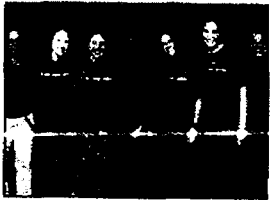


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## 'Arnie' to return to site of 1954 Amateur win

Palmer to celebrate 50th anniversary of his U.S. Amateur title win at the Country Club of Detroit — "the turning point" — with an invitational fundraiser for Cornerstone Schools.

By Chuck Klonke  
 Sports Editor

Arnold Palmer plans to be in Grosse Pointe to celebrate the 50th anniversary of one of his finest golfing achievements.

Palmer, who won the 1954 United States Amateur Championship at the

Country Club of Detroit, will return along with 24 other former U.S. Amateur champions for the Arnold Palmer Turning Point Invitational, which will be held at the Country Club on Aug. 30.

The event will be held a week after this year's U.S. Amateur, and the 2004 win-

ner is also expected to attend.

"We hope that when the winner is interviewed after the tournament, he'll say, 'I'm not going to Disneyland, I'm going to Detroit,'" said Clark Durant, of Grosse Pointe Farms, the co-chairman of the event and the

CEO of the Cornerstone Schools in Detroit, which will benefit from the proceeds of the Turning Point Invitational.

The idea for the Turning Point Invitational was born in Pinehurst, N.C., when Durant was golfing with some friends who were also involved with the Cornerstone Schools.

Durant asked them, "What's the next big event for Cornerstone?" and one

replied, "It's on the back of your cap."

Durant was wearing a cap from the Country Club that commemorated the 1954 U.S. Amateur, and on the back it said "Aug. 28, 1954."

"Bring Palmer back to your club," the friend suggested.

Durant's immediate thought was that it would be impossible, and that Palmer's appearance fee would be astronomical.

However, he felt it was worth a try and enlisted Harold "Red" Poling, who was a mutual friend, to contact Palmer. Poling, who is co-chairman of the event with Durant, set up a meeting with Palmer at his Latrobe, Pa., home.

"It turned out to be a six-hour meeting," Durant recalled. "Mr. Palmer was gracious. He was patient. We

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### WEEK AHEAD

#### Sunday, March 28

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church holds a Friendship Sunday at its 9 and 11:15 a.m. services.

Each family of the congregation is asked to invite three new people to a service.

#### Monday, March 29

Rep. Edward Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, holds an open office hour for constituents in the main floor conference room of the Grosse Pointe Farms City Hall from 9 to 10 a.m.

Brad Van Guilder, PhD, a physicist with the Ecology Center in Ann Arbor, will address a public forum sponsored by Pointes for Peace at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church at 7:30 p.m.. The topic of his presentation is "Depleted Uranium: Radioactive Waste to Enduring Armament."

For more information, or to be added to the Pointes for Peace mailing list, call Carol Bendure at (313) 882-7732 or Mary Read at (313) 822-2702, or e-mail pointesforpeace@yahoo.com.

#### Tuesday, March 30

Services for Older Citizens hosts an afternoon tea for seniors from the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods at the Neighborhood Club from 2 to 3:15 p.m.

For more information or reservations, call the SOC office at (313) 882-9600, ext. 247.

#### Wednesday, March 31

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial will present a Spring Town Meeting at the War Memorial at 7:30 p.m.

The speakers will be members of the newly formed Detroit Wayne County Health Authority: Vernice Davis Anthony, president and chief executive officer for the Greater Detroit Health Council; Cynthia Tauog, vice president for Community Health, St. John Health System; and Robert Davis, director, governor's Southeast Michigan office.

The public is invited. For further information, contact Joan Morris at (313) 871-7875.

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### Wonderful Kerby auction

At 7 p.m. on Friday, March 26, there will be a silent auction at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial for Kerby Elementary School featuring items created by each classroom, activities donated by the staff and items donated from the community.

Community donations include a Red Wings jersey signed by the entire team estimated to be worth \$2,000, which was donated by the Pointe After and the Detroit Red Wings. The Flanagan children, Meghan, John and Chris, stand above with the jersey.

There will be raffles throughout the evening and entertainment will be provided by the Grosse Pointe South Choir, the Grosse Pointe South Jazz Band, the Tom Stoecker Quintet and a D.J.

The price is \$60 for adult couples and \$30 for an adult individual, which includes mixers and hors d'oeuvres. Adults may bring their own beverages. Tickets may be purchased at Kerby School in advance or at the door March 26th.

## Ex-Woods city administrator lands S.C.S. DPW position

By Ann Fourty  
 News Editor and  
 Bonnie Caprara  
 Staff Writer

Former Grosse Pointe Woods City Administrator Ted Bidigare has been appointed interim director of St. Clair Shores Department of Public Works/Water Department.

He replaces Larrie Ordus who had returned to VanBuren Township where he had been public works director before coming to St. Clair Shores a year ago.

Bidigare reported to work on Monday, March 22.

"I've been talking to them and an opportunity came up," Bidigare said. "It's interesting. It's a challenge and I look forward to it."

Mayor Curt Dumas Jr. said he didn't know much about Bidigare or his long term goals, but he said Bidigare does have budget preparation experience.

"We need that department to run very, very smoothly. I hope he's an excellent fill-in," Dumas said.

Stepping into the job, the former

city manager must put together a budget to be presented to city council the week of May 10. The department has a crew of 38 to maintain streets, water and sewer pipes, tree trimming and signage. The crew also includes three who maintain the city's fleet of cars, trucks and vans that work the 11.6 square miles of St. Clair Shores.

Bidigare was abruptly fired at a hastily called Woods City Council special meeting on March 11.

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.

## Water plant plumbed for eastside

By Brad Lindberg  
 Staff Writer

A trickle of interest has become a wave of support for weighing the practicality of a separate water filtration plant to serve the eastside.

Backing from communities on the shores of Lake St. Clair to landlocked Oakland County has opened the floodgates on an idea that would drain customers from the Detroit water department.

Dr. Brian Hunt, a Grosse Pointe Shores trustee, broached the idea of building a regional water plant a few months ago during casual conversation with Curt Dumas, mayor of St. Clair Shores.

"We were talking off the cuff that both of our constituents were concerned about water rates," Hunt said. "We said we have miles of shoreline; we should consider the feasibility of having our own water plant."

"More and more people became interested," said Mark Wollenwebber, St. Clair Shores city manager.

In addition to Grosse Pointe Shores and St. Clair

Shores, a rising tide of other suburbs totaling more than 500,000 residents are on board to explore the concept.

Warren, Center Line, Fraser and the Southeast Oakland County Water Authority (which represents 11 communities) pledged their financial share for a feasibility study that is expected to take a year to finish.

"I'd like to see Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods come on board, but they haven't given us an answer yet," Hunt said.

The group's number of potential water customers swelled last week when a representative of Oakland County attended a meeting where municipal officials issued bid requests to nearly 30 engineering firms interested in conducting the feasibility study.

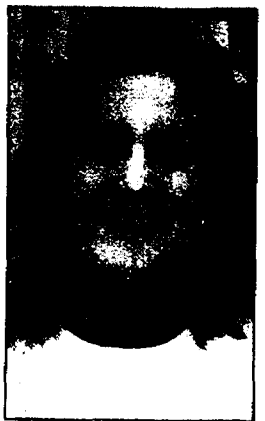
"It was estimated that communities currently looking at this potential option represented 25 percent of Detroit's water customers," said John McCulloch, Oakland County drain com-

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### POINTER OF INTEREST

#### Emily Mitseff

Home: Grosse Pointe Woods  
 Age: 38  
 Family: sons Mark, 9, Scott, 8, and Brian, 6  
 Occupation: professor of English and speech at Wayne County Community College District  
 Quote: "The greatest achievement in life is having wisdom through education and experience because nobody can ever take it away from you."  
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Emily Mitseff

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Domenica Theresa DiSante

### Domenica Theresa DiSante

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Domenica Theresa "Mickey" DiSante, 85, died Wednesday, March 17, 2004. Mrs. DiSante was born on March 27, 1918 in Detroit, to Simon DeMaggio and Angelina Caruso. After graduating from St. Anthony High School in

1936, she worked as a secretary, then became a Navy Wave a few years into World War II. After the war, she met and married Anthony DiSante and they had five children in six years. After 11 years as a stay-at-home mother, she worked part-time at the Detroit Institute of Arts in the Picture Rental Gallery. A few years later she worked full-time at Wayne State University as a secretary in the College of Engineering and then for the University Libraries. While at Wayne State University she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in art history.

Mrs. DiSante was secretary of the Queen of Peace Senior Action Group, a regular player with its Tuesday Pinochle group, and a member of the Lakeside Palette Club. She was a longtime member of the Grosse Pointe Theatre and loved going to TOPS meetings in Mount Clemens.

Mrs. DiSante and her husband Tony were members of the Judelaires choral group for many years and she sang

in the Queen of Peace choir for 30 years.

She enjoyed Scrabble, sewing, traveling, bridge, painting and drawing.

She is survived by her daughters, Donna and Angela; sons, Christopher, Anthony (Stephanie), Peter (Erin Ann); grandchildren, Jacob and Eli Hoerler, Anthony, Eileen and Bridget DiSante; sisters, Rita Vermilion, Theresa Cantlon, Mary Giacinto; and brother, Anthony DeMaggio.

She was predeceased by her husband, Anthony DiSante; brother, Simon "Bud" DiMaggio and sister, Elena Scandone.

A funeral mass was celebrated at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Harper Woods, on March 20.

Interment was Monday, March 22, at Mount Olivet cemetery in Detroit.

Arrangements were provided by Verheyden Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe.

Memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady Queen of Peace, the Capuchins or Grosse Pointe Theatre.



Mildred A. Leverenz

### Mildred A. Leverenz

Mildred A. (Prieb) Leverenz of Grosse Pointe Farms, born March 31, 1915, died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2004.

Mrs. Leverenz and her husband of 57 years, Laurence Leverenz, never had children; though Mrs. Leverenz devoted a lifetime to children.

She began teaching Sunday school at Christ Lutheran Church Iroquois in Indian Village, and taught there for nine years, then joined Bethany Lutheran Church, Detroit, in 1940, and taught Sunday school for another 54 years.

In 1955, Mrs. Leverenz was asked to teach kindergarten at Bethany Lutheran School, where she taught for the next 30 years. She was a dedicated teacher and was given the honor of Teacher of the Year.

She was a faithful member of Bethany Lutheran Church, served as an officer of the Women's Guild, and was chosen Bethany's Woman of the Year in 1986.

She is survived by her nephews Don (Elaine) and James (Carole) Berlinski; James (Patty) and Bill (Catherine) Prieb and Barbara (Rich) Dunsky; and many grandnieces and grandnephews.

She was predeceased by her husband Laurence and nephew the Rev. Gary (the late Karen) Berlinski.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Bethany Lutheran Church, 11475 E. Outer Drive, Detroit, MI 48224.

### Dorothy M. Wendt

Dorothy M. Wendt, 87, died Sunday, March 7, 2004, in Sarasota, Fla.

Born on Feb. 2, 1917, in Antigo, Wis., to Oscar and Helen Baures, she graduated in 1938 from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in Chicago as a registered nurse.

Mrs. Wendt worked as a supervisor of nursing in obstetrics, a high school nurse at Grosse Pointe South (1964-1968) and Grosse Pointe North (1968-1970), and an industrial nurse.

She was a former member



Dorothy M. Wendt

of Forest Lakes Country Club in Sarasota and the Sarasota Woman's Club, a longtime member of Bass Lake Country Club in Wisconsin, where her father was a founding member, and a former member of the Grosse Pointe Faculty Wives.

Mrs. Wendt was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Sarasota and Holy Family Catholic Church in Elcho, Wis.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Edwin Wendt; daughters M. Susan (Robert) Kay and Cathy Wallace (Dennis) Diemel; sister Honey (Lee) Tarter; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

She was predeceased by her brothers, Jack and Bob Baures; and her sister, Betty Nelson.

Burial will be in Wisconsin, and services and will be held in Wisconsin in June.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 18505 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48076 or Hospice of Southwest Florida, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238.

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## New legislation protects consumers, funeral planners

Consumers of prepaid funeral arrangements in Michigan now have stronger protection.

On Tuesday, March 9, the Legislature took its final step in passing legislation which safeguards consumers against scams by unlicensed, under-regulated sellers of funeral and cemetery goods and services.

The Michigan Senate unanimously supported the bills as amended by the House of Representatives. The landmark consumer protection legislation was overwhelmingly supported by both chambers and has been sent to Gov. Jennifer Granholm for her signature.

"This is a victory for the consumer. After suffering years of abuses they will now be protected when making one of the toughest decisions in their lives," said Pat Lynch, president of the Michigan Funeral Directors Association, which was a key member of the coalition.

"This legislation closes a loophole in the law that unscrupulous sellers were using to take advantage of consumers."

Among other safeguards, the legislation requires all sellers of pre-paid funeral goods and services to place 100 percent of a consumer's money in a secure escrow account to ensure they have enough money to pay for goods and services at an advanced date or provide a full refund. The legislation also raises trusting levels

for cemetery goods and services, and ensures the consumer will receive a 100 percent refund.

"The legislature sent a powerful message to sellers who've preyed on the vulnerability of consumers for far too long," said Senator Toy, sponsor of the bills. "It's time to put an end to unethical and unfair business practices. Consumers must be protected, regardless of where they choose to do business."

For two decades, Michigan consumers who chose to make pre-paid funeral arrangements were at risk of financial and emotional damage. Thousands of consumers lost hundreds of thousands of dollars because of the uneven regulations for funeral homes and cemeteries.

"I've been fighting for consumer rights in this area for nearly twenty years. Requiring cemeteries to refund 100 percent of money invested on pre-paid goods and services is a great achievement," stated Rick Gamber, executive director of the Michigan Consumer Federation and chairman of Last Rights. "Now it's up to the governor to stamp her seal of approval on the bills and put them on the books."

Other members of the Last Rights coalition include: the Area Agencies on Aging, the Michigan Health & Hospital Association and the Mt. Elliot Cemetery Association.

## Ficano coming to town

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano will hold a town hall meeting on Wednesday, April 7, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Trombly Elementary School, 820 Beaconsfield in Grosse Pointe Park.

A question and answer session will be held after Ficano's opening lecture. Residents from the five

Grosse Pointe communities and from Harper Woods are invited, as are elected officials from the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. Space is limited to accommodate 250 individuals.

County department heads will also be present. For more information, call Craig Garrett at (313) 224-8390.

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## yesterday's headlines

## 50 years ago this week

■ A 9-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods boy is in critical condition at St. John Hospital with second and third-degree burns from the waist up received when his chemistry set explodes.

The boy was filling a beaker with alcohol when a spill touched the flame of a nearby burner.

■ Men wearing buckskins and outfitted with powder horns and Kentucky rifles meet visitors at the door when the Grosse Pointe War Memorial hosts a gun show. Displays include samples of pistols, rifles and gun accessories from every century since firearms were invented.

Through courtesy of the Detroit Arsenal, the Army displays and demonstrates modern small arms.

In addition, a crack team from the 99th Antiaircraft Gun Battery stationed in the Pointes performs a small arms drill.

■ A revolver stolen in 1950 from the house of a Grosse Pointe Park resident is returned to its owner by police, but not before a series of crimes are committed with it.

A domestic servant from Detroit had stolen the gun and given it to her husband.

## 25 years ago this week

■ Attorney David Robb is selected Mayor of the City of Grosse Pointe by unanimous vote of the council.

Robb will replace John King, who is retiring after nine years in office. Robb has served on the council five years. He led the ticket with the most votes each time he was elected in 1973 and 1977.

■ LSD arrives officially in the Grosse Pointes. Police report sales of the hallucinogen in two separate cases at both of the district's public

high schools.

■ Grosse Pointe Woods voters soundly defeat a ballot question governing the issuance of two tavern licenses. License advocates lose 1,261 to 588.

At the same time, voters give their blessing to an advisory question on cable television by 1,125 to 716.

The question asked whether council members should investigate and possibly authorize a cable TV franchise. The franchise would provide for installation of a cable television network, at no cost to the city, with a voluntary subscription fee to the individual user.

## 10 years ago this week

■ The Grosse Pointe Farms city council postpones until mid May a decision whether to approve a site plan offered by the Drive for Lights Committee to install permanent lights at Grosse Pointe South High School's football field.

At issue is whether the committee has authority from the school board to approach the council.

■ The Grosse Pointe Power Squadron adds spring classes to better prepare area boaters for summer nautical activities.

"We usually offer two courses a year, in January and October," says Richard Sandifer, squadron commander. "But we decided to add a new course closer to the boating season."

■ Shirley Julin, Grosse Pointe War Memorial dog trainer, proves happiness is a well-trained dog by taking first prize at the 78th annual Detroit Kennel Club Dog Show.

Julin's golden retriever, Cory, earns 198.5 points out of a possible 200 in obedience.

Julin titles her class at

the War Memorial "Dog Training can be Fun."

## 5 years ago this week

■ The Pointe Singers of Grosse Pointe South High School are named grand champions of the Showstoppers International Invitational Showchoir Competition in Orlando, Fla.

This is the third consecutive year the group, directed by Ellen Bowen, earns top honors.

■ The Grosse Pointe War Memorial celebrates 50 years as a Pointe institution.

■ Ken Welch is a strong man with a soft heart.

A few months ago, he plucked an abandoned puppy from a vacant field in Detroit.

Now Moe, a scruffy 9-month-old mutt, has a comfortable home in the City of Grosse Pointe and employment as a gym dog at Pointe Fitness and Training. Moe's duties include being friendly and demonstrating the value of sleep.

"Customers come in and see how he's doing before they say 'Hi' to me," Welch says.

—Brad Lindberg

## Water

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missioner. McCulloch represents 61 communities throughout the county.

To handle that level of demand, a filtration plant would have to process 3.7 billion cubic feet of water per year, based on Detroit Water Department consumption figures.

"That's a huge amount of water," Wollenwebber said. "The average per day would be about 80.32 thousand cubic gallons per day. That's a pretty significant amount."

The cost of the plant won't

be determined until engineers know exactly what they're dealing with and submit bids.

"Whenever you look at major initiatives such as this, you're looking at a blank piece of paper," McCulloch said.

The feasibility study is expected to cost about \$150,000. Participating communities will pay for the study in proportion to their populations.

Grosse Pointe Shores is paying \$2,500, according to Mike Kenyon, village manager.

## 50 years ago this week



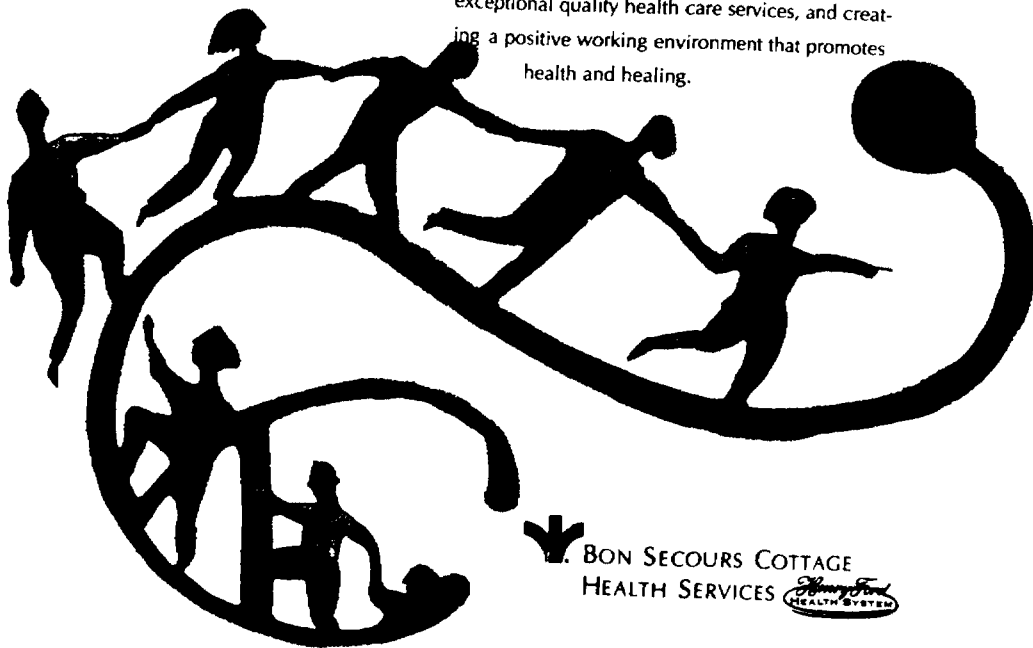
## Junior Red Cross at work to boost blood collection

Windshields and windows of some 300 parked cars were washed by members of the Junior Red Cross here last week. The surprised owners found little stickers on their windshields which read: "Your windows were washed by Junior Red Cross members. We hope you can see your way clear to donate a pint of blood March 19 at the Woods Presbyterian Church." Much credit for the success of the drive is being given to the youngsters. Shown at work are, from left, Sue Mann, chairman of the Junior Red Cross blood committee, Aurelia Verbeke and Joyce Bushong. (Photo by Fred Runnells. From the March 25, 1954 Grosse Pointe News.)

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Bids for the study are due March 31. Shortly thereafter the field of potential consultants will be whittled down to a handful of competitors. The winner could be named in May.

As the water plant gathers steam, undecided communities "have until late April to fish or cut bait. A firm roster of member communities is needed so whoever conducts the feasibility study knows the project's scope."

"Some cities are sitting on the sidelines waiting to see what will happen," Kenyon said. "We're going to have a drop dead date for cities who have not placed themselves on board to support this venture. Cities who have volunteered to pay for the feasibility study will be on board. Those who are not will eventually become customers of the group should they want to."

"We have gotten inquiries from other communities that currently contract with Detroit," McCulloch said. "We're in the process of communicating with those outlying communities to see what their interest is."

Support for a suburban water plant sprang not only from economic concerns, but also desires for redundant filtration capacity during an era when terrorists might target infrastructure vital to public health and safety.

"When water rates go up, I get asked why we don't have our own water treatment plant like Grosse Pointe Farms," Hunt said. "It'd be nice to have the answer. You don't know until you check it out."

"It's an alternative to Detroit, but that's not the main reason," Wollenwebber said. "There are homeland security issues. Alternative water source issues are more significant factors."

Last August's widespread power failure also played a

role. The outage caused water plant interruptions.

"The blackout made it apparent that we need alternative or backup systems in the region," McCulloch said. "People learned quickly that you can live without electricity, but not without water."

"If Oakland County joins a suburban water group, McCulloch doesn't want to disconnect from Detroit."

"We want to backup your system and they backup to ours," he said. "It would just be a question of who is the primary provider. There'd be an intergovernmental agreement, kind of an emergency action plan, where we'd work with Detroit, and they'd work with us. We wouldn't want to get ourselves in a situation like last August."

Kenyon said bids have been requested for a water filtration plant, not waste water treatment.

"Sewer will always go to Detroit because changing the sewer flow would cost major, major, major bucks," he said.

Tentative plans put the filtration plant in St. Clair Shores.

Wollenwebber said the facility doesn't need a lake-side location. It could be built at the foot of Nine Mile near the Chapoton pumping station.

"Or maybe in our industrial park," he said. "The study's going to take a year, but that's no problem. Down the road, you have to think about those things."

The idea of a suburban water plant isn't unique to the eastside suburbs.

McCulloch said he and his counterpart in Genesee County are discussing an alternative water system that would serve communities in north Oakland and Macomb counties, plus Lapeer and Genesee counties.

## City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council will be considering the following proposed ordinances for a second reading at its meeting scheduled for Monday, April 5, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The proposed ordinances are available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The above Council meeting is open to the public. All interested persons are invited to attend.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 62, BY AMENDING SECTION 62-10 MAXIMUM NUMBER OF MESSAGE UNITS, PROHIBITED SIGNS and 62-25 APPROVAL OF PORTABLE SIGNS REQUIRED.

Louise Warnke,  
City Clerk

03/25/2004



## Safety

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1998 Jaguar XJ occupied by a 47-year-old Detroit man.

The Detroit man was reportedly searching the Jaguar's center console.

The Farms man wrestled the suspect to the ground and held him until police arrived. The Detroit man threatened to fill out an assault complaint.

"The car was unlocked, anyway," he reportedly told Farms police.

### Bugs manager

On Thursday, March 18, at 7:48 p.m., the manager of a restaurant in the 18800 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms got fed up of being hassled by a 56-year-old Detroit man and called police.

It was the second time within a half-hour that the man had created a disturbance at the restaurant.

Police said the homeless subject was wanted in Detroit on seven misdemeanor warrants. Police also said his record showed a charge of first degree criminal sexual conduct.

### Steak stealer

A 37-year-old Detroit woman who was caught stealing steaks from a store in the 18800 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms said she had five kids to feed.

She has a record of shoplifting. On Saturday, March 18, at 11:45 a.m., police recovered seven T-bone steaks valued at \$70.

### Brass knuckles

On Tuesday, March 16, at 3:36 p.m., Grosse Pointe Shores police caught three teenagers (two male, one female) who Woods police said had threatened to smash windows of a home in the 900 block of Hawthorne.

Shores police said a 17-year-old male suspect carried brass knuckles in his pocket. The girl, 15, carried a baseball bat.

Shores police turned over the trio to Woods officers for identification and investigation.

### Car hits kid

On Monday, March 15, at 3:02 p.m., Grosse Pointe Shores police responded to a 911 report of a 15-year-old male resident being hit by a car near Vernier and Morningside in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"(A) vehicle driven by an elderly female struck the youth, causing (him) to end up on the windshield and falling off," police were told. "The vehicle (a navy blue

## Borer

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In 2002, the Farms spent \$20,000 injecting trees, according to Terry Brennan, director of public service.

As a third season of injections approach, Brennan expects this year's cost to reach approximately \$24,000.

"Our estimated cost for removing and replacing ash trees in the Farms is around \$685,000," Brennan said.

The outlook for ash trees, however, has become more optimistic.

Scientists at Michigan State University late last year confirmed anecdotal evidence, including the Farms' experience, that insecticides kill emerald ash borers.

In the Farms, where ash trees comprise an estimated 10 percent of the urban forest, only six of 537 city-owned trees show signs of the bug.

Sick trees in Plymouth have been brought back to health.

Brennan understood the urgency for federal funds to pay for removal of dead and dying trees.

"When ash trees die they become very brittle and a public safety hazard," Brennan said.

1991 Chrysler New Yorker) took off down Vernier, ignoring the red light."

The youth reportedly walked away. He was uninjured, his mother told police.

Police traced the suspect vehicle's license plate to an address in Harper Woods. Officers from three jurisdictions helped investigate the incident.

— Brad Lindberg

### Stolen cars

A gray 1991 Plymouth Sundance was taken from a driveway in the 2300 block of Allard in Grosse Pointe Woods sometime between 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 14, and 9 a.m. on Monday, March 15.

A red 1997 Ford Econoline van was taken from a driveway in the 1700 block of Bournemouth in Grosse Pointe Woods sometime between 10 p.m. on Saturday, March 20, and 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 21.

### Used car thief

A man passing himself off as an auto broker got a steal on a 2000 Ford Expedition — literally.

The man asked to test drive the SUV, which had been listed for sale by a person who owns a business in the 15000 block of Charlevoix in Grosse Pointe Park, at about 8:30 a.m. on Monday, March 15.

The man is described as being in his early 50s with gray hair and a heavy build.

### Stolen bike

A Grosse Pointe Woods man's 27-inch Schwinn mountain bike was stolen from a gas station in the 20700 block of Mack in the Woods at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 16.

The bike had been left unlocked as the man went into the store for five minutes.

### Rock barricade

The Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Works was called to remove a landscape boulder that was blocking traffic on Mack near Roslyn on Tuesday, March 16.

The large rock was originally spotted by a Woods public safety officer at 2:13 p.m.

### Larcenies from two autos

Two sunglasses and change were taken from a 1997 Nissan Pathfinder parked in the 800 block of Barrington in Grosse Pointe Park during the night of Tuesday, March 16.

During the night of Friday, March 19, a sub woofer speaker and a Sony compact disc radio were taken from a 2001 Jeep parked in the 1300 block of Devonshire in the Park.

### Smoke scare

An employee of a bank in the 19700 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods reported an odor of smoke in the building at about 1:09 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17.

The odor was coming from a fuse panel. The main circuit breaker was turned off, and an electrician was called.

### Drug bust

Grosse Pointe Park public safety officers detained a Harper Woods juvenile for possession of narcotics on Thursday, March 18.

The incident took place during a traffic stop at Jefferson and Lakepointe at 12:15 p.m. The juvenile was a passenger in the vehicle.

### Tires slashed

A rear tire of a 1994 Ford Tempo parked in the 1000 block of Buckingham in Grosse Pointe Park was slashed sometime between noon and 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 18.

### Failed car B&Es

The driver's side door lock of a 1999 Honda CRV was damaged sometime between 1 and 7 a.m. on Friday, March 19. The vehicle was parked in the 1000 block of Balfour in Grosse Pointe Park.

Also on March 19 in the Park, the ignition was punched on a 2002 Dodge Ram pickup parked in a lot in the 15000 block of Mack. The incident occurred at about noon.

### Car window broken

The driver's side rear window of a black 2002 Pontiac parked in the 900 block of North Oxford in Grosse Pointe Woods was shattered on Saturday, March 20.

The owner of the car believes the vandalism took place in the early morning when he heard a car alarm activated.

### Paint ballers

A resident in the 1900 block of Hollywood in Grosse Pointe Woods reported that her house was being hit with paint balls at 12:51 a.m. on Sunday, March 21.

The resident could not identify any suspects.

### Assault arrest

A Detroit woman was taken in for assault charges after Grosse Pointe Park public safety officers were called to a house in the 800 block of Nottingham on Sunday, March 21, at 9 a.m.

### Party punches

An 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man was punched in the eye at a party at his house in the 400 block of Shoreham in Grosse Pointe Woods on Saturday, March 20.

The unknown guest threw the punch after he and a 16-year-old guest were asked to leave the party at about 1

a.m.

About an hour and a half later, Harper Woods police picked up a 16-year-old City of Grosse Pointe girl, who had been knocking on doors on Bournemouth west of Mack in the Woods trying to find help after being assaulted at a party in the neighborhood.

Woods officers were called to assist the girl, who had been allegedly repeatedly hit in the head and face by an acquaintance. The girl was unable to tell officers the location of the party.

— Bonnie Caprara

## Pointe kids ODing on common drugs

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Parents trying to keep harmful drugs away from their kids may have to search closer to home.

The latest thing in teenage highs is often found in the family medicine cabinet.

"The newest stuff we're seeing this year is teenagers using products that can be purchased over-the-counter at local drug stores," said Mike McCarthy, Grosse Pointe Farms detective.

Coveted products contain dextromethorphan, a cough suppressant.

Kids know it as DXM. Related products contain a similar ingredient called acetaminophen, which relieves pain and reduces fever.

"We had a couple overdoses," McCarthy said. "A high school student was transported by ambulance to a hospital, then rerouted to a different hospital because of the seriousness of the overdose."

Symptoms of abuse

include nausea.

Brand names include Vick's NyQuil, Coricidin HBP Maximum Flu, Wal-Tussin Cough and Cold Medicine.

A local pharmacy employee reported increased shopliftings of Robitussin and Unison, a sleep aid.

The products reportedly can be distilled into a hallucinogen.

By misusing these products, kids risk paying a high price for cheap thrills.

"Acetaminophen in high doses is toxic to the liver," McCarthy said. "Some kids take 60 doses. We've documented two overdoses during school this year. That probably doesn't include the weekend nights we're unaware of at this point."

He added, "Unfortunately, parents who are trying to keep a close eye on their kids don't realize they're looking for the wrong stuff. They're looking for the wrong things: a dime bag and pipe. Parents don't realize what they should be looking for."

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS: ENGINEERED WOOD FIBER:** Sealed bids will be received by the City of Grosse Pointe Woods at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, until 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing the following item: "230 yards engineered wood fiber". Copies of specifications and bid sheets may be obtained from the City Clerk. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the city.

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

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**Fraud foiled**

On Tuesday, March 16, a few minutes after 4:30 p.m., an unknown man tried to fraudulently charge the purchase of \$2,000 in computer equipment at a store in the 17400 block of Mack in the City of Grosse Pointe.

When a store employee scanned the man's credit card, a number to a different credit card was registered.

The man left the store to a waiting vehicle occupied by another man and drove away.

**Child found wandering**

"I'm a single mother. What do you expect me to do?" a City of Grosse Pointe woman reportedly answered a City public safety lieutenant when told to keep a closer eye on her wandering

2-year-old daughter.

On Sunday, March 21, at 7:50 a.m., a former Wayne County judge took the woman's child to Bon Secours Hospital upon finding the girl walking alone in the 300 block of Notre Dame approaching Jefferson.

Police said the girl had no shoes nor jacket, and wore a saturated diaper.

"(The) child was very cold and warmed by hospital staff" who also put on a fresh diaper, police said.

The girl remained unidentified at 8:06 a.m., when a public safety dispatcher traced a 911 hangup call to a house in the 300 block of Notre Dame.

Two minutes later, a non-emergency call from the same address turned out to be the mother reporting the missing girl.

"When asked why she hung up on the 911 line,

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(she) said she didn't think it was an emergency," police said.

The lieutenant met the woman at the hospital.

"She appeared very unconcerned about the situation," the officer said. "(She was) smiling, laughing and joking with hospital staff, and at no time asked about the condition of her daughter."

He said the mother became "upset" when told he was reporting child neglect.

"The only concern she voiced was that she was afraid this complaint would ruin her chance for another adoption," said the officer.

The woman said she was taking a shower when the girl left the house. The officer told the woman to do a

better job securing her house to prevent another incident.

"The safety and well-being of her child is her responsibility," said the officer, a parent himself.

**I.D. theft**

On Monday, March 15, a City of Grosse Pointe man reported that someone opened a credit card account in his name and charged a \$1,626 purchase from a television shopping network.

**White powder**

Grosse Pointe Farms police are investigating a white powdery substance contained in an envelope which a suspicious man dropped off Sunday morn-

ing, March 21, at a church in the first block of Lakeshore.

A female parishioner said the man entered the church at 10 a.m. and placed the unsealed, unmarked and unstamped envelope in a stack of outgoing mail.

"This is for the mail," he reportedly told the woman. He left the church quickly. The envelop contained two small packages of a suspicious material.

Detectives are forwarding the envelop to a laboratory for analysis.

A patrolman found the man on a bicycle a short distance from the church.

The 55-year-old Detroit resident was wanted on 11 traffic warrants in Detroit totaling \$850. Farms police released the man to Detroit authorities.

**Sloppy smoker**

A smoldering fire burned

itself out on Tuesday, March 16, in a steel trash receptacle on the second floor of the industrial arts annex of Grosse Pointe South High School.

Police said someone discarded a cigarette into the receptacle sometime between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

**Dodge taken**

A green and gray 1994 Dodge Intrepid was stolen from a parking lot in the 18700 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms on Monday, March 10, between 10 a.m. and 2:55 p.m. The vehicle belonged to a woman from Madison Heights.

**Babysitter****drops the ball**

A 15-year-old girl's belated birthday party got out of hand in Grosse Pointe Farms when her 24-year-old babysitter left the premises unsupervised.

On Saturday, March 28, at 11:28 p.m., police who responded to the incident in the 200 block of Moross detected a "strong odor of marijuana" and found open intoxicants in the kitchen. Numerous juveniles had fled the scene upon the officer's arrival.

The babysitter, also of the Farms, said she'd left the house for "a short time" and returned to find the place filled with juveniles. Unable to manage the scene, she called three adult friends who arrived as reinforcements.

Police didn't find marijuana. The birthday girl registered a .05 percent blood alcohol level.

**Joe six pack**

On Saturday, March 20, at 2:13 a.m., a 24-year-old Detroit man admitted to Grosse Pointe Farms police that he'd drunk a "six pack" before driving without a license.

An officer saw the man's maroon and gray 1990 Cadillac Deville enter westbound on Mack from East Warren, then backup on Mack to East Warren.

Police arrested the man for drunken driving. His blood alcohol measured .137 percent.

**Alert off-duty Farms PSO**

A Grosse Pointe Farms police officer who was on his way to work on Friday, March 19, shortly before 10 p.m., spotted a suspected drunken driver swerving his gray Ford Taurus on southbound Moross approaching Chalfonte.

The driver nearly hit two parked cars on Moross and, turning right onto Kercheval, almost hit a third car parked near Cloverly.

A traffic stop near Muir revealed the man to be a 58-year-old Fraser resident. His blood alcohol level measured .19 percent. The officer found a cup containing alcohol in the vehicle's center console.

**Man robbed**

An 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man was punched and robbed on Friday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m., upon leaving a store in the 18600 block of Mack.

"As (he) was unlocking his vehicle (in a parking lot), a (man) approached from behind and asked for all his money," police said.

The robber punched the Farms resident in the face and stomach and stole \$15 and a pair of \$150 Oakley sunglasses.

The criminal was last seen running north toward Mack.

**Accused thief says he's victim**

On Wednesday, March 17, at 1:02 a.m., a 46-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man exited a store in the 18400 block of Mack to find his

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## Navy reservist named 'Sailor of the Year'

By Jennie Miller  
Staff Writer

A lifetime of people telling her "no" didn't stop Lucy Quinn from following her dream: to become a part of the U.S. Navy.

"I had always wanted to go into the Navy when I was younger, and people always talked me out of it," she said.

Born and raised in Grosse Pointe, Quinn graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1976. Back then, the military was different and not a viable opportunity for her, Quinn said.

"When I was young, the military wasn't an option for women," she explained. "It's a great place for women now."

She proved just how successful a woman can become within the Navy Reserves by being named Sailor of the Year by both her unit and the entire reserve center.

Back in 1993, Quinn ignored the protests of family and friends and enlisted in the Navy Reserves.

"I was always intrigued by the Navy," she explained of her desire to join. "They seem to have it all: the ships, the subs, the planes — everything. Then there's the patriotic aspect of it all, and I've always been a history buff. It was just something I

really wanted to do."

Quinn had already earned her bachelor's degree in journalism from Oakland University. She had been dabbling in the field for a few years, balancing work with her favorite hobby: Tae Kwon Do. As a third degree black belt, Quinn has been an instructor for many years at Kim's Tae Kwon Do in Troy, and recently won the U.S. Open's gold medal for her age group.

Quinn applied these skills to her new career within the Navy. She began her work as a data processing technician and later moved into a security position.

The Navy's requirement was for Quinn to dedicate one weekend a month at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, and two weeks of active duty a year.

She dove into these responsibilities, with a mission to work her way up the ladder, using her expertise and personal strengths to guide her along the way. Quinn's hard work and dedication paid off, and she was promoted to petty officer second class after a few years.

"In 1999, I was selected for a big award: the senior enlisted person for the entire base," she said, proud of her first major accolade. "It was such an honor to be selected for this award."

During the ceremony, a new opportunity within the Navy presented itself. She was able to use her journalism background in a more direct way and moved to a position in the Naval Information Bureau Detachment 813, a position she has maintained for many years.

"We are basically the public relations arm of the Navy," Quinn explained. "We help get the message out about what they're doing and why their doing it. We highlight the successes, and explain if anything goes wrong."

In 2001, something did go wrong. Terrorists attacked the United States on Sept. 11, and Quinn was called to active duty.

"That's all a part of being in the reserves," she said. "You're always on call. The Navy can call you and activate you at any time."

Quinn was proud to serve her country, although she admits it was hard to leave her family.

"The day my activation started was my 18th wedding anniversary," Quinn said of her husband, John Klink, who has been her rock through this entire experience. When she met Klink, he had just finished his own term in the Navy.

"I owe my success in the Navy Reserves to my hus-

band," Quinn said. "I couldn't have done this without his support."

Quinn's brother and three sisters were supportive in her effort to protect the citizens of this country.

"They were all so proud of me," she said. "After 9/11, I think a lot of people wished they could have done something to help."

Quinn was sent to the Naval Station Great Lakes in Illinois.

"They were determined to be a significant target and therefore added security," she said. "For the first two months, every installation was on an elevated security level. We stood guard at the gates, 12 hours on, 12 hours off. I was a supervisor in the physical security department."

After the year of active duty, Quinn returned to her family and has continued her work as a freelance writer and dedicating her time to the Navy. Her next feat is to undergo an intensive eight-week course in photojournalism.

"This will give me another reason to be more employable," Quinn explained of her drive to succeed. "I'll have a better choice of jobs in the future."

She can't fathom ending her career in the reserves any time soon, because she feels the experience has



1976 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate Lucy Quinn found her calling in the U.S. Navy.

been such a blessing in her life.

"I see myself doing this until they put me out for retirement," she said. "It's amazing the number of people I have met during this time. I've really enjoyed the experience. Having come into the Navy without any prior service was a tremendous experience for me. There was a lot of personal growth. It has done a lot for my confidence."

This confidence boost might stem from the numerous accolades Quinn has earned while serving in the Navy. After returning from active duty, Quinn was promoted to petty officer first class. At the end of 2003, the honor of "Sailor of the Year" was bestowed upon her by her colleagues.

"Every year, each unit selects its sailor of the year, based on performance and accomplishments and attitude," she explained. "Then the units submit their nomination for the entire reserve center."

Quinn received both honors and was commended at this month's St. Clair Shores city council meeting with a proclamation from the governor of Michigan.

"It's one thing to say you're the best in the unit, and you had the best year. To be singled out is an honor," she said. "But to be selected by the entire reserve center, your professional community, that is a responsibility."

## Shores passes \$5.52 million 2005 budget

Trustees hope to keep same tax rate

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Shores' upcoming \$5,521,745 budget for 2004-05 would have remained virtually unchanged from last year if it weren't for three factors.

Village trustees maintained the status quo despite an anticipated \$10,000 cut in state aid, nearly \$75,000 in past-due property taxes and special expenditures totaling \$427,000.

Shores administrators can't do much about state aid, but they are forwarding to county officials a list of about 20 people who haven't paid taxes and interest penalties.

"That's a pretty large number of delinquencies,"

said Mike Kenyon, village manager. "Some are homes being built and left vacant for sale."

The \$427,000 in expenditures comprised the following:

- \$120,000 contribution to the employee pension fund.
- \$237,000 for employee healthcare coverage, including a 7 percent increase in insurance premiums, and
- \$70,000 to replace the Mack Avenue water main in Grosse Pointe Woods, due because some of the main's flow is diverted to the Shores.

"Even with those figures in the budget, it's the same budget we had last year," Kenyon said.

He said the budget was

kept in line through belt-tightening.

"We made significant cutbacks in personnel," Kenyon said. "We're not going to give as many raises as in the past. We're sharpening our pencils when it comes to spending for miscellaneous items."

Kenyon anticipates next year's village property tax rate to remain the same as the year before. Members of the finance committee will decide the issue within a few months.

"Our fiscal year starts in April, but we don't collect taxes until July," Kenyon said. "We have between now and July to amend the budget and establish a tax rate. The goal is to keep it the same."

Trustee Fred Minturn said the village has a combined fund surplus of about \$800,000.

"This may seem like a lot of money, but our advisors tell us a fund balance of 15 to 20 percent of the annual budget is customary to cushion us for surprises or unusual demands," Minturn said. "Our balance is in that range. This is a significant improvement from just a couple years ago, when our balance was only 3 percent. We've achieved this improvement through spending controls rather than tax increases."

The water department's reserve fund balance totals

\$125,160. The sum won't be enough to replace sewers on Lakeshore Lane and Shoreham.

"This sewer work is something we've been avoiding, but we're going to have to face," Kenyon said. Village officials are considering paying for the estimated \$450,000 project by issuing bonds.

"I strongly suggest that if we do some type of general obligation bond," Kenyon said, "we not only include streets, water, sewer and miscellaneous street improvements, but also approve big-ticket capital expenditures like a \$100,000 garbage truck, a \$150,000 back end loader and a new state-of-the-art ambulance."

Forty percent of next year's budget, or \$2,253,693, went for public safety. The total corresponded with last year's figures. Kenyon said the department's \$150,895 increase from last year was due mainly to a 3 percent salary increase for officers.

On the revenue side, Kenyon said, "We are looking for an increase of permit and inspection fees from the building department. We have a tremendous boom in building additions in the village. Last year we budgeted \$65,000. We're looking at a \$70,000-year coming up."

## Scientist to speak on dangers in Iraq

Brad Van Guilders, PhD, a physicist with the Ecology Center in Ann Arbor, will address a public forum sponsored by Pointes for Peace on Monday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms, 375 Lothrop at Chalfonte.

The topic of Van Guilders' presentation is "Depleted Uranium: Radioactive Waste to Enduring Armament."

Van Guilders, who completed his doctorate in physics at the University of Michigan in 1993, traveled in 1999 to Iraq where he witnessed firsthand the long-term health effects of depleted uranium used during the Persian Gulf War.

Depleted uranium — the part of uranium left after enriched uranium is separated to produce fuel for nuclear reactors — has become standard material in munitions and armor manufactured for use by many countries, but mainly by American and British troops. It is hard and dense, thus good for weapons. But it also is both chemically toxic and radioactive, and its use has been linked to increased cancers and birth defects.

First deployed on a large scale during the 1991 Persian Gulf War, depleted uranium has since been used in Bosnia in 1995, in the Balkans in 1999, and in the war in Iraq.

Van Guilders' presentation marks the eighth public forum sponsored by Pointes for Peace in the past year. The program is free and light refreshments will be served.

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# Professor has full life mothering and teaching

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

Radiant passion and earthiness surround her.

Vivacious and self-assured, Emily Mitseff has built a life for herself as a professor and a mother. She has cultivated meaningful relationships with both her students and her kids, and in the process, she has developed into a giving and productive Grosse Pointer.

Mitseff teaches English and speech at Wayne County Community College District. She has three boys: Scott, Brian and Mark Linington. She has been divorced for less than a year and has

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taught at WCCD since January 2003. She grew up in Grosse Pointe, having attended Ferry, Parcels and Grosse Pointe North High School. For nine years, she raised her children.

Mitseff teaches everything from constructing a sentence to writing papers to performing research to examining poetry and literature. She teaches a lot of African American literature, a genre she was not familiar with while growing up but one which her students know and relish. Maya Angelou is one

of her students' favorite authors.

While teaching the basics, Mitseff instructs her students to write out assignments on paper. She doesn't want computers to do the work for them. She also corrects papers in green pen, because she says it is a mollifying color.

Education is a cornerstone of Mitseff's values. She is enormously appreciative that her parents paid for her education at Michigan State University, where she received a Bachelor of Arts in education and communications and a Master of Arts in curriculum and teaching.

For her students, she sees education as a key to unlock a good future.

"The greatest achievement in life is having wisdom through education and experience because nobody can ever take it away from you," she said. "I think in order to survive in this society you need to have certain skills."

Mitseff did not intend to be a teacher while in college. She was originally interested in sports broadcasting but turned away from that path because of the math requirements. She was performing well in English classes, and professors urged her to go into teaching.

A class with a professor named Sue Holloway on teacher education in schools and society solidified her route to become a teacher. She received an A on a paper in that class, and Holloway suggested that because of her performance, she should attend graduate school. Mitseff went to graduate



Emily Mitseff, above with her sons Scott, Brian and Mark, has found much meaning as both a mother and a professor at Wayne County Community College District.

school and ended up with a 3.8 grade point average. She has kept in touch with Holloway throughout her adulthood.

Since January 2003, Mitseff has fulfilled her goal of being a teacher, and she loves that she can give to her students.

"It was meant to be. I've never been happier in my life," she said. "I love actually being able to see the improvements you make and the effect you have on your students. You start at one point, and then at the end you have the final product. You think, 'Wow, this is great.'"

"I truly admire my students because they come in all ages, ethnicities and socioeconomic statuses. Many have jobs and family to care for, but they're very committed to getting an education. I learn from them."

Just as Holloway helped Mitseff become who she is, she urges her students to find similar mentors.

"I tell my students, 'You've got to know some of your instructors,'" she said. "I think it's important that you have some type of relationship with somebody who will help you with a job."

Mitseff's sons are the sun-

shine in her life.

"I always put my family first and my job second; then I let the rest fall into place," she said.

Her sons have adapted well to her role as a working mother.

"Before I started working, the first thing I would say at school pick-up was 'How was school?' Now they ask me every day, 'Hey, mom, how was school?' It's kind of cute," she said.

Mitseff has been trying to save money so she can pay for their education as her parents paid for hers.

As someone who works for a living while simultaneously raising a family, Mitseff says she has found common with her students.

"I really try to offer a human side. I might be the one at the front of the class, but my life isn't that much different from theirs in terms of responsibility," she said.

A vociferous MSU fan, she and her students joke with each other about her collegial affinity. One time a student came into class with a University of Michigan jersey underneath his clothing. Another time before a MSU game, her students said in jest that she shouldn't take out a potential loss when grading their papers.

Mitseff has a full life, one that she appreciates enormously.

"I love my job. I love Wayne County Community College District. I love the staff. I love teaching," she said.

Thriving as professor and a loving supporter of her children, Mitseff should indeed celebrate the good fortune and achievement in her life.

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# Shocking, shocking, shocking

I have too many things running through my head this month, and I can't narrow it down to one topic. So please forgive me for jumping from one thing to the next; my mind is a blur of rambling thoughts.

First, in honor of St. Patrick's Day, I want to thank my mom for telling me at a young age that I have a speck of Irish in my blood.

Older and less naive, I now wonder if this was a lie. A good-hearted lie, but a lie nonetheless. One of those sweet mommy lies like saying, "You'd better go to bed, or Santa Claus won't bring you presents" or telling me

that everything is chicken just so I'll try it. By saying these things, I know my mom is only thinking of my well-being.

I'm too afraid to call my mom out on this lie, because I want to avoid facing the truth. For there is nothing cooler than proclaiming during the month of March that you are Irish. To be able to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the knowledge that it stems from your own forefathers makes you that much more special.

It's the dork who's clearly Italian and wearing a shamrock T-shirt and a giant leprechaun hat. You look at him and wonder who he thinks he's kidding. Or maybe you feel sorry for him because his mom obviously pulled the fast one on him, too.

But, anyway, thanks, Mom. St. Patrick's Day has been a far better celebratory event knowing (or believing) that I'm Irish.

# I Say

Jennie Miller



I have to give a shout-out to my boy Todd Bertuzzi, the Vancouver Canucks' token bully. While I believe in the good of people and feel he didn't mean for that hit to be so ugly, my goodness, it was a nasty blow. I feel sorry for all involved because it just goes to show how out-of-hand some of these rivalries can get.

Bertuzzi is not a bad guy, and I'm not just saying that because I have a crush on him. He was swept up in the competition and adrenaline of the game. He acted in retaliation from a previous meeting with Colorado. He

was motivated by his ego and the team's frustration over the huge defeat.

What he did was wrong. But no matter how sorry he is, one man is seriously injured while his own career is tarnished, and the league is making an example of him to satisfy the demands of those pesky moms who insist hockey is too violent.

Although I don't condone cheap shots and smashing people's skulls onto the ice, the very essence of hockey is those heated rivalries, the fist fights and those great slams into the boards.

I'll miss watching

Bertuzzi the rest of the season, and I hope he's able to return next year, given the speedy recovery of Steve Moore. And, come on, guys, keep your egos in check so you don't send anyone to the morgue.

My last ramble is to lend my support to another bad boy, Howard Stern. Yes, I am a listener and a fan, and I feel bad for all the flak he's been getting lately. It's scaring me to see what the FCC is doing in response to Super Bowl paranoia.

I might end up sorry for putting this out there, but I didn't think Janet Jackson's wardrobe malfunction was a big deal. Sure, it was stupid and probably not the most appropriate thing for her to do. But the fiasco that came as a result was even more unnecessary than the act itself.

I'm just going to be blunt to get my point across. Who on this planet has never

seen a boob before? Half of this country has got two of them, and the other half will stop at nothing to take a look. And who was ignorant enough to say that the Super Bowl wasn't the appropriate place for sexual connotations?

"It's a family event," they said. Yeah, right.

I have enough male friends to know that the Super Bowl is a sporting event aimed to entertain a bunch of beer-guzzling men sitting around wishing the scantily clad cheerleaders would have more air time to jump around.

And then they throw in a halftime performance featuring a bunch of hip-hop stars known for gyrating dance moves and songs that degrade women.

Are people trying to say that what happened with Janet was a surprise and came out of left field? In a

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# The Op-Ed Page



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## Streetwise

### Question of the Week:

What is your nickname and how did you get it?



Greg Fiscali

"Lefty because I'm left-handed."

Greg Fiscali  
Clinton Township



Darek Krajewski

"My friends called me 'D' because it's short for Darek."

Darek Krajewski  
Sterling Heights



Jodi Dale

"Thriller; my husband gave me that name."

Jodi Dale  
Harrison Township



Carman Rinaldi

"Yellow Dog because I'm a bad player on the golf course. I have a 25 handicap."

Carman Rinaldi  
Grosse Pointe Farms



Stephany McBride

"Tante Stephy; it means Aunt Stephy in Dutch and German. My friends call me that."

Stephany McBride  
Saint Clair Shores



Sam Mott

"Mo T. When I was playing hockey, the first 'T' fell off my jersey, and my teammates would call me that."

Sam Mott  
City of Grosse Pointe

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## fyi

by Ben Burns



### Kidney angel

Maureen Burke-Beck, 46, who had always been healthy and had exercised faithfully for 25 years, didn't feel well last spring. She went to a doctor and got shocking news that she was suffering from renal failure and would have to go on kidney dialysis.

Today "Mo" of Grosse Pointe Shores is working out again and back on the job with her husband, James, at their manufacturer's rep firm.

"That guy in heaven has been watching out for us," she said. "I'm back to doing all things that I had done before."

While many relatives and friends matched some of the criteria for donating a kidney and passed some of the six-week battery of tests to determine if they were the best donor, in the last few days it came down to a dear friend of two years, Alicia Treder, of the Farms, who doesn't want to make a big deal of the fact that she gave part of herself to save a friend's life.

"She's very shy about it," Mo said. "She did it out of the goodness of her heart."

"I was just sort of sitting on the sidelines, and in the ninth hour, the top candidate was ruled out. Inside I always felt if I were needed then I would be there,"

Alicia said.

"I had done a lot of research on the Internet and the University of Michigan does a less invasive laparoscopic procedure, and it all seemed to put me at the top of the list," said Alicia, who has also returned to work at Ford Motor Co. as a paralegal.

Mo entered dialysis last May and called the experience "a scary ordeal." Then in mid-November, Dr. Stuart Wolfe, of U-M Hospitals, removed her diseased kidneys. They weighed 21 1/2 pounds, and Mo is not a big woman.

A week later, on Nov. 24, Dr. Darrell Campbell transplanted Alicia's kidney into Maureen, and both women started on the road to recovery.

Both are back doing their exercises and hoping that others will offer the gift of life through kidney donation programs.

"If our story can help someone else to make the decision to donate a kidney, then we are all for it," Mo said.

### Follow-up

I suggested last week that 8-year-old Christine Everingham might have better judgment as to what to air on television than the executives who testified recently before Congress

about what is appropriate. It was because she advised her grandfather not to do a public reading of a children's text that contained illustrations of unclothed pixies. When advised of my suggestion, Christine reportedly said, if television execs ever asked her she would say, "No naked people and no one in their underwear." Smart girl.

I guess that would nix that Victoria's Secret annual exploitation special that features comely young women in their underduds.

### Flea market

I never have understood the origin of the label, but the Detroit Historical Society Guild is hosting its annual flea market at historic Fort Wayne on Saturday and Sunday, April 3 and 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

They promise collectibles, contemporary treasures and arts and crafts and tours of the fort complex at 10:30, 12:30 and 2:30. The tours are \$2; the flea market is free, and parking is \$1. Sounds like a deal.

### Hamtramck

You can tour Hamtramck this Saturday at 11 a.m. as part of the Detroit Historical

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## Points about the Pointes

Our voters said "yes" to \$16 million more for our schools...exactly where will it be spent?

Well, the votes are in and the Sinking Fund election is now history. We as a community have said "yes" to the pleas of our school administrators for us to pay an additional \$2.8 million per year in taxes for the next six years. Of this total, \$1.5 million per year is supposed to be earmarked towards maintaining the classroom programs that were the driving force in many of us deciding to raise our families in the Pointes.

As taxpayers and parents, we can't lose sight of the fact that even with the new found \$1.5 million, the latest projections show that we still need to cut \$3.5 million per year from our operating budget. Less revenue as a result of a shrinking student enrollment compounded by a declining per student State revenue is going

to be a fact of life for the foreseeable future. While it may give many of the optimists in our community a warm, fuzzy feeling to think things will turn around soon, it would be fiscally irresponsible for our school system to assume that in their planning.

In the business world, we depend on a business plan to maintain our focus on where to best invest our assets to reach the long term goals of our stockholders. Before spending this new windfall, it would be wise for our school board to involve the community in creating its business plan. With it, they can invest our assets wisely, staying focused on the true goals of their stockholders.

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# Gaffney disputes so-so green rating from environmentalists

'There are two sides to every story' — Rep. Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

It's not easy being green. If Ed Gaffney's environmental voting record were a tall glass of water, it would be either half full or half empty depending on who's manning the spigot. Although Grosse Pointe's Republican state representative has an environmental voting record out-pacing most GOP colleagues, he trails every Democrat holding office under the 267-foot-tall cast iron Capitol dome, according to an environmental watchdog group from Ann Arbor. The Michigan League of Conservation Voters ranked Gaffney, of Grosse Pointe Farms, 50 percent in terms of his support of eight select pieces of legislation during 2003. "Gaffney scored 50 percent, which in the grand scheme of things in the House of Representatives is not terrible," said Jeff Irwin, League executive director. "But, if your children came home with a 50 percent on their scorecard from school, you certainly would be chiding them." "Unless you're 100 percent with them, you're against them," Gaffney said of the 1,500-member League. "I think I'm one of

the top one or two environmentalists in the state Republican Party. But as a pro-business Republican endorsed by the state Chamber of Commerce, I have to balance things. We want to help create jobs because the economy's not picking up the way it should."

Gaffney's half 'n' half rating put him above the GOP House average of 36.54 percent. He beat 48 fellow party members.

Only one House Republican, Charles LaSata of St. Joseph, had a higher percentage at 63. But unlike Gaffney, LaSata didn't vote on each key measure.

House Democrats averaged 86 percent.

Representatives from both parties averaged an overall 64.16 percent.

### Report card

Of the eight pieces of legislation the League deemed most important, Irwin stressed the following three:

- HB 4641, which would allow local governing bodies to opt out of compliance with the Natural Rivers Act of 1970.

The act protects certain rivers from shoreline development.

"The bill creates a patchwork of protection," Irwin said. "The point is to have a continuous natural area that can be a natural resource for people to enjoy."

With Gaffney's support, the bill passed the House but has not been addressed by the Senate.

"It's disappointing to see Rep. Gaffney take that vote when I would argue his constituency in the Grosse Pointes is not served by that vote," Irwin said. "They are

people who might like to go up north and realize protected rivers (such as the Pine, Manistee, Pere Marquette and Au Sable) are important natural resources to be enjoyed and protected."

- HB 4257, would allow lakeside property owners to groom and maintain lake bed exposed by low water levels without obtaining a state permit. Approved grooming includes cutting vegetation and leveling sand.

Gaffney supported the final version of the bill, which Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed into law in June.

Critics, including representatives of the state Department of Environmental Quality who testified during committee hearings, said grooming would destroy wetland vegetation and coastal wetlands that provide critical habitat for fish and wildlife.

Gaffney opposed an early version of the bill that he said "went too far."

"When it came back from the Senate, it had been amended so only half of the property could be groomed," he said. "The Senate changed it so it wouldn't destroy wild habitat."

- An amendment to SB 252 making polluters pay for permits to dump pollution into waterways. Permit fees would replace taxpayer dollars to fund compliance.

A "yes" vote would have increased enforcement by requiring yearly inspections of the state's top 150 polluters. Gaffney voted "no."

"Most states fund inspections from folks who are using waterways as a dumping ground," Irwin said. "In Michigan, we've never had

those fees. As a result, taxpayers and businesses that don't pollute the water have to use money from the general fund to pay state employees to do that work."

He offered a solution. "If someone wants to use our water as a dumping ground, they should have to pay to do that," Irwin said. "We should design the fee in a way that encourages pollution reduction."

Fees would escalate in proportion to the toxicity of discharges.

"The fee would be higher unless they get toxins out, which would encourage installation of pollution control equipment," Irwin said.

### Extra credit

The League's report didn't acknowledge Gaffney's environmental legislation:

- Shortly upon taking office last year, he introduced a bill to double fines for polluters.

- His bill requiring schools to give 48-hour notice before applying pesticides was signed into law last week.

- Gaffney sponsored a resolution trying to designate Lake St. Clair the sixth Great Lake.

"I'm trying to get more attention and money for Lake St. Clair so we can clean it up," Gaffney said.

"Gaffney was one of those legislators the environmental community thought was a potential good vote on some of these things," Irwin said environmental legislation. "We'll keep trying to reach out to Rep. Gaffney. We think he's a guy who can be convinced to make the right vote."

"My first goal is to keep Lake St. Clair clean,"

Gaffney said. "It's one of our most precious assets for fishing, swimming, boating as well as providing drinking water for six million people."

"Republican leadership has been urging their members to take the wrong vote," Irwin said. "Gov. (William) Milliken put in a lot of pro-environment law.

Somewhere along the way, (Gov. John) Engler and the Republican party turned its backs on the environment. That's why organizations such as ours are trying to reach out to Republicans

who are willing to take good leadership on the environment. We're trying to stop that partisan divide."

"There are two sides to every story," Gaffney said. "The economy is very important, but not at the expense of polluting the lakes. It's a balance. You can't be 100 percent with the environmentalists and still provide for jobs by doing something for the economy as well."

"The answers to our problems are out there," Irwin said. "It's just a matter of encouraging legislators to do the right thing."

# Ash borer outfoxes state money men

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

The Pointes are on their own in the fight to save ash trees.

A shortage of state and federal dollars means the community won't receive state aid for intercepting the tree-killing emerald ash borer.

Rep. Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, requested state support last week from Dan Wyant, head of the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Gaffney wanted money to help the Farms fund a third consecutive year of injecting city-owned ash trees against ash borer infestation.

Gaffney juiced his pitch for aid with an offer he hoped Wyant couldn't refuse.

Money left over from treatments would pay for Farms officials to document their success in keeping

nearly all city-owned ash trees free of borers.

"I laid it out," said Gaffney, who was mayor of the Farms when proactive injections began in fall 2002. "My idea is the Farms could write a demonstration project for other cities to use as a model to save their trees the way we've saved ours."

Agricultural officials, facing state budget problems of their own, didn't bite.

"We weren't able to make a commitment financially," said Brad Deacon, legislative liaison for the agriculture department. "We have to be very conscientious about stewardship of limited dollars for an unlimited amount of demand."

Deacon is familiar with the Farms' decision to treat healthy ash trees prior to their becoming infested rather than risking infestation and the trees' almost certain death. He toured the city last fall at Gaffney's invitation.

"We appreciate the great effort the community has put forth and are interested in results they're finding," Deacon said. "There needs to be treatment options in addition to tree removal."

Emerald ash borer, native to Southeast Asia, is believed to have invaded North America an estimated six years ago. Experts think the bug arrived in western Wayne County aboard a shipment of manufacturing parts.

In the years since, 6 million ash trees in the region are dead or dying. Untreated ash have no significant natural defense.

Last spring the federal government gave Michigan about \$11 million to fashion a response.

"The federal government has been generous and we appreciate it," Deacon said. "But at this point we don't have ongoing money for any part of the project beyond the end of April or first part of May."

Even with this week's announcement by Gov. Jennifer Granholm that Michigan will receive \$28.2 million in federal funds for ash borer eradication through 2004, there's no money for the Farms.

Federal rules reserved the money for things like research, borer containment, disposal of infested trees and public awareness campaigns.

"Michigan did not volunteer to be the front line of defense against this destructive invader, but is now fully engaged in a critical battle to stop its spread and save ash resources of Michigan and beyond," Granholm said.

But the money can't be used for preventive treatments, even those found effective.

"That's frustrating," said Farms Mayor James Farquhar. "Here we are fighting to save our trees. We've taken proactive measures instead of letting them die. But we're not able to share in state money to prevent it in the first place."

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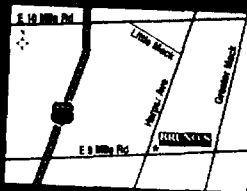
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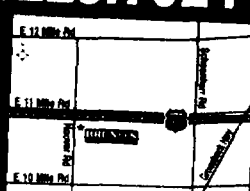
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## Crime, enforcement up in Grosse Pointe Park in 2003

By Bonnie Caprara  
Staff Writer

Crime rose by 28 percent, or 276 incidents, in Grosse Pointe Park in 2003, which Public Safety Director David Hiller called "a year of unprecedented events that tested even the most experienced law enforcement professional."

Hiller blamed a large part of the increase in the rise of motor vehicle thefts and larcenies from motor vehicles. Motor vehicle thefts doubled from 63 in 2002 to 127 in 2003, with 27 of those thefts occurring in December. Thefts from motor vehicles rose from 33 in 2002 to 54 in 2003.

"The issue of stolen vehicles has created a tremendous problem for not only Grosse Pointe Park but also for all of eastern Wayne County and southern Macomb County," Hiller said. "It was not uncommon for cities to have experienced up to three times the number of stolen cars in 2003."

Park detectives not only identified almost 100 names of juveniles responsible for the thefts, but they also worked with neighboring law enforcement agencies in an auto theft task force in February. Since then, the number of auto thefts has dropped significantly in the Park and surrounding communities. The Park has reported 11 auto thefts since the beginning of 2003.

Park officers also put a stop to the growing number of larcenies from autos with the arrest and conviction of

a sole perpetrator who is believed to be responsible for 80 percent of such incidents.

The Park also saw increases in the following areas:

- aggravated felonious assaults (2002: 2, 2003: 7),
- forced entry burglary (2002: 2, 2003: 3),
- theft from a coin-operated device (2002: 0, 2003: 1),
- theft of vehicle parts (2002: 7; 2003: 13),
- miscellaneous larceny (2002: 149, 2003: 154),
- retail fraud (2002: 2, 2003: 3),
- parental kidnapping (2002: 0, 2003: 1),
- assault and battery (2002: 23, 2003: 30),
- burglary, entry without authority (2002: 0, 2003: 1),
- possession of burglary tools (2002: 0, 2003: 1),
- recovered stolen vehicle (2002: 20, 2003: 24),
- forgery/counterfeiting (2002: 0, 2003: 2),
- stolen property (2002: 2, 2003: 3),
- malicious destruction of property (2002: 54, 2003: 79),
- possession of controlled substance (2002: 22, 2003: 41),
- liquor violations/other (2002: 1, 2003: 6),
- drunkenness (2002: 0, 2003: 4),
- obstructing police (2002: 13, 2003: 16),
- obstructing justice (2002: 162, 2003: 228),
- concealed weapons (2002: 7, 2003: 8),
- public peace/other (2002: 0, 2003: 1),
- hit-and-run motor vehicle

accident (2002: 0, 2003: 1),

• operating under the influence of liquor/drugs (2002: 61, 2003: 63) and

• trespassing (2002: 0, 2003: 6).

Not all of the increases in numbers are an indication of adverse challenges to the department. Traffic arrests were up from 54 in 2002 to 87 in 2003.

"In 2003, the supervisors of the department spent a considerable amount of time developing and implementing new patrol tactics to address traffic enforce-

ment," Hiller said. "As a result, hazardous violations increased 29 percent and non-hazardous violations, which includes such offenses as suspended license and insurance violations, increased 90 percent."

"This increased traffic enforcement also resulted in a higher amount of non-index offenses for such crimes as repeat offenders, narcotics violations and weapons. The department arrested 634 adults and detained 105 juveniles including 228 people wanted by other agencies on out-

standing warrants. This is a 33 percent increase from 2002.

From 2002 to 2003, incidents involving the following remained the same:

- RA/RNA (8),
- arson (1),
- narcotic equipment violation (11),
- sex offense/other (1) and
- nonviolent family abuse/neglect (1).

The number of incidents involving fraud under false pretenses fell from three in 2002 to zero in 2003, and bad checks fell from seven in 2002 to four in 2003.

The Park also brought upon a number of improvements to its public safety department in 2003. The department acquired a Live Scan, an inkless fingerprinting system it purchased through grants and narcotic forfeiture monies. The department also trained 10 of its officers to serve as emergency medical technicians. In addition, in working with Detroit Police, Park officers were successful in shutting down three houses in Detroit which had been identified as locations supplying drugs to local teens.

## Task force nips rash of car thefts

By Bonnie Caprara  
Staff Writer

The word is out: The east side is no place to steal cars.

A multi-jurisdictional auto theft task force made significant headway in cracking down on the rising number of such incidents in the area. The task force was comprised of law enforcement agencies from the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, Harper Woods, St. Clair Shores, Eastpointe, Macomb County and the Fifth and Ninth precincts in Detroit.

Between Feb. 16 and 29, members of the task force recovered 41 stolen cars and arrested 59 suspects, seven of whom were juveniles.

According to Park Public Safety Chief David Hiller, most of the suspects were young offenders accused of stealing Chrysler products. It was found the suspects were taught to steal the Chrysler vehicles because they were easy to steal. Often, the cars were driven until they ran out of gas and

were abandoned at sites where a "replacement" vehicle was stolen. All of the vehicles reported stolen in the participating cities in the two-week period were recovered within a day or two.

"All in all, it was a success," Hiller said, "One of the kids we apprehended told us, 'You've got most of us.'"

In addition to the recoveries and the arrests, the task force, with the assistance of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, was successful in getting the Wayne County Juvenile Court to detain juvenile suspects at its detention facility.

Previously, law enforcement agencies were forced to release juvenile auto theft suspects to their parents.

"It was frustrating," said Robert Ferber, the Farms' director of public safety. "We'd let them go, and they'd be out there the next day."

Task force members also

received training to make sure their stolen vehicle arrests followed proper policies and procedures and reports contained proper documentation.

In recent months, east side communities have seen a surge in auto thefts. According to the head law enforcement agents in some of the participating communities, the work of the task force has already been apparent.

"We've seen an immediate reduction of stolen vehicles," said Hiller, whose city reported 79 auto thefts in 2003, about double the number of auto thefts that occurred in 2002 and 26 of which occurred in December.

Ferber and City Public Safety Director Al Fincham said their cities reported no stolen vehicles during the month of February. The Farms reported nine stolen vehicles 2002 and 28 in 2003. The number of vehicles reported stolen in the City rose from 20 in 2002 to 31 in 2003.

"We haven't had a stolen

car in a few weeks," said Woods Public Safety Director Michael Makowski. "I'm sure we caught a significant number of suspects. I'm sure the word got out."

Makowski said the Woods recorded 31 auto thefts during 2003, up from 19 in 2002.

"It was on the high end of our figures over the past 10 years," Makowski said. "Normally, we see an average of 20 auto thefts a year."

Task force members in Harper Woods were unavailable for comment.

All of the public safety directors interviewed said the work could not have been done without the cooperation of the agencies involved.

"It was an excellent idea," Makowski said. "We're all strapped for time and resources. It shows what we can do with the cooperation of other departments."

"We'll certainly continue in the vein of multi-jurisdictional task forces," Fincham said.

## Computers help train Shores PSOs

Grosse Pointe Shores public safety officers — all of whom are triple-trained as police, fire fighters and paramedics, with some rated as advanced paramedics — are using a new computer course for additional emergency medical technician training.

"We've converted our instructor over to a computer-based system," said Stephen Poloni, public safety director. "Our officers are able to train on-line and take classes over the Internet. The state accepts those credits."

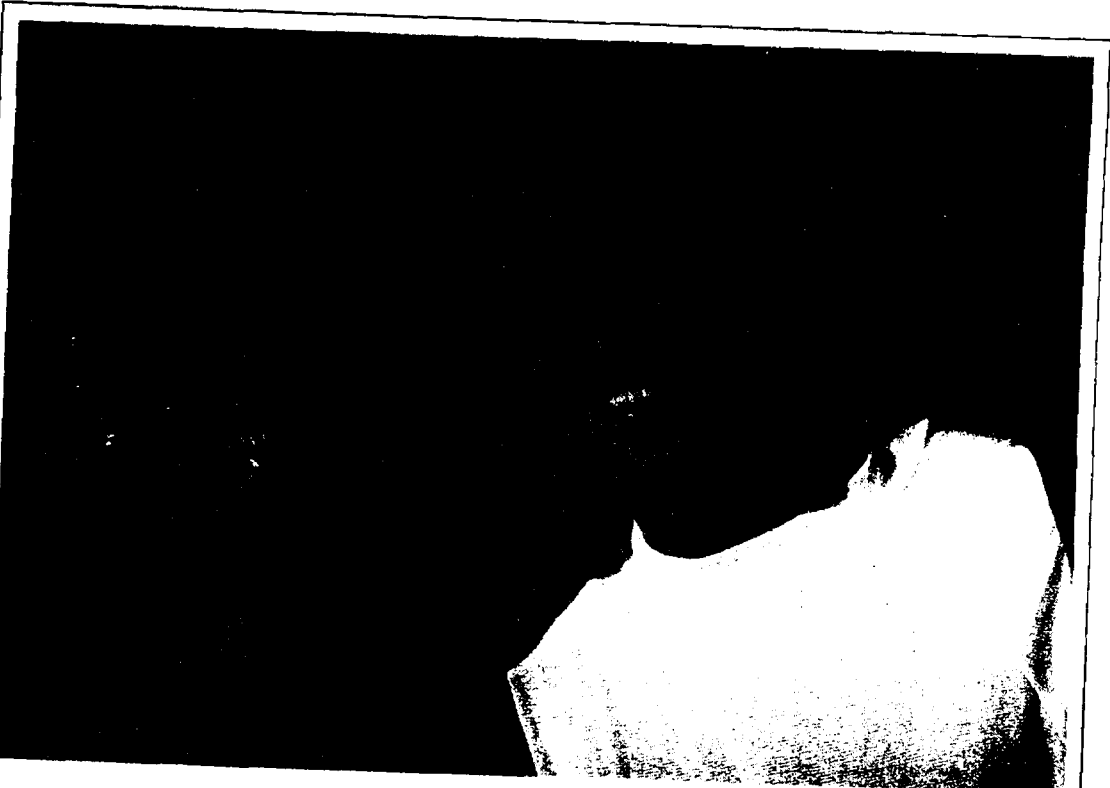
Poloni said the switch will save the village \$1,800 per year.

"It's reduced our liability and comp-time for employees by about 256 hours per year," he said. "It's a cost saving while at the same time enhancing our program."

He said computer-based instruction provides greater flexibility when scheduling training sessions.

"It allows officers to come in at any time during the day when they're assigned training," Poloni said.

— Brad Lindberg



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## Ed Gaffney's property tax cap needed

Anyone who read the front-page article in last Sunday's The Detroit News — "Luxury homes in Pointe take big markdowns to sell; buyer's market, old houses are blamed," by R.J. King — should have come away with one message loud and clear: Uncapped property taxes are killing the existing home sales market.

With passage of Proposal A in 1994 came a great benefit to homeowners: the taxable values of their properties were limited to 5 percent growth per year or inflation, whichever is lower.

Due to low inflation at 3 percent or less over the past years, homeowners have benefited greatly by the cap on their property taxes. But there is a downside.

When you want to sell your house and buy another, guess what? Your new tax bill will be based on the market value of your home. Sure, the previous owner may have enjoyed capped property taxes, but you, as the new owner, have to pay full rates.

That means your tax bill could double, triple or even quadruple from what you are used to paying depending on your past circumstances.

Every day we hear stories of empty nesters right here in the Grosse Pointes who would like to stay in the



## Cap on residences

### House Bill 4784

Explanation: House Bill 4784 would allow for those people who moved within a taxing authority to not be required to pay the pop-up tax for purchasing a new home. Many homes in such areas as Grosse Pointe and Birmingham have property taxes that are so high that families cannot afford to purchase those homes and thus sellers are unable to sell.

Status: HB 4784 is currently in the House Tax Policy Committee.

community but in a smaller house with less upkeep. But when they find out they will be paying much more in taxes on the smaller home than they are in the bigger one, they are disinclined to make the move.

Further, younger families looking to buy a bigger home in the community can't afford the large mortgage and the full-blown tax bill that comes with it.

The Detroit News article also pointed out that many of the Grosse Pointes' older homes require major renovations and modernization. That work is hard to finance when the new homeowner is saddled with high tax bills as well.

Now comes state Rep. Edward Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, to

the rescue. At least he would like to be the hero if anyone would support his idea.

Gaffney would like to see the cap on property taxes maintained for anyone relocating within a community. That means, if you live in Grosse Pointe Farms, say, and you want to buy another property in Grosse Pointe Farms, then you would enjoy the same cap on property taxes that the seller did. Likewise, if a Farms resident bought your home, that person would benefit from your capped property tax valuation.

Gaffney is also trying to see if the cap on property tax could be maintained for anyone relocating from Pointe to Pointe or within the school district.

The Farms representative has introduced legislation, but he is having a tough time getting anyone to lobby on behalf of the it. Most disheartening is that he cannot even get support from those professionals most directly affected: Realtors.

Gaffney told the Grosse Pointe News that he has gotten no support from the Michigan Association of Realtors. We find that amazing.

High property taxes are anathema to home sales. High property taxes disqualify home buyers who may be able to swing the mortgage payments but not the taxes.

Now, under Proposal A, even people who could afford the higher property taxes are disinclined to relocate. Why pay more in taxes to live in the same community and, for empty-nesters, in a smaller house?

We cannot understand why Gaffney's bill is not getting more attention and support. We encourage everyone who wants to see property tax caps maintained to contact Gaffney, his or her Realtor and the Michigan Association for Realtors.

Gaffney can be reached at S0585 House Office Building, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909-7514; or phone, (517) 373-0154; fax, (517) 373-6094; or e-mail edwardgaffney@house.mi.gov.

The Michigan Association of Realtors can be reached at 720 N. Washington Ave., P.O. Box 40725, Lansing, MI 48901-7925; or phone, (800) 454-7842, or fax, (517) 334-5568; or through its Web site, www.mirealtors.com.

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## Once upon a time we captured the Magic

I have an idea for a new ad for MasterCard. Take one pair of grandparents, a couple of grown children and four grandchildren and put them on several airplanes headed for Orlando = \$\$\$. Put them in a motel for a night = \$. Put them on a big boat out in the ocean, and surround them with Mickey and Minnie Mouse, Cinderella, Snow White, Goofy and all their pals = PRICELESS!!!

There will never be any way to express the value we all received from the magical week we shared with our Disney friends on the Disney cruise on the Magic.

We had been warned that this experience would be a memorable one, but it surpassed all expectations. Each one of us, regardless of age, claimed to be having the best time, and indeed there was something for everyone.

The old folks, over 18, could escape to Serenity Bay, their own pool and hot tub, with quiet music and reading areas, while the young had a choice of two pools with water slides, elevated stages for games and ice cream and picnic bars.

There were cocktail areas for those over 18, and music was plentiful, as were sporting opportunities for all ages. Our grandsons spent several hours on the top deck playing basketball and hockey, while their female cousins had tea parties with Disney characters and learned proper manners to teach their brothers.

Through the week, we would rotate through three dining rooms, keeping the same wait staff that catered to our every whim, served delicious meals for all tastes and taught the children some tricky folding maneuvers with napkins.

Fresh towels were also folded on our beds in different animal shapes each night, which further entertained both young and old. There was also a Disney newspaper in our room with several pages of activities listed for the following day for our perusal.

The weather cooperated, which helped everyone's mood after such a long winter. Each morning we would wander up to enjoy a magnificent breakfast buffet and linger over our coffee as we read our papers while overlooking a sparkling sea.

The sunsets were equally magnificent gifts for February mindsets.

We made stops at St. Maarten, where we spent a day on the beach enjoying the sand and a new experience for the grandchildren: European sunbathing. It soon lost its novelty. On St. Thomas, we rode a tram up the mountain, where we dined high above the harbor and geared up for an afternoon of serious shopping.

From the moment we entered the ship Magic through Mickey's giant ears, we were all transformed. For seven days and nights, the children experienced countless variations of entertainment and educational experiences.

They competed; they enrolled in classes of ventriloquism and magic; they performed on stage before large audiences; they played games and won; they saw world-champion jugglers juggle swords; they watched professional musical reviews and comedians, and they glowed through it all.

They couldn't choose a favorite thing. Having their hair braided in corn rows was one, but how do you compare that with a ride in a submarine 90 feet beneath the ocean? And what about the Oceaner Club with all the lab experiments or the Character Breakfast, where the Disney favorites visit each table for photo, autograph and big hug opportunities?

As grandparents, our favorite part of the trip was the continuing stream of joy we felt as we watched the faces of our grandchildren radiant and innocent and the total delight in their expressions ... priceless.

— Offering from the loft



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

## Letters

### Apology and gratitude

To the Editor:

I want to apologize again to the families in our community who were awakened early on Sunday, March 14, with a reminder to vote on March 16.

The message, which was intended for release on Sunday evening at 7 p.m., instead reached parents' homes on Sunday morning at 7 a.m. When we discovered the mistake, we placed an apology on our Web site, notified staff members and administrators about the error, contacted our PTO council members, and promptly responded to the calls and e-mails we received.

When we investigated the source of the problem, to ensure that this does not happen again, we learned that the fault was a human rather than a technical error. The company that made the mistake is covering the full cost of the broadcast.

I also want to offer my deepest gratitude to the community for approving our sinking fund proposal on March 16. Although we still need to make additional cuts to cover our remaining budget shortfall (now projected at \$3.7 million instead of \$5.2 mil-

lion), the funds generated by the sinking fund millage will assist us enormously in providing the kind of education that our community has come to expect.

We are truly grateful to everyone who braved the snow and ice on March 16 to come to the polls and vote "yes" for the sinking fund.

As we continue to develop our budget for the coming year and seek ways to cover our shortfall, we are looking at ideas for enhancing revenues and cutting costs. In addition, the board will determine whether monies from fund equity are needed to augment our cost-cutting and revenue-enhancement efforts.

Over the past few months, we have received ideas from our own staff and from school district residents regarding ways that we can reduce spending and increase revenues. The board will be scheduling various meetings in April and May to discuss these suggestions. In addition, we are considering (or have already implemented) several programs that will increase our revenues.

We have already established our Fund for Excellence, through which donors can make tax-deductible contributions to help support district-wide programs, and we are now looking

at developing naming opportunities (which will give donors "naming rights" to school system fields and facilities in exchange for major donations) and a special projects list (which will provide individuals and organizations with ideas for specific district projects and pieces of equipment that they may wish to underwrite).

We will provide information about these activities and the development of our budget through our school system Web site at gpschools.org, regular reports to the community during our board meetings (which are televised on Channel 20), school newsletters, and PTO and PTO council meetings and other meetings as well.

Should you have any questions or concerns about these issues, please do not hesitate to contact us. An e-mail sent to schoolboard@gpschools.org will be forwarded to all board members and to the school system's administration. We welcome your input.

Again, thank you for your continuing support of the school district and for helping preserve our tradition of excellence in education.

Suzanne Klein, Ph.D.  
Superintendent  
of Schools

### Teachers underappreciated

To the Editor:

After reading your March 4 Opinion section and the letters written to the editor, I decided it was time to speak up.

I have been a teacher in the Grosse Pointe public schools for seven years. It is with great sadness and disappointment that I write to defend my job. I cannot believe the lack of respect teachers face daily. When I tell people I am a teacher, the only thing they see is our time off. When is society going to admire and appreciate teachers?

Aside from parents, teachers are some of the most important role models in children's lives. During the school week, teachers are with their children more hours than they are with their own parents. How could anyone suggest teachers take a pay cut?

I did not go into teaching to become rich. I am a teacher because I love children and my job. I can honestly say that I look forward to going to work every day.

I take great offense to the letter that was written, but "Unsigned," last week, which stated, "I will vote yes to this increase if the teachers pitch in

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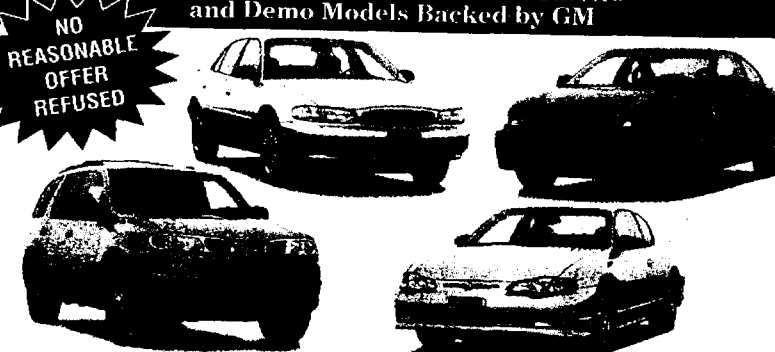
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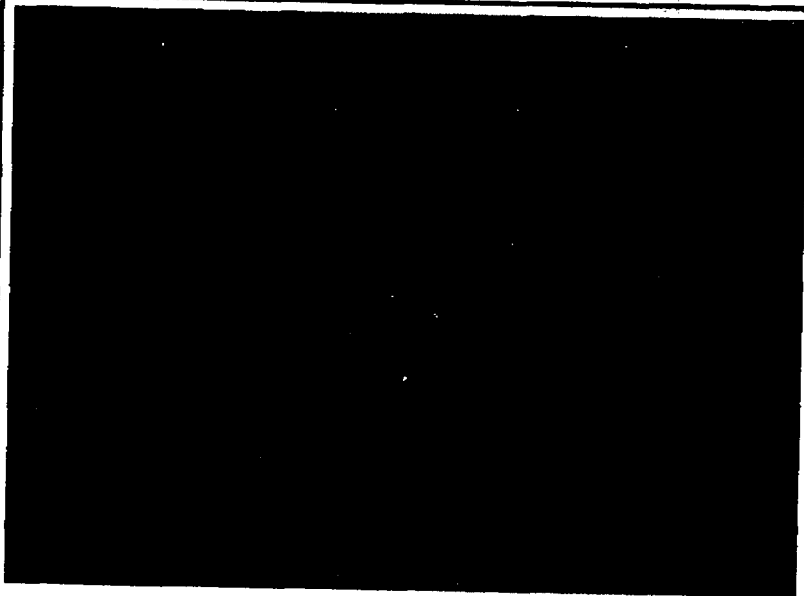


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## Growing musicians

The National Federation of Music Clubs held its ranking of young musicians on Saturday, March 13, at Our Lady Star of the Sea School. The group aims to nurture interest in American and world music and to encourage federation participants to attain a high standard of musical achievement.

Some 400 students from Harper Woods, the Grosse Pointes and St. Clair Shores participated in the Saturday performances. There are four levels of achievement with winners receiving four sizes of corresponding gold cups as prizes.

The DiLoreto family — Christina, Theresa, Nicholas and Daniel — are above waiting to perform on the piano. They play a lot of classical music.

"It's an easy way to express yourself. You can play stuff you like," said Daniel. "I like it because it gives you a challenge."

Harper Woods Mayor Pro Tem Cheryl Costantino, a piano teacher and a member of the federation, had many of her students participating in the event.

"I like that they have standards," she said.

Even though music programs in Grosse Pointe schools may be eliminated because of budget cuts, area residents, it seems, will keep on playing music.



Photo courtesy of Tricia Kesteloot

## Destination imagination

On Saturday, March 6, teams from Grosse Pointe North and South — dubbed Grosse Pointe Unity — competed in the regional Destination Imagination Competition.

Destination Imagination is one of the world's largest creativity and problem solving programs. Students compete from around the world to encourage creative and critical thinking, brainstorming and presentation skills.

The competition was an all day event held at Grosse Pointe North. Both teams placed very well with North coming in second and South achieving third.

The North team is above: Coach Tricia Kesteloot, Laura Kovacek, Michelle Holloway and Rachael Sheridan. Both teams will travel to the state competition, which will be held at Central Michigan University in April.

# Sinking fund passes, board renews debate

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

With the sinking fund millage passing on Tuesday, March 16, many in the community were pleased that the \$5.2 million shortfall for 2004-05 due to decreased state aid will be lessened. The nuts and bolts of budget planning will now transpire.

Some \$1.5 million can be saved in the general fund for instructional purposes, lowering the funding squeeze to \$3.7 million. Furthermore, the board is considering using \$2 million of fund equity, which would lower the amount to a \$700,000 cut, according to board member Jeffrey Broderick.

"(The sinking fund) helps us to ease what our decisions can be. It gives us more flexibility. That's a big relief," Broderick said. "What we know with that vote is we're going to preserve programs and services that will impact kids," said Superintendent Suzanne Klein.

The board has compiled a list of cuts, some of which are controversial like the proposed cuts in music education, and plans to discuss them during meetings in April and May. One area that will be examined is reduction of administrative costs, Broderick said. Ahmed Ismail, who conducted a town meeting on Sunday, March 7, has given the board a list of proposed cuts that he hopes will help the board to think creatively about where to cut costs.

Ever sensitive to community ideas and opinions, the board plans to have a

community meeting in April to ascertain where the public stands on issues related to the budget, Broderick said.

On the legislative front, Ed Gaffney (R-Grosse Pointe) is working hard to restore the \$74 per pupil cut slashed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm in her budget. In a Senate bill, that money is restored, but Gaffney concedes it will take much work to get it back in the final version of the budget.

Committed to aiding schools, Gaffney said he thought the passage of the sinking fund sent a strong message about the value to board member Jeffrey Broderick.

"It says education is number one," he said. "Without excellent public schools, we lose the charm that brings in young families."

Opponents of the sinking fund were upset that the millage passed, but they are nonetheless dedicated to working for ways that will help maintain the quality of Grosse Pointe schools in a fiscally prudent manner.

"We're disappointed," said Margot Parker, a member of Grosse Pointers for Excellence in Education, a group that opposed the sinking fund. "The amount of money that has passed through the system since 1995 is amazing."

Parker is advocating that the district establish a strategic plan, administered by professionals, to take into account community opinion when developing ideas of where money

is allocated and cut.

At past meetings, some community members questioned the value of Proposal A, which aimed to even out money allocated to more wealthy and less wealthy districts across the state.

"It met its purpose to bring lower spending counties up to a higher level, (but) it eliminated the more affluent districts' ability to control spending," Broderick said.

Grosse Pointe receives 72 percent of its funding from the state. The sinking fund is one of the few ways districts can raise money in the post-Proposal A era. The fund imposes a 1-mill levy for six years, raising \$2.8 million each year, for mid-range repairs on things like roofs, flooring, ceilings and parking lots.

The district pays 1.7 mills for the \$62.9 million capital improvement bond as well as 6.7 mills for hold harmless millage and 6 and 8 mills for homestead and non-homestead millage respectively.

Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent of business affairs and support services, noted that in terms of debt and sinking fund payments, Grosse Pointe is among the lowest-taxed districts. Districts like West Bloomfield pay 6.3 mills, and Novi pays 7.6 mills, while Grosse Pointe only pays 2.7 mills.

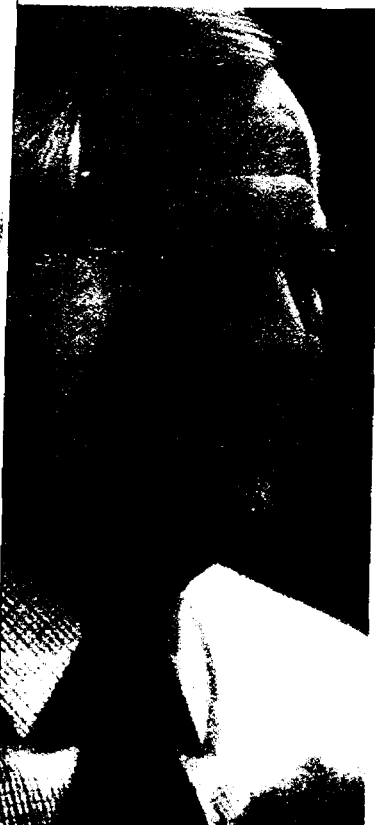
"We're at the bottom of the pile," said Fenton.

With sinking fund supporters wiping their brows after a hard-fought battle, the tough questions of budget planning are on the horizon.

## Lots of Yakking

Of the 872 entries by fourth graders in the recent "Yak's Favorite Book Character" contest sponsored by the Detroit Free Press, Our Lady Star of the Sea fourth-grade students swept the second, third and fourth places. Of the 1,046 entries by fifth-graders, third place was won by a Star student. Fourth-grader Julian Quinlan won third place for his illustration of Pie from "Ice Magic"; fifth-grader Christina Bruno won third place for picture of Rubeus Hagrid from "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets"; and fourth-graders Sam Shepherd and Chelsea Merrill won second and fourth place respectively for their pictures of Captain Underpants and Wilbur from "Charlotte's Web."

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## The lyrical Irish

Patrick Wagner brought his guitar and a wee bit of Ireland to Our Lady Star of the Sea School students with a repertoire of Irish music and stories that included the audience participation of the "Unicorn Song."

The pre-St. Patrick's Day Assembly on Thursday, March 11, was sponsored by Star's Parent Teacher Guild.



## St. Paul Pi Night brought math and numbers to life

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

St. Paul Catholic School's Pi night seemed to have infinite learning and entertaining components just like the number they were celebrating.

On Wednesday, March 10, over 400 students, teachers and family members piled into the St. Paul gymnasium for the Pi Night that brought to life mathematical concepts in an interesting and heart-stirring way. Students put on a play, decorated the school, organized over 20 games, and feasted

on food.

"It's amazing how excited the children were about mathematics," teacher Betsy Berg said. "They considered mathematics fun."

"It was wonderful. We had so many families who were participating," principal Cindy Leaman said.

The play featured the character of Albert Einstein. Students dressed up in all kinds of geometrical shapes, like spheres, squares and rectangles. The play was directed by Tom Sindon, the computer teacher, and John Addis, a

seventh-grade instructor.

Different classes made adornments that illuminated the elements of pi, the irrational number 3.14 that never repeats. The students of fifth grade teachers Betty Zaraneck and Sister Yvonne Bechard made necklaces with the first 100 digits of pi. Sixth graders made circles with the numbers of pi swirling around inside them. Fourth-graders made pie graphs showing their food preferences. Betty Lalich and Melissa Sledz coordinated the creation of kites used to explore the numbers 1 through 9.

Students were helped in decorating the school by Thrifty Florist which donated cardboard mobiles and silver balloons of 3.14.

"It was a total community effort," Berg said.

The over 20 games helped students use their mind to grapple with mathematical concepts. Provided by the Ann Arbor Hands on Museum, each game targeted a benchmark, which are standards from the state that students are expected to learn. Boys in the seventh grade manned the stations of each game. Some games included finding one's birthday in the digits of pi, the creation of geometric shapes with a variety of different materials, exploring the theme of symmetry and graphing exercises.



Students put on a play for Pi night which explained mathematical concepts in a fun way. Above are seventh-graders Annie Hartz, who dressed up as Albert Einstein, and Katie Whitney.

"We showed people that math is not frightening," Berg said.

Real pies were offered to provide sustenance during the night.

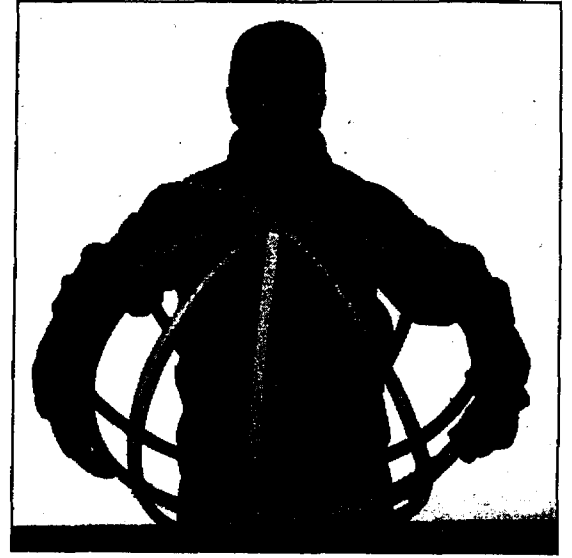
All the grades of the school joined in a pi competition in which they recited as many numbers of pi that they could remember. Sixth grader Matt Kneiser was named pi champion, having memorized over 200 digits of pi.

Berg credits members of the St. Paul community for making the night so amazing.

"The evening never would have happened if it were not for the enthusiasm of our principal, the other teachers and the wonderful parents," Berg said. "Everybody worked as a team to make the night a success."



Games made exploring math a fabulous journey. St. Paul parent Dr. Patricia DeLoof helps her daughter Jackie DeLoof in a game matching shapes to their outline on paper.



Many students dressed up as different geometrical shapes like eighth-grader Jeff Harness as a sphere above.

## South science students learn about the world of reptiles

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

Scaly creatures were everywhere, and people cared for them.

On Tuesday, March 16, hundreds of science students from Grosse Pointe South High School

instructed by teacher Greg Heffner were introduced to a diverse range of reptiles by an educational group called Reptiles Inc. run by husband and wife, Mike and Anne Brophy. The event was sponsored by the South Mother's Club and

the Science Enrichment Foundation.

Students learned the value of preserving animals, reinforcing the theme of the sacredness of living things that is a common theme in Heffner's teachings.

Brophy and his wife care for around 50 reptile pets, characterized by cold blood and often scaly skin, while simultaneously showing them to the public for instructional purposes. They include a wide variety of snakes, lizards and turtles such as the Honduran milk snake, a Leopard gecko, a Savannah monitor and Sulcata tortoise.

"I found it interesting that he makes a living talking about pets," student Peter Kirchmaier said.

"It was cool how he was comfortable with animals. He would hold them," added another student Alyssa Wilson.

Brophy used to work for a corporation but switched



Student Hunter Bearse and Alyssa Benedetti examine a Honduran milk snake.



Photos by Greg Heffner  
Grosse Pointe South student Karl Baumgarten, above, holds a Savannah monitor during the presentation of reptiles by Mike and Anne Brophy.

to animal care and teaching full-time with his wife because it was his passion.

Elements of the pets were presented to the students. For instance, they learned that many of the animals lived in alien environments such as deserts, rain forests and grasslands in Australia and Africa.

"I don't think you would come across any of them in Michigan," Kirchmaier said.

Brophy illuminated the principle of evolution and survival when he described how certain snakes mutated into different colors to keep from being eaten.

Geckos, a type of lizard, grow long tails that fall off when predators are near.

While some students were taken aback by the foreign nature of the ani-

mals, they thought the presentation was very informative.

"I thought it was interesting to learn about them," student Syvallia Sterling said.

The manner in which Brophy and his wife presented the animals revealed to students how much they cared for them. Heffner concurs with the Brophys' attitude of being responsible with animals.

"They aren't just used to pass around. It's a 10 to 15 year commitment. It's not just until you get tired of it," Heffner said.

The worth of animals was a lesson that seemed to be absorbed by students. "The animals bite if something is wrong, but not if you take care of them," Kirchmaier said.

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The Board of Education of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Wayne County, Michigan, will receive sealed bids for HVAC improvement projects at Defer Elementary School, Mason Elementary School, and Barnes School.

Specifications and bid forms will be available at a MANDATORY pre-bid meeting on Tuesday, April 6, 2004 at 1:00 p.m., in the receiving room of Defer Elementary School, located at 15425 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230, then proceeding to Mason Elementary School, located at 1640 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 and Barnes School, located at 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Sealed bids will be due Tuesday, April 20, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. at the Administration Building of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, 389 St. Clair Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230, at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. This project will not be funded by federal or state monies.

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The Board of Education of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Wayne County, Michigan, will receive sealed bids for field storage buildings at Brownell Middle School and Pierce Middle School.

Specifications and bid forms will be available at a MANDATORY pre-bid meeting on Tuesday, April 6, 2004 at 2:00 p.m., beginning in the receiving room of Brownell Middle School, located at 230 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, then proceeding to Pierce Middle School, located at 15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

Sealed bids will be due Tuesday, April 27, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. at the Administration Building of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, 389 St. Clair Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230, at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. This project will not be funded by federal or state monies.

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## XL-7 EXIII sports effortlessly

By Greg Zyla

We climbed behind the wheel of Suzuki's new mid-size 2004 XL-7 EXIII sport utility vehicle, featuring a durable ladder-type, body-on-frame construction and powerful V-6 engine. For the more serious off-roader, the XL-7 also offers good ground

frame and four-wheel drive make this vehicle a "go anywhere" buddy. It can take you into the wilderness and back home again effortlessly. The seats are comfortable and all interior controls, instruments and accessories are easy to deal with.

The XL-7's long list of

up shifts and downshift quicker when the accelerator is depressed. Normal mode helps maximize fuel economy, which is acceptable at 17 mpg city and 22 mpg highway.

The XL-7 is designed to be equally proficient on or off the highway. The XL-7's front



2004 Suzuki XL-7

clearance of 7.6 inches and an electronically controlled push-button four-wheel-drive system with low-range option.

For 2004, Suzuki's XL-7 boasts a redesigned front grille, fog lamps, bumper, head- and taillights and a hard-type spare-tire cover. The XL-7 also receives advanced front passenger air bags, a rear center headrest and three-point seat belts. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety's 40-mph frontal offset crash test gave the XL-7 the highest rating available, thanks to the XL-7's brawny frame and its energy-absorbing crumple zones.

The XL-7 also includes third-row seating, making seven-passenger transport a possibility. Granted, it's very tight in that third row, but kids will love it. There's 43.3 cubic-feet of cargo space available with the third-row seats folded. Better yet, with second and third row folded flat, the XL-7 offers up an unbelievable 75.1 cubic-feet of cargo room.

In off-road situations, the XL-7's tough ladder-style

standard luxury features includes rear air conditioning, in-dash six-disc CD player with seven speakers, automatic climate control air conditioning with micron air filtration, automatic lighting, heated power outside rearview mirrors, keyless remote, cruise control, power windows and door locks, floor mats, four-wheel anti-lock braking, power tilt-and-slide sunroof, leather seating surfaces, leather-wrapped steering wheel and transmission lever, heated front seats and (whew!) side-step running boards. This is a loaded vehicle for one very fair price.

We appreciate the power from the 2.7-liter, 185-horse V-6, although a little more would never hurt. It's an all-aluminum, DOHC design that results in 184 pound feet of torque. The XL-7 accelerates adequately and can also tow a 3,000-pound trailer, but with a loaded cabin and some cargo, it might be a bit sluggish. The standard five-speed automatic provides smooth, fuel-efficient drivability, and its "power mode" option allows the engine to rev higher between

suspension is a modified version of the proven MacPherson strut design. The rear suspension is a solid axle setup with a five-link design for a smooth highway ride. All XL-7's come with low-profile 235/60R16 all-season tires and nice aluminum wheels. With the \$500 destination charge, the bottom line on our vehicle came to \$27,399 (no options came on this fully loaded SUV). For those who look for cheaper transportation but want the fun of a Suzuki, prices start at only \$19,499 for lesser-equipped XL-7s.

The XL-7 is covered by a 100,000-mile/seven-year powertrain limited warranty that's fully transferable to succeeding owners and free of deductibles for covered items. This is in addition to the three-year/36,000-mile new-vehicle limited warranty. That's certainly an extra reason to buy.

We rate Suzuki's XL-7 an 8.5 on a scale of 10. It's a fine mid-size entry that is sure to please many a consumer.

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## Impressive midsize sedan

By Greg Zyla

This week, we test drive Suzuki's flagship 2004 Verona, an impressive vehicle that comes fully loaded for less than \$20,000 — heated seats and power sunroof included.

This is Suzuki's first effort in the midsize sedan category, and the result is impressive. The Verona offers a standard Inline 6-cylinder engine, very nice styling and the most standard equipment we've seen in its class. Built to battle competitors like Toyota Camry and Honda Accord, the Verona is off on the right foot and mirrors Honda's strategy when they, too, expanded from motorcycle builder to become respected car manufacturer.

Combining a European

motif with a more-than-capable mechanical make-up, Verona offers three distinct models, with the base model starting at only \$16,499. Our top-of-the-line Tuxedo Black Verona EX TC cost only \$20,499.

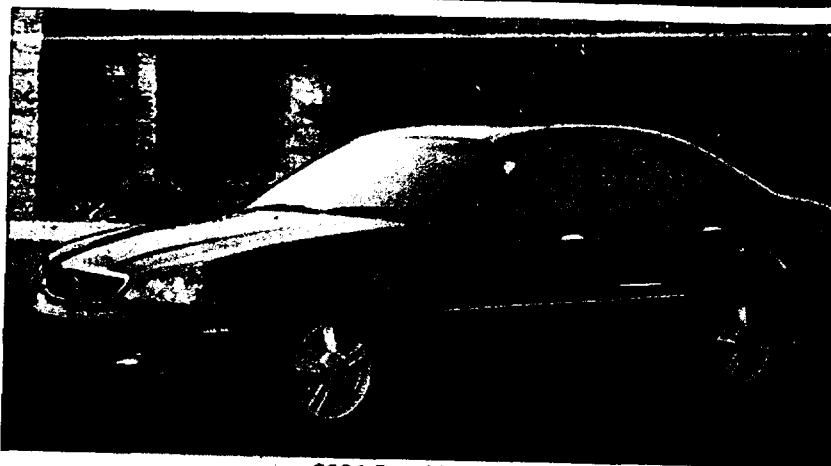
Outwardly, Verona is both functional and luxurious. The front air dam and hood move aerodynamically to an overhanging trunk lip. The resulting "greenhouse," a word that comes from motorsports, includes the actual top of the car and its area from the front to rear glass, with Verona providing maximum visibility.

Under the hood, the Inline 6 is transverse-mounted to optimize cabin room. It's an all-aluminum, double overhead cam, 24-valve, 2.5-liter engine that produces 155

horsepower and 177 pound-foot of torque at a 4,000 rpm. The result is an engine that translates into sufficient power when merging onto fast-moving urban freeways or passing slower-moving vehicles on two-lane country roads.

The front-wheel-drive Verona comes standard with a computer-controlled four-speed automatic transmission, and an adaptive shift control allows the transmission's computer to "learn" the Verona owner's driving behavior and then adapt shifting patterns to optimize the car's performance. This is pretty neat!

The cabin is one of Verona's best selling points, with luxury and five-passenger roominess most evident. Consumers will immediately



2004 Suzuki Verona

notice Verona's wood-grain accents, leather appointments and numerous storage spaces and cup holders. Verona also addresses the needs of passengers who sit in the rear seat, with lots of room in every category. Best of all, this room does not come at the expense of a small trunk, with more than 13.4-cubic-feet of cargo space available.

The standard features are numerous, so we'll mention the most important. There's the automatic transmission, all the powers, heated mirrors and front seats, cruise, keyless entry, climate-control and air conditioning, CD/cassette player and six

powerful speakers, 16-inch alloy wheels and tires, ABS, power sunroof and an eight-way adjustable power driver's seat and four-wheel ABS disc brakes.

Of course, a great warranty is needed when a manufacturer introduces a new model, so Verona carries Suzuki's "Open Road Promise," consisting of a 100,000-mile, 7-year powertrain limited warranty that's fully transferable to succeeding owners and free of deductibles for covered items. The Suzuki powertrain limited warranty is designed to boost resale or trade-in value and underscores the corporation's con-

fidence in its product quality. It is this area that we'll watch closely over the years, and see if the resale value holds and comes close to Honda and Toyota's excellent records.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 106.3 inches, curb weight of 3,380 pounds, 20 city and 28 highway EPA numbers, and a 17.2-gallon fuel tank.

We'll rate the new Verona an eight on a scale of 10, and recommend it as a "good buy" in the midsize category. You certainly won't get more for your money with competitor models, so this new Verona is worth a look.

— King Features Syndicate

## Daytime running lamps cut crashes

Daytime running lamps (DRLs) are an effective way to reduce crashes. In fact, it is estimated that this technology has helped drivers avoid more than 750 pedestrian collisions.

The lamps automatically illuminate when a vehicle is started, and they can increase vehicle visibility for other drivers and pedestrians in a variety of daytime conditions including fog, rain, dusk and bright sunlight.

Consider these real-world traffic safety statistics:

- Seventy-one percent of all vehicle crashes involve two or more vehicles;
- Fifty-nine percent of multi-vehicle crashes are non-rear end crashes; and
- Seventy-four percent of all crashes occur during daylight, dawn or dusk.

With these facts in mind, General Motors began equipping vehicles with DRLs in 1995. They have been standard equipment on virtually all GM light-duty

vehicles since 1997.

An independent study which reviewed police crash reports and vehicle registration data in 17 states concluded that GM customers have avoided more than 37,000 crashes since the company introduced DRLs. These figures represent as much as a 12.5 percent reduction in daytime multiple-vehicle crashes and up to a 15 percent reduction in vehicle-pedestrian crashes.

Several other studies, including those conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA); the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety; and European and Canadian transportation officials, also support the safety benefits of daytime running lamps. A NHTSA technical report released in 2000 found that DRLs reduced fatal single-vehicle pedestrian crashes by 28 percent.

This growing body of scientific evidence is too great

to ignore. Other automotive manufacturers agree, and several have joined in offering daytime running lamps on their products.

Running vehicle lights in the daytime does not significantly shorten bulb life. Most systems use high beams that are designated to operate at half their normal power during daylight hours, thereby conserving energy and fuel. DRLs reduce fuel economy only a fraction of a mile per gallon, depending on the type of system used. It's estimated the cost is about \$3 per year for the average driver, less than a penny a day. There were 4,808 traffic-related pedestrian deaths in 2002, according to NHTSA.

Cumulatively, NHTSA estimates motor vehicle crashes cost society \$230.6 billion a year, about \$820 per person. Daytime running lamps already are mandatory in Canada, and in several European countries.

## Armada

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Traction Control use the vehicle's computer to help you avoid accidents. The Armada gets four-wheel disk brakes with antilock and Electronic Brake Force Distribution (for even application of stopping power) and Brake Assist (which ensures full braking power in emergency situations).

If an accident is unavoidable, the Armada provides standard supplemental curtain air bags for side impact and rollover protection for all three rows of seats.

Nissan's high-tech front air bags can tell if someone's in the front passenger seat and can turn off that air bag if a child (or nobody) is sitting there. The body has crush zones to absorb impact and everybody gets a nice three-point seat belt.

Built in Canton, Miss., in a brand-new plant, the Armada has built quality and materials that look and feel more than competitive with the Ford and GM offerings. The rear bumper looked tacked on, with a big gap between it and the rest of the vehicle, but I found

nothing else to complain about.

Pathfinder Armadas start at \$33,950 for the SE with two-wheel drive. My test unit, a four-wheel-drive LE, came to \$45,150, including the \$3,900 Technology Package. This package supplies an easy-to-use navigation system with a color 7-inch screen, dual-zone automatic air conditioning, a sunroof, a 6-way power seat for the front passenger, and the aforementioned power lift gate.

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## Authors reveal happy stories to GP elementary students

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

Good stories excite, offer role models and elicit happiness.

Two children's authors — Melanie Gilbert and Snip Francis — have been introducing Grosse Pointe elementary students to the stories they have written and have showed them the basics of reading, writing and publishing.

The authors have written two books, "Hey Look, The Happy Book," and "Happy Stories, Book One." They have been going around to Grosse Pointe elementary schools reading their books to students and offering insightful lessons.

On Wednesday, March 17, the authors visited Our Lady Star of the Sea, having sessions for students in kindergarten through second grade and third through fifth grade.

In the first session, the authors read "Hey Look, The Happy Book" to the class. Students were given paddles of different pages in the book, and they raised them as the authors recited their page.

"Hey Look, the Happy Book" has rhyming text and colorful pictures. It is a devotional book that speaks

of love amidst the diversity of creation in the world. Gilbert got the idea for the book when her sister Lisa had an illness. The stars on the inside of the cover were an emblem of hope and love for her sister to heal, which she did. The kids loved the book.

"They get the message: you're loved," said Gilbert.

Gilbert also told a story from the "Happy Stories" book. The book is full of stories based on Gilbert's and Francis's life. They portray emotions from life's problems and show children how to perform in the right way.

Gilbert related how when she was little she played a game with other children of finding a ring in water. She couldn't swim yet, and the ring was in the deep end of a pool. She plunged down in the water and got the ring, but she couldn't swim to a side of the pool. She lunged up and got her breath a couple of times and was eventually saved by a floaty that the wind blew her way.

When her dad found out where she was, he told her he made rules for her, like not swimming in the deep end, because he wanted her to be safe. The story elicited themes of risk, obedience

and ultimately, a father's love.

The authors also had the students draw figures from "Hey Look, the Happy Book."

"What we hear from kids is 'I know how to write a story, but I can't draw,'" said Gilbert.

To enhance the skill of illustration, representatives from different classes each drew a body part of a happy figure, which ended up looking very similar to what was in the book.

The authors additionally revealed the mysteries of publishing to the students. The pages of a book are on a large sheet which is folded and then cut to make pages. Star teachers cut sample pages, making a book.

During the session with third through fifth graders, the authors focused on writing.

Gilbert, Francis and Gilbert's sister, Lisa, have their own publishing company, Little Salamander Press, which made and distributed the books. "Hey Look, The Happy Book" was published in 1999 while "Happy Stories, Book One" was published in 2002. The authors plan to write a new book, "Happy Fish," as well as a second edition of



Photo by Carrie Cunningham

Left to right: authors Snip Francis and Melanie Gilbert introduced inspiring works they have written to Our Lady Star of the Sea students.

"Happy Stories." "It's been a lot of fun," said Gilbert. "We've had a super response."

In addition to visiting Grosse Pointe schools, they

visited 6,000 students from schools in East Detroit.

Gilbert says she loves kids and hopes her stories inspire and reveal how to perform ethically amidst

life's challenges.

"We teach through storytelling," she said. "Things put the right way have a great potential to reach kids."



Photo by Carrie Cunningham

### Everyone's a star

Star of the Sea is sponsoring a fun-filled auction and party night dubbed Hollywood Nights on Saturday, March 27, at the Lochmoor Club. The evening, whose theme stresses that everyone is a star in God's opinion, has many facets such as a strolling supper, martini bar, classic movie-themes, decorations and music for dancing. Tickets for two, including a raffle ticket, are \$175.

There will also be a silent and live auction with the proceeds going to benefit the school. Some of the items for sale include a Labradoodle, which is a combination of a Labrador and a poodle. The dog on sale is named Oscar. Publicity director for the auction Amy Graham and her husband, Dean, have their own labradoodle, Sandy, pictured above.

Other items include a children's playhouse, sports packages such as Michigan State University and University of Michigan season football tickets, a reversible fur coat and a video program written and produced by third graders.

Graham said the proceeds will be used for carpet, textbooks and new art room tables for Star of the Sea.

Community members can look at the auction items in advance on Friday, March 26, at the Lochmoor Club. Families can go from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and adults can go at 5:30 p.m.

### School Notes

#### Poupard Tin Can Auction

Poupard Elementary School is having its second annual Tin Can Auction on Saturday, March 27. The pre-sold dinner starts at 4 p.m., and ticket sales start at 5:30. Blue Pointe restaurant will donate the dinner, and Caribou Coffee House will provide freshly-brewed coffee. A photographer will be available for family portraits, and there will be many donated prizes such as services, bikes and tickets to Disney.

#### 1969 South Reunion

The class of 1969 from Grosse Pointe South High School will be celebrating its 35th Reunion at the Lochmoor Club on October 16, 2004. The web site for the class is <http://hometown.aol.com/notydoty/myhomepage/profile.html>.

#### North Orchestra Concert

The Grosse Pointe North High School music Department will present its biennial Orchestra Hall concert on Sunday, April 4, 2004, at 7 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in the Max M. Fisher Music Center.

The Symphony Orchestra, Concert Band and Symphony Band will perform the music of Vivaldi, Rimsky-Korsakoff, Hovanes, Holst, Sousa and Grainger.

Featured trumpet soloists include Nick Ridella and Brandon Still.

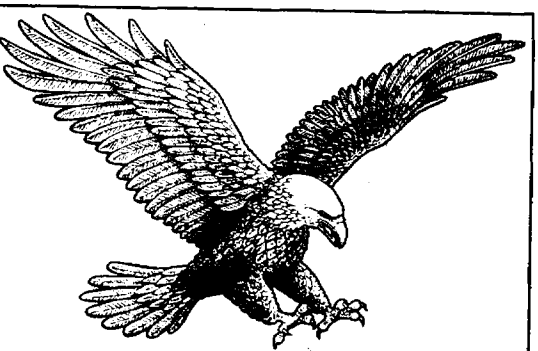
### Correction

In the March 18 article, "A Crowning performance of the King and I," the name of the student who played Tuptim was misspelled. Her name is Elizabeth Bricker. The play begins at 7:30 p.m. at Dominican High School on April 1, 2 and 3.

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### Bountiful business

Photo courtesy of Chris Cullen

Jim Fisher's third grade class at Monteith Elementary School studied the economics of a business. Each student prepared a full-sized refrigerator box business and offered items or services for sale or rent.

In the front row from left to right are Brian Abud, Stavroula Varlamos, Emma Abessinio, Garrett Freismuth, Nicholas Shoemaker and Sal Rizzo.

Second row from left to right include Joseph Andreoli, Lucas Segovia, Kyle Rivard, Sarah McGovern and Anna Niforos.

And in the back are Alex Cendrowski, Julia Guest, Emma Matthews, Olivia Rozema, Caitlin Mraan, Caitlin Soloway, Bailey Walker, Rachel Cullen, Taylor White, John Hales and Manisha Ravi. Missing from the picture is Danny Mak.



# Dashboard market continues downward slope

A tub of hot water, a bar of Ivory soap, a washboard and two strong arms were the components of the first automatic washing machines manufactured in the 19th century.

If you are unfamiliar with washboards, please skip down to fourth paragraph.

Since washboards were always held on a downward angle in the water tub, the soap-soaked, dirty clothes were scrubbed up and down over the horizontal ridges on the face of the washboard.

The rub-a-dub-dub action squeezed the dirt out of the clothes into the hot water. The automatic action ceased when the arms tired.

The price chart of the Dow Jones Index for the past six weeks produced a similar up-and-down pattern, with more down than up!

Ditto for the S&P 500 chart. But the Nasdaq Composite pattern had a

more decided downward slope.

Floor traders expect more of this same see-saw action through month-end until mid-April, when the earnings season starts.

Last week, the Dow drifted down 53 points, closing at 10,187. The Nasdaq Composite was "roughed up" with a 44-point loss, or 2.2 percent, finishing at 1,940.

## \$38, headed for \$40

Folks in the oil patch don't see lower crude oil prices this summer or fall, and many feel \$40 a barrel is inevitable later this year.

Last week, word leaked out that OPEC, which supplies over a third of the world's crude production, would recommend a 4 percent cut in members' quotas at its April meeting.

Increased industrial production in China, along with its rapid growth of auto and truck population,

## Let's talk... STOCKS

By Joseph Mengden

will require imports of crude oil and other petroleum products in volume for the first time.

Barron's (March 22) reports that Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com, figures that every penny per gallon increase in U.S. gasoline prices takes a \$1 billion bite out of consumers' pocket-books.

With prices already up 30 cents per gallon since year-end, that's a \$30 billion cost-of-living hike, roughly wiping out Bush's tax cuts for 2004!

If crude stays at current levels throughout 2004, Zandi estimates it alone will knock down the previously expected 4 1/2 percent growth in 2004 gross domestic product to the 3 3/4 percent growth level.

Did you know that some airlines have hedged their jet fuel needs for 2004? Barron's quotes Merrill Lynch, which states Southwest Airlines has hedged 82 percent of its 2004 needs and 60 percent

of its 2005 needs, both at about \$24 a barrel (current market price is \$38 a barrel).

Coming up short this year, Barron's observes, is Northwest Airlines, which has no 2004 hedges; American Airlines has 5 percent hedged, and Continental has only 10 percent hedged.

Prices of jet fuel follow changes in crude's price, so don't be surprised when Northwest imposes an added fuel surcharge to all tickets, both old and new!

Barron's also quotes Tom Petrie of Petrie Parkman in Boston, who says, "We're looking at pretty rewarding oil prices for the balance of the decade." His firm's current stock picks are: Murphy Oil (MUR, about 62.80 last Friday); Devon Energy (DVN on American, about 57.18) and Tom Brown (TBI, about 36.30)

Another Barron's contributor is Ken Heebner, head of Boston-based CGM mutual funds. Heebner says, "Forty dollar oil would

mean riches for investors in oil stocks." Among Ken's favorites are Amerada Hess (AHC, about 65.81) and Brazil's Petrobras ADS (PBR, about 32.65).

LTS does not recommend individual stocks. The mere citation of others' recommendations is normally insufficient information for an informed decision on whether such stock is a suitable investment.

## Mutual funds in frying pan

It looks like the mutual fund expose has just about run out of new scandals. Certainly the Federal Budget Office is thankful for the hundreds of millions of dollars of cash settlements from a multitude of mutual fund players.

Bank of America/Fleet Boston merger was approved last week by shareholders. Now the banks would like the Feds to get out of their offices!

The Senate and House would like to put their proposed weak mutual fund legislation to bed quickly so they can get to the necessary business of soliciting campaign money from the Investment Company Institute, brokerage firms and mutual fund management companies.

## Stock Market at a Glance

Friday Close, 3/19/04	
Dow Jones Ind.	10,187
Nasdaq Comp.	1,940
S&P 500 Index	1,110
\$ in EUROS	1.2276
Crude Oil (Bbl.)	38.08
Gold (Oz.)	412.70
3-Mo. T-Bills	0.92%
30-Yr. T-Bonds	4.71%

The politicians want to appear tough but not really hurt the hand that feeds them.

Here's an incomplete bird's-eye view of current negotiations:

- Late trading? It's gone, good riddance!
- Short-term invest, then redeem? May tighten up a little.
- Soft dollars? Turn the faucet half off.
- 12b-1 fees? Maybe partial disclosure to shareholders.

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

## Business People

**John M. Witherell**, manager of southeast distribution planning at DTE Energy, graduated from the Michigan Chamber Foundation Leadership Michigan program on Dec. 5.

Witherell now joins nearly 400 Leadership Michigan alumni from across the state that have graduated from the program since its inception in 1988. Selected applicants for the 2003 program met for a total of 14 days over an eight month period to encounter first-hand the critical issues facing Michigan and take part in contemporary leadership exercises, dynamic learning experiences, and diverse networking opportunities with other Michigan leaders.

Witherell is a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe.

**Dr. Marwan Abouljoud**, division head of transplantation surgery and surgical director of the liver transplant program, was appointed director of Henry Ford Hospital's newly created Transplant Institute.

In his new role, Abouljoud will oversee all administrative and regulatory functions for the Institute, which consolidates the hospital's transplant specialties. He also will continue as a liver transplant and hepatic surgeon.

Abouljoud joined Henry Ford as surgical director of its liver transplant program in 1994. Two years later, he was appointed division head. In 1998, Dr. Abouljoud received the Benson Ford Endowed Chair in Transplant Surgery.

During his tenure, Abouljoud has led Henry Ford's transplant surgery program to state and national prominence. He performed the state's first adult-to-adult, living donor liver transplant in 2000 and the state's first split-liver transplant in 1996. Under his leadership, patient volumes have increased, programs were enhanced, and a transplant surgery fellowship program was created.

Abouljoud is a resident of Grosse Pointe Park.

Nineteen physicians from the Grosse Pointe area were named on the Best Doctors in America list in an annual peer-review survey of 35,000 physicians. The 19 were part of a group of 100 Wayne State University School of Medicine faculty members named to the prestigious list.

Compiled by Best Doctors Inc., the survey asked, "If you or a loved one needed a doctor in your specialty, to whom would you refer them?" The results of the survey showed that the 19 physicians were considered by their peers as among the best in their respective fields.

The physicians, listed by specialty, include the following:

**Infectious disease:** Dr. Pranatharthi Chandrasekar, City of Grosse Pointe.

**Medical oncology and hematology:** Dr. John Ruckdeschel, City of Grosse Pointe.

**Obstetrics and gynecology:** Dr. Michael Diamond, Grosse Pointe Shores; and Dr. Susan Hendrix, Dr. John Malone and Dr. S. Gene McNeeley, Grosse Pointe Park.

**Ophthalmology:** Dr. John Roarty, Grosse Pointe Shores.

**Orthopedic surgery:** Dr. David Karges, City of Grosse Pointe; and Dr. Robert Teitge, Grosse Pointe Shores.

**Pathology:** Dr. John Crissman and Dr. David Grignon, Grosse Pointe Park.

**Pediatrics:** Dr. Ashok Sarnaik, Grosse Pointe Woods; and Dr. Virginia Delaney-Black, Grosse Pointe Park.

**Psychiatry:** Dr. Manuel Tanceer, Grosse Pointe Park.

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## Soaring with moles, online jock schools

Did you ever visit a Web site and find that you've lost track of time, at least until it's time to eat?

Geeks call the site "flow-inducing." The term is Web jargon for sites that lead to statements like, "I went into this site an hour ago to check it out, and I forgot everything, but boy is this cool."

Flow-inducing is the reason you must visit the Web site of French photographer Yann Arthus-Bertrand (yannarthusbertrand.org). The section you must see is titled, "Earth From Above," and doesn't have anything to do with outer space. Instead, it has his views of Earth's visual treasures from an aircraft. I will tell you this much. You will want to change the background (wallpaper) on your desktop to one of his photographs.

In other news, the founder of a popular anti-spam software program says last week's move by major Internet service providers (ISPs) to sue suspected junk e-mailers is a futile move.

"Suing ... won't work, because it's pretty much like Whack-a-Mole; they just stick up their ugly heads somewhere else, according to Stu Sjouwerman, COO of Sunbelt Software.

Chasing spammers in court is a fine idea, he said, "but the people who hired them will just find new vendors. The profit potential is too large for lawsuits to be a deterrent."

A spokesman for America Online, one of the companies that filed six lawsuits in federal courts last week, disagreed. "We have whacked hundreds of moles and won dozens of lawsuits and settlements," Nicholas Graham said.

AOL's Graham conceded legal efforts are not a silver bullet.

"We have never said that litigation alone will get the job done," Graham said. "It will take a combination of litigation, software tools, legislation and an industry alliance to give the effort real traction."

How about real silver bullets? I just want an opportunity to whack one of the spammers for real. (With a stick, not a bullet.)

In other news, a new broadband report from ComScore Networks released last week finds 45 percent of metro Detroit households connect online using a broadband service, making Detroit sixth in the nation in broadband penetration.

Most of the Detroit area's broadband service comes from Comcast cable modem and from SBC Communications DSL service, which has maintained five consecutive quarters of double-digit subscriber growth. (First they had one, then two, and then four...)

Sorry to say, but I missed this next event.

Last week, Saturday, was the big competition day in Michigan for FIRST, the school robotics competition. FIRST is an acronym for For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology. For a peek at the competition, which draws more than 800 teams nationwide, visit [www.mlive.com/news/aanew](http://www.mlive.com/news/aanew).

A glance at some of the robotic entries will introduce you to Bill Gates wannabees. It will probably tell you whom we will be working for in the near future.

And if that wasn't enough inspired young geekery, Saturday was also the

### Pointers on Technology



By Mike Maurer

Southeastern Michigan Science Fair at Washtenaw Community College. If you missed it, you and your young geeks can get a monitor view of the competition from the same Web site. Just follow the links.

Ever heard of athletic-geeks? Probably not, since I just made the name up for the next bit of news.

Some of the nation's top young athletic performers are going to high school online so they can spend more time on the playing field.

To stay in the top ranks of tennis, for example, some parents say you can't go to school like a regular kid anymore. One solution: The University of Miami Online High School, which now has 50 full-time students. (It used to be called Sagemont Virtual School and has only been around for three years.)

Students can access their courses online, 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. Full-time teachers who are certified by the Florida State Department of Education in their specialties teach them. Another interesting feature is that teachers are available 15 hours a day, six days a week by toll-free phone number, Instant Messenger and e-mail.

As you can guess, it doesn't come cheap.

The \$9,750-a-year academic program's current students are all tennis players, but the school hopes to attract golf, soccer and

hockey players as well. Actually, it is cheap if you think of your kids as your retirement package.

One last note. There is another virus hoax going around these days called the Teddy Bear virus. When you receive an attachment with a teddy bear icon saying there is a virus file on your computer named JDBG.MGR.EXE, or a shorter version called JDBG.EXE, the note says to use the "Find" function to locate it, and then delete it.

**DON'T!** It's a standard Windows' utility file that is supposed to be on your computer. If you happen to be one of those unfortunates who followed instructions and deleted the harmless file, don't despair; it's not absolutely critical to the operation of your computer.

Also check your trash or recycle basket; it may still be there, and you can reinstall it.

Finally, if you read or hear about a virus, before you take action visit a Web site called Urban Legends ([www.urbanlegends.com](http://www.urbanlegends.com)). They seem to always have the up-to-date skinny on what's going around on the Internet. Achoo!

Have a tech question or subject you would like addressed in this column? Want to comment or add your two cents worth? My e-mail address is [mtmaurer@comcast.net](mailto:mtmaurer@comcast.net).



## Perfetto Perfetto

Perfetto Gelato & Cafe, at 24317 Jefferson in St. Clair Shores, recently opened its doors. Owner and Grosse Pointe Park resident John O'Hare, pictured above, joined with local chefs to create a tantalizing menu of innovative Italian sandwiches, soups, salads and true Italian Gelato not found in any restaurant in the area. The cafe also offers healthy smoothies; tasty gelato-filled crepes; imported Italian coffee, espresso and cappuccino as well as a delicious breakfast menu.

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## Check out competitive '04 Pathfinder Armada

By Steve Schaefer

From the 350Z sports car, to the dramatically restyled Maxima, to its first full-size Titan pickup, Nissan is reinventing itself before our eyes. Now, the company that introduced the tiny mini pickup to Americans in the 1960s presents a true competitor to the full-size American sport utility vehicle.

The new Armada sits atop Nissan's four-vehicle SUV lineup. It is just plain huge, with seating for eight in an interior that feels more like a conference room than a car. The company claims the best legroom in the second row of any full-size SUV, at just under 42 inches.

This new SUV delivers all the attractions of its rivals but with a distinctly different style. The slab-sided fenders bulge out from the doors, the window line dips distinctively at the rear doors, and the chunky nose pushes through the air in a different way from the domestic manufacturers offerings.

Inside, the same massive effect is drawn across doors

and dash, with upright surfaces and bull-nosed corners, contrasted with a sharply defined instrument panel. The center stack is set apart by color, texture, and shape, and features a friendly assortment of big round knobs and rectangular buttons. If you order a navigation system, it sits in its own tray atop the center stack.

The door panels place the window and mirror buttons directly on top for easy access. A parallel armrest is perfectly located, so on the highway, you can rest both arms while still holding the handsome three-spoke steering wheel. The left and right spokes carry useful controls for the sound system and the cruise control. The lockable center console is big enough to hold plenty of cargo, and door pockets, glove box and little corner bins on the dash all pitch in too.

Armadas come in two- or four-wheel drive, in SE, SE Off road, and LE models. My Sahara Gold tester was the upscale LE model with four-wheel-drive. The SE is the most affordable model,

and the LE benefits from things like standard leather seats, puddle lamps on the outside mirrors, power operated rear quarter windows, and a sparkling chrome grille and bumper up front.

For real utility, the second row and third row seats fold virtually flat for loading boxes and pieces of furniture. The front passenger seat drops, too, so you can carry a 10-foot ladder inside and still close the rear lift gate. In the LE model, that hatch is electric. You simply push a button on the remote key fob and with a beep-beep-beep the massive gate opens up or closes down, pulling in with a whirr. Even with the third seat up you have plenty of room for most cargo.

All Armadas come with a powerful V8 engine. The brand-new 5.6-liter powerplant, built in Decherd, Tenn., puts out 305 horsepower and 385 pound-feet of torque, one of the highest horsepower/torque ratings in the full-size light duty SUV class. The vehicle leaps off the line when you press the gas pedal, and with the towing package, it



Photo Courtesy of Nissan Internet Media

### 2004 Nissan Pathfinder Armada

can haul 9,100 pounds. The price you pay for this much power is fuel mileage ratings of 13 miles per gallon city, 18 mpg highway. I averaged 14.1 mpg during my test week.

Every Armada comes with a floor-mounted five-speed automatic transmis-

sion. Four-wheel-drive models get a two-speed transfer case with automatic full-time 4wd and a low gear that lets the Armada perform well offroad. Despite the more than 200-inch length, the truck's overhangs are reasonable, so offroad maneuverability is

good. Every Armada is loaded with safety features inside and out. Rear sonar sensors beep when you approach an object (or person). Vehicle Dynamic Control and Brake Activated Limited-Slip

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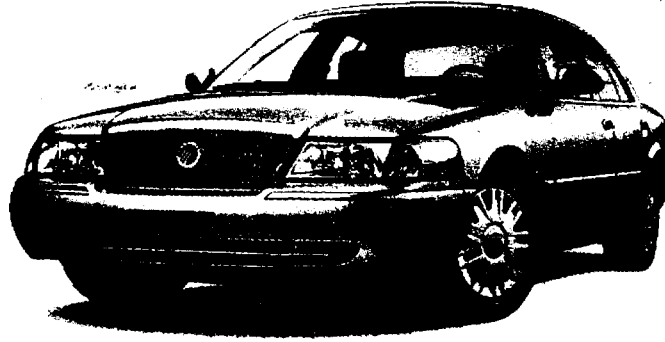
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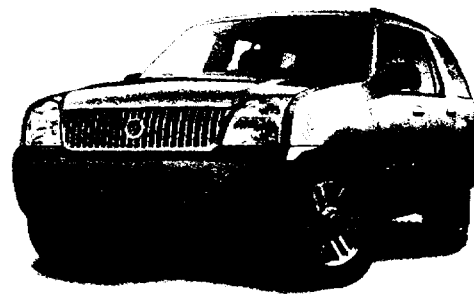
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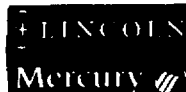
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## FYI

From page 9A

Society's "Behind the Scenes" series with **Gregg Kowalski**, chairman of that city's Historical Commission. Kowalski, who has written several books about his community and was born in what is now Hamtramck City Hall, is probably the foremost expert on the city, which was once a Polish

enclave.

The tour — \$20 for members, \$35 for non-members — starts with an egg painting demonstration, and after the tour, a traditional Polish lunch will be served. You can still make reservations with a credit card by calling **Tracy Smith** at (313) 833-1405.

## Churches

You can also make reservations through Friday, April 2, for the Detroit

Historical Society's annual historic houses of worship tour on April 5. This year the tour will feature St. Charles Borromeo, which has served its neighborhood for 118 years; Iroquois Avenue Christ Lutheran, built in 1913 for \$25,000; St. John's Episcopal, built in the Civil War era and features beautiful stained glass; St. Albertus Historic Site, a closed church with a 280-foot-high spire that was once the second largest Polish

Roman Catholic church in the nation; and Sacred Heart, just northwest of downtown that was built in 1875 to serve a largely German Roman Catholic community.

The 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. tours, which leave from the Detroit Historical Museum at Woodward and Kirby, include lunch. The cost \$30 for society members and \$35 for non-members. Telephone reservations in advance may be made by calling (313)

833-4727.

## Volunteer

If the tours don't excite you, but you are interested in Detroit area history, you can volunteer to do a wide variety of interesting things at the museum by checking the Web site, [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org), or by calling **Eleanor Austin**, director of volunteer services at (313) 833-0481. The next orientation session for adult volunteers is also set

for this Saturday at the museum from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There are a lot of east-siders volunteering for the society, which is the major source of private revenue for the Detroit Historical Museum, the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, Historic Fort Wayne and Historic Moross House.

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## I Say

From page 9A

day and age of Britney and Madonna make-out sessions, what else do you expect?

And poor Howard Stern. For 20 years he's been making a living shocking his viewers. We love to hear what he's going to say next. Even those who say they hate him still listen to his show. They tune in to find out what to be mad about next.

The argument is not whether Howard is obscene. He is obscene and has been for decades. That is and always has been his thing, his signature "shock jock" personality.

It's not like people don't know in advance that he's rude, crude and a pervert. That's Howard. That's what he does. For those who don't like it, there's a simple solution: don't tune in.

If we're appalled and disgusted by this behavior, then we shouldn't watch it, listen to it and encourage it. But Howard's ratings, Super Bowl TV statistics and Britney/Madonna Internet hits prove that we love the shock factor: America did want to see Janet's boob.

If we are ashamed of ourselves, that's one thing. But we've got to admit: we love a little controversy. Life would be too boring without it.

## Letters

From page 8A

and help." What do we do every day? Teachers are already underpaid for what they do. What about inflation? The Consumer Price Index has gone up 24.97 percent. Teacher salaries have gone up half that.

I am still shocked at what a thankless profession teaching is today. With the lack of respect demonstrated by many, it is going to be harder and harder to encourage talented young people to pursue a career in the teaching profession.

My job does not end at 3:32 every day. When I leave school, I have papers to grade, lessons to plan and continuing education classes to take. Teachers are back to work a few weeks (unpaid) before students return in the fall, getting classrooms ready and lessons planned for the start of the upcoming year.

I challenge and welcome anyone to walk in my shoes for one week, even one day. Then ask me when I am going to "pitch in and help." After walking in my shoes, then ask, "When am I going to take a pay cut?" I think you would change your mind!

Not afraid to sign my name,

**Dana Moir**  
City of Grosse Pointe  
Grosse Pointe teacher

## Editor's note:

We received far more letters this week than we had space to print. We will make every attempt to get caught up on the letters next week. Thank you all for your submissions.

Remember that the deadline for letters to the editor is 3 p.m. Monday. That means letters must be in by 3 p.m. Monday to be considered for that week's paper. It does not mean we will have room for all letters received by the deadline

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## HW police take action against complaints

By Jennie Miller  
Staff Writer

Action is being taken by the Harper Woods Police Department to put to rest recent complaints from residents.

"We're trying to increase police visibility in the city," said Jim Leidlein, Harper Woods city manager.

Leidlein met with Lawrence Semple, chief of police, and lieutenants

Randy Skotarczyk, Jim Burke and Jim Bramos earlier this month for a brainstorming session. Given the lack of funds to increase the size of the force, strategies were formulated to ensure residents of the strong presence the police have within the community.

"The easy solution is that we need more officers," Skotarczyk said. "But we have to be practical. If you

can't have more, how do you take what you have and make it look better and bigger? How do we use our resources without burdening the public with increased costs, to expand crime fighting and public security?"

The first argument made by administrators is that crime is not as bad a problem in Harper Woods as many residents assume.

While the crime rate has not increased significantly over the last 15 years, the community's perception of crime has gotten substantially worse.

"This is a very safe community, and sometimes people forget that," said Mayor Ken Poynter.

"There's the reality of crime, and then there's the perception of crime, which is generally worse than the

reality," Skotarczyk said. "The trouble is, once the perception is there, it's hard to control it."

Seeking ways to fight this swelling fear among residents, administrators understand that they need to strengthen the city's public relations tactics.

"The first goal is to close the gap within the community so that there's more of a realization of the closeness the police department has with the public," Skotarczyk said. "We've got to get the information flow going back and forth so the public has the confidence it should have for law enforcement, and understands what law enforcement can and can't do for them. We will never be able to eliminate crime altogether. But working together, we can help guarantee there will be as little crime as possible. While it's a long and difficult process, communication is the first step."

Such forms of communication include increasing foot patrol within the community. Suggested routes include Kelly Road and Beaconsfield during peak activity, to give residents the chance to interact with officers face-to-face.

"We're always looking at and researching alternative patrolling methods," Skotarczyk said. "We've looked at encouraging our officers to get out of the car and make contact with people. On foot, the officer himself becomes more visible to the public. We also have limited bike ability, and we're looking at expanding that."

Other suggestions for improving morale include offering programs to inform the public of the inner workings of the police department and useful ways to protect oneself, Leidlein said. Seminars can be offered such as a civilian police academy, citizen safety, personal protection and identity theft.

"These programs help the public as well as the department," said Skotarczyk, who

presents many of these seminars throughout the year. "Information is always a big step in helping people stay out of trouble and avoid problems. That alone helps to reduce crime."

"It also gives us a chance to interact more closely with the public," he added. "It lets the public know that the people who work here care about them, and can give them valid tips about how to take care of themselves."

The department also has plans to continue participation in random task force operations, as it did in February in conjunction with Grosse Pointe Park, City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Farms police departments in the UDAA Task Force.

"It was a very successful task force operation, resulting in 59 arrests and 41 vehicles recovered," Leidlein said. "We've also seen a decrease in other criminal activity since participating in this task force operation."

The city also participated in Michigan's largest sting operation last October, when more than 200 wanted felons were pulled off the streets in Operation ICE, which involved the cooperation of police departments all over the metropolitan Detroit area.

"We will continue to do things like this on a random basis," Leidlein said. "We're getting the message out that if you're going to commit crimes in this community, you're going to get caught and arrested."

City administrators and police officials are confident they are on the road to improving the perception or misperception of crime in Harper Woods.

"I think this will have a positive impact on the community as a whole," Leidlein said.

"With support from the public, we can work to make this community a safer place than it already is," Skotarczyk said.

## First-grade 'Reading Rally' impresses HW school board

By Jennie Miller  
Staff Writer

First-graders from Beacon Elementary School wowed the Harper Woods Board of Education last week with their reading, writing and speaking skills.

Participating in its semi-annual "Reading Rally," the six-year-olds brought the action right into the board room, showing off the result of many weeks of hard work.

"The 'Reading Rally' is a positive way for a child to experience writing and reading and have their work received by adults," explained first grade teacher and co-creator Diane Bolohan.

Bolohan and Barb Stabile rallied the idea together more than 15 years ago. Stabile had experienced a similar program at her own daughter's school and wanted to bring it home to students in Harper Woods. Among many positive ingredients, the most important in the rally is the result of the interaction between a student and an adult.

After weeks of creating a story and writing a book, Stabile and Bolohan publish the students' work and allow the children to read their finished product in front of the class and a roomful of adults.

"We invite one parent or adult to come in, and the child will read their book into a microphone in front of the class," Bolohan explained. "Then they get the chance to read to each adult individually, who then

writes a comment in the back of the book. It's a very powerful experience for the children to look at these comments and receive compliments for their work."

Stabile adds that while parents frequently support their children in many areas such as athletics, this program allows parents to be involved directly in the educational aspect.

"It's a very powerful time for parents to be a cheerleader in the academic arena," Stabile said.

The rally was brought before the board so administrators could get a chance to see hard work at its finest.

Board treasurer Rick Sherrill was "thrilled to see the excitement and joy on the faces of the children, the parents and the teachers."

"I can see the children were very proud of their work," said board trustee Sabrina Douglas.

The books are created by the children themselves, which impresses Beacon principal Nancy Ozimek.

"The main reason it is so successful is that the children generate the topics themselves," she said. "They typically write about family, friends, pets, or sports; things young students have a great deal of experience with on a daily basis. Their excitement for the project is evident in their delivery. They take great pride in their work."

In addition to being fun, Bolohan feels the program is valuable for the children's learning experience.



Beacon Elementary School first-grader Taylor Genzmen reads before the Harper Woods Board of Education with her teacher, Diane Bolohan.

"It works on so many levels; not just reading or writing," Bolohan said. "The total child is benefited by this. It gives them a purpose for writing and reading, and at the same time, it involves families. The parents are able to interact individually with the child, which is extremely powerful for their education."

Ten first-graders were selected to read their books

at the school board meeting. They were Krista Henneberger, Kyle Boyer, Kameron Fekete, Katie Rogers, Zachary Guerra, Zachary Skerritt, Taylor Genzmen, Marissa Gojcaj, Kyeanne Hodger and Shannon Stilwell.

"As I watched the faces of the audience members as the students read, I am reminded that adults at the 'Reading Rallies' always seem surprised by the quality of work a first grade child is capable of producing," Ozimek said, attributing this to Stabile and Bolohan. "These teachers represent what it means to be highly qualified," she said. "They have a daily commitment to doing whatever it takes to reach every child in learning how to read and write."

From left are Beacon first-graders Krista Henneberger, Kyle Boyer, Kameron Fekete, Katie Rogers, Zachary Guerra, Zachary Skerritt, Taylor Genzmen, Marissa Gojcaj, Kyeanne Hodger and Shannon Stilwell. Teachers Diane Bolohan and Barb Stabile are pictured in back.



### POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS

#### B&E

Fresh footprints in the snow tipped off a resident in the 20500 block of Woodcrest that someone had broken into her home on Wednesday, March 17, between noon and 7:50 p.m.

The footprints led to the front basement windows, which had broken plastic weather covers. Police discovered the footprints led west down the street, which indicated that the suspect might have been scouting other homes for possible breaking and entering. Nothing was reported missing from the woman's home.

#### Burglary

An alarm was set off at a business in the 19200 block of Harper on Wednesday, March 17, at 3:20 a.m.

A tire jack was found on the ground near the business' front door, which had been shattered. A single set of footprints led across Kingsville, onto Alstead and stopped abruptly near a set of vehicle tire tracks. A sur-

veillance camera captured the burglary, which did not identify a suspect but showed no entry was made.

#### X Box thief

After returning home on Thursday, March 18, at 3:30 p.m., a woman and her two kids noticed more than \$300 of merchandise missing from their home in the 20500 block of Kenosha.

There were no signs of forced entry, although the children's X Box, two controllers, video games and a duffel bag were missing from the home. All windows and doors were locked, except one bedroom window.

#### Auto theft

Someone drove off in a dark gray 1998 Ford Taurus sometime between noon on Sunday, March 14, and 8 a.m. on Monday, March 15. The vehicle's owner last noticed the car on Sunday, parked in the street outside his home on the 19200 block of Tyrone. It was gone when he went outside on Monday morning.

### Upcoming events in Harper Woods

The Beacon Elementary School parent organization is hosting a "Mom-to-mom Sale" on Saturday, March 27, at Harper Woods High School. The sale will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$1.

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 "all-you-can-eat" pasta, salad, rolls, beverages and dessert. The price is \$6 for advanced tickets or \$6.50 at the door. Tickets for children aged six 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.

The League of Women Voters will

hold a seminar discussing health care issues on Wednesday, March 31, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial at 7:30 p.m.

The Harper Woods Public Library will hold a lecture and slide presentation featuring Marlene Hamel of the Detroit Institute of Arts' Speakers Bureau, discussing "American Attitude: Whistler and His Followers," on Wednesday, March 31, at 6:30 p.m.

Kindergarten registration for the fall of 2004 will be held at Beacon Elementary School on Thursday, April 1, in the Media Center from 8:30 to 11 a.m., 12 to 3 p.m. and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Children must be five years old on or before Dec. 1, 2004, in order to be eligible for kindergarten. Parents must bring proof of residency in the Harper Woods School District and the child's birth certificate, immunization

record and Social Security number. For more information, call (313) 371-0070.

The Harper Woods Lion's Club will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at a cost of \$4 for a meal.

The Harper Woods Board of Education will discuss Proposal A during its April meeting. A presentation will be made regarding how the district has been affected by the legislation during the 10 years since it was approved by Michigan voters.

The Harper Woods Public Library will show the classic film "Gaslight" on Wednesday, April 14, at 1 p.m.

The Harper Woods Parents Club will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 7, at 7 p.m. at the Harper Woods High School media center. All are welcome to attend.

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PUBLIC NOTICE  
FINAL PROJECT SELECTION 2004

At a Public Hearing held on Wednesday, March 1, 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:

1. S.O.C. Minor Home Repair	\$ 43,500
2. P.A.A.T.S.	28,000
3. Kelly Road	38,300
4. Administration	12,200
Estimated Total Grant	\$122,000

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Mickey D. Todd,  
City Clerk

**Julie Bourke** of Grosse Pointe Woods was named to the dean's list for the summer/fall semester at Aquinas College.

**Christina Anderson**, daughter of Grosse Pointers Dennis and Nancy Anderson, is a member of the women's track and field team at Albion College. She is a sophomore.

**Timothy G. Camitta** of Grosse Pointe Park was named to the dean's list for fall at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He is a senior studying mechanical engineering.

**Sarah Gibson**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gibson of Grosse Pointe Park, was named to the fall semester dean's list at Grove City College.

**Katie E. Crowther**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Crowther of Grosse Pointe Woods, was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at John Carroll University. She is a senior.

**Catherine Lenard**, daughter of Frederick and Julie Lenard of Grosse Pointe Park, graduated from the University of Hawaii with a bachelor's degree in English.

Six Grosse Pointe students at Albion College were recently named to the dean's list. They are **Emily J. Knaus**, daughter of James and Jane Knaus; **Lisa Leverenz**, daughter of John and Catherine Leverenz; **Darren E. Mantyla**, son of Karl Mantyla and Melanie Nowc; **Shawn M. Maurer**, daughter of John and Susan Maurer; **Frederic W. Moore**, son of Donald and Sandra Moore; and **Elizabeth M. Vogel**, daughter of William Vogel.

Named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Northern Michigan University were **Brad Balesky** of the City of Grosse Pointe, **Jennifer Daudlin** of Grosse Pointe Farms and **Kathleen Ryan** of Grosse Pointe Park.

Grosse Pointers named to the fall semester honors list at Michigan State University were **Maureen Hoehn**, **Jennifer Amsden**, **Dianna Anderson**, **Kathryn Anderson**, **Laura Bernhardt**, **Brian Bigham**, **Richard Brace**,

**Quinn Bradley**, **Charles Braun**, **Natalie Brewer**, **Erin Brophy**, **Arthur Bukowski**, **Andrew Byron**, **Leslie Cadarin**, **Allison Cahill**, **Caitlin Carroll**, **Molly Carroll**, **Leigh Ann Colson**, **Ryan Cordier**, **Mary Cornillie**, **Marianne Cotzias**, **Peter Cracchiolo**, **Robert Cramer** and **Cara Crawford**.

Also on MSU's honors list: **Lyndsay Dalby**, **Christina Desmet**, **Kathryn Dimaggio**, **Michael DiLoreto**, **Kathleen Conovan**, **Katherine Edelstein**, **Emily Edick**, **Adam Elbenni**, **Leanne Elliott**, **Erica Finan**, **Justin Michael Fish**, **Jaime Francis**, **Christina Gough**, **Erik Green**, **Katherine Greer**, **Kari Griesbaum**, **Alexandra Grob**, **Rachel Gruner**, **Joseph Hawilo**, **Robert Hayes**, **Paul Hoban**, **Frances Howes** and **Julie Hughes**.

Also: **Paul Janness**, **Brian Johnson**, **Geraldine Johnson**, **Leah Karchin**, **Matthew Kellett**, **James Kelly**, **Brian Killian**, **Christopher Lee**, **Lauren Leithauser**, **Katherine Lewandowski**, **Ailsa Lian**, **Mia Lombardi**, **Matthew Lombardo**, **Kristin Longley**, **Danielle Mager**, **David Maki**, **Kathryn Mandarino**, **Constantinos Manousakakis**, **Sara Maters** and **Carolyn Matteson**.

More Grosse Pointers on the MSU honors list are **Emily Neveux**, **Tasha O'Berski**, **Colleen O'Donoghue**, **Evann O'Donnell**, **Brit Otrhalek**, **Jennifer Passage**, **Matthew Pattyn**, **Ann Reynolds**, **Lindsay Rodin**, **Meagan Rogers**, **Andrea Ruble**, **Leah Schilling**, **Ashley Schoenherr**, **Heath Schollenberger**, **Michael Schorer**, **Brian Schrage**, **Jeffrey Schroeder**, **Elizabeth Siefer**, **Thomas Solomon**, **Kristina Spaulding** and **Myles Talbot**.

Still more: **Michael Tavery**, **Thomas Tavery**, **Dana Theophanous**, **Jillian Tietjen**, **Angelo Tocco**, **Sonja Tomovska**, **Judith Turnbull**, **Julia Vaughn**, **Sarah Beitch**, **Michael Vesev**, **Brian Wachter**, **Bradford Walling**, **Elizabeth Warren**, **Theresa Watts**, **Robert Weathers**, **Allison Wynne**, **Colleen Clarkson**, **Heather Kadrich**,

**Bradley Case**, **Matthew Stasiewicz**, **Kristina Vanbeek** and **Meghan Seago**.

Harper Woods residents who were named to the honors list at Michigan State University included **David Brozo**, **Tasha Dalstra**, **Emily France**, **Allison Gonyeau**, **Kristen Hart**, **Sarah Hopkins**, **Katherine Linne**, **Teresa Perrino**, **Andrew Sewick** and **Pamela Werling**.

Grosse Pointer **Brad Balesky** graduated from Northern Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing.

**Justin M. Bott** of Grosse Pointe Woods graduated from Ferris State University in December 2003 with an Associate in Applied Science degree with a Building Construction Technology major and a Distinction.

**Ann Wenzel**, a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at The College of Wooster in Ohio. The sophomore achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

Three Pointers have been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the Fall semester at Lawrence Technological University. They are **Richard O'Reilly** of Grosse Pointe Park and **Matthew Blagdurn** and **Jonathan Kade** of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Three Pointers were named to the Dean's List for the 2003 Fall term at Alma College. They are **Colleen Ryan**, Grosse Pointe South graduate and daughter of Jeri Ryan of Grosse Pointe Woods and **Bill Ryan** of Grand Rapids; **Colleen Trybus**, Grosse Pointe South graduate and daughter of Gregory and Maureen Trybus of Grosse Pointe Park, and **Hilary Miller**, Grosse Pointe North graduate and daughter of Mark and Lisa Miller of Grosse Pointe Woods.

**Kathryn Treder**, daughter of David Treder of Grosse Pointe Farms, and **Katherine M. Roney**, daughter of Frank and Nancy Roney of Grosse Pointe Farms, were named to the Fall 2003 academic

honors list at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind.

Four Grosse Pointers were named to the Dean's List at Wittenberg University in Ohio for the Fall 2003 semester. They are **Julie M. Berschback**, daughter of Thomas and Mary-Marie Berschback of Grosse Pointe Park; **Eric A. Rey**, son of Anthony and Janice Rey of Grosse Pointe Woods; **Sarah M. Bay**, daughter of Martin and Susan Bay of the City of Grosse Pointe; and **Emily L. Kingsley**, daughter of David and Margaret Kingsley of the City of Grosse Pointe.

**Bridgid Molloy** of the City of Grosse Pointe was named to the Fall 2003 Dean's List at Xavier University.

**Jacqueline Whelan**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Whelan of Grosse Pointe Farms, was named to the Fall 2003 Dean's List at Vanderbilt University's Peabody College.

Seven Pointers and a Harper Woods native were named to the Fall 2003 Dean's List at Grand Valley State University.

They include from the City of Grosse Pointe: **Katherine M. Handley**, **Joseph J. Hinkins**, **Anne M. Johnson**, **Megan M. Linne**, and **Joshua C. Yavor**. The list also includes **Lisa M. Dimitry** of Grosse Pointe Woods and **Heather M. Whiteley** of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Also named was **Lauren E. Hogan** of Harper Woods.

**John Schott**, son of Michael and Roberta Schott of the City of Grosse Pointe, earned honors for the fall semester at Skidmore College in New York.

**Susan Rhee** of Grosse Pointe Woods was named to the Fall 2003 Dean's List at Krieger School of Arts and Sciences of John Hopkins University.

Five Pointers were named to the Fall 2003 Dean's List at the University of Notre Dame.

They are **David M. Boutrous**, son of Dr. and Mrs. James Boutrous of Grosse Pointe Woods; **Marie Vervaeke**, Grosse Pointe North graduate and daughter of Jill and Rudy Vervaeke of Grosse Pointe

Shores; **Katie Monahan**, Regina graduate and daughter of Mike and Jackie Monahan of Grosse Pointe Shores; **Kevin Coleman**, Grosse Pointe North graduate and son of Kathy and Mike Coleman of Grosse Pointe Shores; and **Laura Ricci**, Grosse Pointe North graduate and daughter of John and Alice Ricci of Grosse Pointe Woods.

**Emily M. Ross**, daughter of Brendan and Nancy Ross of the City of Grosse Pointe, was named to the Fall 2003 Merit List at Kenyon College in Ohio.

**Sarah Dale** of the City of Grosse Pointe graduated from Miami (Ohio) University last December with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

**Katherine F. Hyduk**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hyduk of Grosse Pointe Woods, was named to the Fall 2003 Dean's List at John Carroll University.

**Lauren A. Michels**, Grosse Pointe North gradu-

ate and daughter of Thomas Michels of Harper Woods and Marguerite Michels of Grosse Pointe Woods, pledged Albion College's Alpha Xi Delta sorority during the Spring 2004 semester.

**Christine Budai**, resident of Grosse Pointe Park, was named to the Fall 2003 Dean's List at Northeastern University. She is majoring in journalism.

**Alexa Watkins**, resident of Harper Woods, was named to the Fall 2003 Dean's List at The University of Findlay.

Nine Pointers were named to the First Semester Dean's List at Miami (Ohio) University.

They include City of Grosse Pointe residents **Brenna Mansfield**, **Kevin Krease**, **Ashley Cahill**, **Benjamin Semmier**, **Andrea Palmer**, **Jeffrey Johnson**, **Alyssa Simon**, and **Lisa Blake**.

Also included was **Kathryn Miller** of Grosse Pointe Park.

## Grandparents should share family memories, history

Grandparents have the opportunity to link the past and the future for young children.

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), Web site, [aarp.org](http://aarp.org), offers the following ideas to share family history:

On your next visit with your grandchildren, point out family heirlooms and their link to the community.

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## How to P.L.A.Y.

Any parent can learn from P.L.A.Y. techniques that involve getting down on the floor and playing with your children.

Experts advise:

- Don't entertain; interact
- Enjoy the moment
- Playfully insert yourself in a way that makes it hard to ignore you
- Be animated
- Become a character in the drama
- Get ideas for pretend play from everywhere
- Introduce conflict or challenge
- Don't try to "fix" your child's feelings
- Avoid repetition
- Don't talk mechanically or too slowly
- Ask open-ended questions
- Combine actions and words
- Form bridges between ideas
- Create multifaceted characters in play
- Don't solve problems for your child

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## 'You are all beautiful'

Speaker demands understanding and acceptance of human differences

By Jennie Miller  
Staff Writer

New Jersey native Michael "Mykee" Fowlin has spent nearly 10 years demanding acceptance of human differences through his traveling one-man show.

Last week, Fowlin brought this powerful message to students and staff at Harper Woods High School and Grosse Pointe North High School. The show, entitled "You Don't Know Me Until You Know Me," features nine different "person-



Mykee Fowlin

alities" Fowlin uses to elicit emotions ranging from laughter and anger to guilt and tears. Fowlin's message is so powerful because he reaches out to each and every student, letting them know they're not alone.

"You are all beautiful," he told the audience. "I really believe that from the bottom of my heart. Most of the problems in this world stem from people not realizing they are beautiful."

Fowlin began touring the world 10 years ago after earning a doctorate in clinical psychology from Rutgers.

"The characters are created from pieces of myself as well as others I've known who have shared their stories with me," Fowlin explained. "I deal with kids who are mislabeled and have to deal with certain stigmas."

These issues range from homosexuality, racial discrimination, gender double standards, mistreatment of special needs children and dealing with abuse and suicide.

"I go to some dark places in my own life to bring out that reaction," Fowlin said. "It's a healing process. I

Photo by Jennie Miller

At left, one of Fowlin's characters included a white male who was singled out by the police because he wore a trench coat similar to that of the Columbine High School shooters. He challenged stereotypes and asked people not to judge others based on clothes, friends or music.



Photo by Jennie Miller

Michael "Mykee" Fowlin visited Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe North high schools last week, bringing a message of understanding and acceptance of the differences between humans. He encouraged audience members to harness their inner beauty, and to recognize beauty in others. Pictured above are North Diversity Club members with Fowlin (center), and activities director Pat Gast.

want to make a change and affect people. I do this show to reach out to those people who have been in these situations."

Fowlin is a living example of these issues. He told the audience how he, as a child, did not harness this good which lies inside of him. He once shot a police car with a bottle rocket and tortured a frog just for kicks. But at one point he realized that he wanted to live his life like a moth: spending every moment trying to reach the

light; doing things that help him see more clearly and make him feel happy.

"I believe human beings have the potential to do good," Fowlin said. "We all have the same essence, but it's all about harnessing the good instead of the evil."

Even the voice mail on his cell phone elicits a message of strength. He quotes the poet Rumi and says "Become the sky; take an axe to the prison wall; escape; walk out like someone suddenly born into color; your old life was a

frantic running from silence."

When Fowlin performed several years ago in Southfield, audience member Sam Jackson knew how powerful it could be to bring the message to kids in this community. As a pastor and adviser of the Harper Woods High School Diversity Club, Jackson pulled every string to get Fowlin to come to Michigan.

"Having him share life

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## Niforos-Stephenson

The flower girl was Alexandra Niforos of the City of Grosse Pointe. Attendants wore black satin princess-style dresses with lace-up backs and A-line skirts. They carried wreaths of holly with red roses. The best man was Mark Marcaccio of Grosse Pointe Park. Groomsmen were Steve Klostermeyer of Avon Lake, Ohio; Tom Augustinus of St. Clair Shores; the bride's brother, Dean Niforos of the City of Grosse Pointe; and Bob Bertani of Grosse Pointe Woods. The junior groomsman was David Denison of Grosse Pointe Woods. The ring bearer was Theodore Niforos of the City of Grosse Pointe. The mother of the bride wore a full-length black lace beaded gown with a matching jacket and a wrist corsage of white roses and holly greens. The mother of the groom wore a full-length blue violet silk sheath and jacket and a wrist corsage of white roses and holly greens. The organist was Santhy Volis. Soloists were Danielle Caralis and the bride's mother. The Assumption choir was directed by George Raptis. The bride earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Western Michigan University and a master's degree in social work from Wayne State University. She is a social worker. The groom is a manager at Detroit Diesel. The couple traveled to the Dominican Republic. They live in Harper Woods.

The Rev. Michael Varlamos and the Rev. Tom Michalos officiated at the 3:30 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at Assumption Cultural Center in St. Clair Shores. The bride wore a white satin halter gown. The bodice, skirt and train were embroidered with sequins, pearls and bugle beads. She carried a cascade of white roses, stephanotis, holly and ivy. The matron of honor was the bride's sister, Andrea Marcaccio of Grosse Pointe Park. The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Elaine Niforos of Clawson. Bridesmaids were the groom's sister, Kristi Cressman of Henderson, Nev.; Deanna Stahl of St. Clair Shores; Meghan McCauley of Salt Lake City, Utah. The junior bridesmaid was Anna Niforos of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The flower girl was Alexandra Niforos of the City of Grosse Pointe. Attendants wore black satin princess-style dresses with lace-up backs and A-line skirts. They carried wreaths of holly with red roses. The best man was Mark Marcaccio of Grosse Pointe Park. Groomsmen were Steve Klostermeyer of Avon Lake, Ohio; Tom Augustinus of St. Clair Shores; the bride's brother, Dean Niforos of the City of Grosse Pointe; and Bob Bertani of Grosse Pointe Woods. The junior groomsman was David Denison of Grosse Pointe Woods. The ring bearer was Theodore Niforos of the City of Grosse Pointe. The mother of the bride wore a full-length black lace beaded gown with a matching jacket and a wrist corsage of white roses and holly greens. The mother of the groom wore a full-length blue violet silk sheath and jacket and a wrist corsage of white roses and holly greens. The organist was Santhy Volis. Soloists were Danielle Caralis and the bride's mother. The Assumption choir was directed by George Raptis. The bride earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Western Michigan University and a master's degree in social work from Wayne State University. She is a social worker. The groom is a manager at Detroit Diesel. The couple traveled to the Dominican Republic. They live in Harper Woods.

## Luttenberger-Schafer

Douglas and Beverly Luttenberger of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Theresa Elizabeth Luttenberger, to Todd Michael Schafer, son of Kathleen Schafer of Lincoln Park and Daniel and Carol



**Todd Michael Schafer and Theresa Elizabeth Luttenberger**

Schafer of Royal Oak. A July wedding is planned. Luttenberger earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Michigan State University and a secondary education teaching certificate from the University of Detroit Mercy. She is a substitute teacher for Grosse Pointe public schools and a high school volleyball coach. Schafer earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration from the University of Michigan and a secondary education teaching certificate from the University of Detroit Mercy. He is a substitute teacher for Warren Consolidated Schools and a high school baseball coach.

## Black-Barkham

James and Dorothy Black of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Emily Katherine Black, to Trevor Thomas Pled Barkham, son of Dr. Thomas and Ruth Barkham of Dryden. A December wedding is planned. Black earned Bachelor of Science degrees in horticulture and landscape design/building from Michigan State University.



**Trevor Thomas Pled Barkham and Emily Katherine Black**

She is in sales management. Barkham earned Bachelor of Science degrees in biotechnology, biochemistry and chemistry from Michigan State University. He is working on a Ph.D. in biochemistry.

## Venettis-Laethem

Angeline Venettis of Grosse Pointe Woods has announced the engagement of her daughter, Alysia Venettis, to Jeffrey Laethem, son of Raymond and Kathleen Laethem of Grosse Pointe Woods. Venettis is also the daughter of the late Peter Venettis. An October wedding is planned.

Venettis earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in



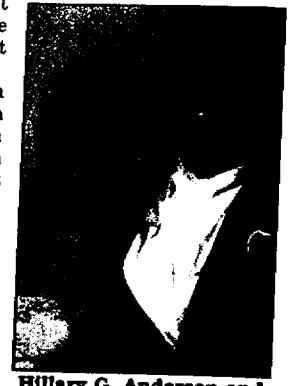
**Jeffrey Laethem and Alysia Venettis**

merchandising management from Michigan State University. She works at Ann Taylor in the Village. Laethem earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Western Michigan University. He is president of Ray Laethem Pontiac, Buick, GMC, Inc.

## Andersen-Schmitt

Gary and Suzanne Andersen of the City of Grosse Pointe have announced the engagement of their daughter, Hillary G. Andersen, to Joseph E. Schmitt IV, son of Susan and Joseph E. Schmitt III of the City of Grosse Pointe. A December wedding is planned.

Andersen earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan State University with a major in communica-



**Hillary G. Andersen and Joseph E. Schmitt IV**

tions. She is an events coordinator for Intersport, a corporate hospitality provider based in Chicago. Schmitt earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University with a major in finance. He is a Lawson implementation specialist with Bon Secours Health System Inc.

## Essay contest to award half a million dollars

NAPSI — A worldwide essay competition, designed to encourage people to think about the benefits of purpose, invites submissions through Monday, May 31.

The Power of Purpose Awards, being conducted entirely on the Internet at the Web site powerofpurpose.org, is soliciting thought-provoking, well-reasoned essays about noble purpose — why we need purpose, why we want purpose, and how we can turn it into a result with active power, the spark that makes ordinary people do extraordinary things.

The value of having an individual goal — or purpose — has been around since the beginning of time. But interest in purpose and its power has recently exploded, as evidenced by the astonishing sales record of the book "The Purpose Driven Life" — 13 million

copies sold — written by Rick Warren, one of the five distinguished judges for this contest.

Everyone, it seems, would like to have a life filled with more meaning.

What can be done to steer people to humanitarian service?

What public policy should be changed to improve lives?

How can people be persuaded to help a neighbor, instead of focusing only on their own needs?

How can an idea from one single individual blossom into a group working as a team toward a noble goal?

Power of Purpose Awards Judge Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund, says, "All movements are the result of conscious and courageous decisions by people who are driven by their common sense of purpose."

"Your thoughts can create change in our chaotic world." Nancy Brinker, founder of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, who is also serving as a judge, says that, "One person, one volunteer, one partner at a time has turned my foundation's promises into a purpose."

No fee is required to enter this competition. The panel of judges will select the 19 winners who will be awarded one grand prize of \$100,000; four awards of \$50,000; four awards of \$25,000; and 10 awards of \$10,000. Essays should fall into one of four categories: Personal Reflection, Journalistic Report, Scientific Inquiry, and Fiction. Entrants must be 18 years of age or older.

Essays must be no longer than 3,500 words.

Winners will be announced in September 2004.

This competition is sponsored by the John Templeton Foundation. For entry forms and more information, visit the Web site powerofpurpose.org.

## Do you remember?

Some 50 years ago, if you went to drop off your dry cleaning at Mondry's, where would you be headed?

Last week's answer: Nick's was a tiny grocery store at Fisher and Maumee. It's now a travel agency.

Each week we will try to provoke readers with a question about Grosse Pointe's past. The answer will be printed the following week.

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## Anything can happen during a rainstorm

The most precarious thing about rainstorms is not that they can cause flooding or prevent the kids from playing outside or give you bad hair (although all three are true). The most precarious thing about rainstorms is that you never know when the electricity is going to go out.

For instance, take the other night. There we were, milling around the house, arguing over whose turn it was to hold the remote, when all of a sudden — ZZZZZT. The power went out.

(It didn't really make that exact sound, but you know what I mean.)

At first the silence rendered us too stunned to speak. When I finally came to, I figured that we had simply blown a fuse and all we would need to do is throw a few switches and voila; the power would be back on.

The problem with this particular theory was: 1. When I asked if anyone happened to notice where the circuit box might be, I got blank looks; and 2. We soon realized it wasn't just our house that was without power, the entire neighborhood was dark.

Now you'd think with the high rates we've been paying all these years in California, something like this couldn't happen. And if it did, there would be teams of highly trained professionals leaping into action so that everything would be back up and working in five minutes... six, tops.

Ha, I say.

Let me just stop right here and mention that I don't have anything against the power compa-

ny and, deep down, I know that they're doing the best that they can with the fazzillions (yes, that's a fake number) of dollars they're raking in each year. But when you're trapped in a dark house with people who fight over things like who gets a half teaspoon more chocolate syrup on their ice cream, there is no help that can come fast enough, I tell you.

And, of course, the thought of finding a working flashlight anywhere in the house was simply a laughable idea. Not because we don't have one. We do. Somewhere. But the thought of finding a flashlight is ridiculous because we all know that when the lights go out all memory of anything in the house that gives off light is automatically erased.

We were saved when my husband accidentally found a book of matches and a couple of leftover birthday candles in the pantry. If anyone had told me an hour ago that we'd spend our evening huddled together in the afterglow of a wax number five, I would've thought they had varnished the wood furniture with the windows closed.

But, face it, power outages make people do strange things. And what was even stranger was that my kids, the very same kids, mind you, who could be wrestling a herd of hungry lions and still declare that they're bored, ended up playing charades.

Charades is a game that doesn't come with wires or cables or has to be plugged in. And the really freaky thing was that they were

### Family Daze

By Debbie Farmer



having a good time. It was amazing, really. There we were: the kind of family who usually can't go 15 minutes without turning on a computer or playing a CD, and we were having a good time watching a 9-year-old act out the tornado scene in "The Wizard of Oz."

There's a lesson in here somewhere. Maybe it's that I should bone up on my charades game. Or maybe it's that we should all slow down once in a while and enjoy and simplify things in life with our children.

Or maybe — maybe — it's that we should all keep a supply of flashlights and fresh batteries on hand. Whatever the lesson, I don't have time to figure it out now. It's raining again, and I have to make sure we have enough birthday candles to last through the night.

Not that we'll need them.

That's the thing about rainstorms... anything can happen.

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 family-daze@oasisnewsfeatures.com. (Left) 25-cent cover, right 1



### Rotary auction

Grosse Pointe Rotary will hold its biannual black-tie auction on Saturday, April 24. The club's largest fundraiser supports groups such as the Police Athletic League and the Family Center of Grosse Pointe. Previous auctions have benefited the Children's Home of Detroit, Services for Older Citizens, Eagle Sports and the five Grosse Pointe fire departments.

Grosse Pointers Paul W. Smith and his wife Myreya are honorary chairmen. They are shown with Rotary exchange students Felix Johnk from Germany, at the far left; and Clara Ellsinger from Sweden, at the far right.

For more information about the auction, call Cathy Champion at (313) 549-0036 or Tom Nugent at (313) 417-0042.

### League of Women Voters plan Spring Town Meeting

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial will present a Spring Town Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, at the War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The speakers will be members of the newly formed Detroit Wayne County Health Authority: Vernice Davis Anthony, president and chief executive officer for the Greater Detroit Health Council; Cynthia Taug, vice president for Community Health, St. John Health System; and Robert Davis, director, Governor's S.E. Michigan office.

The Health Authority was formed to try to improve the health care delivery system within Detroit and Wayne County and to strengthen primary care delivery within the system.

A health care system cannot provide medical care

unless funding is available to cover the costs of the uninsured, underinsured and Medicaid recipients.

Some of the questions to be addressed:

- If a health care system in Detroit shuts down, what will happen to those who need to access health care providers?

- What will happen to the surrounding community hospitals in the event the hospital systems in Detroit/Wayne County are unable to provide services?

- If the Detroit Medical Center closes, how will the suburban communities be affected if the additional patient care falls to St. John, Bon Secours and Cottage hospitals?

- How will the Detroit Wayne County Health Authority be funded? The public is invited.

For further information, contact Joan Morris at (313) 871-7875.

### GPAA slates spring classes

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association will present a one-man exhibition of member Paul Maghielse's welded metal sculpture from Wednesday, March 31, to Saturday, April 24. The opening reception will be from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday, April 3. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m.

A free lecture by Jill Hamilton, doll maker, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 5. Hamilton created a doll ornament for the White House Christmas tree in 1999. Parking is available in the city municipal lot on Maryland.

Charmaine Kaptur will hold a paper making workshop from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 21 and 22. The cost is \$100 plus a \$15 materials fee.

The gallery is located at 1005 Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park. For more information, call (313) 821-1848.

### Adrian College to give concert

The Adrian College Choirs will perform free community concerts during their annual tour, March 25-28. The group will sing at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The more than 70 students in the choir will be led by Dr. Thomas M. Hodgman for the 90-minute concert. Grosse Pointers among the singers are Mark Brammer, a graduate of University Liggitt School, and Adrianna Connor, a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

### Herb Society

The Grosse Pointe unit of the Herb Society of America will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, at the home of Mary Northcutt. The group will celebrate its 20th anniversary. Former members of the Grosse Pointe unit are especially invited. Call (586) 773-6682.

### Locals not told of ash borer funding

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

A tactic being hatched in Lansing could qualify Michigan for federal funds to fight the emerald ash borer.

Success requires proving the tree-eating insect has caused widespread damage sufficient to threaten public safety.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm will seek federal aid if surveys show enough ash trees that have been killed or weakened by the borer risk falling down on power lines, damaging property, impeding roadway traffic or injuring pedestrians.

Granholm will ask officials in six southeast Michigan counties, including Wayne and nearby jurisdictions, to determine damage caused by the emerald ash borer.

Based on findings, the governor would welcome county officials to declare local states of emergency which she would use to sweeten her case for more federal dollars. Some \$11 million in federal assistance expires April 30.

Granholm wanted assessments completed in time for counties to declare emergencies by March 15.

The tight deadline has to do with Mother Nature.

"As we move into spring there's a higher chance for severe weather," said Mark Wesley, a public affairs officer with the Michigan State Police Emergency Management Division in Lansing. "We'd like to get

trees cleared from utility wires and anywhere they pose a public safety hazard. Hopefully, federal funds will help us do that in a quick manner."

Wesley's agency will compile county damage assessments, prepare a report for Granholm and, if her appeal is approved, administer disbursement of any money received.

Yet in the Grosse Pointes, where emerald ash borer infestations were found two years ago, officials have yet to be thoroughly informed of the campaign.

"Someone from the governor's office called for the cost of tree removal," said Brian Colter, Grosse Pointe Park city forester. "They're using that information to lobby Washington for money. I'm aware of a possible disaster area designation through FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency)."

He looks forward to financial backup.

"In the Park, removal costs will be \$360,000," Colter said. "Replanting trees will cost about \$380,000 to \$400,000. We are going to aggressively replant trees."

"We have to demonstrate that the situation is beyond local and state resources to deal with," Wesley said.

Since arriving in western Wayne County an estimated six years ago from their native Southeast Asia, emerald ash borers have killed 300,000 ash trees in southeast Michigan. If unchecked, the state's

700 million ash trees could be wiped out, let alone elsewhere in North America.

"Damage estimates (in Michigan) now run anywhere from \$170 million to \$1 billion," Wesley said. Cost estimates include cutting down dead, diseased or doomed trees and carefully disposing of wood to prevent spread of the borer.

"2004 signals a critical year for taking advantage of the opportunity to act now to stop this insect and minimize the threats it poses to southeast Michigan, the rest of the state, and beyond," Granholm said in a March 3 statement.

"This effort is a great step forward to help meet a critical need in southeast Michigan communities that have been hit hard with the environmental and economic losses associated with this destructive insect," added Dan Wyant, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

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### GPJC to hold community Seder

The Grosse Pointe Jewish Council members and guests will celebrate Passover on Tuesday, April 6, at their 15th annual Seder.

The Passover Seder commemorates the freedom of the Jewish people from Egypt. The story of Moses and the Exodus is retold each year to remind all that

religious freedom and freedom from persecution is the right of all people.

The Grosse Pointe Jewish Council works to preserve and promote Jewish heritage, tradition and culture on Detroit's east side. It offers cultural, educational and social forums. Call (313) 882-6700.

# Lenten rose is blooming now in a garden near you

A few years ago, while attending an event called Bloomfest at Cobo Hall, I ran across George Papadelis of Telly's Greenhouse.

George introduced me to a plant called a hellebore or *Helleborus orientalis*, and I fell in love, especially since it's the first perennial in my garden to bloom. That hellebore found its way into my yard and has been growing prolifically there ever since.

The common name for hellebore is Lenten rose, which fits it very well — especially in our location — as it blooms during Lent. Mine began blooming in February and continues to show its soft petals even with the snow we've had recently. My yard will sport these long-lasting flowers into spring and early summer, as our cool springs help prolong the view.

The color of its flowers is what will draw you. The hellebore's spectrum of blush runs from white through ivory, cream, primrose, lemon and chartreuse and even includes a parrot green.

In another color combination, white leads to a pale pink, then on to medium pink rose, ruby, garnet, oxblood, amethyst, dusky purple, slate and all the way to nearly black.

## Garden companions for hellebore

Good garden companions for Lenten rose include snowdrops, *Galanthus*, grape hyacinths, *Muscari*, and dwarf evergreens. I plan to create a suggested foliage combination of hellebore, the bleeding heart with fringed leaves, and silvery foliage of the Japanese painted fern. And, I'll move a few aconites to the shady location where my hellebores grow.

*Helleborus orientalis* is originally from the area south and east of the Black Sea. Extensive breeding in England, Germany and, more recently, in this country, has produced a wide variety of subtle and sumptuous colors. New hybrids show the color range from

yellow to pink to burgundy. However, which selections will adapt to our climate will take a little time to sort out.

Lenten rose belongs to the Ranunculaceae, or buttercup family. That's why you may notice the similarity of its foliage to your peony, also of that family of plants.

## How and where to plant Lenten rose

If you'd like to add hellebore to your garden, plant it in the spring. Although I received "a piece" from a friend last year and didn't get it into the ground until summer, it seems to be doing well this season. However, generally, hellebores do not like division and may take years to recover.

It is probably the first perennial to bloom in mid-to late-winter (although my aconites come up shortly thereafter), with its pendulous flowers either peeking out beneath the old evergreen foliage, or emerging on their own accompanied by the smaller stem leaves.

If planted in a wind-protected area, hellebores can offer visual pleasure in your garden for a long time. It takes a few years to get really comfortable in its new location and grow to its full size, but provides a lovely sight in its first year. Hellebores can grow to 18 inches high and one to two feet in diameter.

Prepare your soil in advance. Additional fertilizers are not necessary. Lenten rose needs a shady to partial shaded site in humus-rich, well-drained soil for optimum performance. A perfect fit for our tree-shaded yards. In fact, it does well among the tree roots. Some gardeners combine more than one and use them as a ground cover.

Water it regularly until the new plant is established. Mulching with two inches of an organic mulch will aid in conserving moisture. Hellebores do not tolerate hot, dry soil.



Lenten rose is a perennial with evergreen leaves which turn brown and need pruning during late winter

to allow for the newly developing leaves.

Be careful of two things when pruning. Be sure not to clip the flower buds that are close to the ground. And, wear your gloves, as the leaves of Lenten rose are sharp and are known to be poisonous. A few cuts on your arms may lead you to feel ill for a few hours afterward.

Although I've never experienced it, black spot can affect the plant. If your hellebore develops dark spots on its leaves, stems and flowers which cause leaf yellowing, foliage loss and wilted flowers, do not use chemical controls. Simply cut off and dispose of the infected leaves and flowers to control the disease's spread. Insects rarely bother hellebores.

## Christmas rose

*Helleborus niger*, commonly known as Christmas rose, is a white-flowered version which, in warmer climates, will bloom on or around Christmas Day. In our zone, Christmas will be a little early for this plant,

but it can be grown in our location.

Once, people blessed their cattle with the Christmas rose to keep them from evil spells, and for this purpose, it was dug up with certain mystic rites. In an old French romance, the sorcerer, to make himself invisible when passing through the enemy's camp, scattered powdered hellebore in the air as he walked.

An interesting Web site on hellebores can be found online at

[www.hellebore.com](http://www.hellebore.com). The site takes you through sections of one of few books written on the subject.

A Lenten rose has an easy way about it. It's easy to plant, easy to grow and easy to enjoy. Plant the Lenten rose in your shady, woodland location and look forward to its winter show, even in the snow.

Kathleen Peabody is a Master Gardener who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods. Reach her online at [kmaslanha.peabody@global.net](mailto:kmaslanha.peabody@global.net).

## What's going on?

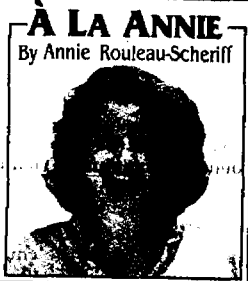
Back by popular demand, the Herb Society of America's Grosse Pointe unit is taking presale orders for its May 7 and 8 Herb Sale. Call Cindy Manardo at (313) 881-1288 before April 1 for an order form.

It's About Time, Thursday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Ron Morgan will present "Creative Centerpieces for Entertainment" at 11 a.m. in the Fries Auditorium. \$18 per person.

This Spring Flower Show is sponsored by The Garden Club of Michigan. Main event at 10 a.m. Call (313) 881-1288 for more information.

## What can you do with 40 ounces of fresh spinach?

At last, I've found a recipe that calls for 40 ounces of baby spinach. I need a reason to purchase the oversized bag of the fresh greens from my local



Costco. I want to know that none of it will be going to waste. The other bonus of this week's recipe is its yield.

Spinach and roasted red pepper gratin fills a 9-inch by 13-inch dish, perfect for a large gathering. The Bon Appetit method calls for you to do the roasting of the peppers (charred and peeled). Save time and use roasted peppers from a jar.

## Spinach and Roasted Pepper Gratin

1 40-oz. bag (2.5 lbs.) fresh baby spinach  
1 12-oz. jar roasted red peppers  
1 1/2 tablespoons butter  
1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil  
3 medium to large leeks, thinly sliced (white and light green parts only), about 3 cups

1 large shallot, chopped (about 1/4 cup)  
3 garlic cloves, minced  
1 cup heavy cream  
4 large eggs  
1 cup part-skim ricotta cheese  
1/2 cup grated Swiss cheese  
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese  
1 1/2 teaspoons salt  
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

Heat a large deep non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Working in batches (about 4 or 5 total), saute the spinach leaves in the dry skillet, until bright green and wilted, about 3 to 5 minutes for each batch, constantly tossing the leaves so they cook consistently.

Transfer the cooked spinach to a large colander to drain excess water. After the spinach has cooled, squeeze it tightly and roll in a clean kitchen towel (or heavy paper towel) to remove as much water as possible. Set aside.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Generously grease a glass 9- by 13-inch baking dish and set aside. Drain the roasted peppers, cut into 1/4-inch strips and set aside. Melt the butter with the oil in a medium skillet over medium heat. Add the leeks, shallot and garlic and cook until soft, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat and set aside.

In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs and the cream. Stir in the ricotta, Swiss and Parmesan cheeses, followed by the salt and pepper. Add the prepared spinach, the leek mixture and 2/3 of the roasted red peppers. Mix well and transfer the mixture to the prepared baking dish.

Arrange the remaining roasted pepper strips on top of the gratin and bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes or until a knife inserted into the center comes out clean.

The only real work involved in this tasty dish is cooking the spinach. Leeks have dirty stalks, so make sure to thoroughly rinse them. I find it easier to rinse them after slicing.

If you care to, you can roast 3 large red peppers by placing them on a grill or under the broiler and cooking until they are charred on all sides. Cool in a paper bag and remove the skin and seeds before cutting into strips.

My gal pal Virginia McCoy doesn't care for red peppers so I prepared the dish a second time with about 2 cups of fresh, sliced, sauteed mushrooms instead of the peppers.

It was also delicious.

Yes there is some cream and some cheese in spinach and roasted red pepper gratin but not so much to weigh it down. Rather, it's just enough to pick it up.

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9:30 pm Pointes of Horticulture  
10:00 pm The John Prost Show  
10:30 pm Inside Art  
11:00 pm Out of the Ordinary  
11:30 pm The S.O.C. Show  
Midnight Vitality Plus (Aerobics)  
12:30 am Pointes of Horticulture  
1:00 am Who's in the Kitchen?  
1:30 am Things to do at the War Memorial  
2:00 am Vitality Plus/Tone Exercise  
2:30 am Out of the Ordinary  
3:00 am Economic Club of Detroit  
4:00 am Senior Men's Club  
4:30 am Inside Art  
5:00 am The Legal Insider  
5:30 am The John Prost Show  
6:00 am Vitality Plus/Tone Exercise  
6:30 am Musical Story Time Jamboree  
7:00 am Vitality Plus (Step/Kick Boxing)  
7:30 am Young View Pointes  
8:00 am Positively Positive

## The S.O.C. Show

Wilhelmina Giblin - The Detroit Wayne County Health Authority

## Who's in the Kitchen?

Joe Dietz - Faux Pork Loins

## Things to do at the War Memorial

Mary Lou Moore - Bridge & Joe Trowern - Senior Men's Club

## Out of the Ordinary

Paul Dugliss - Enlightened Medicine

## Economic Club of Detroit

Robert Thompson & Peter Karmanos Jr.

## Senior Men's Club

Alex Jefferson - Tuskegee Airmen WWII

## Inside Art

Detroit Institute of Arts - Whistler & His Followers

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## The John Prost Show

Tyronne Davenport - Museum of African American History

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## Grosse Pointe's MS Walk will be Sunday, May 2

The Michigan chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will hold annual MS walks at 15 locations throughout the state. More than 7,000 walkers are expected to hit the streets to raise money for the support of professional services and research into the disease. The Grosse Pointe MS walk will begin at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 2, at Grosse Pointe North High School. Walks are 3, 6 and 12 miles long. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

For more information, call (248) 350-0020 or visit the organization's Web site: [www.nmssmi.org](http://www.nmssmi.org).

The mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is to end the devastating effects of MS. Through its 50-state network of chapters, the society funds research, furthers education, advocates for people with disabilities and provides a variety of empowering programs for the third of a million of

Americans who have MS and their families. The Michigan chapter is one of the largest MS Society chapters in the country.

### Fleas, please:

Antique and bargain hunters will find collectibles, contemporary treasures and a variety of arts and crafts at the annual Detroit Historical Society Guild Flea Market. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 3 and 4, at Historic Fort Wayne, 6325 Jefferson, at the foot of Livernois.

Admission to the Flea Market is free. Secured parking costs \$1. Guided tours of the Star Fort, the Commanding Officer's House, the Spanish-American War Guard House and the National Museum of the Tuskegee Airmen are \$2.

All proceeds will benefit the Detroit Historical Museums. Vendors may

purchase tables for \$30. For more information, call Natalie Jacobson at (586) 771-1353.

**Goodwill:** Three new board members were elected recently to the board of directors of Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit. The announcement was made by Goodwill's president and CEO, Delois Whitaker Caldwell.

New board members are Sheila M. Parson of West Bloomfield, Dorothy J. Brown of West Bloomfield, and Keith Douglas Rohland of Grosse Pointe Farms. Their terms expire in 2007.

Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit provides people who have disabilities and other barriers to employment with opportunities to become independent, self-supporting citizens through training, work experience and employment in the community.

— Margie Reins Smith



Photo by James Brogden

### Heart to Heart dinner

The Child Care Coordinating Council of Detroit/Wayne County Inc. held its 17th annual Heart to Heart 4Children Benefit recently, raising more than \$26,000 to support the 4C Emergency Child Care Assistance fund, which pays for emergency child care for families in crisis situations.

Among those who attended, from left, are Gregory and Rita Smith of Detroit, Jacinta Lyons of Detroit and Dominic Sarvello of Grosse Pointe Farms.

## Fowlin

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perspectives from other points of view proved very effective in helping our students feel that they can be understood by adults," Jackson said. "It helped our staff feel that they were able to have insights into a variety of student points of view not easily obtained. This is a key component in our desire to build effective inclusion in our diverse community."

Jackson was pleased to see the response from the audience.

"His message was indeed very well received by both students and faculty alike," he said. "It was quite amazing how (Fowlin) was able to embrace students across a wide range of backgrounds, making even usually stoic students feel comfortable enough to shed tears or to share a quiet story after his performance."

While Fowlin strives to reach as many people as he can, he resolves to the fact that his message might fall on deaf ears. He said that at each performance, 20 percent of audience members

will never be reached because they are stuck in their ways. Another 60 percent are followers and will do as others do, and a mere 20 percent are the leaders who effect change. Fowlin encouraged everyone to be that leader.

He also challenged people to go out of their way and smile at 10 people throughout the rest of the day. He told the story of a man who had jumped off the Golden Gate Bridge some years ago. A note was found that read "I am going to walk to the bridge today. If one person smiles at me, I'm not going to jump." His body was found later that day.

"You never know whose day you may be making and whose life you may be saving," Fowlin said.

Many of the students were overwhelmed by the depth and emotion of the show. Some were confident its impact would be seen in the school hallways.

"I think he's really going to have an impact on this school," said Angela Parkison, a sophomore at

North who watched the show with her friend, Sara Shubnell. Both students were encouraged by the message.

"His performance hit a lot of people," Shubnell said. "I think this will really change how people treat each other."

Students approached Fowlin after the show to thank him for sharing his message. He had said that "hugs are free," and many took him up on the offer while others held back tears of appreciation.

Leann Butcher, a senior at North, was especially touched by Fowlin.

"He's got so much passion. It was amazing," she said.

Matthew Doak, a junior at North, felt he reached a wide audience with his message and depiction of different perspectives on high school life.

Even staff members were overwhelmed by Fowlin's powerful show.

"It was the kind of experience that required some

thoughtful self-reflection afterward," said Beacon Elementary School principal Nancy Ozimek, adding that this reflection requires you to be brutally honest with yourself. "I was reminded of the power my words and actions have especially on the children I interact with on a daily basis. Everyone needs love and acceptance especially when they are acting out. We need to dig deeper in order to figure out what is going on beneath the surface."

The characters in Fowlin's show are ones that can be identified with by any individual in the audience. One powerful personality was Octavious, a high school senior and star football player who hides the fact that he's gay.

"We all wear masks," Fowlin said, in character. "We wear them for different reasons, mostly for self-preservation and fear of how people will react."

Another character, Frank, challenged the stereotype of the "white male" after being harassed by the police for

wearing a trench coat, in an apparent reaction to the Columbine High School shootings.

"I'm so tired of people judging others based on the clothes they wear, the people they hang out with, the music they listen to or the fact that they don't fit into the norm," he said, holding up a T-shirt that read "You laugh because I'm different. I laugh because you are all the same."

Fowlin discussed prejudice in the opposite way most people are comfortable discussing.

"White people can be victims too," he said. "Our society gives black people a free pass to be prejudiced against white people, just because their people were once oppressed. Why is it OK for black people and comedians to get up there and say whatever they want, and nobody's going to care? Just because you or your people were oppressed doesn't give you the right to become the oppressor."

Another character, Sabine, was a bi-racial senior girl who fought against double standards faced by women and sought understanding from adults.

Jose, a Hispanic boy struggling in school and at home, contemplated suicide before a teacher reached out to him unconditionally and told him he was beautiful.

Fowlin shouted to the audience "You are beautiful!" He made them shout back the words to him, and then turn to the person sitting next to them, saying it again.

He took the audience on a journey of self-discovery. He sought to explain that everyone goes through pain and personal struggles.

"I think about the resilience we have as people," he said. "We've all been through pain in our lives. Open your eyes and pay attention to everyone."

More information about Michael Fowlin and his one-man show can be obtained at [www.michaelfowlin.com](http://www.michaelfowlin.com).

## Granholt reminds Gaffney of Milliken

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Sitting at his heavy wooden desk in the last row of a packed House of Representatives, Grosse Pointe's freshman state legislator listened to Gov. Jennifer Granholm's 2004 State of the State address with a sense of déjà vu.

"It was the best moderate Republican speech in 20 years — since Milliken was in office," said Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms.

Michigan's Democrat female governor has a long way to match Republican William Milliken's record-setting 14 years as the state's top officeholder. But based on her pro-business, pro-education speech, she earned Gaffney's benefit of a doubt.

"It was an excellent speech," Gaffney said. "It's hard to criticize anything in it."

Granholm proposed helping emerging businesses transform university research to commercial use. She wants to provide venture capital to start-up companies and increase access to capital by small and medium-sized firms.

"These three funds (will) send a half-a-billion dollar message to entrepreneurs

and businesses — we will help you grow your business and new jobs here in Michigan," Granholm said.

"Her idea about venture capital could be an incubator of jobs; a long-term solution," Gaffney said. "That helps us compete with other states. The only problem was she spoke in generalities"

Granholm's filled her speech with ideas.

• She proposed helping cities revitalize downtown areas.

• She offered a discount prescription program for senior citizens and uninsured working people.

• Last year, she opened or expanded three primary health care centers in Grand Rapids, Saginaw and Detroit. This year, she plans to open five more.

• She wants to add 150,000 eligible children to the state's 850,000 youngsters receiving healthcare coverage through Healthy Kids and MICHild.

"Where do we get the money to fund some of these programs?" Gaffney said. "She's not going to increase the budget, with a billion dollar deficit."

Upon winning office 13 months ago, Granholm retained her term-limited

predecessor's (Republican Gov. John Engler) state budget director to help whittle down a \$3 billion deficit. Granholm cut spending and met the state's constitutional mandate for a balanced budget.

"If you seek a leaner government, look about you," she said during her speech, playing off the state motto, "If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you."

Facing a \$1 billion deficit in 2005, Granholm remained undaunted.

"Crisis begets opportunity," she said.

She promised another bal-

anced budget, but one that will "protect our quality of life. Everything in it will strengthen our ability to grow good jobs."

"The idea of a good job hits the nail on the head," Gaffney said. "Good factory jobs are fewer and fewer. We're exporting computer-entry work. It makes you wonder how future generations are going to make a living."

The Grosse Pointes' and Harper Woods' state senator Martha Scott, D-Highland Park, was out of Michigan on state business and unavailable for comment.

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## New procedure aids weight loss

A minimally invasive, adjustable and reversible procedure that can make weight loss and better health possible for severely obese patients will be the topic from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 5, at St. John

Hospital and Medical Center's Auditorium.

Dr. Abd Hawashi, director of laparoscopic surgery and the St. John Minimally Invasive Surgery Center, will lead the program. Call (888) 757-5463.



## Organ transplants save lives

By Dr. Henry Oh  
Special Writer

Imagine never again spending hours attached to a machine each week while it filters toxins from your blood. Imagine throwing away your insulin for good and eating whatever you want, whenever you want. Imagine walking from your house to your curbside mailbox without gasping for breath.



Oh

These things are all possible outcomes following a successful organ transplant. Since the first successful lifesaving organ transplant, a living-related donor kidney transplant, was performed in 1954, modern medicine has made remarkable strides in developing effective transplant procedures that can prolong the lives of patients who otherwise would not survive.

In fact, livers, lungs, hearts and kidneys are now routinely transplanted, as are tissues like corneas and skin.

One of the transplant surgeries you don't often hear about is the pancreatic transplant. As you may remember from biology class, the pancreas is a 6-inch long organ found in the upper abdomen that secretes digestive enzymes and hormones like insulin. People whose pancreases don't produce insulin properly have what is known as Type I diabetes, and they often can be helped with a transplant.

Pancreatic transplants actually have been around since the 1960s. But there's a new type of pancreas transplant called the porto-enteric drainage procedure, which we have started using at the St. John Transplant Specialty Center with great success.

With the porto-enteric procedure, the new pancreas is placed close to the liver. This allows insulin to be

released into the body in a more natural way, which in turn allows the organ to perform in a more natural and correct way.

The benefit is that over time, the patient should experience less hardening of the arteries, lower cholesterol and triglyceride levels, and a better quality of life.

But most miraculously of all, a pancreas transplant eliminates diabetes, and the disease won't return as long as the transplant functions. Although pancreas transplant patients must take anti-rejection drugs known as immunosuppression drugs every day for the rest of their lives, that seems to be a small price to pay to be diabetes-free.

Pancreases from deceased donors are usually used for transplants. But because there aren't enough organs from deceased donors to go around, a person can receive a portion of a pancreas from a living donor (usually a relative) whose blood type and tissues match theirs.

This practice is limited to only a few centers in the United States because of the increased incidence of surgical complications when a portion of a pancreas is used. A pancreas transplant often is performed when the patient receives a kidney transplant from the same donor, but it's possible to receive a pancreas transplant alone.

Likewise, it's possible to receive just a kidney transplant. People usually need kidney transplants because of the damage caused by diabetes, hypertension, infections, immune diseases and genetic disposition. Kidney disease progresses slowly, with the organs losing their ability to filter out toxins gradually until they fail completely. When a person is in end-stage renal failure, he or she must undergo dialysis treatments or receive a kidney transplant in order to survive.

While kidneys can come from either a deceased or a living donor, there's a shortage of kidneys from deceased donors (1,880 people were on the waiting list for kidney transplants this month in Michigan alone, and 19 others have died since January).

Although a healthy kidney donated by a genetically-related individual like a brother, sister, mother or father is preferable, friends, spouses or good Samaritans may be able to donate an organ if there's a blood and tissue match.

Until recently, the kidney donation process required a lengthy recuperation period for the donor not unlike that of the recipient. But today there's a procedure offered at St. John Hospital known as laparoscopic nephrectomy that's far less invasive for the donor. The donated kidney is removed using just three tiny puncture-like incisions and a 3-inch bikini-line incision. As a result, there's usually much less pain for the donor and he or she can return to work much sooner.

As you can see, the St. John Transplant Specialty Center is at the forefront of pancreas and kidney transplantation in the metro Detroit area. Since its genesis in 1990, the center has performed more than 675 kidney and pancreas transplants, with procedure success rates averaging 95 percent, among the highest in the country.

For a consultation with a St. John Transplant Specialty Center surgeon, call (313) 343-7470.

Dr. Henry Oh is director of the St. John Transplant Specialty Center and a transplant surgeon.

## X-tra Special Advice

for parents of children with special needs

### Parents need to P.L.A.Y.

By Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan  
Special Writers

Learn from those who are helping parents build stronger relationships with their children. The lessons are applicable and beneficial to any parent.

Meet Dr. Richard Solomon, section chief of behavioral and developmental pediatrics and clinical associate professor, division of general pediatrics at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Solomon, who is board certified in general pediatrics and developmental and behavioral pediatrics, began working with young children with autism and their families before he went to medical school in 1977.

In 1983, as a fellow in the National Center for Clinical Infants Program, he met nationally known child psychiatrist Dr. Stanley Greenspan. Solomon became familiar with Greenspan's Developmental, Individualized and Relationship-oriented (DIR) model and recognized the similarities between DIR (or floor time therapy) and what he had been doing in an Ann Arbor elementary school.

DIR focuses on helping children with communication disorders improve social reciprocity and functional communication, an often ignored source of developmental delay.

Solomon formally studied the DIR approach and, with the full support of Greenspan, began developing the P.L.A.Y. Project model in Michigan. P.L.A.Y. (Play and Language for Autistic Youngsters) has four components: medical consultation, training, parent support and advocacy, and home consultation.

The P.L.A.Y. approach supports the best way to facilitate communication with children is to enter their world. Parents are expected to spend 15-25 hours per week engaging in creative play with their child, often getting down on the floor to create situations that will generate and improve communication.

It sounds simple, but in order to be effective, families must devote a tremendous amount of their time and energy into engaging their child and encouraging him or her to communicate. Parents learn how to do P.L.A.Y. therapy by having a P.L.A.Y. therapist visit their home to train them. They may also attend P.L.A.Y. Project workshops. Solomon and his finely trained associates review videotapes of the sessions between parent and child and offer their critique and advice via e-mail.

P.L.A.Y. benefits are numerous: the cost per year (\$2,400-\$3,600) is a real bargain compared with one-on-one therapies that may annually cost as much as a new, fully loaded mini van; parents feel more in control of the process and take more pride in the results; it improves two-way communication; and, best of all, the relationship with your child grows far beyond expectations.

Take Andrew, for example. Our 3-year-old, who has Fragile X Syndrome and autism, used to always want "the mommy." Repeating only the word "mama," he would mainly go to her for food, comfort and play. Ted started last summer spending evenings with Andrew as required by the P.L.A.Y. project. Now, it's all about "the daddy."

Andrew often ignores the mommy when the daddy is around. He usually demands the daddy play with him, rock him to sleep and hug him when he gets hurt or needs comforting.

Mary Beth, a stay-at-home mom, does not seem to mind, enjoying the time away from constantly being prodded for things. Other unexpected recent benefits include Andrew pointing for the first time and the big breakthrough: kissing us, albeit he uses a little too much tongue. We urge him to use "church tongue, not porno tongue," but we enjoy the kisses anyway. This is a huge milestone for us, given that Andrew has always swatted away attempts to contact his face.

Whether you are a parent of so-called "normal" children or children with special needs, turn off the boob tube or computer tonight. Get down on the floor and use your imagination and actively play with your child. Do it again tomorrow and the next day. Nothing is more important. Just think of the results.

If nothing else, your relationship will be even better. And, who knows, maybe you'll end up getting a few more "church-tongue" kisses.

For more specific information on the P.L.A.Y. Project, go to [playproject.org](http://playproject.org).

Grosse Pointe residents Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan created this column to share experiences from their journey as parents of a child with Fragile X Syndrome ([fragilex.org](http://fragilex.org)).

See page 10B for tips on how parents can use P.L.A.Y. techniques.

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## The Pastor's Corner

### Handling road rage

By a local Christian Scientist  
Special Writer

We hear a lot about what goes wrong because of failure to quash human will and anger. In fact, the phrase "road rage" was coined as a result of the rise in dangerous road incidents when one driver allows himself to react to inconsiderate actions of another.

In the desire to "teach someone a lesson," one all too often teaches the opposite lesson desired.

What can we do to help stem this behavior? For one thing, we can refuse to be sucked into reacting to the actions or attitudes of others.

Mary Baker Eddy, who discovered Christian Science, addressed this issue pointedly. She wrote, "To punish ourselves for others' faults, is superlative folly."

"It is our pride that makes another's criticism rankle, our self-will that makes another's deed offensive, our egotism that feels hurt by another's self-assertion. Well may we feel wounded by our own faults, but we can hardly afford to be miserable for the faults of others." (Miscellaneous Writings, page 223.)

At one point in the life of Jesus Christ, a mob of people was so enraged against him because of hurt egotism resulting from his public teachings that they wanted to throw him over the edge of a cliff.

The story goes on, "But he, passing through the midst of them, went his way." (Luke 4:30)

They were looking for someone upon whom they could vent their anger. But his thought was so filled with calm, spiritual love, that there was no opportunity for their rage to be barbed or to adhere to him in any way. The result was that he walked away untouched.

They were looking for a victim. His dominion kept him at peace with all of God's children, and therefore unresponsive to violence.

While it would have been humanly understandable to have become indignant and angry at their desire to kill him, he simply never reacted in anger, never allowed fear to enter his thought, and never gave up his dominion over the situation, or his life would have ended there. We can follow his example and "pass through the midst of" deplorable behavior and go on our way, handling road rage in the most effective manner possible: refusal to open the door of our thought to it in any way.

On the road, at home, at work or anywhere in public, we can prevent the cruelty of victimization in any form, by shutting the door to fear, pride, human will, or egotism, and opening it wide to the calm trust in God's presence in every activity of our day.

## Be active, involved in children's lives

Being actively involved in your child's life has many rewards — memories, great conversations, a deeper relationship with your child, and the chance to watch your child grow into a healthy and responsible adult.

But did you know that simply by spending time with your child you are also helping to keep him or her away from drugs?

Dr. Phillippe Cunningham, research scientist at the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Medical University of South Carolina, explains, "Kids who are close to their parents are less likely to engage in a whole host of risky behaviors, including drug and alcohol abuse."

He cautions, however, that not all kinds of parental involvement are equally

helpful.

"The fact that a parent and child are in the same room does not necessarily mean that they are interacting," Cunningham said. "Parents need to create situations where they can connect emotionally with their child."

Cunningham offers the following suggestions to foster this emotional connection:

- Establish a regular weekly routine of doing something special, such as going out for a walk, that will allow you to talk with your child.

- Hold regular family meetings in which each person gets a chance to talk without interruption and where only constructive feedback is allowed.

- If at all possible, be home after school. If not, try to arrange for some type of adult supervision — even if it's just a neighbor dropping by once in a while.

- Eat meals together as often as you can. Use it as an opportunity to discuss a specific topic with your children — current events, their interests, popular music, fashion, or school.

## LTA presents 'Finding God in Daily Life'

Shannon Rupp Barnes will present a spirituality retreat, "Finding God in Daily Life," from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. The event is part of the Lay Theological Academy's offerings.

Barnes is an independent consultant in the field of human development and spiritual formation and has given workshops and retreats throughout the United States, Canada and Southeast Asia. The cost is \$10, and lunch will be provided. Call (313) 882-5330. The Lay Theological Academy provides ecumenical educational opportunities for adults. It is comprised of 13 local churches and institutions, including Christ Church Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, Grosse Pointe United Church, Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, St. Ambrose Catholic Church, St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, St. James Lutheran Church, St. Paul Catholic Church, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Children's Home of Detroit.

The Women's Bible Study will continue studying the Book of Philippians. The community is invited to take part in all discussions and classes. For more information, call the church office at (313) 884-5040.

## First English offers adult educational opportunities

"Life After Death: What the Bible Really Says" is the title of an adult Sunday school class at First English Ev. Lutheran Church. It meets Sundays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

The Thursday Morning Bible Study group offers classes on "The Book of Genesis," a look at the patriarchal history and lives of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph. It meets on Thursdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

The Men's Club Breakfast and Bible Study meets at

## Crafters sought for fall show

Crafters are invited to participate in the 12th annual Fall Craft Show at First English Ev. Lutheran Church on Saturday, Oct. 9, at the church, 800 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods. The show will be held for the first time on the ground floor of the church's new Family Life Center. All items must be hand-crafted. The cost of participation and details about rental tables are available by calling the show's chairman Beverly Jackson, at (586) 771-9049.

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## Addiction in the workplace is a problem worth solving

From assembly lines to boardrooms, substance abuse and addiction are problems that plague the workplace. If those problems wreak havoc in one's personal life, you can bet they're prominent in the workplace. A few facts help describe the human and economic toll of substance abuse in the workplace:

- About 23 million Americans suffer from alcohol and drug addiction; 75 percent of those people are employed, but only 20 percent get help for their problem.

- Eighty percent of heavy drinkers (five or more drinks on one occasion at least five times in the last month) in the United States are employed.

- Alcohol and drug abuse cost American businesses about \$100 billion in lost productivity each year.

Also, consider that the alcoholic/drug addicted

employee incurs twice the health care costs of the average employee, is more likely to steal from his or her employer, is more likely to be involved in workplace accidents, is three times more likely to report for work late and five times more likely to file a workers' compensation claim. Workers in the throes of their addictions not only expose themselves to danger and impaired performance, but they compromise the safety, productivity and morale of fellow workers.

The impact: A CEO, with the future of 50,000 employees in his hands, blows off a crucial business decision for his next line of cocaine. A hungover construction worker's carelessness causes the death of two fellow workers. A drug-addicted nurse administers a fatal overdose of medication.

Eric Goplerud, a research professor who works with

Ensuring Solutions to Alcohol Problems at George Washington University Department of Health Policy, puts real numbers to the impact of alcohol abuse in the workplace. Goplerud helped develop an online tool called "The Ensuring Solutions Alcohol Cost Calculator" ([www.ensuring-solutions.org](http://www.ensuring-solutions.org)) that computes company-specific information on the extent and cost of alcohol problems in the workplace. The tool estimates the number of people at a particular company who suffer from alcohol problems and how those problems affect the company's bottom line.

For instance, a financial services company with 60,000 employees can expect to have 3,240 employees with an alcohol problem. That translates to 65,986 work days missed and 16,103 days of lowered productivity, for a cost of \$10

million. Add to that another \$16 million for alcohol-related health care costs, as well as several thousand family members who have alcohol problems, too.

One cost analysis study by the Chevron Corporation in the mid-1990s found that its drug-free workplace program, one that encouraged access to addiction treatment, saved \$10 for every \$1 spent on treatment. Savings were realized in reduced health care for employees, increased productivity, and retention of valued employees.

Figures like those make for a compelling case to address addiction in the workplace. A recent workplace addiction survey of 200 companies (commissioned by Hazelden) found that more than 80 percent of human resources professionals recognize addiction as a chronic disease and would recommend treatment for an addicted executive or rank-and-file worker, rather than firing him.

On the other hand, the survey found that over half of the companies surveyed lacked expertise in identify-

ing addiction in the workplace. The study reveals "a stunning disconnect in corporate America," said William C. Moyers, vice president of External Affairs for Hazelden. "Human resource professionals recognize that addiction treatment works and know that recovering employees come back after treatment as productive members of their companies. Yet at many companies, these enlightened beliefs aren't translated into the practice of directing employees into treatment, thanks to the stigma of addiction and a lack of knowledge about it."

"Addressing addiction problems early on in the workplace is the humane thing to do," said Dr. James Quayle, vice president of Medical Affairs at Kimberly-Clark Corporation. Quayle said his company of 60,000 employees has had an alcohol and drug policy for over 25 years that stresses education and early intervention.

"I don't know why a company would be resistant to treating the illness and get-

ting an employee into recovery," he said. "Recovering employees come back to us better than ever. They are rejuvenated, productive employees and are grateful for the chance to turn their lives around."

For resources on addressing addiction in the workplace, go to [www.hazelden.org/business](http://www.hazelden.org/business), [www.ensuring-solutions.org](http://www.ensuring-solutions.org), or [www.dol.gov/working-partners/welcome.html](http://www.dol.gov/working-partners/welcome.html), the site for the U.S. Department of Labor's "Working Partners for an Alcohol- and Drug-Free Workplace."

This health column offers information needed to help prevent substance abuse problems and address such problems.

It is provided by Hazelden, a nonprofit agency based in Center City, Minn., that offers a wide range of information and services on addiction and recovery.

For more resources, call Hazelden at (800) 257-7800 or check its Web site at [www.hazelden.org](http://www.hazelden.org). Direct your inquiries to [mduda@hazelden.org](mailto:mduda@hazelden.org).

## March is colorectal cancer awareness month

An estimated 147,500 new cases of colorectal cancer were diagnosed in the United States.

As the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the country, colorectal cancer is preventable with regular screenings and a healthy lifestyle. It is also treatable and often times curable if detected early. Colon cancer risk increases with age.

Most people older than 50 are at the highest risk and make up 90 percent of all colon cancer patients. Although age is, perhaps, the most identified risk factor, less than 50 percent of individuals more than 50 receive annual screenings for colorectal cancer.

Other risk factors include:

- Personal history or a close relative with colon cancer or polyps.
- Personal history of inflammatory bowel disease.

- History of smoking or using tobacco products.
- Lack of physical activity.
- Diet high in animal fats.

For screening, the American Cancer Society has guidelines to detect colorectal cancer as early as possible. Beginning at age 50, both men and women should choose one of the following screening methods:

- Yearly fecal occult blood test (FOBT). This test detects blood that is not visible in a stool sample.

- Flexible sigmoidoscopy every five years. This procedure uses a hollow, lighted tube to visually inspect the wall of the rectum and part of the colon.

- FOBT yearly and flexible sigmoidoscopy every five years.

- Double contrast barium enema every five years. A series of X-rays of the colon and rectum taken after the

patient is given an enema containing barium dye, followed by an injection of air.

- Colonoscopy every 10 years. This procedure uses a hollow, lighted tube to visually inspect the wall of the rectum and part of the colon. Samples of tissues may be collected for closer examination, or polyps may be removed.

Many people who are diagnosed with colorectal cancer have no symptoms. If there are symptoms that may be recognized, one should consult his/her doctor. Symptoms might be:

- Blood in stool (bowel movement).
- Pain, aches, or cramps in the stomach.
- A change in bowel habits, such as having stools that are narrower than usual.
- Losing weight without dieting.

## Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



Americans. For many, rosacea starts innocently enough, resembling a sunburn or unexplained blush. Without warning, the redness spreads to their cheeks, to reappear, becoming redder and lasting longer with each outbreak.

Rosacea is a chronic condition which can not be cured. Left untreated, the symptoms of this disease can become quite severe. In advanced cases, especially for men, the nose can become swollen and bumpy - W.C. Fields' bulbous nose was a result of

rosacea. It is important, therefore, to take steps to control the condition. With the assistance of a physician, patients are prescribed long term therapies to match their lifestyle and condition, which may include oral and topical antibiotics, the use of sunscreens, lasers to remove blood vessels, and other treatments. Patients are also made aware of various "triggers" which can cause rosacea to flare, with changing weather one of the most widely reported - cited by nearly nine out of ten rosacea sufferers as causing their condition to get worse.

To learn more about acne rosacea and its treatment, contact your dermatologist, or call us at Eastside Dermatology, Dr. Lisa Manz-Dulac and Associates. Eastside Dermatology has offices in Grosse Pointe and New Baltimore. You can reach them at (313) 884-3380 or (586) 716-1291.

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## WALKING FOR HEALTH AND FITNESS

The snow has finally melted. As we end our season of hibernation, it is time to get outdoors and exercise. Fitness walking has many health benefits and is easy to do. It does not require any special skills or advanced conditioning. All you need is a good pair of walking shoes and comfortable clothing.

The health benefits of walking include:

- Weight loss
- Increased cardiovascular health
- Control of blood sugar and cholesterol levels
- Slowing of bone loss associated with osteoporosis
- Improved muscle tone

Walking also generates an overall feeling of well-being and can relieve depression, anxiety, and stress. Research has shown that the greatest health improvements occur in the population that is sedentary and simply gets off the couch and walks three times per week.

It is important that you talk to your physician before beginning any new exercise program, however.

There are four factors that can help you make exercise walking a habit. First, set clear and realistic goals. It may be helpful to invest in a pedometer for motivation to fit walking into your daily routine. Wear the pedometer throughout the day, setting a goal of 6,000 to 10,000 steps per day (beginners may have to start even lower). The distance can be entered into a walking journal and totaled each week to measure your progress. Set a goal and you will find that you are out walking just to make those numbers add up.

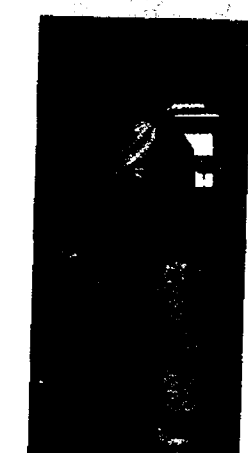
Secondly, it is important to schedule your walks. Many people find that walking first thing in the morning is best, before busy schedules interfere. Others incorporate walking into their workday by walking at breaks, lunchtime, or right after work. Still others walk in the afternoon or evening, which helps to clear the mind after a busy day. If you walk early in the morning or at night, reflective clothing is a must for safety. One of the best motivators to get you out the door is to have someone waiting for you. Find a walking partner! The conversation, jokes, and coffee afterwards are great ways to make even a blah walk fun.

Your dog also may be great company on your walks, benefiting you both.

Thirdly, monitor your progress and reward yourself for success. A heart rate monitor can help you keep track of exercise intensity or you may take your pulse manually at the wrist or throat. To get aerobic benefit from walking, it is necessary to keep your heart rate within its "target zone" which is between 60 and 85% of your maximum heart rate.

Your maximum heart rate is calculated by subtracting your age from 220.

The lower limit of the target zone is found by multiplying



Quadriceps Stretch: Stand on one leg and reach with hand to hold the foot. Hold onto a counter if needed to stay balanced.

your maximum heart rate by 0.6, the upper limit by multiplying by 0.85. For all but the most physically fit, it is better to exercise at the lower end of the target zone for longer periods of time, rather than at the higher level for shorter periods. Exercising at the lower intensity will improve your overall fitness. Keep in mind that medications for high blood pressure may affect your heart rate during exercise. Consult your physician if you take blood pressure medication to determine your ideal exercise heart rate.

Fourth, keep it interesting. Joining a walking club is a fun way to meet other people who also desire to stay fit. Walking clubs help by providing an indoor environment such as malls, eliminating inclement weather as a reason not to walk. It can also be fun to sign up for a fitness walking race to meet others and to meet a goal. Variety in scenery can keep walking interesting, so change your route periodically. When on vacation, bring those walking shoes to explore new areas.

Walking is probably the safest exercise you can do, but minor injuries can occur. Investing in a good pair of walking shoes is important for prevention of walking injuries. The ideal walking shoe should be stable from side-to-side, well cushioned, and should have enough room to wiggle your toes. Many running shoes fit all of these criteria well, but there are also shoes specific to walking that tend to be lighter.

It is also important to warm up for at least five minutes before you start and cool down for 5 minutes as you finish. This is a good time to do stretches specific to walking to prevent injury.

- Calf stretch (knee bent, knee straight)
- Quadriceps stretch
- Hamstrings stretch
- Sidebend trunk stretch

The most common injuries that occur with walking are shin splints and plantar fasciitis. Shin splints are most common to new walkers, especially if they are trying to walk fast. One cause of shin splints is overstriding. To correct this, slow down and shorten your stride. Concentrate on pushing off with your back foot rather than extending your front leg so far.

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Over-pronation can also be a cause of shin splints. This is when the foot rolls inward excessively with each step. Motion control shoes or custom fitted orthotics can correct over-pronation.



Calf Stretch: Stand with one foot in front of the other and lean forward. Lean back forward to stretch the calf of the leg behind.

Over-pronation can also contribute to the development of plantar fasciitis and heel spurs. The plantar fascia is a fibrous band that forms the arch of the foot. Pain usually begins as inflammation of the plantar fascia and, over time, bone is laid down in response to the stress in the form of a painful heel spur. A sorbothane cushion liner is often helpful to disperse the shock to the heel as well as will motion control shoes. After healing, custom orthotics may be helpful in preventing reinjury. Another cause of plantar fasciitis is tightness of the calf muscles, which makes the calf stretch very important for prevention. Lastly and often overlooked, is lack of flexibility in the big toe, which can also produce strain on the plantar fascia. It is important to stretch the big toe to maintain flexibility.

Now it's up to you to make walking a part of your life. In summary, find some shoes, set goals, make a time commitment, keep track of your progress and feel great!

If you have questions about starting a walking program or about walking injuries, please contact Gretchen Uznis Carron, DPT at Uznis Physical Therapy. (313) 881-5678

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## SOC Options

### Yoga class is for seniors

By Sharon Maier  
SOC Executive Director

You don't have to be a body beautiful or be able to turn your body into a pretzel in order to enjoy the benefits of yoga.



Sharon Maier

It is both a state of harmony and the method of realizing it. Originating in Tibet and India more than 3,000 years ago, yoga is one of the world's oldest branches of spiritual inquiry and physical exploration.

In India, 50 years of age is considered an ideal time to begin practicing yoga, signifying a new and wiser stage of life. Yoga is easy to do and is a strong self-help method of total relaxation for people of all ages and abilities.

Older Americans often lead sedentary lifestyles. Many watch television for hours every day, scrunched down in a chair with their legs crossed. This inactivity and body posture directly contribute to back pain, stiffness, lack of quality sleep, constipation, weakness, obesity and depression.

Inactivity can also be a factor in heart disease and osteoporosis (affecting more than 25 percent of older women and 10 percent of older men), and stiffness and pain around the joints, which contribute to decreased mobility.

Tension, shallow breathing and physical inactivity also contribute to poor circulation of blood to the spine and the rest of the body, which leads to less mobility and to health problems which cause less activity, and onward in a vicious downward spiral. Yoga can be a key out of this cycle.

Safe, gentle, slow and controlled movements may reduce anxiety and depression, while increasing muscle tone and strength. This adds to coordination,

improved balance and body control.

Many of my older students state that they thoroughly enjoy the way yoga complements their lifestyles. It keeps their bodies supple, fit and strong, plus gives a feeling of well-being. If they are learning new skills, yoga helps by increasing oxygen to the brain, improving memory and increasing the ability to focus attention for long periods.

Sometimes we forget that breath is life. Many people take very shallow breaths, using only the upper part of their lungs, especially when inactive or in pain. Shallow breaths rob us of energy and life force.

Humans require approximately 2,300 breaths of air every day. Older and inactive people take in much less. Yoga breathing strengthens our lungs and vocal chords, helping us to speak with a stronger, clearer voice, projecting our voices with more authority.

The Easy Does it Yoga for Older People that Services for Older Citizens (SOC) is offering every Tuesday at 12:15 p.m. is safe, gradual and effective.

It consists of lifts, bends and other movements for the whole body, adjusted to fit each person's unique needs, accompanied by active breathing. No advance reservations are required for this program; just drop in and give it a try.

This program just started in February, but the benefits are already being felt by the seniors who are participating.

Robert France has been teaching yoga for 30 years and brings experience and enthusiasm to this program.

An exercise of self-care program has to be enjoyable and fun or people won't do it. Yoga answers this challenge.

Practitioners report feeling refreshed, energized and positive. Those who practice yoga gain enormous benefits by incorporating it into their daily activities for the rest of their lives.

Once you begin, you will come to understand what those who use yoga, regardless of their ability, already know: Yoga is serious fun.

If you would like to hear more about what yoga can do for you, plan to attend SOC's afternoon tea, "Live Healthy, Live Happy," at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, at the Neighborhood Club.

The afternoon tea is free (bring your own tea cup), but advance reservations are required. Call SOC at (313) 882-9600.

## Helpful grandparenting hints

One of the joys of being older is the opportunity to enjoy "parenting lite" — relishing all the joy, excitement and fun of being a parent with relatively little of the everyday work of being a mom or dad.

However, thousands of seniors each year are forced to upgrade their role to full-time parenting when their adult children can no longer care for the grandchildren. The proof is in the numbers: Nearly 6.3 percent of U.S. children under 18 live in grandparent-headed households, according to the 2000 U.S. Census.

Faced with the task, you will likely have many questions, as no one can plan in advance for death, illness, incarceration or any event that results in your being given custody.

The first thing to decide is the legal status of the children. Will you adopt them, care for them as their legal guardian, or put them in foster care? Look to local bar associations, legal aid societies, adoption agencies or mediation services for help in making your decision and reaching an agreement on what will work best for you and your grandchildren.

From clothing to school supplies and, of course, toys,

caring for children can be an expensive prospect. Look to your local department of family services and religious or charitable groups for financial help.

You may also want to contact the Social Security Administration office for information about Supplemental Social Security Income and find out if your state offers subsidies for grandparent care givers.

Adequate health insurance is of vital importance for the both of you.

There are many options available, ranging from private health plans to state insurance programs. Contact your insurance carrier to see if your grandchildren can be dependents on your policy. Your local or state office of health or family services may also be able to provide information about low-cost or free programs that can help you out.

All of this change can prove traumatic for you and your grandchild. You are both likely to be dealing with a range of emotions, including grief, depression and anger. Don't hesitate to seek support from a therapist, a social worker, a doctor or a grandparent support group.

Remember that you are not alone. There are people out there who can help grandparents like you who are raising their grandchildren.

For more information visit the American Association of Retired Persons Web site [aarp.org/grandparents](http://aarp.org/grandparents).

## Educational talks offered

Learn important skills to help care for a friend or family member in the final years of life. A five-session program will feature individual topics relative to care giving at life's end.

"Walk With Us: Understanding End of Life" begins Monday, April 5 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the St. John Community Library. The presenter will be the Rev. Michael Chapman.

Receive enlightening clinical information regarding the signs, symptoms, and latest therapies available for Alzheimer's as well as financial planning considerations when continual care becomes appropriate.

"Understanding Behaviors of Alzheimer's" and "Legal and Financial Matters" runs from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 22, in the St. John Community Library.

## SOC to show documentary

The PBS 90-minute documentary on Alzheimer's disease will be shown at 12:30 p.m. Monday, March 29, at Services for Older Citizens in the Neighborhood Club.

For more information, call (313) 882-9600.

## SOC hosts Tuesday teas

Services for Older Citizens has added a new event to its calendar. On the last Tuesday of each month, SOC will host afternoon tea for seniors from the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

## Volunteers needed at SOC

Those interested in helping senior citizens with yard work should call Betsy Schulte, director of volunteer services, at (313) 882-9600.

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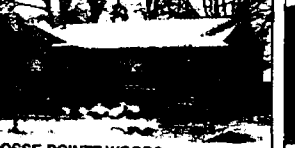




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Photo by Bob Bruce  
Harper Woods senior Bruce Mosely, above, played all 52 minutes of the Pioneers' thrilling five-overtime victory over Ubyly in a Class C regional semifinal game.

## Buena Vista ousts HW Pioneers

By Bob St. John  
Sports Writer

REESE — Harper Woods' basketball team gave it the best effort it could in last weekend's Class C regional championship game against No. 2-ranked Saginaw Buena Vista.

Unfortunately for the Pioneers, the strenuous two-day period left the players completely void of energy when the final horn sounded in a 59-54 defeat.

It took the Pioneers more than two hours by bus to reach Reese High School.

"Everything is gravy for us at this point of the season," head coach Loren Ristovski said.

"This team has battled night-in and night-out against some very good opposition just to be in this position. Someone has to win, and someone has to lose. Of course we want to win, but I want our kids to realize that this was something special win or lose."

Junior Justin Popov scored 20 points, and senior

Gilbert Walker had 12 to lead the Pioneers, who finished one of their best seasons in school history at 21-4.

Senior Bruce Mosely, who finished his four years as one of the best-ever players to don a Harper Woods jersey, played a steady game at the point, but it wasn't enough to stop one of the state title favorites from advancing to a quarterfinal game against Detroit Benedictine.

Harper Woods nearly set a state record in its regional semifinal, edging Ubyly 78-75 in five overtimes.

"It was an exciting, exhausting game that could have gone either way," Ristovski said.

"Both teams had chances to win during the overtimes, and the shots didn't fall. I was amazed Ubyly's last-second shot in the fifth overtime missed."

The Pioneers had the game won in regulation, but Ubyly hit a 30-foot three-pointer at the buzzer, tying

it at 60.

Mosely played 52 minutes, scoring 14 points, while Popov had 25 points.

Senior Batts added 19 points, and junior Jerome Douglas had 11 while playing the fourth quarter and the five overtimes with four fouls.

The Pioneers trailed by 16 points late in the third quarter, but Ristovski changed defenses, going to a full-court man-to-man.

"We had to change the game plan," Ristovski said. "I sat my big guys and played five guards that helped us get back into the game. Ubyly couldn't keep up with our speed, and it paid off for us."

Junior James Slago hit two big three pointers that helped the Pioneers chip away at the 16-point deficit, while senior James Crawford came off the bench to provide another spark when Douglas was forced to sit with his four fouls.

"Crawford played very well for us, as did Gilbert (Walker) on the defensive end of the court," Ristovski said.

"We needed everyone to help us pull this win out." The five-overtime marathon began at 7:30 p.m. and ended at 10:35.

The Pioneers rolled into their school parking lot at 1:20 a.m.

"We're all exhausted after going through that," Ristovski said. "It's all gravy now. Everything this team has done is great. I thought our overtime win over (Royal Oak) Shrine was exciting, but this five-overtime win over Ubyly passed that."

Ristovski loses Mosely, Batts, Crawford, Walker and Jesus Melendez to graduation, but Douglas, Dan Harris, Carlos Williams, Popov, Slago, Xavier Fowler, Desmond Meadows, Dexter Jackson and Cory Avery will be back next season.

## GP North's season ends in regional semifinal vs Eisenhower

By Chuck Klönke  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North ran into a basketball team that was just as hungry for a regional championship as the Norsemen.

"Both teams fought hard," North coach Matt Trombley said after Utica Eisenhower's 56-52 victory in the Class A regional semifinal at East Detroit High School.

"They wanted to win just as much as we did."

North hadn't won a regional game since 1979. Eisenhower's regional drought dated back to 1980.

Eagles coach Brandon Lemley talked to his team during a timeout after North had overcome an 11-point Eisenhower lead to go ahead 50-49 on David Klein's free throw with 1:08 remaining.

"I told them, 'if we're going to lose, why not leave it all on the court?'" Lemley said.

Moments after Klein's free throw gave the Norsemen their first lead since Klein scored the game's first basket, the Eagles' Rob Atherton raced the length of the court for a layup that put Eisenhower ahead for good.

"We didn't get back on defense quick enough," Trombley said.

Dan Riddock then hit five of six free throws in the final 35 seconds to keep the Eagles in front.

"We've been playing close games all year," said Atherton, who stayed in the game despite picking up his fourth foul with nearly six minutes left. "I think that helped us tonight."

North's comeback and its tenacious defensive play earned the respect of the Eisenhower players.

"They got after it better than anybody we've played," Atherton said.

Lemley's decision to keep Atherton in the game wasn't much of a gamble.

"I wouldn't trade him for any point guard in the state," Lemley said of the Macomb Area Conference Red Division's Most Valuable Player. "When he picked up his fourth foul I said, 'we're going to win or lose with Robby.' I wasn't going to put the outcome in the hands of a backup, who hadn't played much at all this year."

While Atherton avoided his fifth foul, North's defensive specialist didn't.

Bryan Bennett picked up his fourth foul with three minutes left in the third quarter. He sat out the rest of the quarter, but returned in the fourth quarter and got

his fifth foul with four minutes left.

"Losing Bryan hurt a lot," Trombley said.

Although he didn't blame the officiating for the defeat, Trombley said that his players had to make some adjustments after North won the district it hosted.

"I was disappointed in the difference in the officiating from our district," he said. "They called it a lot tighter tonight, and it's tough to adjust in one game."

Eisenhower, which finished a game behind MAC Red champion Chippewa Valley, raced out to an early 14-4 lead. Henry McCain came off the bench for North and hit a couple of three-point baskets to help narrow the gap to 19-12 at the end of the first quarter.

The Eagles stretched their lead to 11 points early in the second quarter after consecutive baskets by Michael Thornton, but the Norsemen got back within seven, 29-22, at the end of the first half.

Michael Bramos, who scored 14 of his 17 points in the second half, had six of them in the third quarter as North went into the fourth quarter trailing, 42-39.

A pair of free throws by Jake Krystoforski brought the Norsemen within one

early in the fourth quarter. A layup and two free throws by Bramos with 2:46 left tied the game at 47-all.

Atherton answered with a layup to put Eisenhower back in front, but another basket by Bramos tied the game. Klein was fouled while rebounding a missed shot by the Eagles, and his free throw put North ahead 50-49.

The Norsemen committed a costly turnover with 15 seconds left and Eisenhower leading by two points. North was forced to foul and Riddock hit both free throws to give the Eagles a four-point advantage.

"Michael attacked the basket pretty well in the second half," Trombley said. "He had to make some adjustments, too, but he's a fighter."

Bramos led North with 17 points and seven rebounds. McCain finished with 11 points, and Klein had seven points and seven rebounds.

Atherton led all scorers with 19 points, while Riddock had 13 and Thornton 11. Atherton and 6-foot-10 Phil DeVries each had

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## South finishes in top 10 in state swim meet

By Chuck Klönke  
Sports Editor

Two places might not seem like a huge improvement, but Grosse Pointe South's ninth-place finish at the recent Division I state swimming and diving championships delighted Blue Devils coach Bill Thompson.

"I'm very happy," Thompson said. "When you go into a meet like that, you can't control what other people do. All you can do is try to swim your best times, and that's what most of our kids did."

South, which was in sixth place for most of the meet, finished with 106 1/2 points.

"That's 30 points more than last year, and I thought the swimming was a lot better this year, too," Thompson said.

South took 11 swimmers, a diver and two alternates to the state meet. It was one of the school's largest state meet teams in several years.

"All the kids were really excited," Thompson said. "I was happy to see so many people up there for support, and so were the kids. It was a nice reward for a great season."

South was undefeated in dual meets and won the Macomb Area Conference Red Division dual and division meet championships.

Thompson was probably the happiest with the way seniors Ben Jenzen and Mike Dunaway ended their high school careers.

"Ben was phenomenal," Thompson said. "He swam in four events both days and was All-State in three of them."

Jenzen finished third in the 50-yard freestyle with a personal-best time of 21.37. He also had personal best in the anchor legs of the 200 medley relay (20.79) and the 200 freestyle relay (20.41), and he had a 100 split of 47.68 in the 400 freestyle relay.

Jenzen's third-place finish was the best by a South swimmer since John McClellan in 1998.

"Dunaway had his best time in the 50 freestyle," Thompson said. "It's nice to go out knowing you swam your best time in your final meet. He also made All-State in two relays."

Dunaway and Ryan Gunderson each had person-

al-best times of 22.66 in the preliminaries of the 50 freestyle.

Luke Richard had a huge drop of 1.65 seconds in the 100 butterfly as he finished fifth in 52.33.

Casey Browning brought home a pair of medals, finishing eighth in the 500 freestyle and 11th in the 200 freestyle.

The 200 medley relay team of Dave Richardson-Rossbach, Pete Stevens, Richard and Jenzen dropped nearly three seconds off its best time during the preliminaries and finished fourth in the finals.

The 200 freestyle relay team of Richard, Dunaway, Browning and Jenzen set a school record of 1:28.10 during the prelims, beating the mark it set a year ago by .93 seconds.

Richard, Dunaway, Gunderson and Jenzen swam in the finals and finished seventh.

The 400 freestyle relay team of Browning, Richardson-Rossbach, Dunaway and Jenzen dropped 3.43 seconds off its previous best time and finished 14th in 3:18.36.

In addition to the best times posted by Dunaway and Gunderson in the prelims, Richardson-Rossbach dropped .42 seconds to finish 20th overall (49.27). He was also 20th in the 100 backstroke as he chopped .63 seconds off his best time with a clocking of 55.97.

Pete Stevens pared .47 seconds off his 100 breaststroke time and finished 19th in 1:02.86.

Jon Sax swam a personal-best 2:02.64 in the 200 individual medley.

Also swimming in the prelims for South were Jeff Tompkins and Danny Basile in the 500 freestyle, and Robby Browning in the 100 butterfly and the 100 backstroke.

Justin Linne qualified for the diving preliminaries with a third-place finish in the regional.

Since all but Jenzen and Dunaway are underclassmen, Thompson is looking for even more improvement next season.

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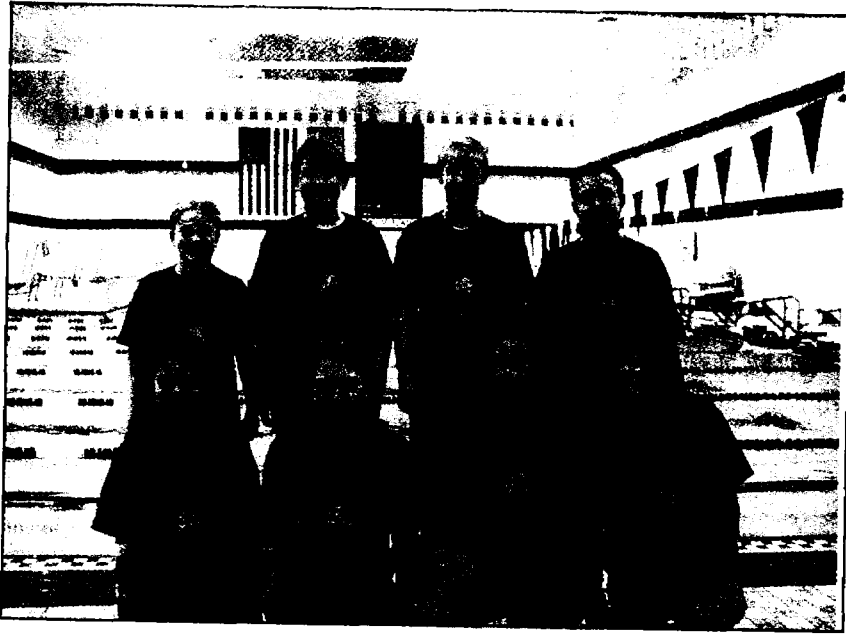


Photo by Lori Wilson  
Grosse Pointe North's Jake Krystoforski drives for a layup during his final basketball game for the Norsemen.



## State medal swimmer

Michael Lane of the Pointe Aquatics swim team won the 200-yard boys breaststroke competition at the Michigan Swimming 12-and-under Short Course State Championships. For more on Pointe Aquatics, read the story on 2C.



Several Pointe Aquatics swimmers qualified for the recent Michigan Swimming 12-and-under Short Course State Championships. In front, from left, are Ella Pandy, Megan Brooks, Emily Turnbull and Molly Dewald. In back, from left, are Robert Tripp, Cameron Howle, Michael Shook and Michael Lane.

## Pointe Aquatics swimmers do well in state championships

The Pointe Aquatics Swim Club made a strong showing at the recent Michigan Swimming 12-and-under Short Course State Championships at Lake Orion High School.

Michael Lane was Pointe Aquatics' only individual champion as he finished first in the boys 11-12 200-yard breaststroke in 2:27.98.

Lane had second-place finishes in the 200 freestyle (1:57.72), 200 individual medley (2:14.72) and 400 individual medley (4:48.94).

He was also third in the 100 breaststroke (1:08.40) and the 100 butterfly (1:02.66). His 103 points placed him sixth overall for his age group.

Lane also qualified in 10 other events but was limited to swimming in six events in

the state meet.

Michael Shook finished 21st overall in boys 11-12 with 52 points. He was fourth in the 500 freestyle (5:33.66), seventh in the 200 backstroke (2:27.71) and 100 backstroke (1:08.18), 10th in the 400 individual medley (5:15.56), 12th in the 200 freestyle (2:10.02), and 16th in the 200 breaststroke (2:52.29).

Shook also qualified in four other events.

Other qualifiers in boys 11-12 were Cameron Howle, who was 17th in the 500 freestyle (5:58.76), 24th in the 400 IM (5:45.59), 31st in the 200 breaststroke (3:03.04), and 36th in the 100 breaststroke (1:25.09); and Robert Tripp, who was 21st in the 400 IM (5:42.92) and 25th in the 200 breast-

stroke (2:57.40).

The relay team of Lane, Howle, Tripp and Shook finished seventh in the 200 medley relay with a time of 2:08.33, and 10th in the 200 freestyle relay in 1:56.91.

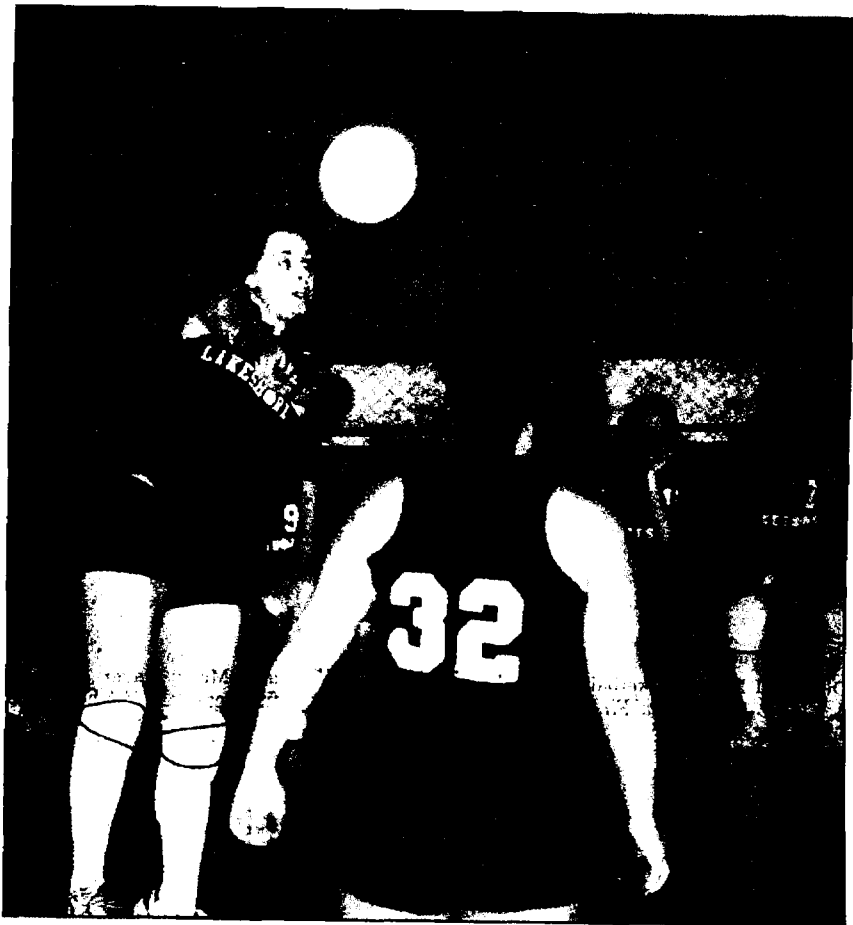
In the girls 11-12 division, Molly Dewald was 26th in the 50 breaststroke (35.54).

In girls 9-10, Megan Brooks was eighth in the 100 breaststroke (1:28.79), and 20th in the 50 breaststroke (41.56).

Ella Pandy was 13th in the 50 butterfly (34.63).

Emily Turnbull was 18th in the 50 backstroke (35.91), and 19th in both the 100 backstroke (1:18.69) and 50 butterfly (35.30).

Pointe Aquatics scored 208 points to finish 18th among 49 teams.



Lake Shore senior Maggie Zmich, left, and junior Kristy Augustyn, No. 32, played well in the Shorians' first-ever appearance in a Class B regional tournament.

### Volleyball champs

Below are scores and highlights from last weekend's four girls volleyball state championship matches from Kalamazoo's University Arena.

**Class A** — Top-ranked Fraser (71-2) successfully defended its state title, beating second-ranked East Kentwood 15-9, 17-15 in the championship match.

Senior all-state middle hitter Angle McGinnis, named Michigan's Miss Volleyball, was on fire in the finals, finishing with five kills, 28 aces, and

the game-winning ace. Senior Katie Price, Miss Volleyball runner-up, had 20 kills.

East Kentwood, 77-6, was the only team to beat Fraser this season, but it couldn't beat the Ramblers in the biggest match of the year.

**Class B** — Can anyone in Class B stop Marsyville?

Head coach John Knuth and his Vikings (55-2-1) won their eighth straight state championship, beating Carleton Airport 15-4, 15-10 in the championship match.

Allison Schlinkert had

11 kills to lead Marysville, while Laura Schultz had eight kills, and Stephanie Brooms had six kills and 22 assists.

Carleton Airport (51-13-1) was blown out in the opening game, but rebounded to make game two highly competitive. It was tied at 10 at one point before the champs scored the final five points to win the title.

**Class C** — New Lothrop won its second title in three years, beating Kingsley 15-3, 15-8.

It was no contest as New Lothrop (54-4-1) was led by Sarah Warner, who had 21 kills, and Rondalee Beardslee, who had 11 kills.

Lindsay Quaderer had 34 assists for the champs. Kingsley ended its season 56-8-3 overall.

**Class D** — Adrian Lenawee Christian stamped itself as one of the lower classes' more dominant programs after defeating Battle Creek St. Phillip 12-15, 15-6, 15-1.

The two also met in last year's final with Lenawee Christian winning 15-8, 15-13.

Haley Cisco had 11 kills to lead a balanced Lenawee Christian (47-10-2) attack.

Mehgan Heaton had 10 kills, while Katie Psaute had nine kills and 15 digs.

Megan Howard added 18 assists for the three-time state champs. St. Phillip finished 49-22-1 overall.



Grosse Pointe North gymnastics captains Kelly Poletis, left, and Mia Mocerri celebrate Poletis's qualifying for the state championship meet on balance beam.

## North gymnasts have good finish

Grosse Pointe North's gymnastics team started slowly this season, but the Norsemen finished strong.

A third-place finish in the Great Lakes Conference meet was highlighted by an outstanding performance from senior Kelly Poletis, who was named the league's Outstanding Senior Gymnast.

She finished eighth in all-around, taking second on uneven bars with an 8.3 score. She also scored 8.05 on floor exercise.

A couple of weeks later, Poletis finished seventh on balance beam at the state regional tournament, and her 8.65 score qualified her for the state finals. It was the highest score she had posted in any event.

North had several other fine performances in the league meet. Marsia

Thomas was third on bars with an 8.1.

Dayle Kronback was seventh on bars (7.75) and 10th on vault (7.85). Sarah Colosimo placed ninth on floor (8.35) and posted scores of 8.1 on balance beam and 7.7 on vault.

Mia Mocerri had scores of 8.15 on beam and 7.6 on floor. Sheila Terry scored a personal-best 7.25 on beam.

While Poletis was the only North gymnast to earn a state finals berth, there were other solid efforts in the regional.

Poletis scored 8.15 on vault, while Colosimo had an 8.05, and Kristen Glovac scored a personal-best 7.9.

Other vault scores were 7.7 by Liah Steele and 6.4 by Angelica Parkison.

Colosimo scored 8.3 on beam and 8.35 on floor, while Mocerri had an 8.15 on

beam.

Earlier, North posted a team-qualifying score of 124.5 in a meet against Dearborn Edsel Ford.

Mocerri won the beam competition with a personal best score of 8.45, and she also had her best score on floor with a 7.9.

Poletis posted scores of 8.05 on bars, 7.9 on beam, 7.95 on vault and 7.85 on floor.

Kronback scored 8.2 on vault, 7.95 on bars and 7.65 on beam, while Colosimo had a 7.8 on beam and 7.65 on floor.

Thomas scored 7.7 on bars. Ashley Hogan had a personal-best score of 7.2 on beam. Steele scored 7.75 on vault, while Glovac posted scores of 7.7 on vault and 7.0 on floor.

## North graduate qualifies for NCAA swimming meet

Carnegie Mellon University junior Kevin Paavola, a Grosse Pointe North graduate, has qualified for the NCAA Division III swimming championships, which will be held this weekend at St. Peter's, Mo.

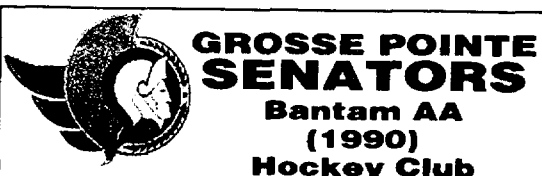
Paavola qualified in the

500-meter freestyle, with a season-best time of 4:40.22, and in the 1,650 freestyle with a time of 16:27.91.

He will also swim the second leg on the 800 freestyle relay, which is seeded sixth in the meet with a season-best time of 6:51.75.

Carnegie Mellon was 7-0 in dual meets, going undefeated for the fourth year in a row.

Last year, the Tartans were fourth in the nationals, and Paavola was 12th in the 1,650 and helped the 800 freestyle relay team to a third-place finish.



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South

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"A lot of the best teams are from the west side of the state, and we don't see a lot of them," Thompson said.

"This was good for our younger kids to see some of those teams and to experience the jitters of getting ready to swim in a big meet."

Thompson also hopes to improve the schedule, which he had already beefed up this season.

"I'd like to make it a little tougher," he said. "Self-motivation can only take you so far. You need tough competition, too."

Elizabeth Bourke and Chad Hepner assisted Thompson this season.

Grosse Pointe North's 200 freestyle relay team of Larry Briski, Chris Blunden, Stephen Cornillie and Michael VanBeek posted a season-best time as it finished 21st at the state meet.

Briski was 34th in the 100 butterfly, and VanBeek finished 32nd in the 500 freestyle.



Grosse Pointe North's fans try to distract Eisenhower's Rob Atherton while he shoots a free throw.

Photo by Lori Wilson

North

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seven rebounds and DeVries blocked four shots.

The defeat marked the last high school game for North seniors Bryan Bennett, Krystoforski and Steve Schrage.

"We're obviously going to miss Bryan's defense. That's

going to be hard to replace," Trombley said.

"But Jake has given us a lot of good minutes off the bench all year, and we're going to miss Steve's leadership, as much off the court as on. He didn't play a lot, but I'm glad he came out because he's a great kid to have on the team."

North ended its season with a 21-3 record.

Eisenhower took a 20-3 mark into its regional championship game with Southfield-Lathrup.

"It was a great year," Trombley said.

"We just would have liked to go further. We won a district for the first time in almost 20 years, and we have a lot of kids back next year with the experience to take us to that next step."



The St. Paul Red fifth and sixth grade basketball team won its CYO division championship with a 10-0 record. The team also won the St. Clair Thanksgiving tournament. In front, from left, are Chris Cahill, Mike Esse, Nick Faiver, Dan Dusina, and Alejandro Blake. In back, from left, are Charlie Miller, Nicky Diehl, Corbet Conroy, Will Quinn, Christian Koppin, Matt Starrs, and John Laciura. Not pictured are coaches John Conroy and Phil Laciura.

St. Paul has a perfect season

There were a lot of reasons to celebrate the St. Paul Red basketball team's season.

Playing in the fifth and sixth grade division of the Catholic Youth Organization, the team won its division with a 10-0 record and also won the division's sportsmanship award. St. Paul also won the only tournament it entered, winning all three games in the St. Clare Thanksgiving tournament.

What made head coach John Conroy and assistant Phil Laciura the proudest, however, was that all 12 players made major contributions to the team's success.

"This was a total team effort with all 12 players contributing to a great season," Conroy said.

The team seemed to get better with each game, ending the season with its two most-dominant victories — 42-6 over St. Margaret and 44-8 over St. Joan.

"We knew the team had potential as we had five boys who played CYO ball last year, including four who played on a division championship winner," Conroy said.

The four who won their fifth-grade division title as fourth graders last year were Corbet Conroy, Nicky Diehl, John Laciura and Will Quinn, and they meshed perfectly with the new players this season.

"We stressed defense and were able to hold our opponents to 10 points-per-game," Conroy said. "Our two experienced point guards (Conroy and Laciura) distributed the ball

very well, and everyone was encouraged to take good shots."

Conroy and Diehl led the team in scoring. Laciura led in assists and steals. Nick Faiver was one of the floor leaders and improved as a scorer in each game.

Quinn and Christian Koppin were dominant under the basket. The team was also helped by the physical inside play of Alejandro Blake and Matt Starrs.

Chris Cahill was St. Paul's defensive specialist. He used his quickness to shut down each opponent's top scorer.

Charlie Miller, Dan Dusina and Mike Esse were each top defenders, and they scored important baskets during the season.

"It was really a good year," John Conroy said.

South grad's basketball career ends with honors at W&M

William and Mary's Adam Hess, who was an All-State basketball player at Grosse Pointe South, ended his college career with All-America honors.

Hess was one of 16 players named to the CollegeInsider.com Mid-Major All-American team, and the College Sports Information Directors Association (CoSIDA) selected the senior forward for the Division I Men's Basketball Academic All-America First Team.

Hess was selected to the Academic All-America Second Team last season. He was an Academic All-District III pick the last two years.

He has a cumulative 3.53 grade-point average with a major in finance.

"I'm very proud of Adam," said William and Mary coach Tony Shaver. "This is great for him and great for our program. He's very deserving of this award."

"Adam's a young guy that just does everything well. Whatever it is that he tackles in life, he does it well."

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*"Whatever it is that he tackles in life, he does it well."*

William and Mary head coach Tony Shaver

Hess, who was the Colonial Athletic Association Preseason Player of the Year, leads the CAA in scoring with 20.2 points-per-game.

In less than three full seasons with the Tribe, he has scored 1,318 points, which

puts him 13th on the school's career list.

His career average of 17.8 points-per-game is sixth best at William and Mary, and is the 10th-best mark in the history of the CAA.

Including the 246 points he scored as a freshman at Eastern Michigan University, he has 1,564 points in his 100-game collegiate career. Last year, he became the second William and Mary player to earn first-team all-CAA honors. Hess is joined on the Academic All-America First Team by Michigan State's Chris Hill and Emeka Okafor of Connecticut.

Hess is also one of 10 finalists for the Creamland Dairies Collegiate Basketball Award of Excellence. That award honors college seniors for their athletic and academic achievement, as well as their community involvement.

Last year's men's winner was Matt Bonner of Florida.

Also on this year's list of finalists is Jameer Nelson of St. Joseph's.

South grad is All-American in track and field

Houghton (N.Y.) College sophomore Mary Gibson, who ran track and cross country at Grosse Pointe South, earned NAIA All-America honors for the second time at the recent NAIA Indoor Track and Field Championships.

Gibson finished third in the women's 1,000-meter run, shattering the school record she set in the preliminaries the day before. Her

finals time of 2:54.84 was nearly six seconds faster than her previous best.

Gibson also earned All-

America honors last spring when she finished fourth in the 800 run at the NAIA outdoor championships.



Hat trick!

Grosse Pointe Farms attorney Bill Gilbride has three daughters who are ice hockey champions.

They are (from left) Emily, 16, Sarah, 12, and Katie, 15.

Katie and Emily helped lead Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team to its third straight state championship.

Sarah is also making a name for herself, helping the Belle Tire team win the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association's 12 & Under Championship.

Bill has experience as a player and coach and Sarah is credited for getting her two older sisters interested in the sport.

They also enjoy sailing, and have participated in the annual race to Mackinac Island.

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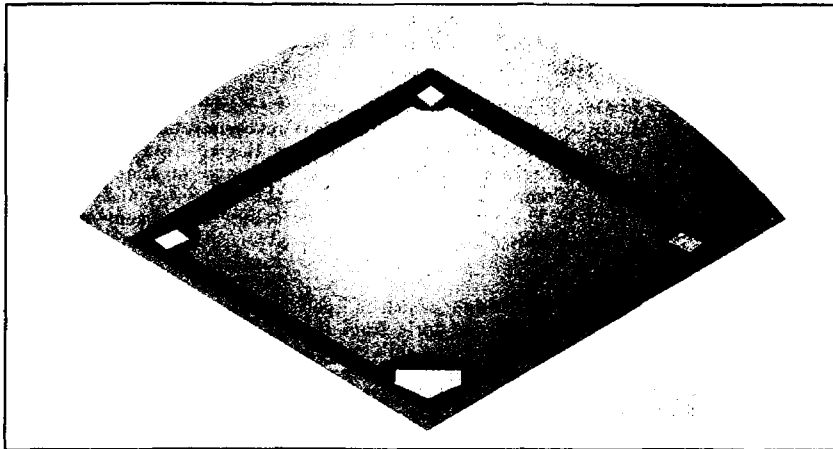
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## From the Sports Desk



### Tigers look to rebound in 2004

The 2004 Major League Baseball (MLB) season begins Tuesday, March 30, when the New York Yankees battle the Tampa Bay Devil Rays in Japan.

The two will play a second game on March 31, and the Boston Red Sox will face the Baltimore Orioles on ESPN on Sunday, April 4.

The rest of the teams begin their season on Monday, April 5, or Tuesday, April 6.

Our hometown Detroit Tigers open their season on April 5, at Toronto.

The Tigers' home opener is set for Thursday, April 8, against Minnesota.

The Tigers were actually busy during the off-season, signing free agents Ivan Rodriguez, Rondell White, Fernando Vina, Carlos Guillen, Jason Johnson, Mike DiFelice and Al Levine.

These players will be a tremendous help as the franchise tries to recover from last year's 43-119 record, which set an American League record for most losses in a season and came within one of tying the New York Mets for most losses in a season at 120.

The Tigers are vastly improved up the middle with Alex Sanchez patrolling centerfield. White and Bobby Higginson will start in left and right field.

Dmitri Young is back after leading the Tigers in every offensive category last season.

He has the chance to hit 30 home runs and drive in 100 runs, which is a far cry from a year ago.

Craig Monroe will get his share of at-bats, which means he will most likely platoon with a declining Higginson, and will give White a couple of days off every month in left.

The offense should score more runs than a year ago, and the team defense should be much better.

The Tigers' pitchers didn't do that bad a job last year, but they had to pitch out of jams too many times thanks to errors.

The home team made it a bad habit of giving the opposition four and five outs each inning.

The Tigers need productive seasons from Carlos Pena and Eric Munson, who will start at first and third, respectively.

Both need to improve their batting averages and overall offensive numbers, and cut down on the defensive mistakes for the Tigers to be better.

A big question mark is the pitching staff, led by Johnson, who came over from Baltimore.

Mike Maroth, who lost 21 games last year, joins second-year player Jeremy Bonderman and Nate Cornejo as the team's most lucrative starters.

Those four have the makings of a solid starting staff, but can they pitch consistently tough night-in and night-out?

The bullpen has too many question marks. Can

Milton Bradley (if he can behave), Jody Gerut, Travis Hafner, Ben Broussard and Victor Martinez develop the makings of a good team in the future.

Owner Arturo Moreno and general manager Bill Stoneman went out and brought in free agent studs Vladimir Guerrero and Bartolo Colon, which makes the Angels legitimate threats to make it back to the World Series.

Guerrero, Jose Guillen and Garret Anderson form one of the best outfielders in MLB, while Colon solidifies the starting rotation.

The Angels' bullpen is one of baseball's best, which gives them a leg up on the AL West competition.

Oakland lost Tejada and Foulke, but they still have Eric Chavez and three of the best starters in Tim Hudson, Mark Mulder and Barry Zito.

Mark Redman is the No. 4 starter, and Rich Harden nails down the No. 5 rotation spot.

Can veteran Arthur Rhodes fill the void left by Foulke? If he can, the Athletics will be in the division title hunt because their offense is weak.

The A's will have to win a lot of low-scoring games to contend with the Angels.

Seattle is old and fading fast. The Mariners will battle Texas for third place.

I don't see either team making a serious run at a playoff spot, but both will field highly competitive squads.

The AL West predicted order of finish is as follows: Anaheim, 95-67, 1; Oakland, 92-70, 2; Seattle, 86-76, 3; Texas, 73-89, 4.

### National League East

The National League has been dominated by the Atlanta Braves for the past decade.

Not this season. The Braves are only the second-best team in the NL East behind the Philadelphia Phillies, who signed closer Billy Wagner away from Houston.

The Phillies' offense is tough from top to bottom as it consists of Marlon Byrd, Placido Polanco, Bobby Abreu, Jim Thome, Pat Burrell (he has to rebound from a disastrous 2003 season), Mike Lieberthal, Jimmy Rollins and Chase Utley.

The starters are Randy Wolf, Vicente Padilla, Brett Myers and Eric Milton, while Wagner, Tim Worrell and Rheal Cormier form a great bullpen.

The Braves are highlighted by Chipper Jones, Andruw Jones, Rafael Furcal, Marcus Giles, John Smoltz, Russ Ortiz and Mike Hampton.

The defending World Series champion Florida Marlins lost too many players to free agency to make the postseason for a second straight year, and the New York Mets will just try to not

finish in the basement for a second straight season.

Montreal lost Guerrero, but it will remain competitive with Frank Robinson as manager.

The Expos still feature Jose Vidro, Orlando Cabrera, Brad Wilkerson, Tony Batista and Carl Everett.

The NL East predicted order of finish is as follows: Philadelphia, 94-78, 1; Atlanta, 87-75, 2; Florida, 86-76, 3; Montreal, 82-80, 4; New York, 75-87, 5.

### National League Central

The NL Central fields the National League's top team, the Chicago Cubs.

They went out and signed Derrek Lee to fill the void at first base and brought in starter Greg Maddux, who is 11 wins shy of 300.

The Cubs' lineup consists of Mark Grudzielanek, Alex Gonzalez, Sammy Sosa, Moises Alou, Lee, Aramis Ramirez, Corey Patterson (back from an ACL injury in 2003) and Michael Barrett.

The rotation is the best in baseball and includes Mark Prior, Kerry Wood, Carlos Zambrano, Matt Clement and Maddux.

Joe Borowski is the closer, while Hawkins (came over from Minnesota) provides a solid set-up guy who can also get a save or two if called upon.

Kyle Farnsworth is a fireball who will usually pitch in the seventh or eighth innings.

The Houston Astros improved its pitching staff with the additions of former Yankees Andy Pettitte and Roger Clemens.

The offense will score a ton of run in their hitter-friendly ballpark, plus the pitching will be strong with former setup man Octavio Dotel taking over Wagner's old spot as closer.

The St. Louis Cardinals will score a ton of runs behind the hitting of Albert Pujols, Scott Rolen, Jim Edmonds and Edgar Renteria, but the pitching remains a mystery.

The rest of the teams in the NL Central, Pittsburgh, Milwaukee and Cincinnati will battle to not finish in last place.

However, that will most likely go to Milwaukee since it traded its best player, Richie Sexson.

The NL Central predicted order of finish is as follows: Chicago, 100-62, 1; Houston, 96-66, 2; St. Louis, 85-77, 3; Pittsburgh, 70-92, 4; Cincinnati, 69-93, 5; Milwaukee, 60-102, 6.

### National League West

The tournament will be a two best-ball championship with 25 fivesomes. Each will be captained by a past U.S. Amateur champion.

Among those who have committed to play, in addition to Palmer, are Bob Dickson, Bruce Fleisher, Steve Melnyk, Lanny Wadkins, Craig Stadler, John Cook, Mark O'Meara, Scott Verplank, Billy Mayfair, Phil Mickelson, Hank Kuehne and last year's champion, Nick Flanagan.

Durant said that the event is expected to generate at least \$5 million.

"That's more than any other charity golf tournament in history," he said.

Palmer was working as a paint salesman when he earned a spot in the finals of the 1954 U.S. Amateur against former British Amateur champion Bob Sweeney, who was a wealthy investment banker from London, England.

Palmer came from behind

The NL West lost the most during the free agency period, which really leveled the playing field.

Sexson joined the Arizona Diamondbacks, which lost Schilling to the Red Sox.

Defending division champ San Francisco lost its share of offense, and its pitching is a question mark heading into the 2004 season.

Los Angeles didn't address its biggest concern, offense, and traded Brown to the Yankees for temperamental starter Jeff Weaver, a former Tiger.

The Colorado Rockies have zero pitching to match its potent offense, which means a lot of 10-8 losses.

The Rockies are the NL's version of the Texas Rangers.

The San Diego Padres, which had one of the worst records in baseball a year ago, signed David Wells and will have outfielder Brian Giles for the full season.

The Padres actually have a shot to win this division, thanks to an offense consisting of Sean Burroughs, Mark Loretta, Giles, Phil Nevin, Ryan Klesko, Ramon Hernandez and Khalil Greene.

Their starting pitching is also solid as Wells joins Jake Peavy, Brian Lawrence and Adam Eaton.

If the starters can be effective, the Padres will contend, but if not then they will struggle to try and finish .500.

The NL West predicted order of finish is as follows: Arizona, 91-71, 1; San Francisco, 86-76, 2; San Diego, 84-78, 3; Colorado, 78-84, 4; Los Angeles, 77-85, 5.

### 2004 playoff predictions

In the NL playoffs, the Cubs will beat the Diamondbacks in four games, while the Phillies edge the Astros in five games.

In the National League Championship Series, the Cubs will beat the Phillies in six games to make it back to the World Series for the first time since 1945.

In the AL, the Yankees will sweep the Royals in three games, while the Red Sox go five games to discard the Angels.

In the American League Championship Series, the Yankees once again are extended to seven games, but an 11th inning home run by A-Rod sends the Bronx Bombers back to the World Series.

In a World Series for the ages, Chicago fans go nuts after the Cubbies beat the Yankees in seven games.

— By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Fernando Rodney close games out, and will Levine be an effective setup guy?

If they can, the Tigers will push for the .500 mark, and if not, then it looks as if the squad will win between 65 and 70 games.

Manager Alan Trammell will have his guys prepared to play professional baseball as he did when he led the Tigers to the 1984 World Series.

Trammell expects professionalism, and he will get that this season.

I'm an optimist; so I predict the Tigers will play well enough to bring fans back to Comerica Park and stay within shouting distance of first place in the mediocre Central Division.

### American League Central

The media's favorite choice to win the Central is the Kansas City Royals, which led the division for half of the season in 2003.

Manager Tony Pena's lineup should produce a lot of runs as it consists of Angel Berroa, Carlos Beltran, Mike Sweeney (healthy after missing half of last year with a neck injury), Juan Gonzalez, Joe Randa, Benito Santiago, Aaron Guiel, Ken Harvey and Desi Relaford.

Their pitching staff mirrors the Tigers; except the Royals have a tougher bullpen.

Darrell May, Brian Anderson, Jeremy Affeldt form a decent threesome, while the bullpen is led by closer Mike MacDougal, along with setup guys Curtis Leskanic and Jason Grimsley.

Two-time defending division champ Minnesota has a good chance to win the title as veterans Shannon Stewart, Luis Rivas, Doug Mientkiewicz, Jacques Jones, Torii Hunter, Corey Koskie and Cristian Guzman understand what it takes to win.

Rookies Joe Mauer and second-year guy Matt LeCroy make the Twins' offense pretty powerful.

Brad Radke, Johan Santana and Kyle Lohse are penciled in as the top three starters, but the loss of closer Eddie Guardado and LaTroy Hawkins leaves their bullpen up in the air.

Joe Nathan and J.C. Romero are the top candidates to take over as the No. 1 closer, but can they completely fill the roles vacated by Guardado and Hawkins?

The Chicago White Sox are also in position to win the division title as Carlos Lee, Frank Thomas, Magglio Ordonez, Paul Konerko, Jose Valentin and Joe Crede go for the gusto.

Esteban Loaiza returns after winning 21 games last year. Can he do it again? Probably not.

Mark Buehrle and Jon Garland are the other top starters for the White Sox, while the closer duties will go to Billy Koch or Damaso Marte.

The Cleveland Indians have some talented rookies, but can veteran starter C.C. Sabathia pitch another 200 innings as the ace?

It will be enjoyable watching Coco Crisp, Casey Blake,

Unfortunately, they're too young to make that much of an impact in 2004.

Predicted order of finish in the Central Division is as follows: Kansas City, 88-74, 1; Minnesota, 86-76, 2; Chicago, 83-79, 3; Detroit, 74-88, 4; Cleveland, 73-89, 5.

### American League East

The defending American League champion New York Yankees once again stockpiled themselves for a serious run at the World Series.

The Yankees traded for standout pitchers Javier Vazquez and Kevin Brown, plus traded all-star second baseman Alfonso Soriano for the best player in baseball, Alex Rodriguez.

The Yankees' lineup consists of Kenny Lofton, Derek Jeter, Rodriguez, Jason Giambi, Gary Sheffield, Bernie Williams, Jorge Posada, Hideki Matsui and Enrique Wilson.

Vazquez and Brown join Mike Mussina and Jose Contreras to form a great top four.

Closer Mariano Rivera is healthy after an injury-plagued 2003 season, and the bullpen added top-notch pitchers Tom Gordon and Paul Quantrill.

Right on the Yankees' heels is the Boston Red Sox, who haven't won a World Series since 1918.

The Curse of the Bambino still haunts the Red Sox, and it will once again in 2004 as they will continuously be looking up at the Yankees in the AL East standings.

The offense will be potent with Johnny Damon, Bill Mueller, Nomar Garciaparra, Many Ramirez, David Ortiz, Kevin Millar, Trot Nixon, Jason Varitek and Pokey Reese supplying the fireworks.

The pitching staff added Curt Schilling and Keith Foulke to the mix, which should make the AL East race highly competitive.

Baltimore added free agents Miguel Tejada, Javy Lopez, which gives them a great offense, but its pitching remains weak.

Toronto will score a ton of runs in 2004, but its pitching is also a question mark outside of Cy Young winner Roy Halladay.

The Tampa Bay Devil Rays will be exciting to watch as second-year outfielders Rocco Baldelli and Carl Crawford shine.

However, their pitching will be awful.

The AL East's predicted order of finish is as follows: New York, 101-61, 1; Boston, 99-63, 2; Toronto, 85-77, 3; Baltimore, 78-84, 4; Tampa Bay, 71-91, 5.

### American League West

The Anaheim Angels went from the penthouse to the outhouse in just one year.

The 2002 World Series champions dropped to third place in the AL West a year ago and did not make a serious threat to repeat as title winners.

## Palmer

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We had a great tour around his office, around his club, which has so much history, and his home. I even sat on the Penzoil tractor."

Poling told Palmer of the idea.

"I told him, 'We want the event to be a special legacy for you,'" Durant said.

Palmer stopped the conversation and handed both Durant and Poling the book he had written about his U.S. Amateur victory.

"Clark, my Amateur victory was the turning point in my life," Palmer said. "If this can be a turning point in these children's lives, I'll come, and I'll come for free."

That's how the Arnold Palmer Turning Point Invitational was born.

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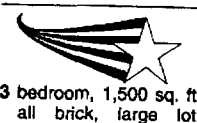
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