team, but this is the goal we have strived for the entire season," Ristovski said. "I know our guys will be ready to play because they have come too far to play a bad game with this much pressure on the line."

The Pioneers had two easy games in the districts, beating Memphis 66-48 in the first round and host Northwest 72-61 in the semifinals.

"Our kids came ready to play," Ristovski said. "We have lost some tough district-first round games and district championship games the past couple of

seasons, and we didn't want that to happen again."

In the win over Memphis, Popov and Batts had 13 points, while Popov went off for 31 points against Northwest.

Batts canned five triples and finished with 19 points, and Mosely had 12 points to help the Pioneers beat Northwest.

Senior James Crawford, junior Carlos Williams, freshman Xavier Fowler, junior Desmond Meadows, freshman Dexter Jackson, and sophomore Cory Avery earned plenty of court time during the first-round and semifinal games.

The Harper Woods basketball team improved to 20-3 overall. It's only the second time in the past 60 years that a Pioneer boys basketball team has recorded at least 20 wins in a season.

Coming up for the Pioneers is a possible regional championship game on Friday, March 19, at Reese High School.



Photo by Lori Wilson

Defensive standout

David Klein's defensive work against Detroit Finney's top scorer was a key factor in Grosse Pointe North's district championship victory over the Highlanders.

Top effort not quite enough for ULS

By Chuck Klonek
Sports Editor

University Liggett School lost its Class C district basketball opener to Detroit Loyola last week, but it wasn't because of a lack of effort by the Knights.

"I can't complain," said coach Dean Ristovski after the 81-71 defeat in the district at Detroit De Porres. "Those kids left everything out there on the floor."

The heart and determination displayed by the ULS players won the respect of many of the neutral fans from the other schools in the tournament.

It didn't take long for them to start cheering for the Knights, especially for guards Maurice Taylor and Barré Mackie, who were playing their last games for ULS, and center Jon Wright, who was battling under the boards with players several inches taller.

One fan said, "if they just had a big guy in the middle to post up, they'd beat a lot of teams."

Taylor finished with 34 points, while Mackie had 22 and Wright added 13. Loyola had five players in double figures, led by Andre Lowe's 28.

The Knights never completely recovered from a dreadful start. Loyola

jumped out to a 12-0 lead and the Bulldogs were ahead 21-9 after the first quarter.

A pair of three-point baskets by Taylor and one by freshman Carlton Snyder highlighted a 13-2 run by ULS that cut Loyola's lead to 27-26 with about two minutes left in the first half.

Loyola came out of the half with a 32-28 lead. A three-point basket by Mackie to start the second half brought the Knights back within one point, but the Bulldogs answered with a 10-1 run.

ULS never got closer than six points the rest of the second half.

"They hurt us on the boards," Ristovski said. "We just don't have anybody to clean up in the paint when we're playing these taller, athletic teams."

Loyola outrebounded ULS 42-15. The Bulldogs's Evan Jenkins pulled down 13 rebounds, while Lowe had 10 and Duvon Edwards grabbed nine.

Wright led ULS with seven rebounds, and Adam Heaney had five.

Edwards had 15 points for Loyola, while Lonnie Edwards and Keenan Jones each had 13 and Jenkins finished with 10.

Trinity eliminated by Detroit Rogers in Class D district basketball title game

By Michael Shelton
Special Writer

Harper Woods Trinity's boys basketball team was having a season to remember and was in contention for a district title. Then the Lancers ran into a stone wall named Detroit Rogers Academy.

The Rangers knocked off Trinity 93-62 in the Class D district championship on Friday, March 12, at Trinity.

The loss ended a season that saw the Lancers go from four wins the year before to its first-ever Catholic League championship.

After the game, the Lancers walked over to the stands and applauded their fans for their support all season.

"I'm proud of them (Trinity) for the season they had and the things they did. They gave everything. I love them to death," said Trinity head coach Ed Banks, who

finished his first season with a record of 16-5.

"They (Rogers) beat us in every aspect of the game: rebounding, hustling, defense, everything. I take my hat off to Coach Smith."

In the first quarter, the score was closer than the final result.

Antonio Hinton had two three-point play opportunities, and Ron Hildreth electrified the crowd with a one-handed dunk after a steal.

Trinity trailed Rogers 18-13 at the end of the first, but the difference in the game was free throws. The Lancers only hit two of 17 free throws in the first half, while Rogers hit nine of 13.

The Rangers (17-6) then went on a 9-2 run at the start of the second quarter to swing momentum in their favor.

Marques Ewell scored 14 points, and Brain Watkins had three 3-pointers in the second for Rogers, and the Rangers also forced nine

Trinity turnovers in the first half.

As a result, Rogers had a 45-26 halftime lead, and they didn't look back.

Banks admitted his team was prepared but came out a little nervous and didn't execute the game plan.

"Against a team like Rogers, you can't get down a lot because they're too athletic and too good to come back on," Banks said.

"I think it (free throws) would have made a huge difference; it would have been a confidence builder with the score being a lot closer at the half.

Rogers was led by Lorenzo Shine who had 25 points, with 15 coming in the third quarter. Ewell finished with 19, and Watkins had 16.

Quinton Washington had 14 points in his final game in a Trinity uniform. It was also the final game for

seniors Hildreth, who had 11 points, as well as Jamal Gause, Lonnie Pettway, Terry Taylor, and Troy Jones.

Despite their departures and the tough loss to end the season, Banks appeared optimistic about the future of Trinity basketball.

"I got a lot of juniors and sophomores who are ready to step up. All we can do is continue to build and get better, and it starts in the summertime playing summer league," Banks said.

"It's a building process, and it's going to take a couple years, but I like our start."

The Lancers reached the district final with an 84-76 win over Detroit Winston Academy in the semis, and a 62-46 win over Harper Woods Lutheran East in the quarters.

DiGiovanni shines at wrestling finals

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

AUBURN HILLS — Harper Woods senior Adam DiGiovanni (171-pound class) ended his high school career on a high note last weekend, earning a fifth-place medal in the Division IV individual state finals at The Palace.

"He had a great tournament," Harper Woods head coach Adam Schihl said. "He finished his career with more than 150 wins and 100 pins, which isn't bad."

DiGiovanni beat Tom McColl of Bangor in the fifth-place match, and some of his other victories came over Stephen Labuda (3-1 decision) of Manton and over

Seth St. Charles (10-4 decision) of Freeland.

His losses in the state finals went to eventual champ Noah Kuhn of Mio and bronze medalist Dan Haller of Lutheran Westland.

Lutheran East senior Chris Jurczak also competed in the state finals but lost two of his first three matches to be eliminated.

Jurczak (112 pounds) lost an 8-6 decision to Hesperia's Derek Shindelacker in the first round but came back to win his first consolation match, beating Bellevue's Chris Thomas 10-5.

He was eliminated after losing a 6-1 decision to Joe Dempsey of Hesperia.

South earns several league hockey honors

Grosse Pointe South's hockey team, which won the East Division championship in the Michigan Metro High School Hockey League skated away with all of the top postseason awards.

Goalie Mark Grignon shared most valuable player honors in the division with Gabriel Richard forward Ryan Lambrix.

South's Trey Shield was the division's best defenseman, while Bob Bopp was named coach of the year in the East Division.

Grignon and Shield joined teammates Brian Gatliff and Joey Parke on the East Division first team, while Blue Devils Mark Diebel, Brandon Krajniak and Anthony Swancoat made the East Division second team. Shield and Grignon also

made the all-league team, which is comprised of players from all three divisions.

Stefan Harris of South was named to the league's sportsmanship team, and the Blue Devils' announcer-scorekeeper, Tim Griffin, received the Eddie Jeremiah Award, which is awarded to an individual judged to be outstanding in coaching ability, sportsmanship and contributions to the league and/or hockey in general.

Also, former University Liggett School coach Dan Barry was named coach of the year in the Central Division after guiding De La Salle to a co-championship in the division.

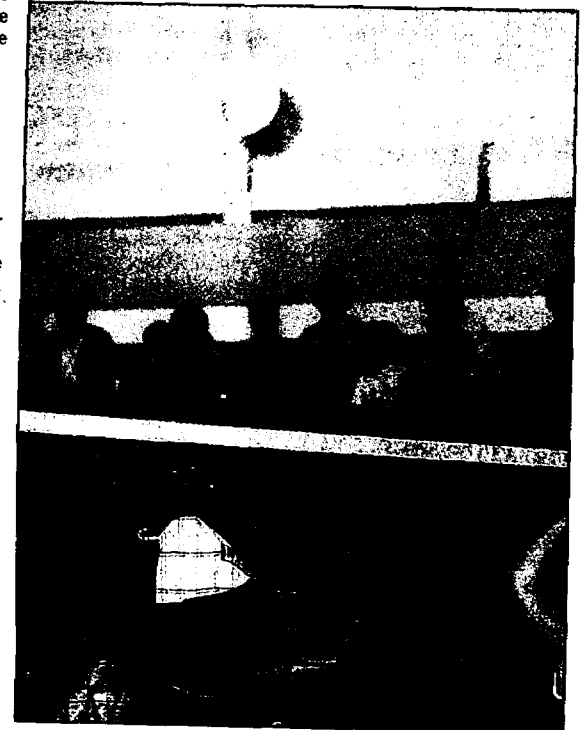


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Senior Onicko Biggs, above, had several kills, but it wasn't enough to prevent Trinity Catholic from losing to Warren Zoc Christian in a Class D regional semifinal match.

Lancers fall short

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

HARPER WOODS — Trinity Catholic's girls volleyball team lost its Class D regional semifinal last weekend, falling 15-13, 14-16, 10-15 to Warren Zoc Christian.

Head coach Elvira Komini had her Lancers ready to play, but they couldn't wrap up the crucial points down the stretch in game two to advance to the finals.

In the championship match, Allen Park Inter-city Baptist beat Zoc Christian 15-3, 15-12, advancing to a state quarterfinal matchup

against Adrian Lenawee Christian.

Seniors Onicko Biggs, Danielle Cooper and Stephanie Sosa played well in their final high school volleyball match.

Komini will now count on returning veterans Anne Wasukanis, Nicole Gailiard, Amelia Guyon, DeAndrea Kimble, Magarie Washington, Angel Cooper, Kyle Moore, Maureen Poirier, Natalie Barnes and Vanessa White to lead the Lancers back to the regionals.

Trinity Catholic finished 16-6 overall.

South baseball camp to be held March 27

Baseball season is just around the corner, so it's

time to sign up for the 13th annual Grosse Pointe South Baseball Instructional Camp.

The camp will be held in the South gym on Saturday, March 27.

The camp, which is open to boys and girls from the third through eighth grades, costs \$45 per player. All proceeds go to the South baseball program.

Instructors are South varsity and junior varsity players and coaches.

The camp will be held in two sessions. One is from 9 a.m. until noon, and the other is from 1 to 4 p.m.

Camp director Dan Griesbaum, the head varsity baseball coach at South, urged campers to sign up early so that they can be assured of the session they prefer.

The registration deadline

is March 25. There will be no registration at the door.

Registration forms are available on the counter in the main office at South, by calling Griesbaum at (313) 884-7834 or by e-mailing him at Dan.griesbaum@gpschools.org.

Forms were also distributed at the local Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball registrations.

Campers will rotate through seven stations that feature instruction in hitting, pitching, infield play, outfield play, baserunning, sliding and catching.

Players are expected to bring their own equipment, and to be dressed in proper baseball attire.

Players should report to the main gym 15 minutes ahead of their scheduled starting time.

Local youth coaches are invited to attend the camp for free to observe or to videotape the drills.

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The Board of Review

will meet

Monday, March 22, 2004

and

Tuesday, March 23, 2004

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

Such meetings will be held at the Municipal Offices, 17147 Maumee.

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South

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an unassisted goal, and it was a goal that Stanek wished she had back.

"It caught me flat-footed, and got over my blocker," Stanek said.

That was the only mistake she made all night.

Stanek robbed Karega, who was Cranbrook's MVP in the game, on a rebound during a power play in the first period, then turned away shots by Julia Kazmers and Ariel Magidson midway through the third period during another Cranes power play.

"She was outstanding," said South coach Bill Fox, who guided his team to its sixth state title in the last seven years.

"She did a great job of covering up the loose pucks." Stanek became a goalie by accident.

"I wasn't a very fast skater when I started playing, but I wanted to be on the team and there was a spot for a goalie. I had never played goal before, but now I love it," she said.

That's the way Fox remembered it, too.

"She wasn't a good enough skater to make the team when she came out, but I told her there was a spot for a third-string goalie," he said. "She said, 'I'll take it.' She has worked extremely hard to get to where she is now."

Stanek had help in shutting down the Cranes, who were the second highest-scoring team in the Michigan Metro High School. Katie Dosch, Emele Williams, Kristin Inger and Michelle O'Donoghue were outstanding on defense.

"Our defense played well," Fox said. "Cranbrook is a great team, and Tarasai is a great player, but we know them pretty well, and we changed our set-up to play against them."

"All three games against them have been low-scoring, 4-3, 3-2 and now 3-1," Fox said.

South's defensive work surprised Cranbrook coach Lance Wissmueller.

"I knew that defensively we'd be OK, but I didn't think they'd hold us to one goal," Wissmueller said. "They did a good job of standing up Tarasai. We had our chances but couldn't capitalize."

"Grosse Pointe South is a great team, and every game that we've played against them lately has been close, so that's something our team can be proud of."

Megan McCaughey opened the scoring at 3:49 of the first period after a bad clearing pass by Cranbrook.

Cranbrook pulled goalie Hillary Schreiber for an extra attacker with 1:43 left in the game. The Cranes applied some heavy pressure, but Stanek and her teammates stood their ground until Inger scored an empty net goal with three seconds remaining.

Last year, Stanek said that South wanted to win for the Blue Devils squad that had lost to Cranbrook in 2002. This year was a different story.

"This one was for us — the seven seniors," she said.

The other seniors who capped their careers with a championship were Amelia Altavina, Inger, McCaughey, Emily Shefferly, Campbell, and Williams.

South to host girls lacrosse clinic on Saturday, April 3

The 2003 state champion Grosse Pointe South girls lacrosse team is offering a preseason clinic on Saturday, April 3.

The clinic, which runs from 1 to 4 p.m., is for girls in grades three through eight.

The clinic will be run by members of the 2004 team under the direction of coaches Debbie Pavle and Katie

White. It will be held in the main gym at South.

Instruction will focus on stick work, small game situations and shooting.

Participants will be grouped by age and ability. No prior experience is necessary.

The cost of the clinic is \$30, which includes a T-shirt.

Call (313) 881-3848 to receive a registration form.



Megan McCaughey, who scored Grosse Pointe South's first goal in the state championship game, backchecks against Cranbrook Kingswood's Tarasai Karega.



Grosse Pointe South's players and coaches celebrate another state championship in girls hockey.

North Stars make hockey history

The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Bantam B North Stars recently made Michigan Amateur Hockey Association history.

The North Stars, who will play in the state tournament in Novi from March 18-21, are the first Grosse Pointe team at any level to go undefeated in the District 3 tournament.

The North Stars beat the Michigan Jaguar Gators 3-0 in the championship game at Great Lakes Sports Center in Fraser.

Earlier in the tournament, the North Stars sent the Gators to the losers bracket when they scored with three seconds remaining.

South grad earns all-league swim honors

Former Grosse Pointe South swimmer John Fodell set a pair of Albion College records on the way to earning a spot on the all-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association swimming team.

Fodell, a sophomore, lowered the school record in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 59.56 in the preliminaries of the MIAA league championship meet.

He finished fourth in the event, posting a time of 59.71 in the finals.

Fodell was second in the 200 breaststroke with a school-record time of 2:09.94. He also finished seventh in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:01.62.

ing in the fifth overtime period.

Grosse Pointe's Joe Durfee-Smith opened the scoring at 7:12 of the first period, assisted by linemates Mike Walsh and R.J. VandenBroeck.

One of the Gators rang a shot off the goalpost with about 6 1/2 minutes left in the period, and that would turn out to be one of their best scoring chances of the game.

A minute later, the North Stars made it 2-0 on a goal by Walsh, assisted by Durfee-Smith and VandenBroeck. The play started with a breakout pass from Peter Fish.

North Stars goalie Andrew Spagnuolo made a fine save on the Gators' Jacob Nagi with four minutes left in the first period.

The second period was scoreless. The North Stars' depth appeared to wear down the Gators. Paul Dosch stopped two rushes by the Gators at the blue line, and Spagnuolo kept the shutout alive with a good save with 6:25 remaining.

North Stars defenseman Mike Steiner came up big in the third period, breaking up two Gators rushes single-handedly, including a 2-on-1. The rest of the defense corps — Fish, Brian Flemion, Scott Stevenson and Jon Ramberger — also provided

some aggressive backchecking.

The Gators pulled their goalie for an extra attacker in the final minute and with 52 seconds left, Spagnuolo got a piece of a shot with his shoulder. It hit the crossbar and tumbled away from the goal.

The North Stars completed the scoring with an empty-net goal by Mark Servais, who was set up by Walsh.

Spagnuolo made 15 saves in recording his eighth shutout of the season. Grosse Pointe had 25 shots on goal.

Blue Dolphins schedule their annual show

The Grosse Pointe South Blue Dolphins synchronized swim team will wrap up its season with its annual swimming show.

Shows will be held on Wednesday, March 24 at 4:30 p.m., on Thursday, March 25 at 4:30 p.m., and Friday, March 26 at 4:30 and 8 p.m.

The Wednesday show is for Brownie and Girl Scout troops in the community and any other student groups that would like to attend.

All shows will be held in the South pool.

Notre Dame wrestler earns bronze medal

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's Matt Borodich earned a bronze medal in last weekend's Division II individual state wrestling finals at The Palace.

Borodich (140-pound class) won a 3-0 decision over Lowell's Kevin Frazier in the medal-winning match.

The Fightin' Irish's Steve Chauvin (145 pounds) and Jared Chauvin (135 pounds) also competed in the state finals but did not earn a medal.

Steve lost his first match, 6-4 in overtime, to Haslett's William Burke, and came back to win his first consolation match 5-4 over Lowell's Jayme DeLiefde.

He was eliminated after losing a 6-1 decision to Lake Odessa Lakewood's Brandon Carpenter.

Jared dropped his first two matches in the double-elimination tournament, falling 10-6 to Carleton Airport's Ryan Cooper in the first round and a 6-2 overtime decision to Battle Creek Lakeview's Jason Mitchell in the consolation first round.

Basketball

The Notre Dame basketball team ended its worst season in a decade last week, losing 63-50 to South Lake in a Class B district semifinal game at St. Clair

Shores Lakeview.

"Our guys were ready for this, and they gave it a solid effort," head coach Don Sicko said. "We're a very young team that faced a very good, experienced South Lake team. They took advantage of our inexperience."

The Fightin' Irish were counting on leading scorer Darryl Clements and leading rebounder Seth Quaranta to lead them to another district championship game.

Clements did his part, scoring 19 points, while Quaranta had 18 points and seven rebounds, but it wasn't enough as the Irish weren't able to defend their district crown.

"We were able to make a second-half run to make it a game," Sicko said. "I feel bad for our seniors because they had to endure our struggles this season, but they helped us lay the foundation of a solid basketball program that will get better."

Freshman Christian Hill had nine points, and sophomore Deron Gordon had two points to round out the Irish's scoring.

"We made some defensive mistakes that South Lake capitalized on," Sicko said. "We couldn't stop their quickness, and that affected the way we played defense."

The Notre Dame basketball team finished its season 6-15 overall.



Notre Dame senior Seth Guaranta, with ball, scores two of his 18 points in the Fightin' Irish's district semifinal loss to South Lake.

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FINAL PROJECT SELECTION 2004

At a Public Hearing held on Monday, January 26, 2004 the following projects were selected to meet federal guidelines and service objectives and were approved for inclusion in the 2004 Community Development Block Grant application:

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The Grosse Pointe Blue Demons eighth grade basketball team qualified for the state AAU championships. In front, from left, are Max Pearson, Frank Ferretti, Pat Gustine, Mark Riashi and James Costa. In back, from left, are coach Jim Saros, Jimmy Saros, Michael Koltun, coach Tim Koltun, P.T. Shirar, coach John Costa, Tim Quinn, Melvin Malone and Cale Mannesto.

Blue Demons fall one-point short

The Grosse Pointe Blue Demons eighth-grade basketball team came within a whisker of winning the Ypsilanti Championship Series last weekend.

East Lansing held on for a 59-58 victory over the Blue Demons in the championship game, which was the fifth game of the day for the Grosse Pointe squad.

"This was a very tough invitational tournament, filled with league champions from all over the state," said Blue Demons coach Jim Saros. "It's a one-game elimination, so if you lose, you go home. If you win, you keep playing."

And that's what the Blue Demons did, despite missing two starters. Mike Koltun had an ankle injury and Peter Stern was out of town.

"The kids really rose to the occasion," Saros said.

In their first game, the Demons met Hartland, which had a dominating 6-foot-5 center.

Grosse Pointe trailed by 12 points in the first half, but a frantic half-court

press, led by Max Pearson, James Costa, Jimmy Saros, Tim Quinn and Cale Mannesto paid off in a 20-0 run by the Blue Demons, who went on to a 59-37 victory.

Saros led all scorers with 19 points. Costa had six points, six rebounds and four steals, while Pearson contributed four points and eight assists. Quinn had eight steals and four points.

The Blue Demons followed that effort with a 61-37 victory over Ann Arbor. Melvin Malone had six points and six rebounds. Mannesto had an outstanding all-around game with eight points, six rebounds and four assists. P.T. Shirar scored eight points and pulled down six rebounds.

In the quarterfinals, the Demons crushed the Taylor Huskies 60-29.

Patrick Gustine had an outstanding floor game for Grosse Pointe, while the trio of Pearson, Saros and Costa made it difficult for Taylor to get the ball past half-court.

Mark Riashi and Frank

Ferretti both played outstanding defense and dished out several assists apiece.

In the semifinals, the Blue Demons met the hometown Ypsilanti Tigers, who had dominated throughout the tournament and had beaten a strong Detroit all-star team, and came away with a 58-54 victory.

Saros led the attack with 17 points and six assists. Quinn, Costa and Mannesto were outstanding defensively. Ypsilanti's fine guards had difficulty handling the defensive pressure of Pearson, Saros and Costa, and committed several turnovers.

The Blue Demons then switched to a 2-3 zone defense with Malone, Shirar, Quinn, Ferretti and Gustine leading the way.

The championship game was a seesaw battle with outstanding performances from Pearson, Quinn, Mannesto and Costa.

"What a great game," said coach John Costa.

"Everyone contributed by playing quality minutes," added coach Saros.

Riashi, Gustine and Ferretti applied excellent defensive pressure throughout the contest.

The Demons trailed 60-57 with 15 seconds left when Saros hit a jumper to cut the East Lansing lead to one point.

Grosse Pointe then fouled on purpose. The East Lansing player missed the free throw. Quinn got the rebound and called timeout with eight seconds to go.

A play was designed to get the ball to Saros, who would take his defender one-on-one. Costa set a perfect screen and Pearson hit Saros with a long pass. Saros beat his man to the lane, then hit Quinn with a pass. Quinn went in for a layup and was knocked to the floor.

"I couldn't believe the ref didn't call a foul, but sometimes that's the way it goes," coach Saros said.

Jimmy Saros finished with 21 points, and Costa and Pearson added 10 apiece. Mannesto and Quinn had fine all-around games. Costa grabbed seven rebounds.

The Blue Demons qualified for the state championships, which will be held in Ann Arbor in two weeks.

"This is great for Grosse Pointe basketball," coach Saros said. "With Grosse Pointe North having such a great season, they're putting Grosse Pointe on the basketball map."

"These eighth graders are showing the rest of the state that basketball has a great future in Grosse Pointe."

Nine of the 11 players will attend Grosse Pointe South and two will go to North.

Eagles fly high in South Lyon

The Grosse Pointe Eagles sixth grade basketball team won its division in the South Lyon Rumble in the Jungle Basketball tournament last weekend.

The Eagles had to win three games in one day, and won them all, finishing up with a 51-37 victory over the Canton Cardinals in the championship game.

In the opener, the Eagles used a stifling defense, strong rebounding and opportunistic ballhawking to slip past Ann Arbor Common Bond, 34-31.

The game seesawed back and forth through the first half until the Eagles' suffocating defense in the first 10 minutes of the second half opened a 10-point lead. Common Bond whittled the margin to three in the closing minutes.

In a 50-38 victory over the Washtenaw Wizards, the Eagles displayed an open-floor game that resulted in several fast-break baskets.

The Wizards stayed in the game with their outside shooting in the first half, but the Eagles' combination of outstanding rebounding and fast-tempo offense broke the game open.

The championship game with Canton featured outstanding shooting by both teams. The Cardinals made seven three-point baskets to keep the game close, but eventually the Eagles pulled away.

Grosse Pointe's inside-outside game was effective and was the difference in the victory. The Eagles outrebounded Canton 33-14 and scored on several putbacks.

In each of the wins, all 10

Eagles players made significant contributions as they snared the ball, played tenacious defense and hit the boards.

Team members are Dean Butts, Carl Collins, Mark Ghafari, Nick Hess, Marc Palazzolo, Brendan Petz, Leif Rodney, Benjamin Rossi, Chris Shirar and Jarvis Wise.

It was the third tournament championship this season for the Eagles, who are coached by Jerome Wise, E.F. Rossi and Mitch Shirar.

They will play in the state tournament during the weekend of March 26-28. The Eagles have posted a 19-8 record against Detroit area sixth and seventh grade teams and against local and outstate AAU squads.



The Grosse Pointe Eagles sixth-grade basketball team won the championship in the South Lyon Rumble in the Jungle basketball tournament. In the front row, from left, are Benjamin Rossi, Brendan Petz, Mark Ghafari, Leif Rodney and Jarvis Wise. In the second row, from left, are Carl Collins, Chris Shirar, Nick Hess, Marc Palazzolo and Dean Butts. In back, from left, are coaches Mitch Shirar, Jerome Wise and E.F. Rossi.

Blue Devils win hockey title

The Grosse Pointe Blue Devils hockey team won the regular season championship in the Little Caesars Junior Varsity Division No. 5.

The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association-affiliated team is made up of Grosse Pointe South students. The Blue Devils finished 12-1-2 during the regular season.

The Blue Devils were also finalists for the second year in a row in the JV division at a Sports Weekend tournament in Cleveland.

Forwards on the team are Alex Alvarez, Jimmy Marshall, Miles Livermore, Ben Osborn, Andrew Osborn, Zac Brooks, Ross Mischnick, Eric Howell, Mike Hirt and Adam Longo.

The defensemen are Evan Wouters, David McCoy, Jeff Remillet, Karl Baumgarten, Max McDonald and Buzz Palazzolo. Eric Alvarez and Blake MacEachern are the goalies.

Howard Hoban is the head coach. His assistants are Keith Owens, Julian Alvarez and Pete Fromm.



The Grosse Pointe Blue Devils won the regular season championship in the Little Caesars Junior Varsity Division No. 5. In front, from left, are Blake MacEachern, Ben Osborn, Miles Livermore, Alex Alvarez, Evan Wouters, David McCoy and Eric Alvarez. In the middle row, from left, are Buzz Palazzolo, Karl Baumgarten, Jeff Remillet, Max McDonald, Mike Hirt, Jimmy Marshall and Eric Howell. In back, from left, are Andrew Osborn, Zac Brooks, manager Priscilla Hirt, coaches Julian Alvarez, Howard Hoban and Keith Owens, and Adam Longo. Not pictured are Ross Mischnick and coach Pete Fromm.

South intramural hockey starts April 4

All boys currently attending Grosse Pointe South High School and eighth graders who will be attending South in the fall are invited to participate in the 10th annual intramural hockey program.

The program is sponsored by the For'Em Club, the boys varsity hockey parents' club, and is intended to give players an opportunity to know more about the Blue

Devils' program. The season consists of six games which will be played on Sunday evenings during April and May at the City Sports Arena. The games will be officiated by certified referees.

It is a no-checking league, and every player who registers will be drafted by team captains. Full hockey equipment is required. Game jerseys are provided.

The registration deadline is Thursday, April 1. All players will be contacted before the first games on Sunday, April 4.

The cost to enter is \$65. Contact Joe Parke at (313) 881-3848 with questions or for a registration form. Forms are also available at South, Pierce and Brownell middle schools and from Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Bantam and Midget league directors.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE OF BID: 2004 PAVEMENT JOINT AND CRACK SEALING IN DISTRICT #2 AEW PROJECT NO. 160-255:

RECEIPT OF BIDS: The City of Grosse Pointe Woods will receive sealed bids until 10:30 a.m. local time on March 30, 2004, at the offices of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The approximate quantities involved in this work are as follows:

Cleaning and Sealing Existing Pavement Joints and Cracks = 100,000 SF, together with related surface preparation, sweeping, and restoration.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS: Plans and specifications are on file and copies may be secured on Monday, March 15, 2004, at 1:00 p.m., at the offices of Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc., 51301 Schoenherr Road, Shelby Township, Michigan 48315. A fee of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) will be required for each set of proposed plans and specifications and will not be refunded. A mailing fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to cover handling and postage will be charged to anyone wishing to receive the plans and specifications via United Parcel Services. Specifications and plans are also on file for viewing at the office of the City Clerk.

BID SECURITY: A certified check, bank draft, or satisfactory bid bond, executed by the bidder and a surety company, payable to the City of Grosse Pointe Woods Treasurer, in an amount at least equal to five percent (5%) of the bid amount, shall be submitted with each bid.

WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS: No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after receipt of bids.

AWARD OF CONTRACT: The City of Grosse Pointe Woods reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities in bidding. The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory performance, maintenance and guarantee, labor, and material bonds and insurance certificates.

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A boost from Walter Cronkite

Walter Cronkite, who is identified in a recent book as the "one true king" of TV anchors, continues to be an interesting and productive retiree at age 87.

It was reassuring to me to learn from an interview with him that he is as confused as I am by what they call "streamers" on TV screens. These are the messages that occasionally run across the bottom of the screen.

"I'm too old to have a compartmentalized brain," he says. "I find that I'll be watching the anchor person and then, suddenly, the streamer will grab my attention and I'll wind up losing the thread of what the person was saying."

He also complained that 24-hour TV channels are forced to continually fill time; so they often wind up devoting too much attention to stories that aren't truly important.

Does he mean Martha Stewart?

We probably know more about Martha Stewart than we do about our best friends, even our relatives.

Some years ago one of my daughters was driving on I-94 early one afternoon; and it was nearly deserted. She admits she was going over the speed limit, but was being passed frequently by most of the other drivers. Suddenly she was pulled over by a cop on a motorcycle.

She protested that the cop should have gone after the others who were going much faster.

"You were the only one I could catch," he explained. The moral, I guess, is that if you're going to do

Senior Scene



By
Ruth
Cain

something you shouldn't, do it big. My daughter got the ticket; the others didn't.

Martha's crime wasn't that big. But she's paying the price, while most of the executives who stole big-time still have not been prosecuted.

There is some good news. The non-profit Families USA, which is strongly opposed to the new Medicare prescription drug law, has recruited Walter Cronkite to appear in and narrate an 11-minute video on the new Medicare law.

"Instead of doing a tax-financed 30-second political ad that uses actors," says Families USA executive director Ron Pollack, "we use one of the most respected journalists in America and provide detailed information on changes in the new law."

The video will be sent to 10,000 senior citizen centers and retirement communities. The group plans to spend \$500,000 on the video as well as on events in two dozen cities.

This is a much needed endeavor. A survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation shows that almost 70 percent of the seniors surveyed did not know that

the new prescription drug benefit for Medicare had been signed into law.

Among those who did know the new drug benefit had become law, 73 percent had an unfavorable impression of it.

Only a minority of those polled said they understand the benefit very well. It's this lack of understanding that leads many researchers to conclude that many older Americans may be vulnerable to political grandstanding.

The Bush administration is spending more than \$12 million on television, radio, newspapers and Internet campaigns in support of the law and an additional \$110 million on a mailing to each of the nation's 40 million older and disabled Americans. You've probably already seen some of the TV ads as I have.

The new law takes up more than 400 pages, but our congressmen and senators will be happy to send you the major details of the new law.

Anytime you want to contact your elected officials, their addresses are listed in your telephone directory. Although e-mail is a quick and easy way to reach them, I understand that they get thousands and thousands of e-mails and can't possibly read them all.

There aren't nearly as many letters sent to them because you have to be seriously concerned to take pen in hand. We should all be doing that more often.

If you'd like to contact Cain, you can reach her at: ruthcain@aol.com.

Allergy season is coming

If April showers bring May flowers, then what does March bring? For many people living in Michigan, the answer is likely to be: "allergy season." March is the time of year when dust and mold combine with the outdoor duo of trees and grasses to the start of sneezing and wheezing.

"Before you figure out how to combat allergies, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan wants to help you learn what an allergy is and who is most susceptible," said Dr. Tom Simmer, the Blues' chief medical officer. "If you find yourself purchasing over-the-counter medicine or making frequent trips to your doctor because of allergy symptoms, you may need to find out which type of allergy you have."

"Knowing this could help you better avoid the source of the allergy, leading to a reduction in symptoms with less medication," he said. "It can also help you prevent pesky allergies, which leads to a healthier lifestyle and could even decrease your medical bills."

An allergy is an abnormal reaction or increased sensitivity to certain substances. Anyone can develop an allergy, but the likelihood increases if one or both parents experience some sort of

allergic condition. Frequent introduction to a substance is required before the body can distinguish it as unfamiliar and produce an allergic reaction.

The best way to identify what is causing an allergic reaction is a case history investigation. It's essential to know when and how the symptoms started, if there is any relationship to the season the reaction occurred in and how physical activity affects the allergic reaction. Smoking, various hobbies and occupation may be used to help determine the cause

of an allergic reaction. A deeper look into the home environment also may lead to clues regarding the cause. Pets, carpeting and the age of the home can all have an effect on one's allergies. In nasal allergies, the case history alone may be enough information for diagnosis.

February snowfalls, followed by March's seasonal changes, may always trigger allergies, but being informed about your specific allergies can help alleviate many of the unpleasant symptoms so you can breathe more easily this spring.

CPR, Tai Chi community education classes offered

Community education classes are offered by St. John Hospital and Medical Center during April at St. John Medical Center in Macomb Township and St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

Tai Chi — beginner/intermediate
Wednesday, April 21, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. for seven weeks
St. John Medical Center-Romeo Plank
46591 Romeo Plank Road, Macomb Township \$80

This class introduces students to Tai Chi movements used to improve health, develop balance, calm the mind and strengthen the body. Research suggests

that Tai Chi may also improve heart and lung function, reduce stress and improve confidence.

For more information or to register, call (313) 647-3320, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Infant and Child CPR
Thursday, April 22, 6 - 9 p.m.
St. John Hospital and Medical Center
22101 Moross Road at Mack, Detroit \$15

This is an American Heart Association participation course. A course participation card will be provided at the end of the class. Preregistration is required by calling (313) 343-4377.

Learn about vitamin supplements

Learn about multivitamin supplements at free seminarA free community education night focusing on multivitamin supplements will be presented from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, April 8, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center (VECC), at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

Dr. Cynthia Browne, radiation oncologist at the VECC with an interest in holistic nutrition practices, will discuss recommendations regarding supplements for individuals undergoing cancer treatment as well as the general population. Browne will also provide tips for sorting through the many multivitamin and supplement products on the market.

The VECC is located

behind St. John Hospital at 19229 Mack and Moross, east of I-94.

To register or for more information, please call (866) 246-4673.

Neurologist to speak

The Eastside Parkinson's Support Group will meet from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, at St. Michael's Church, 20475 Sunningdale.

Dr. Paul Cullis, chief of neurology at St. John Hospital and director of the Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders Clinic at St. John Hospital, will be the speaker.

For more information, call (313) 884-5778.

Hearing loss is topic for April 8 lecture

Quality of life is impacted by the ability to hear since hearing is necessary for normal communication. There are many causes of hearing loss.

For older adults, it can be the aging ear.

Audiologist Jill Wells will discuss the warning signs of hearing loss and the latest treatment options on Thursday, April 8, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the auditorium at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, 22101 Moross. Wells is the manager of the Holley

Ear Institute Department of Audiology at the hospital.

A limited number of free hearing screenings will be provided on-site before and after the lecture, by appointment. Call (313) 343-4436 to schedule a hearing screening.

The screenings will be located near the auditorium.

The program is free, and those who attend will receive a parking pass and refreshments. Advance registration is recommended. To register or for more information, call (888) 751-5465.

The mission of the Holley Ear Institute is to assist the deaf and hard of hearing and provide services and programs aimed at improving their quality of life.

The mission is carried out by both medical professionals and committed volunteers.

This program about hearing is sponsored by CareLink at SJH&MC. Free CareLink membership offers a special link to health services, education and benefits for those age 55 or older.

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Experiment of an eccentric

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

"Take my wife — please."

Henny Youngman milked that line throughout his entire stand-up career.

The joke comes to mind when considering the 1871 unveiling of the painting known as "Whistler's Mother."

As a prelude to explaining the rigid and startlingly cold rendering, James Whistler said, "Take the picture of my mother ..."

More than a century later one can imagine a ridiculing public quip, "please."

"It was a startlingly different way of portraying somebody," said Graham Beal, director of the Detroit Institute of Arts, where "Arrangement in Grey and Black, No 1: Portrait of the Artist's Mother" will be on special display through June 6. "You'd think if it were someone's mother it would be loving and engaging. In fact, it's the opposite. It's a very distancing work done in very cool tones."

Critics jested that the mainly pallid gray and black portrait of a woman seated stiffly in a straight-backed chair depicted the corpse of Whistler's mother. Another writer called it the "experiment of an

eccentric."

Although initially reviled, the closest the painting would get to the gallows was 20 years later when it hung in the Louvre in Paris. Cultural pay dirt. Whistler had arrived.

"This was the ultimate accolade to an American," Beal said. "It put the stamp on Whistler as the great old master American modernist."

The honor made even Whistler — a supreme dandy who once said, "I can't tell you if genius is hereditary because heaven has granted me no offspring" — nearly slip off his pedestal.

"It is like a dream," he said of his painting's new-



Photos by Brad Lindberg

James Whistler's "Arrangement in Grey and Black, No 1: Portrait of the Artist's Mother," above, provides Mary Trybus of Detroit and her 6-month-old daughter, Frances Boyle, a stark perspective on motherhood at the Detroit Institute of Arts' exhibition "American Attitude: Whistler and his Followers" through June 6. The image softens with Albert Herter's "Portrait of Bessie," at right, one of many works in the exhibition that Whistler inspired.

found success.

But victory can be fleeting in the art world, where innovation and invention gobble up the old guard.

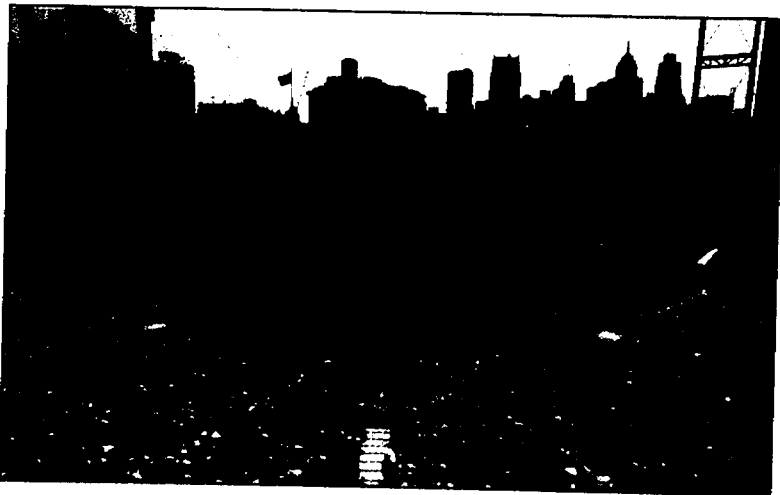
"All significant art has two lives," Beal said. "When it is new and overturning conventions, the general

public has an easy tendency to be outraged by it. Then it has a second life, 10-to-20 years later when more general acceptance comes to the artist. By that time, there's a good chance the

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Dow-Coon

Laura Mary Dow, daughter of Stuart and Therese Dow of Grosse Pointe Farms, married Zachary Aaron Coon, son of Clint and Peggy Coon of Kokomo, Ind., on Aug. 23, 2003, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. James Erickson and the Rev. Daniel Ytterrock officiated at the 3 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Detroit Athletic Club.

The bride wore a white strapless beaded gown that featured an organza overlay on the skirt and a bow at the waist. She carried a bouquet of pink and white roses.

The matron of honor was the bride's sister, Sarah Reimers of Venice Beach, Calif.

Bridesmaids were Carolyn Reese and Rachel Burton, both of Dearborn; Lea McKean of Pasadena, Calif.; Jen Carter of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Sarah Schumaker of Chicago; and the groom's sister, Sarah Ponsler of Peru, Ind.

The flower girls were Kaysie and Bridget Erickson, both of Farmington Hills and Lauren and Ashlyn Bontrager of Waseon, Ohio.

Bridesmaids wore teal-length turquoise dresses and wraps. The flower girls wore white dresses.

The best men were Alex Burton of Dearborn and Nate Miller of Justice, Ill. Groomsmen were Brian Trost of Northville, Sid

Swartzentruber of Elkhart, Ind., Matt Mishler of Noblesville, Ind., Brent Milsphah of Denver, Colo., and Greg Bontrager of Waseon, Ohio.

The ring bearer was Michael Erickson.

The bride's mother wore a cream jacket and a black tiered skirt.

The groom's mother wore a black dress and a pink rose corsage.

Scripture readers were Debi Powell and Blake Maurice. Soloists were Fred and Jen Janke. Prayers were by John Reimers and Debbie Erickson.

The bride is pursuing a Master of Arts degree in religion at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and works as the associate director of student ministries.

The groom earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Tri State University. He is a mechanical engineer.

The newlyweds went on a Caribbean cruise. They live in Walled Lake.

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.

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 in interior design from the University of Central



David M. Laney and
Jessica Toffelmire

Arkansas. She is an interior designer.

Laney attended the Recording Workshop, where he studied recording engineering. He also attended the Recording Institute of

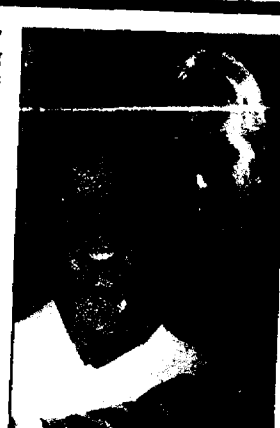
Detroit for advanced study in recording engineering and music production. He is a recording engineer.

Stanski-Jaroszewski

Mr. and Mrs. Jon Stanski of Harper Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Elizabeth Stanski, to James Bradley Jaroszewski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jaroszewski of New Boston.

A May wedding is planned. Stanski is a graduate of Harper Woods High School and will graduate in April from Western Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in secondary education/history.

Jaroszewski is a graduate of New Boston Huron High



Rachel Elizabeth Stanski
and James Bradley
Jaroszewski

School and Western Michigan University. He holds a bachelor's degree in aviation flight science and works as an assistant flight follower for USA Jet Airlines in Belleville.

Babies

Victoria Elaine Combs

T. Neal Combs Jr. and Kathleen Maiale of Grosse Pointe Park are the parents of a daughter, Victoria Elaine Combs, born Feb. 26, 2004. Maternal grandparents are David Maiale of Marine City and Laura Maiale of Grosse Pointe Park. Paternal grandparents are T. Neal and Dorothy Combs of Athens, Texas. Great-grandparents are Kathrine Harrison of Lubbock, Texas, Irene Maiale of Marine City and Robert Potthoff of Tarpon Springs, Fla.

John Stuart Reimers

Sarah and John Reimers are the parents of a son, John Stuart Reimers, born Jan. 13, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Stuart and Therese Dow of Grosse Pointe Farms. Paternal grandparents are Jan and Niels Reimers of Carmel, Calif.

James David Holcomb

Jennifer and David Holcomb of Birmingham are the parents of a son, James David Holcomb, born Feb. 18, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Gary and Carol

Severn of Grosse Pointe Park. Paternal grandparents are Judy and Fred Holcomb of Livonia. Great-grandparents are Ron and Evelyn Reed of Port Huron and Twila Severn of Harbor Beach.

Teaghan Louise Ciesco

David and Krystin Ciesco of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a daughter, Teaghan Louise Ciesco, born Feb. 23, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Phil and Krystal Steffes of Grosse Pointe Farms and John Dohn of Phoenix, Ariz. Paternal grandparents are

Bob and Mary Ciesco of Lady Lake, Fla. Great-grandparents are Marie Dohn of Gainesville, Fla. and Sari Kisbany of Redington Shores, Fla.

Lewis Henry Echlin V

Lew and Dawn Echlin of Royal Oak are the parents of a son, Lewis Henry Echlin V, born March 8, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Mrs. David Murray of Royal Oak and John New of Taylor.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Echlin of Grosse Pointe Farms.



Jessica Lynn Hegemier
and Stephen Doty
Bernhardt

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

Whistler

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artist has become old hat for the artist community itself.

When "Whistler's Mother" was created, some younger artists seized upon it as a brilliant and exciting innovation that outraged artistic sensibilities.

"Twenty years later, everyone had gotten used to it and moved on to other things," Beal said.

American Attitude

Those "other things" constitute Whistler's legacy as presented in the DIA's latest coup, "American Attitude: Whistler and his Followers."

The exhibition's 63 paintings are arrayed in six themed galleries.

Evocative portraits, moody seascapes and works reflecting exotic Oriental influence include 13 Whistler paintings juxtaposed with those by such notables as John Singer Sargent, William Merritt Chase and Frederic Remington.

There's also dark, atmospheric night scenes, called nocturnes, by Whistler and lesser luminaries such as Charles Rollo Peters. Fellow artists dubbed Peters the Prince of Darkness.

"The point of the exhibition is how Whistler influenced numerous American artists in a variety of ways," said James Tottis, DIA acting curator of American Art and exhibition curator.

The headliner, of course, is "Whistler's Mother," an expatriate American icon on par with Grant Woods' "American Gothic."

Whistler's great work is on rare loan from its home museum, the Musee d'Orsay, in Paris.

"The Musee d'Orsay never lends 'Whistler's Mother,'" Beal said. "It is remarkable to have it in this exhibition."

For all the punch "Mother" adds to the show, organizers are quick to champion its array of accompanying works.

"This exhibition is about far more than just 'Whistler's Mother,'" Beal said.

"It gives us a chance to

look at a variety of American artists," Tottis said.

A group of nocturnes is particularly evocative and provoking. Soupy images by Whistler and his followers have an elusive, fleeting quality.

These are not scenes disfigured by Shakespeare's foul and ugly mists of vapors that did seem to smother up beauty from the world.

Rather, modulated sweeps of blue hues and wisps of muted greens reach beyond, say, the fuzzy golden gaslights of Childre Hassam's "Fifth Avenue Nocturne," on loan from the Cleveland Museum of Art.

The technique extends to the cool tonalities and moon shadows of a cowboy and his lady in the wild West of Remington's "Waiting in the Moonlight," from the Frederic Remington Art Museum in New York.

Whistler had a clear but measured influence on fellow American artists.

Examples appear in Albert Herter's "Portrait of Bessie," on loan to the Detroit Institute of Arts from the High Museum of Art in Atlanta.

"Bessie" adopts the static, seated profile of Whistler's more talked about "Mother." Herter also added props from Whistler's "Symphony in White, No. 1: The White Girl," (on loan from the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.) such as a bear rug and Easter lily.

But unlike "Mother's" dark palette and harsh tone, and "White Girl's" uninviting starkness, Herter presented "Bessie" in as thoughtfully demure and contemplative — just the thing for the girl he would marry.

"If you didn't care about 'The White Girl,' Whistler would pat you on the back and say, 'That's exactly it. I want you to be concerned about the painting, she is insignificant,'" Tottis said.

Art for art's sake

Whistler was quick-witted — in response to Oscar Wilde's "I wish I had said that," Whistler said, "You will, Oscar, you will" — but could be suddenly preachy.

In his famous "Ten O'Clock" lecture, delivered the first time during the better part of an hour in 1885 at Prince's Hall, Piccadilly, Whistler crystallized his artistic mandate: "The artist is born to pick and choose elements (of nature) that the result may be beautiful — as the musician gathers his notes and forms his chords until he brings forth from chaos, glorious harmony."

Whistler's paintings have depth, texture, careful composition and a beauty of being. But don't look for sentiment, warmth or personal meaning.

"Most of his portraits are never sentimental," Tottis said. "It goes back to the idea of art for art's sake."

"Art is selfishly occupied with her own perfection only, having no desire to teach; seeking and finding the beautiful in all conditions and in all times," Whistler said in his lecture.

He complained of people who impose meaning into images when the task should be to appreciate works for their own sake.

"(The writer) finds poetry where he would feel it," he lectured. "Meanwhile, the painter's poetry is quite lost to him."

To Whistler, the source of art was simple. "Art happens," he concluded. "All attempts to make it otherwise are due to the eloquence of the ignorant, the zeal of the conceited."

That made for a cold fish of an artist. Look at the painting of his mother. Dark tones, static pose, expressionless. People wondered if she were dead.

"Whistler didn't care about the subject," Tottis said. "When he was asked why he painted such an unflattering portrait of his mother, Whistler said, 'It's just an arrangement in gray and black. She happens to be sitting there.'"

Whistler's 19-year-old mistress, Maud Franklin, hardly fared better.

Although her 76-inch tall portrait, "Arrangement in Black and Brown, the Fur Jacket," from the Wooster Art Museum, offers a potentially coy, over-the-shoulder

pose, the painting's dark, uninviting blacks and browns swing the pendulum back to emotional detachment.

According to the DIA's hand-held audio tour of the exhibition, Whistler described the figure in Franklin's portrait as "an obscure nobody. The painting's title refers only to composition, color and clothing."

The public's hunger for sentimentality aside, Whistler's artistic influence had to do with his mastery of tones and the textured way he formed compositions.

"I hope people will look at 'Whistler's Mother' and see that, although it seems very stark and simple, it is a very complicated and delicate composition with all kinds of different touches of paint," Beal said.

"Then look at other works of art and see how sensitive and delicate many of them are, how skillful and what great painting it is."

Note: Try to find the two cats in "Dora Wheeler" by William Merritt Chase, on loan from the Cleveland Museum of Art.

"American Attitude: Whistler and His Followers" runs through June 6 at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Tickets cost \$12.50 for adults, \$10 for groups of 15 or more and \$6 for youth ages 6-17. To order, call (877) 342-8497.

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on weekends.

The exhibition was organized as After Whistler the Artist and His Influence on American Painting by the High Museum of Art in Atlanta with support from the Henry Luce Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts.

In Detroit, the exhibition is supported by Comerica Charitable Foundation, Kenwal Steel Corp., the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs, and the City of Detroit.

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Send nominations for Detroit's most enterprising women

The Detroit Historical Society has launched a community-wide search as a preview to "Enterprising Women: 250 Years of American Business," a national touring exhibit coming to the Detroit Historical Museum this fall.

The Detroit Historical Society wants to know who are the "movers and shakers" among Detroit metropolitan area women — and it invites the community to submit nominations by Thursday, April 1.

Those individuals selected — both accomplished community leaders and those just beginning to make their mark — will be honored at a luncheon in October in celebration of the national touring exhibit, which will be at the Detroit Historical Museum from October through January.

The local search is being conducted in partnership with Crain's Detroit Business, Women's Economic Club and the National Association of Women Business Owners.

The five nomination categories for Detroit's Enterprising Women are:

- Innovators, Breakers, Crusaders, Community Servants and Entrepreneurs.

The nomination form (with examples of enterprising women) can be found at www.detroithistorical.org. It can also be obtained by calling the society at (313) 833-4727.

All nominees must be from, or currently reside in, Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties.

In each of the five categories, a committee organized by the Detroit Historical Society will select three to five contemporary women and one emerging leader for this special recognition.

The national touring exhibit, "Enterprising Women: 250 Years of American Business," will open at the Detroit Historical Museum in October. This is its only Midwest appearance. It focuses on the contributions women have made to the success of American business.

Two of the more than 40 women profiled have Detroit connections — Mary Chase Perry Stratton, the founder of Pewabic Pottery; and Brownie Wise, who developed the concept for Tupperware parties. The exhibit was organized by the Schlesinger Library of the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University and the National Heritage Museum. The touring exhibit is underwritten by the Ford Motor Company and AT&T.

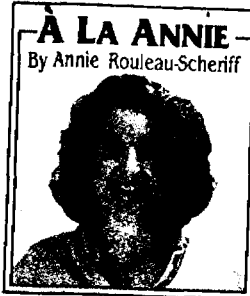
The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward (at the corner of Kirby) in Detroit's Cultural Center, is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for seniors and children 5-18; and free for children 4 and under. Permanent exhibits include the Streets of Old Detroit, Frontiers to Factories, The Motor City and The Glancy Trains.

For more information, call the museum at (313) 833-1805 or check out the Web site at www.detroithistorical.org.

British bubble and squeak gets 'wow' from its sauce

Bubble and squeak is the name for a British leftover dish consisting of mashed potatoes, cooked cabbage and (if you like) cooked beef or corned beef. The cabbage, potatoes and meat are mixed together in a skillet to form what resembles a large potato pancake. It is cooked first on top of the stove, then finished in the oven, as a frittata is.



À LA ANNIE
By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

In a small saucepan, melt the butter over medium heat. Add the onion and cook, stirring (with a whisk) constantly until the onion is soft but not browned, about 3 minutes. Stir in the flour and cook for 1 minute. Add the broth and whisk until smooth.

Add the rest of the ingredients except for the parsley, and bring the mixture to a low boil. Reduce the sauce and simmer, stirring often until the mixture thickens — about 5 minutes.

Remove from heat and stir in the parsley. Since yesterday was St. Patty's Day, you may have some extra potatoes, cabbage or corned beef hanging around the kitchen.

If you don't, do as I did and boil a 16-oz. bag of coleslaw mix (for the cabbage) and try a 20-oz. package of simply mashed (real) potatoes. Simply, a timesaver.

The bubble and squeak itself was super easy to prepare and as for the wow-wow sauce, wow to the taste and wow to the quick preparation of this rich and flavorful sauce that is the perfect complement to this unusual dish made from leftovers.

A wedge of bubble and squeak topped with a fried egg, makes a hearty breakfast choice.

I found two recipes for bubble and squeak, one which included a creation called wow-wow sauce to top the cooked potato pie with.

Bubble and Squeak with Wow-wow Sauce

- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 3 tablespoons bacon fat, lard or a mix of butter and oil
- 2 1/2 cups cooked shredded cabbage (about 1 lb., excess liquid removed)
- 2 cups mashed potatoes
- 1 cup chopped leftover corned beef
- Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Melt the butter and oil in a 10-inch non-stick (oven safe) skillet over medium heat. Add the onion and cook for about 5 minutes. Add the cabbage and cook for another 5 minutes. Stir in the potatoes and cook for a few minutes. Taste and season with salt and pepper. Stir in the meat and continue to cook but stop stirring and allow the potato mixture to form a brown crust on the bottom, about 10 minutes.

Transfer the skillet to a preheated oven and bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 15 minutes. While the bubble and squeak is in the oven, prepare the wow-wow sauce.

After 15 minutes, turn the oven to broiler (leave the skillet in the center of the oven) and brown the top of the bubble and squeak.

Carefully remove skillet from the oven and set aside to cool for 10 minutes or so. Loosen the bottom of the potato from the skillet with a spatula and flip the potato pancake onto a serving platter.

let from the oven and set aside to cool for 10 minutes or so. Loosen the bottom of the potato from the skillet with a spatula and flip the potato pancake onto a serving platter.

Cut the bubble and squeak into wedges and top with just a drizzle or two of the wow-wow sauce.

Wow-wow Sauce

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons minced onion
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 cup beef broth
- 1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon spicy brown mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon prepared horseradish
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley (or 1 tablespoon dried)



League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe recently featured three people from the Children's Home of Detroit as speakers at their "Second Tuesdays" Coffee and Conversation Series.

The different services the Children's Home of Detroit provides were explained, and members of the group had a chance to tour the facilities.

From left, are Michael Horwitz, executive director of the CHD; Sandy Meador, president of board of trustees, CHD; Sarah Walsh, co-chairman of the Second Tuesdays committee, LWVGP; Laurie Arora, co-chairman of the Second Tuesdays Committee LWVGP; Judy Morlan, president, LWVGP; Deborah Liedel, director public relations and community services, CHD.

Do you remember?

In the 1940s, if you were to buy a loaf of bread, where would you go?

Last week's answer: Francois, on Fisher Road across from the main entrance to Grosse Pointe High School (which is now

called Grosse Pointe South High School.)

question about Grosse Pointe's past.

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Equal rights is a concept that's learned early in life

By Debbie Farmer
Special Writer

People are always asking me if I think it's a good idea to have two children, and if so, how close together should they be? I'm not sure why they keep asking me this.

Maybe it's because my children are only two and a half years apart; therefore, I should have some sort of insight about this sort of thing. Perhaps it's because they see what a great job I'm doing and respect my opinion.

Or maybe it's because the bags under my eyes make me look too tired to lie. For whatever the reason, I usually give them a sage-like answer about how children with siblings close in age grow up to be more assertive, successful, articulate and all that — although deep down I really just thought it would be nice for my daughter to have someone else to play checkers with.

However, there was one thing I hadn't counted on. Nowhere in all of those parenting books did it mention that the number one rule of raising multiple children is that everything — everything — must be equal at all times, especially in the early years.

Believe me, they will keep track. This includes things like who sat in the cart the last time we went to the grocery store; whose turn it is to use the purple cup at dinner; and who had .08 teaspoons more chocolate syrup on his or her ice cream.

Not that long ago, when my son was 5 and could

Family Daze

By Debbie Farmer



barely count to 10, he still knew that the previous night he went to bed 3.7 minutes before his sister did. And she always knew exactly how many sips of milk he had in his cup during dinner.

Of course I want both of my children to be happy. So at first I tried to solve the problem by offering vague, Zen-like suggestions. "Relax, Honey. Your brother doesn't have more purple Play-Doh. It really belongs to both of you."

When that didn't work I tried reasoning. "If you let your sister go first now, you can go first next time."

Finally I was reduced to the sarcastic, "We gave your brother one more marshmallow on his sundae because we like him better."

None of these comments seemed to help their inconsistent relationship. One minute, they'd be sitting on the floor playing Candyland, and the next minute they'd be arguing about who is breathing more air.

I began to suspect they kept a running tally sheet underneath their pillows and compared notes each night before going to

sleep.

For a while I tried to prevent arguments by automatically dividing everything in half. But no matter how hard I tried, sooner or later one of my children would break out a ruler and accuse the other one of having more.

It was clear I needed outside help the day my mother-in-law caught me trying to mark the cat off into two equal pieces.

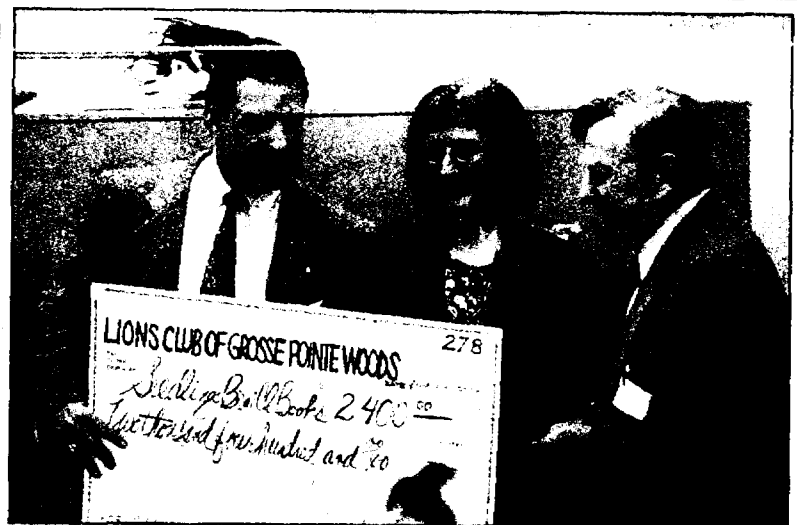
"You know," she said, "a child's concept of wanting everything equal has nothing to do with having more food or getting in the car first. It's just their way of assuring themselves they are loved equally."

Now this is just the type of answer I've come to expect from her. But, I must admit it made sense. So the next time my son accused my daughter of having .03 grams more ice cream in her bowl, I put my arms around him and gave him a hug.

When he hugged me back for a whole five seconds, I felt as if I was on the verge of a parental breakthrough. Maybe even a victory.

Then my daughter announced that she wanted a hug and a kiss. Maybe it's me, but I have a feeling the next 10 years aren't going to be easy.

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 by writing familydaze@oasisnewsfeatures.com.



G.P. Woods Lions Club

Red Arnold, president of the Grosse Pointe Woods Lions Club, at the right, and David Wilhelm, first vice president, at the left, presented a check for \$2,400 to Debra Bonde, founder and director of Seedlings Braille Books for Children at Seedlings' recent annual dinner.

That evening, the Grosse Pointe Woods club was honored with a 2003 Frances Hoetger award for distinguished service and dedication to Seedlings and the blind children they serve.

Hoetger was a volunteer Braille transcriber for Seedlings who passed away in 1999. In 2000 a perpetual award was named in her honor and memory to pay tribute to her years of dedicated service to Seedlings Braille Books for Children.

The Grosse Pointe Woods Lions have been enthusiastic and faithful supporters of Seedlings' mission to bring the gift of Braille literacy to blind children since 1988. In the past 8 years alone, the GPW Lions have donated nearly \$40,000 to Seedlings, which was transformed into Braille books for blind children in the metro Detroit area and beyond.

For more about Seedlings Braille Books for Children, and information on how you can help, visit www.seedlings.org or call (800) 777-8552.

To learn more about the Grosse Pointe Woods Lions Club, call Arnold at (313) 881-7860.

U-M professor to discuss 'Prometheus Unbound'

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library and the University of Michigan Department of English and Literature will present Dr. George Bornstein, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, in the library at Grosse Pointe South High School.

Bornstein will lecture on the poetic drama, "Prometheus Unbound," by Percy Shelley. Bornstein will focus on Romanticism.

"Shelley adapts the Classical past to the needs of his day to fashion a work that is at the same time about personal experience, philosophy and politics," Bornstein said. "The nature of evil and awareness of gender issues are among the

dizzying variety of issues that turn up in the text. This multi-faceted approach helps account for his continuing popularity in both his times and our own."

Bornstein holds the C.A. Pringles Chair in Literature at the University of Michigan. He has written or edited 18 books on 19th and 20th century literature, including most recently, "Material Modernism: The Politics of the Page," published last year by Cambridge University Press. He has also written books about the relation of romantic and modern poetry.

Bornstein holds degrees from Harvard and Princeton



Dr. George Bornstein

universities, has won several fellowships and won awards for both undergraduate and graduate teaching from the University of Michigan.

Bornstein will return to speak at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at the Grosse Pointe South High School library. He will discuss W.B. Yeats' poetry and modernism.

All lectures in this series are free to members of Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library, students and teachers. Friends' annual membership is \$25. Nonmembers are welcome for a fee of \$10 per lecture. Seating is limited; so preregistration is recommended. Call (313) 343-2074, ext. 204.

Meetings

Women's Connection

The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 25, for dinner and a speaker at a private club in Grosse Pointe.

Mary Natschke of the Van Elslander Healing Arts Center will be the speaker. For reservations or more information, call Nancy Neat at (313) 882-1855 or Marcia Piekielek at (313) 884-4201.

Hip, knee pain

Learn about the causes of arthritis hip and knee pain and morning stiffness at a free seminar sponsored by the Hip and Knee Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, April 15, in the Medical Education Building located near the hospital's rear entrance.

To register, call (888) 751-5465.

GP Chamber Music concert

A Grosse Pointe Chamber Music concert will be presented at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 28, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Quartets by Haydn and Rossini will be on the pro-

gram as will sonatas for violin and piano by Tartini and Brahms.

Tickets will be available at the door for \$7; \$3.50 for children ages 6-15. For more information, call (313) 885-4633.

Book signing

Mark Steel, a personal trainer based in St. Clair Shores, has written a book, "Grosse Pointe Pimp." He will be signing copies of his book from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at Borders Books & Music in the Village.

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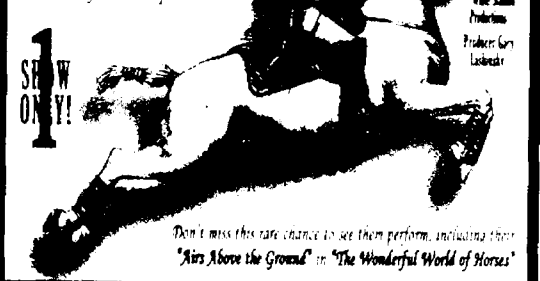
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Benefit aids Foundation for Exceptional Children

Metro Detroiters recently gathered together to eat, drink, dance, have fun and — most important — support the special children of the Foundation For Exceptional Children, a private school that offers educational, recreational, therapeutic and social activities for children with physical and mental impairments.

The party on March 5 was the Foundation's 27th annual fundraiser. More than 630 guests donated a record-setting \$18,000.

Funds will be used for educational and recreational programs and monthly field trips. Proceeds from the fundraiser will also help employ the superior and diverse staff which is responsible for creating a positive learning environment and providing personalized guidance for every child.

The money was raised through a silent auction that featured donations from local businesses. Corporate and individual sponsorship opportunities were also available. In addition, the Grosse Pointe / Harper Woods ARC purchased a gold medal sponsorship for \$1,000 to help underwrite the cost of the event.

"With our student enrollment growing every year, fundraising remains a top priority for our program, and I am extremely happy about the success of this year's event," said Deborah C. Moffat, program director of the Foundation For Exceptional Children.

"I am excited to see the continuing popularity of the annual fundraiser and the increase in participation each year, which ensures the Foundation will be able to provide excellent programs for the children."

For more information about helping the Foundation For Exceptional

Children, call (313) 885-8860 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays or visit www.childrenshomeofdetroit.org.

Established in 1954 to provide life experiences and improve the well-being of children with special needs, the Foundation became a non-profit program of the Children's Home of Detroit in 2000. Celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2004, the Foundation For Exceptional Children is the only state-recognized, non-profit, nonpublic school serving children with severe disabilities in southeast Michigan. It receives no government funding.

The Children's Home of Detroit has provided specialized services for children and their families since 1836. With three residential campuses in Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties, the Children's Home of Detroit is accessible to children from across the state. Specialized residential services provide around-the-clock care so that children may overcome emotional and behavioral problems and return to their local homes and communities.

Ice time: A charitable organization called HockeyHasHeart will hold a fundraising dinner on Friday, March 26, at the Laurel Manor in Livonia. The evening's emcee will be hockey legend and former Red Wing **Gordie Howe**. The gala includes dinner, an open bar, a dessert buffet and music. Doors open at 6 p.m.; dinner is at 7 p.m.

A live auction will offer items such as tickets to view a Red Wings game in **Dom Hasek's** private suite, a travel package to New York City with two nights at the Plaza hotel and a behind-the-scenes Indy 500 package.



Richardfest organizers are: in the back row, from left: Michelle Hartman, Laura Kellett, Betsy Enders, Sally Whims, Lisa Tuner, Lila Hyde, Anne Jackson, Sue Garey, Kim Tripp and Pamela Flom. In the middle row, from left: Diane Dyament, Susie L'Heureux, Jen Hiltzinger, Kelley Vreeken, Jennifer Landin and Kathy Dunaway. In the front, from left: Kasey Malley, Amy Taylor and Monique Turco, Bridgette Murray and Cathie Rogg. Not shown: Debby Addy, Cam Davies, Paula Leto and Jennifer Mitchell.

The silent auction includes more than 200 items, including hockey memorabilia such as a Jersey signed by Hasek, a bobblehead signed by Howe and a framed, signed print by Steve Yzerman. There will also be a theme basket raffle and another raffle for \$10,000, \$5,000 and \$2,500.

The organization assists hockey families in times of need. It helped get a new heart for the father of a 14-year-old hockey player in Farmington Hills; it helped with medical expenses of hockey players who were in

serious accidents; it assisted a family with funeral expenses after the tragic death of a young hockey player. The organization recently sponsored a benefit hockey game between alumni Red Wings and alumni University of Michigan players.

Last year's gala dinner drew 850 people. HockeyHasHeart hopes to attract 1,000 people this year. To get tickets, go to its Web site at www.hockeyhasheart.com, scroll down to the lower left, where you'll find a form to fill out

and fax it back to the committee. Tickets range from \$115 for a single ticket and a single raffle ticket combination; to \$225 for two dinner tickets with two raffle tickets.

Richardfest II:

Richard Elementary School is preparing for the second half of its Richardfest 2004 celebration with a Kids Carnival on Saturday, March 27, at the school.

The festivities will kick off with opening ceremonies in the gym on Friday afternoon. The games will begin

at 10 a.m. Saturday. The school will be transformed into an Olympic arena with games, prizes, an obstacle course, juggler/magician **Mike VanDruska** and the Olympic village cafe.

Many countries will be represented with different Olympic events hosted by each classroom. Come hungry and ready for an Olympic-size good time.

Everyone from the community is welcome and encouraged to attend.

— Margie Reins Smith

Newest generation of knitters is younger than ever

By Patti Theros
Special Writer

Knitters are everywhere. They're on the sidelines at soccer games, socializing in coffeehouses and enrolling in enrichment classes.

They're even knitting in college dorms. This recent knitting craze might be the need to get back to the basics. In a technology-driven world and with the tragedy of 9/11 still in our minds, knitting has made a comeback since it has that "nesting" feeling and is relatively easy to do.

"My mom and grandmother always encouraged me to knit," said 35-year-old Melissa Pozios of Clinton Township, who started knitting after her third child was born. She recently quit her part-time job as a design engineer to be a full-time stay-at-home mom and decided it was time to take her grandmother's advice. She and her sister enrolled in a knitting class a few months ago.

"My husband works long hours and after my children

yarns as possible."

Most of the yarns are from Europe, she said, and the knitting phenomenon is really only occurring in the United States.

One of the reasons for the U.S. knitting craze might be the need to get back to the basics. In a technology-driven world and with the tragedy of 9/11 still in our minds, knitting has made a comeback since it has that "nesting" feeling and is relatively easy to do.

"My mom and grandmother always encouraged me to knit," said 35-year-old Melissa Pozios of Clinton Township, who started knitting after her third child was born. She recently quit her part-time job as a design engineer to be a full-time stay-at-home mom and decided it was time to take her grandmother's advice. She and her sister enrolled in a knitting class a few months ago.

"My husband works long hours and after my children

are in bed, I turn on the TV and start knitting. It's so relaxing and I love the feeling of accomplishment," Pozios said. She has knitted about a half a dozen items, including a poncho that she absolutely loves.

Chris Schulte of Grosse Pointe Farms started knitting when she took a trip to Europe and her aunt showed her some of the basics.

"It's the new yoga. It's a repetitive motion and it's relaxing," said Schulte. She now teaches knitting. Many of her students have formed knitting groups that meet monthly in each other's homes.

Others enroll in more classes, attend knitting retreats, and some just meet at coffeehouses. "It's not about making a sweater or specific item. Knitting is not about necessity. It's about connecting with people and those around you. When you're knitting, you think about the person

you're making the gift for," Schulte said.

Schulte and Candler recently used knitting to organize a fundraiser as a tribute to the daughter of a Wool & The Floss employee who recently died of lymphoma.

"Our customers (at The Wool & The Floss) wanted to do something, so we asked them to knit cotton squares for a beautiful afghan which we will soon raffle off. We had such a wonderful response from our customers who knitted or donated yarn," Candler said.

The handmade afghan is on display at the store. Raffle tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at The Wool & The Floss, 397 Fisher. All of the proceeds from the fundraiser will be donated to the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society in memory of Chrissy Dallas, who died in October. Dallas was a recent graduate of the University of Michigan. She was also a Grosse Pointe North High School graduate.

Schulte volunteers her time for lunchtime enrichment classes at Kerby Elementary School, where third-, fourth- and fifth-graders spend their lunch hours learning how to knit. Other Grosse Pointe elementary schools also offer knitting during lunchtime.

Kerby's 6-week enrichment class started in December but has continued into March since the girls wanted to keep knitting. Some 10-12 girls meet weekly to learn how to knit.

Schulte teaches her students the basics of knitting and then helps them with their various projects.

"Even if a student forgets her needles and yarn one day, she is welcome to join us for lunch. It's also a social thing," Schulte said. "It's fun to know that I can make clothing," said 9-year-old Megan Flanagan.



Kerby Elementary student Mackenzie Ptashnic, 10, is knitting a hat during her lunchtime enrichment class.

She's also working on a baby hat.

Schools such as The Waldorf School use knitting in their first-grade curriculum as a learning tool for math skills, dexterity, design skills and spatial recognition.

Here's what the experts recommend for getting started with knitting:

- Enroll in a class. Many community centers and yarn stores offer classes. Instructors know beginners' common mistakes and can guide a student. A beginner may want to join a knitting group, but wouldn't have the benefit of immediate hands-on instruction.

- Start with a simple project. Scarves are the most popular beginner accessory

to knit. Scarves are simple and not intimidating. Don't start with a cashmere sweater.

- Start with a "chunky" yarn. Stick to yarn that is not furry. Light-colored yarn is easier to start with because you can see your stitches.

- Get a good set of wood needles. There are other varieties of needles but they're recommended for the more experienced knitters.

"It's easy to get hooked on knitting," Candler said. "When you're shopping and see the yarn fiber, you experience a visual feast. Most of our customers are working on a project but are looking forward to starting their next one."



Chris Schulte recently knit two children's sweaters that will be part of a silent auction at the Kerby Elementary School Auction fundraiser on Friday, March 26, at the War Memorial. Schulte's son Patrick and classmate Madeline Roeske are pictured here modeling the sweaters. Also pictured are Schulte, at the left, and kindergarten teacher Pamela Cronovich.

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The Pastor's Corner St. Francis of Assisi was a man of action

By the Rev. Thomas F. Rice
Grosse Pointe Memorial Church
I have been teaching an adult class in our church on spirituality and the history of mysticism. As I was preparing for our last morning in this series, I came across a morning prayer of Francis of Assisi:

"Lord Jesus, I offer you this new day because I believe in you, love you, hope all things in you, and thank you for your blessings. I am sorry for having offended you, and I forgive everyone who has offended me. Lord, look on me and leave in me peace and courage and your humble wisdom that I may serve others with joy, and be pleasing to you all day."

This prayer highlighted for us many of the things we had been learning from Francis — including thankfulness, simplicity, humility, and joy.

Francis was more a man of action than words. He once said "Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words."

One thing I respect so much about him is that he did not separate "orthopraxis" (right practice) from "orthodoxy" (right belief). He broke down barriers that some people in his day were using to say that they believed the "right things," so it didn't matter what they DID, or how they LIVED outside of the worship services.

This season of Lent can be an opportunity for us to focus on study and service, worship and work, and to allow God's spirit to richly infuse both.

As we prepare for Easter, we prepare not only to believe in the resurrection, but to live resurrection lives — to be Easter People.

The Lay Theological Academy, an adult Christian education program of 12 churches in our area, is offering a retreat at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church on Saturday, March 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The focus will be on this very issue: "Finding God in Daily Life."

Call (313) 882-5330 for more information or to make a reservation. Reservations must be made by Sunday, March 21.

In our world we often separate the sacred from the secular. Francis tried to break down those divisions. He prayed: "It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life."

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Pregnancy Aid celebrates 30 years

Pregnancy Aid, a pro-life center located on Mack near Caddieux, is celebrating 30 years of assisting needy pregnant women. Founded in 1974 by three Grosse Pointe women and staffed by volunteers from the area, it has freely and confidentially helped over 20,000 clients with pregnancy tests, maternity clothes, baby clothing and necessities including cribs, car seats, etc., and has given referrals for educational, medical, financial, legal and adoption related needs.

Pregnancy Aid will host a silent auction and dinner on Saturday, April 3, at a private Grosse Pointe club. The event will begin at 6 p.m. The invocation will be given by the Rev. Patrick Halfpenny, pastor of St. Paul Catholic Church.

To be honored: Grosse Pointers Dr. Thomas Forbes, Daniel Goodnow, Betty Nienstedt, Madeleine Scranton and Theresa Tomeo.

A special Joan Couzens Award will be given to a 30-year volunteer, Ann Garska. Mike Cox, Michigan's attorney general, will be the keynote speaker.

Seated, from left, are the Honorable Kirsten Frank Kelly; Julie Hage; and Madeleine Scranton. Standing, from left, are Dolores Blohm and Melissa Motschall.

The public is invited. For information or reservations, log on to pregnancyaid.com or call (313) 882-1000.

Rabbi Wine slates talks

Rabbi Sherwin Wine will offer three lectures during the month of April at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee.

The first talk, "The Passion of the Christ," will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1. The Gospel according to Mel Gibson has aroused much controversy. Is it dangerous? Is it anti-Semitic? Is it a work of great spirituality?

On Thursday, April 8, the topic will be "The Da Vinci Code." This runaway best seller by Dan Brown has intrigued millions of readers with the suggestion that Jesus may have been the lover of Mary Magdalene, the father of her children — and a feminist to boot.

On Thursday, April 29, Wine will tackle "The Jesus Possibilities." In the world of modern scholarship there are so many possibilities for Jesus stories. Which ones are closest to the truth? What evidence do we have to guide us?

Lectures are \$10 each; \$25 for all three. Call (313) 881-0420.

G.P. Woods Presbyterian presents 'Requiem'

The Chancel Choir of Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church will present a program, one of its "Concerts at the Corner," at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the church, 19950 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The Chancel Choir will present 'Requiem' by Gabriel Faure, with Margaret Rees, soprano; Steven Henrickson, baritone; Christa Crix, harp and Barbara Dulmage, organ.

Ticket donations will be taken at the door. For more information, call (313) 886-4301.

Detroit Concert Choir presents concert

The Detroit Concert choir will present "Celtic & Classics" in two concerts: the first was at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at Old St. Mary's in Greektown; and again at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. The 80-voice choir is under the direction of Grosse Pointe Park resident Gordon Nelson.

Irish favorites, such as "Danny Boy," "Wearin' of the Green" and "Rakes of Mallow" are on the program.

Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$12 for seniors and students. Group rates of 10 or more are available with advance purchase. Call (313) 882-0118 or visit www.detroitconcertchoir.org

Grosse Pointers who are members of the award-winning choir include: Donna Abdo, Diana Barone, William Giovan, Stan Harr, Valene Hudson, Judy Jogan, Judy Leonard, Geoffrey Nahan, Jan Stewart, Pat Stewart, Marie Zacy and Jane and Russel Yamazaki.

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Gastroenteritis

By Dr. Tanjeen Chowdhury
Special Writer

When someone has a sudden onset of nausea, vomiting or diarrhea during flu season, it's often attributed to the "stomach flu." But the influenza virus typically causes respiratory symptoms, fever and body aches. Rarely does the flu cause gastrointestinal symptoms.

Most likely, when there is a sudden onset of vomiting or diarrhea the culprit is gastroenteritis.

Gastroenteritis is the inflammation of the lining of the stomach and intestines, which typically causes loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal cramping and sometimes, headache and weakness. Gastroenteritis can be the result of infectious agents like viruses, bacteria or parasites, bacterial toxins or prescription medications.

Symptoms of gastroenteritis are usually short-lived and subside within a few days without medical intervention. It's likely that if someone you've been in close contact with is experiencing vomiting or diarrhea and you come down with the same symptoms, the cause is viral. If two or more individuals who recently have eaten together experience symptoms of gastroenteritis, the cause is probably contaminated food.

Virus is most common cause

In both children and adults, one of the most common causes of gastroenteritis is the Norwalk virus and rotavirus. These viruses occur year-round and are highly contagious. They are most commonly spread from hand to mouth because of improper hand-washing after using the bathroom. Adults tend to have milder symptoms from these infections because they probably have built-up immunity. Some people can be carriers of these viruses without experiencing any symptoms themselves.

Most of the time, gastroenteritis will run its course within 48 hours. Home therapy should include rest, hydration and a bland diet. For the first 24 hours, persons experiencing vomiting and/or diarrhea should avoid all solid foods and take in only water, clear broth or rehydration fluids, which can be purchased or made at home. Carbonated beverages and sports drinks lack the correct ratio of sugar to sodium and should not be given to children younger than 5 years old.

To make a rehydration fluid at home, combine 8 oz. apple juice, 1/2 teaspoon honey or corn syrup and 1/8 teaspoon salt and mix well. In another glass, mix 8 oz. carbonated water and 1/4 teaspoon of baking soda. Drink alternately from the first and second mixtures throughout the day. Even with repeated vomiting, individuals should continue taking small sips of fluids to prevent dehydration.

Very young children, the elderly and persons with chronic illnesses or weakened immune systems need to be watched closely for signs of dehydration. Contact a physician if lethargy, sunken eyes, low urine output or urine that is dark yellow in color are present.

If vomiting or diarrhea persist more than three days, a physician should be contacted to determine the source of the problem. Once acute conditions such as appendicitis have been ruled out, the physician may ask about recently ingested foods or contaminated water, recent travel, or contact with similarly ill persons. Examination of the patient's stool for white blood cells or certain parasites may help pinpoint a diagnosis and a treatment plan.

Once the patient can tolerate fluids without vomiting, bland foods like gelatin, dry toast, plain rice and bananas may gradually be added to the diet. Dairy products and fresh fruits and vegetables should be avoided for a few days.

Tips to avoid traveler's diarrhea

Some vacationers avoid travel to certain countries for fear of contracting traveler's diarrhea. But apprehensive travelers and businesspersons whose work requires travel to underdeveloped countries can prevent infection by following a few simple steps:

- Don't drink local tap water, and even boil the bottled water before drinking.
- If you must drink local water, place iodine tablets in the water one-half hour before drinking.
- Do not use ice in your refreshments.
- Avoid eating food from street vendors.
- Eat only fruits you can peel yourself.
- Swim only in clean, chlorinated pools.

Everyone will experience gastroenteritis from time to time, but simple behaviors like thorough hand-washing, safe food handling and smart travel behavior can help keep you on your feet and symptom-free.

Dr. Chowdhury is an internal medicine physician with Bon Secours Cottage Internists.

For an appointment, call Bon Secours Cottage Physician Referral at (800) 303-7315.

Michigan On the Move is a statewide initiative to fight obesity

As the obesity epidemic continues to grow, a new initiative is launching in Michigan designed to stop the personal average weight gain of one to three pounds a year and to reduce the health risks associated with being overweight.

Michigan On the Move (MOM) is an innovative, grassroots initiative that provides simple tools to increase physical activity and decrease calorie consumption by providing step counters and informational materials to both individuals and groups. MOM also coordinates special events throughout the state. Michigan On the Move encourages participants to "step" toward a healthier lifestyle by walking more and eating less.

Michigan On the Move is an affiliate of America On the Move (AOM), a national initiative that encourages Americans to walk an extra 2,000 steps a day and eat 100 fewer calories a day.

Based on research conducted by Dr. James Hill, AOM founder and director of the Center for Human Nutrition at the University of Colorado, doing so is enough for most Americans to create a balance between energy expenditure and food consumption. AOM affiliates strive to build health-promoting communities that support and engage individual behavior changes.

"Despite the recognized value of physical activity, the majority of adults live relatively sedentary lives," said Dr. Kimberly Dawn Wisdom, Michigan's Surgeon General. "Efforts like Michigan On the Move are absolutely critical as we work together to raise awareness and focus public health efforts on increasing the emphasis to improve our physical health."

At a ceremony in the nation's capital recently, government officials endorsed the program and praised Michigan On the

Move for launching this much-needed initiative in the state.

"I couldn't be more pleased to see Michigan On the Move coming to our state," said Rep. Mike Rogers (R-MI), who was unable to attend the event but strongly supports the new healthy lifestyle initiative.

"Physical fitness is of paramount importance as we work to build strong, healthy, happy families and successful communities," he said. "I am confident this program will motivate individuals across the state to make positive changes."

In the first year, Michigan On the Move will focus on educating residents about the steps they need to take in order to adopt a healthier lifestyle. The program will disseminate these messages through the Michigan On the Move Web site (www.americaonthemove.org/mi).

Michigan On the Move will also spread the word by

partnering with the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports and 200 other health and community organizations statewide.

The Centers for Disease Control states that in 2002, 62.2 percent of Michigan residents were at risk for health problems related to being overweight. This is compared with the national average of 58.9 percent.

What's more, a study conducted by the Michigan Fitness Foundation found physical inactivity among Michigan's 7.6 million adults cost nearly \$8.9 billion in 2002.

These costs are borne largely by employers through health insurance premiums and lost productivity, and by the state through Medicaid payments.

Ultimately, Michigan residents absorb these costs in terms of higher taxes and increased cost of goods.

"Michigan On the Move plays a critical role in the

well-being of our state, as it will dramatically improve the health of all residents," said Marilyn Lieber, president and CEO of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports and the overseer of Michigan On the Move.

"The best part about the program is that it makes it easy for everyday citizens to change their lives. It does not require a gym membership, expensive equipment or a drastic change in diet; it simply requires adding 2,000 steps a day and eliminating 100 calories."

MOM joins several other states encouraging residents to move toward a healthier and more active lifestyle.

AOM plans to announce at least eight more affiliates by August 2004 and have one in every state within the next few years.

For more information and program updates, visit the Michigan On the Move Web site at www.americaonthemove.org/mi.

Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



Brown spots, sometimes known as sun spots, age spots or liver spots, are hyperpigmented areas of skin which appear as brown or gray areas of skin, much like oversize freckles.

Though not related to the liver at all, brown spots are related to sun exposure. More correctly referred to as solar lentigines, they are benign lesions caused by an increased production of melanin, the pigment which colors our skin.

While it is not medically necessary to treat lentigines, there are several options patients may consider if they desire to treat their lesions. Where the hyperpigmentation is light, the most common treatment to use is "bleaching creams".

(Interestingly, bleaching creams actually do not

bleach, rather they are medications that reduce the production of melanin.) Bleaching creams are available over the counter, or your physician may recommend a prescription strength formulation.

When bleaching creams are not appropriate, treatment options include freezing the spots (cryotherapy) or laser treatments. Because there is no medical necessity for the treatment of these lesions, insurance companies may not cover any treatment costs.

To learn more about brown spots and their treatment, contact your dermatologist, or call us at Eastside Dermatology, Dr. Lisa Manz-Dulac and Associates.

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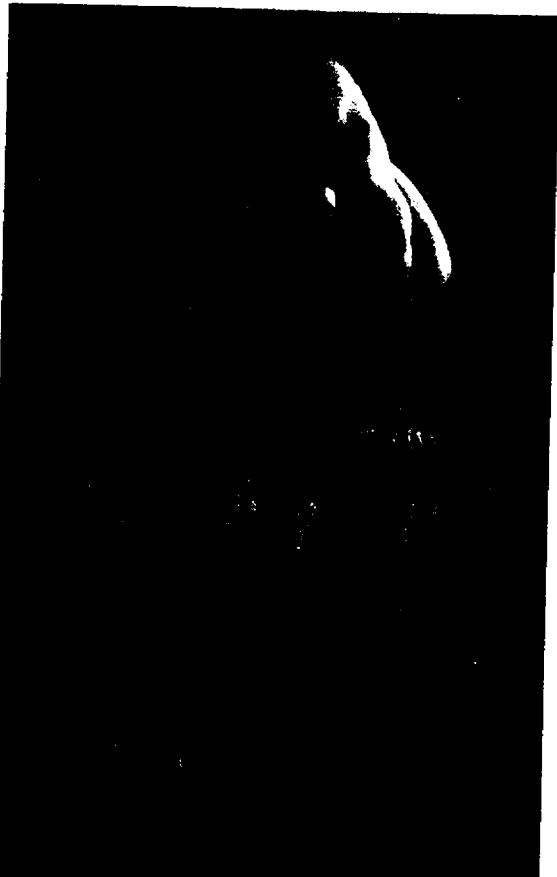
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