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## Lake St. Clair to see rise in dihydrogen monoxide

According to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, dihydrogen monoxide levels are expected to increase this spring but remain well below historic averages.

This is shocking news for Dr. Thomas Way, founder of the DMHO Organization, a clearing-house for information on dihydrogen monoxide.

"Dihydrogen monoxide is a colorless and odorless chemical compound," Way said. "It is the basis for unstable radical hydroxide, the components of which are found in

a number of caustic, explosive and poisonous compounds such as sulfuric acid, nitroglycerine and ethyl alcohol. Inhalation of dihydrogen monoxide in quantities as small as two tablespoons can lead to death and is a major component of acid rain.

This compound leads to soil erosion and automobile brake failure and is found in nuclear power plants, spray-on fire suppressants, jarred baby food, infant formula, shampoo and beer, among many other products."

Ken Van Dellen, a former geology and environmental science professor at Macomb Community College, said locally there have been some recent large discharges of dihydrogen monoxide into Lake St. Clair from storm sewers.

"It has major effects on aquatic organisms," Van Dellen said. "It provides transport for E.coli bacteria. When it evaporates from the house effect. It may seep into basements of homes near the lake by transmission through the soil."

Despite the hazards, the federal government has refused to ban the use of dihydrogen monoxide in all but the most extreme situations.

"For example, dihydrogen monoxide cannot be added to milk after it is collected from cows although it can be fed to cows to increase milk production," Way said.

The increase of dihydrogen monoxide levels in Lake St. Clair was no scare to Grosse Pointe Farms Water Department Superintendent Scott Homminga.

"There's no risk," Homminga said. "Dihydrogen monoxide is more commonly known as water. The change in the level of dihydrogen monoxide in Lake St. Clair does not affect how much volume we pump into our plant. It should, however, be good news for boaters."

Way, a professor of computer science at Villanova University, maintains the DHMO Web site ([www.dhmo.org](http://www.dhmo.org)) to promote critical thinking.

Editor's note: April Fools!



### Egg hunts planned

The Easter Bunny will be a busy rabbit this month when he headlines egg hunts in the Grosse Pointes.

Hunts in various communities are scheduled as follows:

#### April 3 Grosse Pointe Farms

Residents between 2 and 12 years old are invited to participate in the Farms 18th annual Pier Park Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3.

The hunt starts promptly at 10 a.m. — rain, sun or snow. There is no charge.

The first 325 children will receive a treat from the Easter Bunny immediately after the hunt in the recreation building.

Children who find a golden ticket with an egg can redeem the ticket at the recreation building for an extra surprise.

For more information, call the parks department at (313) 343-2405.

#### Grosse Pointe Shores

Children 10 and under are invited to search for Easter eggs at Oasis Park on Saturday, April 3, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Jim Cooke, Shores park director, expects about 250 to 300 children to participate.

#### Grosse Pointe Woods

The city and members of the Woods business community will host a free egg hunt on Saturday, April 3, at 11:15 a.m., in Ghesquiere Park. The hunt will take place rain or shine.

Children ages 2 to 8 are asked to arrive by 11 a.m. accompanied by an adult.

The event is co-hosted by the Grosse Pointe Business & Professional Association of Mack Avenue.

#### April 7 Grosse Pointe Park

Children 8 and under are invited to the annual Egg Scramble at Windmill Pointe Park on Wednesday, April 7, at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunny will host —



You can be like Breanna Schultz, left, and Maranda Bracey of Grosse Pointe Farms, and meet the Easter Bunny this month when he hosts egg hunts in the Pointes.

## Outbuilding at Brownell causes a stink

By Carrie Cunningham  
 Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe public school district is aiming to build an athletic field room in between the back of Brownell and Williams, but city councilman Lou Theros as well as residents are not pleased with the plan.

At a meeting of residents, Brownell principal Mike Dib and architect for the field room Dale Ehrnsman of Ehrnsman Associates explained the contours of the plan which will cost approximately \$100,000 and be paid for out of money from the \$62.9 million bond issue.

The building would have two bathrooms, one for girls and one for boys, and room for storage. It would be the size of a three car garage and be 17 feet tall at its peak.

Dib said Ted Reaume, building engineer at Brownell, needed more storage space since the place where he used to store equipment was being used as a classroom. Dib said his school is short of classroom space.

Theros was upset that the city of Grosse Pointe Farms was not told about the plan.

■ See related letter, editorial, page 8A

"You have not consulted with the city, and this disappoints me," he said.

Theros and residents were concerned about safety, liability, aesthetics, cost and maintenance of the room.

"The safety issue is pre-eminent," said resident Nancy Kelley Carrol. "I'm vociferously opposed to this. It's an invitation to liability issues."

"I think it's important to act responsibly with our money, and this is not responsible."

Theros wondered who would take care of the building, and John Carrol said the building would be a haven for kids' troublemaking.

Resident Lila Hyde said the room would mar the bucolic green space in the back of Brownell. Other residents agreed with her.

Some residents suggested the building could be added,

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### WEEK AHEAD

#### Thursday, April 1

The Grosse Pointe Public Library's "A Not Very Scientific Evening With Bill Bryson" has been canceled.

The library plans to reschedule his appearance sometime next year.

Rabbi Sherwin Wine begins his lecture series, "The Jesus Phenomenon," at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church at 7:30 p.m.

The first lecture will be on the movie, "The Passion of the Christ." Admission is \$10 per lecture or \$25 for the series of three lectures.

#### Monday, April 5

The Grosse Pointe Woods and Grosse Pointe Farms city councils meet in their respective city halls at 7:30 p.m.

The Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets in the Wicking Library at Grosse Pointe South High School at 8 p.m.

#### Wednesday, April 7

Services for Older Citizens presents a town hall meeting at the Neighborhood Club at 11:35 a.m.

Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick will answer questions of interest to senior citizens. Those who wish may come early for lunch at 11 a.m.

For more information, call (313) 882-9600.

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### POINTER OF INTEREST

#### Dana Miller

Home: Grosse Pointe Farms

Family: Husband, Eric; daughters, Danielle Zimmerman, 28, Nicole Spain, 26, Michelle, 11; son, David, 20

Occupation: A former registered nurse at St. John Hospital for 15 years, now operates a day-care facility out of her home and is a volunteer for Girl Scouts and St. Paul Lutheran Church

Quote: "Kids are such a joy. They are so delightful to work with."

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Dana Miller

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## yesterday's headlines

### 50 years ago this week

Just about every Boy Scout in the Grosse Pointes is neck deep in plans to take part in the Scouting Exposition scheduled next month at the State fair Grounds.

Some \$20,000 is earmarked for construction of a larger water intake to bring the Grosse Pointe Farms water treatment plant up to par.

Murray Smith, Farms city engineer, said work totaling \$225,000 is needed to replace pumps, valves and other heavy-duty equipment to better meet increasing water demand.

In spite of the investment, Smith said there will be water shortages during summer months as long as the plant continues producing water for the Farms, City and Grosse Pointe Shores.

The 9-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods boy who was

burned when his amateur chemistry set exploded has died.

The boy was playing with the set in the basement of his 11-year-old friend's house when he, the 9-year-old, spilled alcohol on a lit Bunson burner and was engulfed in flames.

The 11-year-old's mother suffered injured hands when ripping off the youngster's burning clothes.

### 25 years ago this week

Grosse Pointe Jaycees present their 1978 Distinguished Service Award to Jon Austin, 31, director of senior citizens activities at the Neighborhood Club.

Austin, a Grosse Pointe Park resident, is called "a dynamic young man working to meet important needs in this community."

Plans for a new medical building on the Hill are revealed by a Grosse Pointe

Farms investment company. The proposed 50,000-square-foot building would replace Standard on the Hill service station and require demolition of two remaining homes on the corner of Muir and Kercheval. Also, the Farms would have to abandon an alley next to the existing Standard station.

Grosse Pointe Park city council members table two controversial items which a group of residents oppose.

The first item, called the 312 Rehabilitation program, would allow Park business owners to borrow money from the federal department of Housing and Urban Development to bring buildings up to code.

The other federal program offers Community Development Block Grants to renovate a house on Lakepointe.

The programs are opposed by members of Proud of the Park, a citizens group concerned that federal money will have hidden strings attached.

### 10 years ago this week

The 19-year-old Detroit man who shot and killed Grosse Pointe News artist and typesetter Robert M. Coe, 47, is found guilty of first degree murder in Detroit Recorder's Court. The crime carries a mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole.

Robert and his brother were near the intersection of Alter and Lozier in Detroit on Sept. 9, at 2 a.m., to aid another brother whose car keys had been stolen during a mugging nearby earlier in the evening.

While the brothers waited for a tow truck, Richard Darnell Baldwin appeared with a pistol, demanded money and shot Robert in the neck.

An ordinance restricting the parking of boats and recreational vehicles is passed in Grosse Pointe

## 50 years ago this week



### Neighborhood Club 1953-54 Giant League cage champs

Coach Johnny Diccico's Falcons captured the first cage crown awarded in the newly formed Giant League at the Neighborhood Club. The team downed the Eagles 28-26 in a nip-and-tuck contest. The Falcons finished the regular season in second place behind the Celtics, who were upset by the Eagles in the first game of the championship playoff tournament. Falcon players are, in front from left, Jack Medley, Gil Cox, Gary Near, Bob Gilbert and Bill Rohloff. In back from left are Norm Forrester, Bruce Boardman, Coach John Diccico, Dick Zuehlke and Bill Waldeck. (From the April 1, 1954 Grosse Pointe News. Photo by Fred Runnells.)

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A Grosse Pointe Farms man hits it big in the Michigan Lottery. The regular lottery player wins \$10,000 on a "Break the Bank" second chance sweepstakes ticket bought at Jerry's Club Party Store on Kercheval.

### 5 years ago this week

Former Grosse Pointe

Woods councilman Ted Bidigare returns to the community as city administrator.

A 12-year veteran of the council, Bidigare resigned in 1993 for job-related reasons. He has been working in Muskegon as community transit manager.

Ann Baxter, the mother of three Maire Elementary students, puts finishing

touches on a stained glass window to be installed this spring above the school's back door.

Baxter is making the window out of 245 pieces of stained glass.

Former Michigan Gov. James Blanchard agrees to address the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club later this month.

— Brad Lindberg

## Traffic cop warns most gopeds illegal

By Bonnie Caprara  
Staff Writer

As the warm weather breaks, Grosse Pointe Woods traffic safety officer Sally Beghin expects to see more recreational vehicles on the sidewalks and roads such as bicycles and mopeds.

Much to her dismay, she'll also likely see more gopeds.

In recent years, motorized scooters and skateboards, commonly known as gopeds, have been increasing in popularity. Most, however, are illegal.

"These are watered-down versions of mopeds," Beghin said. "They're relatively inexpensive, and I think the people who sell these gopeds may not be telling parents their kids aren't able to ride them."

Beghin said she has seen children as young as 8 years old riding illegal gopeds.

Gopeds may be licensed by the Secretary of State if they meet the qualifications of a moped. In order to be licensed, gopeds must have a head lamp, stop light, brakes, horn, muffler and rear view mirror. Local ordinances in the Woods and other cities reflect the guidelines set by state law.

"They can be well equipped, but most of them

"If parents do their research before they buy these things, it will save them a lot of heartache."

Sally Beghin,  
Traffic Safety Officer,  
Grosse Pointe Woods

are not well equipped enough," Beghin said. "If they can't be licensed, they can't be driven on our streets or sidewalks."

Unlicensed goped riders can be ticketed.

"It's considered a juvenile misdemeanor," Beghin said. "And parents who allow their unlicensed kid to drive an unlicensed vehicle can be ticketed, too."

On legal mopeds, youths must be at least 15 years old in order to drive them. Moped drivers under the age of 19 must also wear a helmet.

"If parents do their research before they buy these things, it will save them a lot of heartache," Beghin said.

## Brownell

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for a lower amount of money, to a multi-purpose room that is slated to be built at Brownell.

The district administration said the project for the field storage room had been planned as part of the bond issue, according to Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent for business affairs

and support services.

Mike Dib said he would take the concerns of the residents to the school administration. The residents have scheduled another meeting for Wednesday, April 7, at Brownell at 4 p.m. in the lab room.

"I just don't see a need for this thing in the middle of nowhere," Theros said.

## Week Ahead

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Wednesday, April 7

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano holds a town

hall meeting at Trombly Elementary School from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

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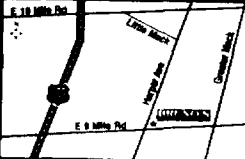
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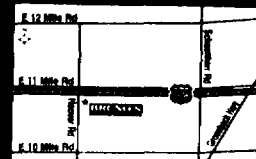
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## Letters

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its estimated market value two years ago. Why? No one knows. They have an existing presence in the area, one store in the Village and two stores on Mack Avenue. Given that CVS is a drug-store chain and not a mixed-use developer, one can only conclude that they overpaid to block competition from entering the Village.

This strategy may have worked for CVS, but it has had a profound negative impact on the community and its local merchants. By example, Harvey's Luggage is closing its store to move to Birmingham citing no traffic and low sales.

To put the CVS issue into perspective, all the other Jacobson's properties sold at the same auction are now fully developed and open for business. As I understand, Velmeir, the designated CVS developer, has recently submitted its third preliminary plan to the City of Grosse Pointe. Two years later all they have are preliminary plans.

As an experienced real estate developer, I can assure you that this development will not be completed for another 18 to 36 months. This could be the demise of several of our local merchants who in many cases are our friends and neighbors, and cause the regional and national retailers to close or move their stores to other more viable communities.

The mayor proclaimed in the January 2004 city newsletter there is nothing the city can do to move this project along. I strongly disagree. Have the mayor and the city council heard of the two Latin words "eminent domain," a legal development tool used by cities all across the country?

Granted this is a severe solution, but this problem is so serious we need a severe solution.

What caused us to write this letter was the front-page article in the Grosse Pointe News about the Grosse Pointe City Council wasting time on forcing the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation to change the two-year-old streetscape sculpture donated by the foundation and approved by the City ("Just another brick in the wall," Feb. 26). This community has far more pressing issues facing it than to waste its time and energy on redoing two-year-old improvements it has already approved.

As an experienced mixed-use developer, I for one will volunteer my time to the mayor and the city council in whatever way I can, and I call upon all of the Grosse Pointe civic and business leaders to do the same.

These are difficult and complicated issues that this community faces and will take the effort of all its citizens to resolve them.

In closing I would urge all Grosse Pointers to make a special effort to support all of its local merchants during these trying times.

John and Robyn Daley  
Grosse Pointe Farms

Why does the superintendent ask us to blindly assume our schools are worth "protecting" (by us or anyone else)? Maybe they're not. Maybe the emperor is naked — and the sooner we take our heads out of the sand of fallacious assumptions, the sooner we'll see the truth and actually fix the problem.

Real spending per pupil (after adjusting for inflation) has more than tripled since 1960 in U.S. public schools, yet the pupil-teacher ratio has declined only from 26 to 16. The percentage of teachers with master's degrees has doubled, and median teacher experience has increased to 15 years.

Yet the onslaught of studies and sad news stories reveal that, taken as a group, today's U.S. students actually know less, reason less, and judge less than those in a growing number of other countries, and less than any U.S. generation before them.

The emperor is naked: more money is not the solution.

What's needed is the one thing that hasn't been tried: freedom.

For decades, progressivism has been the exclusive dogma of education. From Harvard to teachers colleges, and from textbooks to the NEA, all we see is stale conformity to discredited ideas. Ideas like: egalitarianism, where Grosse Pointe South class ranks are hidden so students "feelings" can be insulated from reality; or cultural relativism, where students are told the achievements of Americans like Henry Ford or Bill Gates are no better than primitive witch doctors or Fidel Castro; or outright skepticism, as in the leading high school physics text, "There is no single scientific method — Knowledge, skill, luck, imagination, trial and error, educated guesses, and great patience — all play a part."

Is it any wonder so many students are ignorant, narcissistic and bored? What young mind wouldn't be dismayed by such a jumble of contradictory newspeak as that emanating from progressive education?

The fastest and best way to help our students is to abolish public education. Sell the properties to the highest bidders, and allow anyone to open a school anywhere at any time without permission from socialist bureaucrats. Stop forcing people to support the inept oligopoly that is public education, and watch as for-profit competition delivers innovation and genuine, measurable educational progress at lower cost.

For starters, they'd hire and pay teachers based on ability — not credentials. There's no logical reason we can't start here in Grosse Pointe; it's simply a matter of choice — the kind of choice that values reason and freedom over nonsense and controls.

Peter F. Murphy  
Grosse Pointe Farms

## Liquor license

To the Editor:

Regarding the letter, "More liquor licenses," printed in the March 18 issue of the Grosse Pointe News, I could not believe the letter writer's attitude toward more liquor licenses in the Woods. If we have them available, then use them. What is the holdup?

As a resident in the Woods, I am tired of seeing nothing but dry-cleaning establishments, coffee shops, hair salons and the likes in a not-so-good retail or dining area. We just lost a nice children's retail store on Mack Avenue to the Village. What other retail space are we going to lose?

My husband and I generally will go to St. Clair Shores or to the Village to get a bite to eat and have a relaxing glass of wine.

Get with it letter writer and quit fighting all the time over things that will enhance our community. You're really living in the Dark Ages. I am so happy we finally have a great council.

Julie Pertack  
Grosse Pointe Woods

## Action seemed abrupt

To the Editor:

I have rarely been an advocate of the recall of elected officials, feeling rather that giving one the benefit of a doubt was a more intelligent and measured approach. However, the recent firing of Grosse Pointe Woods City Administrator Ted Bidigare makes me wonder if I should rethink my position.

The action of the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council seemed so abrupt, arbitrary and mean-spirited. Perhaps Mr. Bidigare needed to be replaced, but it could hardly have been done with less class than was demonstrated by the now familiar Woods Council Four.

Delaying the firing by just two months would have afforded Mr. Bidigare a small pension which many of us Grosse Pointe Woods residents feel he deserved, if nothing else.

Mr. Darryl Spicher was one of the four council members who voted to fire Mr. Bidigare. When asked about the possibility of a recall election he is reported to have said, "Bring it on." I am inclined to agree with him.

Stuart B. Smith  
Grosse Pointe Woods

## Rectify the situation

To the Editor:

To Mayor Novitke: It is with distress and utter dismay that my husband and I read the article in the Detroit Free Press on Friday, March 12, concerning the dismissal of Ted Bidigare as your city administrator.

It appears that a well-choreographed ouster was in play considering that a special meeting was convened,

and either a Free Press staff writer was invited, or furnished with information of the proceedings.

Although we feel that it is morally unconscionable to fire someone so close to a date of eligibility for pension, an even greater injustice is the apparent malicious disregard for the truth — as Councilwoman Howle, who called the meeting, reportedly stated that Mr. Bidigare "should be fired because he isn't qualified for the job without a college degree."

Our family takes great umbrage, since four of us are graduates of John Carroll University, as is Mr. Bidigare. He also served his country as a commissioned officer, including two years in Vietnam, which attests to the fact that one must be a college graduate, in order to begin military service as a commissioned officer.

Ms. Howle and her co-conspirators appear guilty of executing a grievous character assassination. Culpability may not lie with Amber Hunt Martin, the Free Press staff writer, if she reported the information she was furnished.

Since Mr. Bidigare suffered a public vilification, it should be the responsibility of the mayor and council members, as the collective public voice of Grosse Pointe Woods, to request that the Free Press print an apology by the offending council members to clear Mr. Bidigare's good name.

To assure the public of the good intentions of the council, perhaps a letter to the editor of the Grosse Pointe News, apologizing for the error, would also be in order.

We know Mr. Bidigare to be a decent and honorable gentleman, who has served his community and his country well.

In the name of justice, not merely your political future, I urge you to rectify the situation.

Kathleen Forster  
City of Grosse Pointe

## Special politics

To the Editor:

The Detroit Free Press reported on the termination of the employment contract with the city administrator for the city of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Ted Bidigare was hired in May 1999. By September 1999 a special clause by vote of the council in the retirement ordinance was changed to accommodate him. The sentence was added: "The city administrator may retire with five or more years of credited service and after having attained 61 years of age."

Special politics for special friends. Ted Bidigare happened to be a former city council member, some 10 years before, who served with many of the current council members in place in 1999. When the administrator's job was posted in 1999, many experienced, masters level, public administrators applied. One candidate was

the well loved and respected former city manager from Farmington Hills, Bill Costick.

The hiring of Ted Bidigare, a former bus maintenance supervisor, was based on former relationships with council members, not in the best interests of the citizens.

His decision to award a 14 percent retroactive pay increase in a lump sum check of \$8,100 to his confidential secretary, who has only a high school diploma, is absurd. Worse yet, this individual has had a \$20,000 increase in salary in the last five years she has been employed full time and under the direction of the city administrator.

This was a smack in the face to the AFSCME (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees) employees who were in the middle of negotiations that were discussing getting to a 3 percent raise. It jeopardized contract negotiations.

Mr. Bidigare's performance described above and other reasons that he is aware of, justifies these actions. He chose to have this meeting conducted in an open public meeting. He chose to be terminated and not discuss other options.

It is unfortunate that a spectacle occurred caused by disgruntled incumbent council members and the mayor because they set up this cozy special arrangement with Ted Bidigare in the first place.

Grosse Pointe Woods deserves professional and competent leadership. The old days of the '50s are gone.

I applaud the council members who took this necessary action. Hard decisions have to be made by smart people.

Pamela Francis  
Grosse Pointe Woods

## Children's Home thanks

To the Editor:

This is one of those exceptional times when I feel so proud to be a resident of the Grosse Pointes.

As was so thoroughly covered by the Grosse Pointe News, the Children's Home of Detroit had been faced with a substantial water bill of almost \$20,000 for a two-month period in the summer of 2002. The reason for such a tremendous spike and subsequent return to normal cannot be identified. Our recent appeal of the bill to the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council was unsuccessful.

A letter to the editor, "Send contributions to CHD" (Grosse Pointe News, Feb. 26), suggesting that residents contribute to the Children's Home to offset this large bill appeared the same day as the article describing our problem. This kind gesture by the letter writer has resulted in contributions exceeding \$2,500 to date.

University Liggett School held a fund raiser whereby

students could dress casually for a contribution to CHD. Their gifts were supplemented by contributions from staff and parents. Headmaster Matthew Hanley delivered a box full of coins, bills and checks exceeding \$1,900 as well as a hand-drawn card from a child wishing us well.

I want to thank the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council for carefully and compassionately deliberating our appeal, City Administrator Ted Bidigare for his sensitivity in working out a payment plan and the residents of the Grosse Pointes for caring enough about their neighbor to come to our assistance.

And, to the children, staff and parents of University Liggett School I offer this heartfelt expression of thanks for being such a good neighbor.

Michael Horwitz  
Executive Director  
Children's Home  
of Detroit

## Let walls come tumbling down

To the Editor:

On the evening of March 8 the City of Grosse Pointe held an open forum regarding the walls of Kressbach Court. The objective was to share with the community two proposed architectural revisions that might make the sculpture, as it was referred to by the city council, more palatable to the community.

According to the council, 90 percent of those who have commented on the structure have felt that instead of beautifying the Village it has taken away from the charm and quaintness that it once had as well as feeling unsafe to walk through at night.

Those present were presented with a scale model as well as rendered drawings showing the walls lowered, and the center section being removed and replaced with trees and shrubs. Other suggestions were made to tie into the Jacobson's site, whatever and whenever that might be.

There was a question regarding the use of stone in a village of brick while others asked if the stone could be toned down to give a feeling of age and reduce the starkness of the present color. Finally some even went so far as to suggest that weekend volunteers remove the walls with their sledgehammers.

No matter how valiant these attempts, other than starting over, they are still considered at best a compromise.

The direction that the city takes on this issue will be with us forever. Should we begin to look like Rochester Hills, as one council member suggested or should we maintain our quaint, tasteful Grosse Pointe Village as the Hill did?

If so, let the walls come tumbling down.

Dennis H. Plansker  
Grosse Pointe Park

## Public education

To the Editor:

I received a pamphlet from the superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public Schools supporting her proposed millage increase. In large lettering on its front, the pamphlet began, "If we don't protect our schools, who will?"

Only a few decades ago, many high school graduates would have immediately recognized this statement for the nonsense it is. Many college graduates would have been able to identify it as that laughable violation of rationality called "begging the question" in which the speaker pretends to prove something while actually assuming that which they're trying to prove.

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## Letters

From page 8A

play at city hall, fellow citizens. And if you think you had trouble with the 'ole boys...watch your collective back, a great deal more of this divisive and offensive stuff is on its way.

The city of Grosse Pointe Woods and its citizens deserve better.

**Paul and Fran Mumma**  
Grosse Pointe Woods

## Bravo to G.P. Symphony

To the Editor:

In life, three things are important — to be loved, to be valued and to have meaning to your life. The Grosse Pointe Symphony provided these elements in their concert Sunday, March 21.

As musicians, they are always honing their skills, willing to let others give direction and help in what they are trying to accomplish because they love what they are doing. Derek Francis has been one of the community professionals who mentors the strings with superb success.

The board of Grosse Pointe Symphony also values youth. Not in an "anything goes" situation, but acknowledging and lifting up their talent. Such was the case on that Sunday.

Jeffrey Northman, trumpet, was a Thomas Nester Scholarship winner and performed the Concerto in E-flat major, by Hummel, with surety and aplomb. His brilliant sound soared over the orchestra, the notes spilling out of the horn.

Cecilia Kozlowski, French horn, also a Nester Scholarship winner, followed Jeffrey with a mellow sound in the Horn Concerto in E-flat major, by Richard Strauss. Her abilities to define the musical line were outstanding. Both will be attending college in the fall and hope to pursue a degree in music performance.

Kevin Miller, guest conductor, organized a program that appealed to all musical tastes. From the lively Overture to Candide, to supporting the Nester soloists, keeping everything together in the Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor, and energizing the sweeping Brahms Symphony No. 2, Miller exemplified why he is a sought-after conductor and clinician. He also is the son of John Miller, violinist in the symphony, and his wife Leila.

As the concert began, a large contingent of children quietly slipped in and seated themselves directly in front of me. There were 12 youngsters ranging in age from perhaps 15 months to 16 years were there because their parents felt this experience would give them purpose of understanding music.

Many of the children play instruments; in fact, Betty Peterson, a former symphony performer, was the violin teacher for a member of the family until Betty moved to Virginia.

Each young person sat attentively, absorbing the sounds about them with appreciation. What they also proved was good manners never go out of style.

The last concert of the season will be performed at 8 p.m. on Sunday, May 2, in the Parcels Middle School auditorium. The "Broadway Pops" concert will be conducted by Charles Greenwell and Erin Bailey of Grosse Pointe Farms is the soloist.

**Johanna Gilbert**  
Grosse Pointe Shores

## Supports new council members

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the article ("Woods council fires city administrator") and the opinion article, ("Bidigare's firing shows lack of tact"), printed in the March 18 Grosse Pointe News, concerning the termination of Ted Bidigare, the city administrator of the city of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The article stated that only two members of the audience, "both city employees," expressed concern about the management of the city. I am one of those two employees who spoke at the meeting. The article failed to state that both of us are also long-time residents and taxpayers of the city of Grosse Pointe Woods.

There are so many things I have to say, but I understand that I must be succinct. Consequently, I provide these bullet points: I am a part-time employee and my family can survive without this job, but other employees did not speak because they have families who rely upon their support. Not one employee spoke in support of Mr. Bidigare.

Contrary to Mr. Bidigare's assertions, he did not save the city \$50,000 per year by giving his confidential secretary responsibilities for which she is unqualified.

But compared to his predecessor, Pete Thomas, he increased administration payroll by over \$45,000, and he failed to hire a professional human resources administrator for our city.

Mr. Bidigare's inappropriate promotions and retroactive pay raises undoubtedly impacted the rejection of the tentative union contract by a vote of 32 to 3.

How much will that end up costing the taxpayers of Grosse Pointe Woods? In his remarks at the meeting, Mr. Bidigare stated that two of the problems with the city were with the city clerk and the city comptroller. I run the elections in Grosse Pointe Woods for city clerk, Louise Warnke, and I can attest to her outstanding credentials. Because of Ms. Warnke, our city was one of the first in the state to implement the digital signature program, and Ms. Warnke received an award for this. Her record is impeccable and her reputation in the state of Michigan is unsurpassed.

Mr. Cliff Maison, our city comptroller, has been called upon three times in the past two years to serve as acting city manager in Mr. Bidigare's absence, and he has done an outstanding job. For the past 20 years, our city has received the certification of financial achievement, thanks to Mr. Maison's leadership.

While I have so much more to say, I will end with this: In the elections of November 2003, the residents of our city, in one of the largest voter turnouts in history, voted emphatically for change by electing three new council members.

I supported the new council members then, and I support them even more now for their courageous action.

**Jane E. Brown**  
Grosse Pointe Woods

## Unfortunate firing

To the Editor:

I would like to commend the Grosse Pointe News for its March 18 Opinion column, "Bidigare's firing shows lack of tact," regarding the unfortunate firing of Grosse Pointe Woods City Administrator Ted Bidigare.

As you stated, it's doubtful that when the residents of Grosse Pointe Woods elected three new council members in November they bargained for the kinds of recent changes that portray our city less than favorably.

Ted Bidigare is a military veteran and a man who served the city of Grosse Pointe Woods well for years

as both a council member and as the city administrator.

It was cruel and extremely mean-spirited to unceremoniously dump Mr. Bidigare two months prior to his being eligible to receive the retirement package specified in his employment contract. Furthermore, the reasons cooked up for firing Mr. Bidigare seem flimsy at best.

Even if the time had come for a new city administrator, it remains a mystery as to why the four members of the city council could not simply wait a couple of months until his employment agreement expired. Their hasty action was cooked up on 24-hour notice to the mayor and other council members. It now has the potential for costing the city a considerable amount of money in litigation expenses and damages.

Since these four council members felt so strongly about the urgency of terminating Mr. Bidigare, perhaps they would like to reimburse the city for the costs associated with the lawsuit that could result from this incident.

This baseless firing will now make it much more difficult for the city to find a qualified individual for the administrator position. Who would want to interview for such a position with a city council that undermines the administrator's authority by entertaining the whispers of a few disgruntled employees? Certainly it will be difficult to find a replacement as qualified and as cost effective as Ted Bidigare.

The council members who fired Mr. Bidigare believe that they were elected to make changes. How many more people will be hurt and how many more careers will be ruined as these people carry out their political agenda for change?

Perhaps the citizens of Grosse Pointe Woods should look into changing a few of the faces on this city council.

**Philip Gaglio**  
Grosse Pointe Woods

## Sinking fund elections

To the Editor:

Congratulations Dr. Klein, Chris Fenton, and the school board for, once again, creating enough fear and panic among Grosse Pointers to get your sinking fund passed.

Why not try to sneak a few more of this type elections in before Jan. 1, 2005 when they will become illegal?

**Mary Ellen Kaiser**  
Grosse Pointe Park

## Community support

To the Editor:

I hope that the Grosse Pointe schools board and administration don't take the passage of the millage

increase as an overwhelming support of the tax increase.

It only passed by 454 votes which could be the equivalent of the residents who were not able to vote due to being out of town and due to the timing of the vote.

However, the millage has passed and I hope that we don't see another attempt again next year. In terms of cost cutting which is inevitable if the economy doesn't pick up, the school administration hasn't mentioned that they are willing to take salary cuts.

If the community is supporting the school system, let's see the administration sacrifice as well by freezing salaries like most corporations do during hard times. Also, let's eliminate unnecessary expenses and focus on the core requirements of educating the children in the school system.

**L. E. Majewski**  
Grosse Pointe Woods

## Students thank community

To the Editor:

To the community: Thank you for voting on Tuesday, March 16. We have been learning about our country's core democratic values. By voting you have exercised your political freedom with liberty. Our country believes in equality in the right to vote. We want to thank you for passing the sinking fund.

Our schools get money from the state, our local community, and our school PTO. We use that money to buy supplies such as paper and pencils, desks, textbooks and to pay teachers. We realize your taxes are going up, and that it happened in the past with the bond. Thank you for supporting the schools.

We need the sinking fund money because our schools have great programs. Our MEAP test scores show that our schools are some of the best in the state. The sinking fund will help maintain our academic position. The fund allows more money to stay in the classroom, because it pays for outdoor repairs. This money will help us get a better education, so we can go to good colleges.

As we write this letter of thanks to all of you, we also need to thank our Maire PTO. This year they brought the circus to our school and we all participated in a performance. They have also helped with supplies, books, air conditioning, speaker systems for the classrooms, hand sanitizers and window screens.

The sinking fund helps all of us. We have heard talk of a change in the school day in middle school and high school. We have also heard that fourth- and fifth-grade instrumental might not be available in the future. These changes would provide us with fewer opportunities.

Thank you for giving all the students all the opportunities for instrumental, foreign language, athletics, enrichment and more by passing the sinking fund.

**The Fourth-Grade Students**  
Maire Elementary School  
City of Grosse Pointe

## Support needed

To the Editor:

Having moved here from Chicago nearly three years ago, we would constantly be asked the question, why would you move from Chicago to Detroit? We didn't move to Detroit; we moved to Grosse Pointe.

We moved here for many reasons, but primarily for lifestyle and value; meaning, award-winning schools, parks and recreation, great homes, and a fabulous community to raise children.

While we think back to pre-9/11 and the cost of homes at that time, and comparing them to now, it is mind-boggling, especially when you read an article in Sunday's (March 21) Detroit News about Grosse Pointe and its current real estate market.

While we all know Detroit has had its issues for decades, Grosse Pointe has remained one of the finest communities in the country to live and raise a family.

However, it seems Grosse Pointe is facing two critical issues; one, Proposal A has created spiraling school budget deficits and real estate taxes for new home buyers that are high and out-of-balance as compared to those who have lived in their homes for a number of years, and two, CVS's acquisition of the Jacobson's property has left one full city block in the Village vacant for nearly two years without a viable development plan.

These issues need to be addressed by our state representatives, city government, business groups, citizens and newspapers. These issues, left unattended, could be and are becoming the ultimate demise of our fine community.

Proposal A: Bad idea! To achieve lower property taxes for existing residents you gave control of your school funds to the state, which have decreased the necessary funds to operate our schools at the level of excellence of the past.

This proposal also discourages existing residents from buying and selling homes, and creates such unbalanced property taxes between existing and new residents that it discourages new residents from entering our market. The lack of sales activity from new and existing residents has and will continue to decrease real estate values. This system failed in other states and is now failing this community and the entire state.

CVS purchased the Jacobson's building for twice

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### I Say

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- You don't have hats in your closet that advertise feed stores.
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Specifications and bid forms will be available on Tuesday, April 13, 2004 at the office of Ehresman Associates, 803 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 350, Troy, MI 48084.

Sealed bids will be due Thursday, April 29, 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. Faxed proposals will be accepted. This project will not be funded by federal or state monies.

Please direct questions to Wayne Halkides, Manager of Buildings and Grounds, 313-432-3082, or Ehresman Associates, 248-244-9710.

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### FYI

From page 9A

**Brian Berschback, 2001:** "There was always a mutual understanding between Coach and his players that it was always good to have fun, but when it was time to work hard, it was time to work hard."

**Michael Wolking, 2001:** "His attention to detail and recognition of the finer points of fundamentals made me a better player in facets of the game I had never known really mattered."

**David Saylor, 2002:** "Besides being an outstanding basketball coach, Coach Petrouleas took the time to teach each and every one of his players much more than just the game. Although he sometimes worked in mysterious ways, Coach taught us that hard work, playing within a team system, and responding positively to adversity are every bit as important as wins and losses."

**Andy Wolking, 2005:** "At an away game, Coach Petrouleas couldn't think of a play; so while concentrating, he kept smiling. I started to smile, and I watched a teammate, and he was smiling too. We connected with the same unspoken thought, 'This man loves what he is doing.'"

**Ben Dickson, 1999:** "When cut from the team my junior year, I learned lessons in failure. When accepted onto the team my senior year, I learned that one cannot allow failures in their past to act as a hindrance in setting and pursuing future ambitions. In observing the manner in which Coach Petrouleas carried himself, I learned lessons in citizenship. And in his ability to put up with me for an entire season, I learned lessons in tolerance."

**Dean Graham, 1981:** "Coach Petrouleas maintained many of the traditions that all GPSH basketball players have in common. For example, when traveling from an away game, players stand up at attention, and then when entering Grosse Pointe Boulevard, spiritually sing the alma mater, which is permanently embedded in my spirit."  
"Here beside St. Clair's blue waters stands our tower bold, and to our alma mater glorious to behold, swell the chorus; let it echo; raise it to the sky: hail to our alma mater, hail to Grosse Pointe High."  
"Thanks coach and best wishes."  
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## Bill to outfox Proposal A tax hikes is stalled

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

A bill its backer said would help Grosse Pointe families tailor home purchases to changing lifestyles is stuck in committee.

HB 4784 would limit property tax increases on purchases made within the same community.

The bill would let home buyers who have lived in a city for three years buy a home in the same community but pay the same amount of property taxes as the former owner.

If passed into law, home buyers could do an end-run around Proposal A, which limits property tax increases to the inflation rate unless property changes hands.

Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe, introduced the legislation last May to make it easier for everyone from growing families to senior citizens who are downsizing acquire homes that fit their needs.

The measure has been in the Committee on Tax Policy ever since.

"When the (property tax) cap comes off, taxes can go up several thousand dollars," Gaffney said. "How can we continue to get people to stay here or move here if we're talking about that kind of money?"

The idea came from a discussion with Dale Krajniak, a CPA and manager of Grosse Pointe Park.

"When mature, fully

developed communities are required to increase taxable values by 30 to 40 percent on a few select homes due to their sale, the market for these homes is significantly reduced," Krajniak said.

Gaffney is disturbed by the sluggish Grosse Pointe real estate market. More than 400 homes are for sale. Bigger homes are selling slowest.

"We aren't moving property the way we should," he said.

"This modification would increase the marketability of homes," Krajniak said, "which is somewhat stifled because of the increasing tax burden. It also would allow housing values within a community to rise, which in

turn will contribute to a greater tax base for all communities."

Gaffney said the prospect of a sudden jump in property taxes has prospective buyers seeking alternatives in newer communities.

"Let's face it: People from Grosse Pointe are moving out to Macomb and Chesterfield Township," Gaffney said. "You get more house for the money and the taxes are lower."

He wants to help growing families and downsizing senior citizens remain in the community.

"In the next 10 to 15 years, baby boomers are going to retire," Gaffney said. "Are they going to stay here or move on? If they move on,

they're going to want to sell their homes. Who's going to buy them? Who can afford to buy them? That's what I'm concerned about."

He's heard from senior citizens who are frustrated by the economic irony of shifting to smaller, more manageable homes.

"They find that the taxes on a small ranch house are more than the big house they're living in," Gaffney said. "They don't want to pay more taxes for a smaller house. That freezes a nice house that a young person could move into. The person with the ranch house will have trouble selling it."

Gaffney is rounding up support from Realtors statewide.

"Once they get behind it, it has an excellent chance of passing," he said. "They have a lot of clout in Lansing."

He also anticipates backing from urban interests.

"I think Detroit would benefit by this," he said. "It prevents urban sprawl. The bottom line is cities aren't going to lose that much money from this (because of foregone tax hikes), but it encourages people to stay in their local community."

If not addressed, Gaffney said the problem will get worse.

"Something has to be done to encourage young families to move within the community," he said. "This would be one way of doing it."

## Farmers market to open Park

By Bonnie Caprara  
Staff Writer

Along Kercheval, the Hill is known as a financial district, and the Village is known as a retail shopping district.

Now, West Park will be known as the market district.

Beginning in mid-May, Grosse Pointe Park will hold the West Park Farmers Market on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The market will be located in the Bon Secours Internal Medicine Center parking lot at 15200 Kercheval in the Park's

Kercheval retail district.

"The intent is to build traffic for our merchants," City Manager Dale Krajniak said. "It will enhance the small town sense of community we strive to promote."

The market is also expected to fill a need to offer a large and specialized variety of top-quality produce and flowers. It is expected to showcase up to 15 different vendors.

The response from the vendors, which include some well-known produce markets, has been "enthusias-

tic."

"They're really excited we even considered this," said Jennifer Meldrum, city gardener.

The Park is investing in decorative banners, umbrellas and tote bags to create an identifiable image.

"We want this to look like an upscale farmers market," Parks and Recreation Director Terry Solomon said.

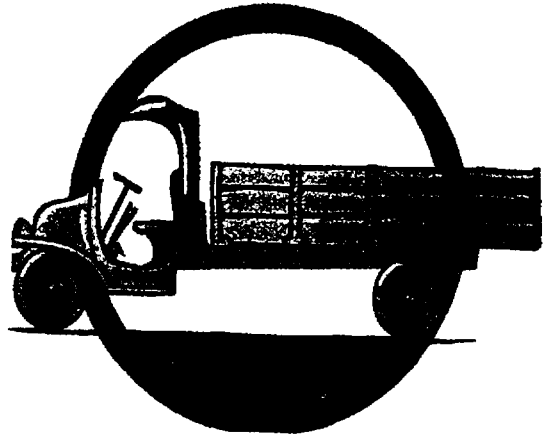
The success of weekend farmers markets has been catching on in the metro Detroit area.

"They're popular in Royal Oak and Mount Clemens,"

Meldrum said. "Even the smaller cities, like Algonac and St. Clair, are getting into this."

Depending on the success of the market, the market may feature additional items, such as bread and garden accessories, and may run past Labor Day to offer seasonal items such as squash and pumpkins.

The market is one of several concepts the Park is investigating to draw attention to its Kercheval business district, which is now referred to as West Park.



Proposed logo for West Park Farmers Market in Grosse Pointe Park.

## Bond could bypass Shores sewer costs, without tax hike

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

To finance next year's budget without increasing the

property tax rate, Grosse Pointe Shores officials might issue general obligation bonds to pay for big-ticket

infrastructure improvements.

Special projects within the \$5.52 million budget include a \$200,000 resurfacing of Renaud Road and \$450,000 to replace old sewer lines under Lakeshore Lane and Shoreham.

Without a bond issue, those three projects could result in the following:

- Either a village-wide tax rate increase or special assessment to Renaud residents to pay for road resurfacing. Village officials wish

to avoid both options.

- Higher water rates — cresting at nearly \$55 per thousand cubic feet — for all property owners to fund the sewer work.

"The advantage of a general obligation bond is it's outside of our tax base," said Mike Kenyon, village manager. "With interest rates the way they are, we'd probably pay \$230,000 (for bonds) per year spread out over 15 to 20 years, which would be a pretty shrewd thing to do."

"Money is pretty inexpen-

sive at this time," agreed Trustee Brian Hunt.

If next year's expenditures didn't include the infrastructure projects, Kenyon said any additional property tax revenue would stem from a 2.3 percent increase in taxable value.

Kenyon said the increase would translate into about \$80 per year for a house having a \$250,000 state equalized value.

But not only do Renaud, Shoreham and Lakeshore Lane need addressing.

There's more to come for the aging community.

"Our infrastructure projects are mounting up faster than our money," Kenyon said. "We're in the process — with roads, sewers, sanitary sewers, storm sewers and water mains — of trying to budget enough money to deal with minor repairs as we go along. But it's a losing battle."

Village officials have agreed to explore strategies to finance such projects in the future.

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# Farms mom dedicates life to helping others

By Jennie Miller  
Staff Writer

When Dana Miller has a bad day and is feeling a little stressed, she reminds herself of the joys of her job.

"I get paid to play Candyland!" said the Grosse Pointe Farms resident who runs a day-care program out of her home. She cares for seven children on a daily basis who are between the ages of just a few months to 5 years old.

"It can get overwhelming from time to time, but kids are such a joy," she said. "They are so delightful to work with."

Miller's life has always been about children. Growing up in Roseville, she knew she wanted to become a nurse.

"My mom said that when I was 3 years old I started saying I wanted to be a nurse," she said.

Having spent several occasions in the hospital for various ailments during her youth, Miller looked up to the nurses she encountered.

"The nurses took such good care of me," she remembered. "I admired them and

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knew I wanted to do the same thing when I grew up."

After graduating from Wayne State University's Nursing School, Miller began working at Hutzel Hospital in what was then called the premi-nursery.

"That was even before they had such a thing as a NICU," she said.

She then spent a few years at a family practitioner's office before moving to St. John Hospital's pediatric intensive care unit, where she stayed for 15 years.

"I just loved nursing — I still do," she said. "But as much as you loved those kids, usually you were doing things that hurt. It was hard sometimes."

When a colleague became pregnant and wondered how she would raise her child and still work at the hospital, Miller, who also had a young child at the time, volunteered to quit nursing and assist her friend.

"I said I'd help her out," she said. "She was a resident

and on call and a doctor-in-training. I took her child when he was 8 weeks old for 60 to 80 hours a week."

But Miller didn't stop there. She became licensed through the Child Independent Agency, hoping to open a day-care facility in her home. She was required to provide a schedule of daily activities, a list of toys she owned, a sample of lunches and an emergency plan. The organization also performed a background and health check on her, before granting her the right to provide child care services.

Word quickly spread throughout the community, and before she knew it, Miller had five children in her home every day, from six in the morning until six at night, and once a week overnight.

"It was non-stop," she said of the adjustment to the new career. She cared for two infants, a one-and-a-half year-old, and two 3-year-olds. Since then, Miller has seen families move from the community, including the friend who inspired this whole thing. She has cared for 16 different children throughout the last five years.

"We play games, do puzzles and crafts, read, paint, go on walks, go to the playground, and they eat a lot," Miller laughed. "These kids are so smart and a joy to be



Farms resident Dana Miller, center, surrounds herself with her loving family. From left is her eldest daughter and her husband, Danielle and Todd Zimmerman; Miller's husband, Eric; her daughter and her husband, Nicole and John Spain; her youngest daughter Michelle; and her son, David.

around. I just love it." Now joined for a few hours a day by her friend Kay Hendershot, Miller isn't as stressed as she once was.

"She's such a big help and the kids love her," she said, thinking of the extra time she has now to dedicate to the infant she takes care of. "It's hard when you have an infant and older kids. You need to give the older kids the attention they deserve but still focus on the baby. Kay helps me out with that."

But the fun needs to stop somewhere, and Miller

takes a break during the summer.

"A lot of the parents are teachers so the schedule works well for them," she said, thinking of the time she has in the summer to cook, travel and work in her garden.

But Miller also spends as much time as she can volunteering at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. Her family is devoted to the parish. Her husband, Eric, who is a music teacher at Lincoln High School in Warren, also directs three choirs.

"We're involved in a lot of things at St. Paul," she said. "I'll help out with anything that needs doing."

Several years ago, Miller was the head of the education planning to help host the American Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Thursday, May 20, from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. The troop will provide day care and a kids' carnival during the drive, to allow for more donors.

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All three of her daughters were involved in Girl Scouts during their youth, a program that Miller values and supports with all her might.

"This is my 13th year as a leader," Miller said, as if she doesn't have a full schedule already. "We have 17 sixth-graders and they are just wonderful."

It's not just the cookies Miller enjoys about this experience, but the variety of activities in which the girls participate.

"They're going to earn their car-care badge over Easter Break," she said with amazement, adding that they also do sports, camping trips, community service activities and learn leadership skills.

The group is currently planning to help host the American Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Thursday, May 20, from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. The troop will provide day care and a kids' carnival during the drive, to allow for more donors.

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## Bump and Slight Eccentric set to rock The Magic Stick

Bump, Grosse Pointe's popular hometown rock band, will perform on Easter weekend with an all-ages show at the Magic Stick on Saturday, April 10.

Bump will perform at 11 p.m., after an opening show at 9 p.m. by fellow Grosse Pointe groovers, The Slight Eccentric. Bump is comprised of Yorg Kerasiotis (lead vocals), Clint Carpenter (drums), Chris Sterr (guitar), Eric Novak (bass guitar) and Pat Blizinski (keyboards).

The Slight Eccentric is comprised of Jay Minger (rhythm guitar), Jack Elsey (lead vocals/guitar, piano), Nick Maitland (drums), Ryan Conley (bass) and Jason Cooper (percussion).

The Magic Stick is located on Woodward Avenue in downtown Detroit. Doors open at 8 p.m.

## Ford House hosts Easter brunch/tour

Families can indulge in a buffet this Easter when the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House hosts its first-ever Easter brunch at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, April 11.

Afterward, families are invited to tour the historic home to experience the traditions of the holiday and to get a glimpse of springtime. The buffet includes an omelet station, chicken Florentine, eggs Benedict, peppered roast beef, vegetable strudel with oven-roasted new potatoes, and

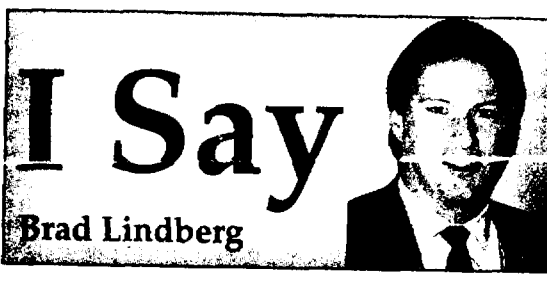
other entrees. Assorted breakfast breads, salads, fresh fruit and desserts also will be offered. The brunch will be held in the Activities Center. The cost for the buffet and tour is \$27 for adults, \$15 for children. Without the tour, the buffet is \$22 for adults and \$11 for children. Reservations are required and can be made by calling (313) 884-4222. For more information about Ford House, go to www.fordhouse.org or call (313) 884-4222.

# Old Detroiters

Here's something a friend sent me:

- You're an old Detroit'er if:
- You took a moonlight cruise to Bob-Lo with Captain Bob-Lo, or went to Edgewater Amusement Park.
- You remember the big stove that was on Jefferson Ave. at the entrance to Belle Isle.
- You shopped at Hughes & Hatcher, B. Siegel, Peck and Peck, Himelhoch's, Robert Hall, Crowley's, Shoppers Fair, E.J. Korvettes or Federals.
- You rode the elevator at J. L. Hudson's, which was run by an elevator operator.
- You remember a Winkleman's and Sander's store in your neighborhood.
- You remember the "Big Snow," Buffalo Bob, Howdy

- Doody, Clarabelle, Phineas T. Bluster, Princess Summer-Fall-Winter-Spring.
- You remember Twin Pines Dairy delivered milk and juice to the chute on the side of your nouse and Milky the Clown performed magic with the magic words "Twin Pines."
- You know there were four radio stations in the area which played rock-n-roll — WKNR, WXYZ, CKLW and WJLB.
- You remember the Good Humor man in a white uniform, ringing the bells as he drove down your street.
- You remember Olympia Stadium.
- You remember when Vernor's was made on Woodward Ave., and a bearded troll was on the bottle.
- Your mom got groceries at Great Scott, Food Fair, Wrigley's, A & P or Chatham.
- Your Mom saved Holden



# I Say

Brad Lindberg

- Red Stamps, S&H Green stamps, or Gold Bell Gift stamps, and you licked and stuck them into those little books.
- Kresge's, Neisner's and Woolworth's were "dime stores."
- You had an uncle in the furniture business (Joshua Door).
- You recognized Awry's Bakery goods by the windmill.
- You know who Bill Kennedy is.
- You remember when J.L. Hudson's would decorate its display windows at Christmas time with ani-

- Ginger, Poopdeck Paul, Captain Jolly, Sagebrush Shorty, Jingles, and maybe even the Sergeant Sayko Salute.
- You visited the Wonder Bread Bakery and got to take home a mini loaf of bread.
- Your address had a two-digit "zone" before there were zip codes. Detroit 19, Michigan.
- You remember when the following classic advertising jingle was new: "Get on the right track to Nine Mile and Mack, Roy O'Brien trucks and cars make you money back ... to get the best deal in town. Roy O'Brien, it's the best deal around."
- You remember a laundry chute and a milk chute and a coal chute.
- You remember going to Detroit Edison with: your Mom to exchange burned out light bulbs for new ones.

**Rednecks & bluenecks**  
Bluenecks are Northerners.

We've all heard of redneck jokes. Here are some takes on how Southern folks look at their Northern cousins:

- You must be a blueneck if:
- You think barbecue is a verb meaning, "to cook outside."
- You think Heinz Ketchup is spicy.
- You don't have problems pronouncing "Worcestershire sauce" correctly.
- You eat fried chicken with a knife and fork.
- You have no idea what a polecat is.
- You don't see anything wrong with putting a sweater on a poodle.
- You would rather have your son become a lawyer than grow up to get his own televised fishing show.
- Instead of referring to two or more people as "y'all," you call them "you guys," even if both of them are women.

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# Streetwise

**Question of the Week:**  
What is your happiest memory from childhood?

"Going to Walt Disney World with my grandpa, grandma and parents."  
**Rhea Guswiler**  
Grosse Pointe Woods

"It would probably be building sand castles with my grandfather up North. We would get branches to make pillars and gates."  
**David Hands**  
Grosse Pointe

"Having fun playing at the beach."  
**Susan Kiehnau**  
Grosse Pointe Farms

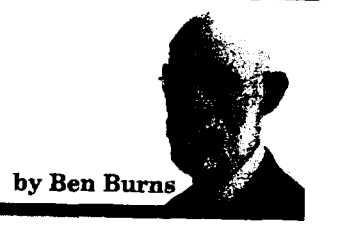
"Summers at the cottage in Caseville, up north, water skiing and fishing."  
**Gary Kucharski**  
Grosse Pointe Park

"Christmas morning. I was one of eight children and two foster children. When we got home from church, my dad would set up his photography equipment. Then it would be bedlam."  
**Sharon Delong**  
Grosse Pointe Woods

"Vacations. We used to go up to a place called Hubbard Lake and water ski."  
**Sandy Gillespie**  
Grosse Pointe Farms

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

# fyi



## Gentleman George

"George Petrouleas taught me life lessons that I could not have learned anywhere else."  
— South varsity basketball player, 2001

What is the mark of a great coach? Is it the number of games won or lost, his or her grace under pressure, the length of time spent in that stomach-knotting role or the impact on young men and women?

**George Petrouleas**, whose basketball coaching career at South ended in March, will go down as the most successful coach in the history of the school with a 61 percent winning percentage: 330-211.

But I think it is the long-term impact on lives, careers and attitudes that counts the most, and the players who played varsity basketball for "Gentleman George" over his quarter century career at South provide the best testimonial.

First you have to understand that Petrouleas always modeled success: neatly groomed, a well-cut sport coat and tie, always respectful to his players and his opponents, largely unflappable in the midst of screaming chaos at the end

of a close game.

Here — not necessarily in the order they wrote them and edited for length — is what some of his players are quoted as saying about the man who guided them on the hardwood and into life beyond basketball.

**Adam Hess**, 1999: "Let's be honest. Coach P. wears gear that looks as though it was issued in the early '50s. He never uses profanity and suggests that we use the word 'balderdash.'"

"What I do know is that he has been a motivating force in my basketball career, and I truly appreciate everything he has done for me. He never seemed to lose his cool; he never seemed to get too high with the highs or low with the lows. His actions caused me to act in a similar manner, which is to act as if you have been there before if you are successful and not to pout when things are not going your way," (Hess is an Academic and Athletic All-American at William and Mary with a 3.53 point average.)

**Sean Bruce**, 1985-87: "Coach Petrouleas will be remembered for how he cared for his players off the court. He wanted us to become better players, no doubt. But I think it was also important to him to see

his players become better people. He will always have my respect for the time and effort he has put into making Grosse Pointe South and this community a better place."

**Brendan Walsh**, 1986: "I was always one of those guys who had to sweat it out during final cuts. When I walked into (Petrouleas') office my senior year, I thought that it might be the end of the line for me. (He) asked me what I thought my role would be. All I could offer was that I would work hard and be a practice team leader and help make the starters better."

"Well, (he) listened and gave me the opportunity. I worked as hard as anyone that year — every practice defending arguably the best guard to ever play at South (Sean Bruce) and making him a better player. (Petrouleas) gave me a gift by allowing me to contribute, but I was rewarded tenfold with a lifetime of memories and friendships."

"One day my children will play on teams. I can only hope they will have coaches like (Petrouleas): Coaches who care about their players and who know what's most important. (He) rewarded my effort and for that I will be forever grate-

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# Points about the Pointes

This isn't an April Fool's Day prank...we'll help pay for your family's trip to The Max!

Looking for an exciting activity for the entire family? Retire X-Box for a few hours and head down to The Max Theatre at Orchestra Hall!

A number of unique opportunities are coming up that will allow all of us to enjoy the talents of our students on the big stage at The Max Theatre at Orchestra Hall. It's hard to believe that...

...this coming Sunday, April 4th at 7PM, the talented students from **Grosse Pointe North's Symphony Orchestra, Concert Band and Symphony Band** will be at The Max performing their Spring Concert!

...on Wednesday, May 5th, students in the **DSO Civic Jazz Orchestra** will perform under the direction of Jazz legend **Marcus Belgrave!**

...on Sunday, May 9th, the **DSO Civic Sinfonia** (including fifteen incredibly talented Pointe students) will on stage at The Max!

We are true believers in these students. The dedication that they show towards their music will carry over into whatever they pursue in their lives. As parents, if dedication and commitment are concepts we want our children to embrace, we couldn't ask for better role models than these students to help shape our children.

Help spread the word. Take your family to The Max for one or all of these performances. It's about the same cost as taking them to the movies. In fact, we'll help make it cost less than the popcorn and soda!

Bring us the ticket stubs for any or all of these performances when you're in the store picking up a frame, having your portrait done or having a photo restored before June 1. We'll credit you \$5 per ticket for up to half of your purchase!

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## Traffic stops yield arrests

Two Detroit residents were arrested during a traffic stop at Beaconsfield and Fairfax in Grosse Pointe Park on Monday, March 22, when public safety officers found a 7 1/2-inch knife in the vehicle.

During a traffic stop on Saturday, March 27, at Mack and Whittier in the Park, a 16-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods female was detained when officers found alcohol in her possession. The girl was a passenger in the vehicle.

Also in the Park, officers arrested a Detroit resident during a traffic stop at Mack and Balfour on Sunday, March 28. The driver was in possession of crack cocaine, narcotics paraphernalia and was wanted on \$8,200 in warrants.

## Trickster is back

Public safety officers in Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Woods are on the lookout for a man with a history of tricking money from people.

Woods officers responded to a call from a restaurant in the 19700 block of Mack at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, where the suspect confused a cashier into giving him \$50 in change.

A similar incident took place the day before at a gas station in the 19100 block of Mack in the Farms.

The suspect was described as a 40- to 45-year-old black man with a short afro wearing a black cloth coat and black pants. A Farms officer said the man had been arrested for similar incidents in 2002.

## Vehicles vandalized

A 2001 red Ford pickup truck parked in the driveway in the 21700 block of Van K in Grosse Pointe Woods was vandalized during the early morning hours

of Friday, March 26.

The owner of the truck heard the vehicle's alarm go off at 12:30 a.m. He reset the alarm without checking out his truck. At 5:20 a.m., he noticed a 10-inch gouge on the rear passenger door and a broken side-view mirror.

Also during the night of March 26, a 1997 Chrysler van parked in the 700 block of Trombley in Grosse Pointe Park was scratched.

## Suburban stolen

A 1990 GMC Suburban was stolen between 1 and 6 a.m. on Friday, March 26. It was parked in the street in the 1100 block of Wayburn in Grosse Pointe Park.

## Fight & arrest

Two Grosse Pointe Park residents were arrested the night of Friday, March 26, after they assaulted their 19-year-old friend in the street as the result of a disagreement.

## Purses stolen from cars

Two purses were stolen from a red Oldsmobile Cutlass parked in front of a house in the 1900 block of Hollywood in Grosse Pointe Woods sometime between 9:30 p.m. on Friday, March 26, and 12:15 a.m. on Saturday, March 27.

## Tools, bike taken

A socket set and an Iron mountain bike were taken from a garage in the 1200 block of Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park during the night of Friday, March 26.

## Attempted break-in

A woman living in the 1100 block of South Brys in Grosse Pointe Woods called the public safety department when she saw someone trying to break into her house at 12:45 a.m. on Saturday, March 27.

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The woman described the suspect as a white male in his teens with brown curly hair wearing a black shirt and red pants. Officers were unable to find the suspect.

## Home invasion

A television, a DVD player, a radio receiver and \$20 cash were taken from a house in the 230 block of Stanhope in Grosse Pointe Woods between 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 26, and 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 27. Entry into the house was believed to have been made through a kicked-in side door.

## Fire run

Grosse Pointe Park public safety officers responded to an electrical box fire in the 1200 block of Beaconsfield at 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 27.

The fire was extinguished with a dry chemical.

## Ammo dump

On Sunday, March 28, an employee of a store in the 20400 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods called public safety officers to help dispose of some unusual items found in the trash can at the store's customer service desk: gun ammunition. Woods public safety officers removed 16 .22 caliber bullets, a .45 caliber bullet and a .38 caliber bullet.

## Party stakeout

Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officers spent a few hours trying to break up an open house party in the 19900 block of East Clairview Court the evening of Sunday, March 28.

Officers saw and were unable to apprehend several youths who fled the house when they first arrived.

The officers heard but could not see other teens in the house, of which they were denied entry.

In the meantime, officers remained on patrol on Torrey watching cars parked in the vicinity of the party. They pulled over three cars between 11:10 and 11:50 p.m. None of the drivers was cited. Officers were, however, allowed into the house when the host's parents arrived home the next morning at 12:45 a.m.

Officers saw a female teen passed out on a couch and many empty beer bottles on the back porch and in the sun room. Nine teens were cited for being minors in

possession of alcohol, and 12 teens were cleared.

The Woods' city attorney is reviewing the investigation to determine if the homeowners can be cited for violating the city's open house party ordinance.

— Bonnie Caprara

## Pocket picked?

A 20-year-old St. Clair Shores man suspects someone picked his pocket when leaving a store on Tuesday, March 23, at about 3:50 p.m., in the 16900 block of Kercheval in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The man said he felt someone bump into him. Twenty minutes later he noticed his wallet was missing.

## SUV B&E

On Tuesday, March 23, at 10:15 a.m., three men were seen stealing electronic gear out of a 2001 Ford Explorer parked in the 17400 block of Mack in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The trio smashed the vehicle's rear hatch window and stole a \$600 Pioneer in-dash compact disc player and stereo. The men also stole two seven-inch overhead video monitors valued at \$500 each.

The men were seen leaving the scene in a light blue Oldsmobile two-door. The Olds had been reported stolen in Detroit sometime within the last 10 hours.

## Sideswiped

A City of Grosse Pointe woman said someone sideswiped a 2003 Mercury Mountaineer parked behind a building in the 300 block of Fisher in the City on Wednesday, March 24, between 6:30 and 7:20 p.m.

## Car theft fails

On Monday, March 22, between 4 and 5:30 p.m., someone tried to steal a beige 1998 Plymouth Breeze parked in a lot at Mack and Rivard in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The vehicle was found with its ignition damaged.

## Spontaneous intoxication

On Wednesday, March 24, at 12:33 a.m., a 35-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman who said she hadn't had anything to drink was arrested in Grosse Pointe Farms for driving with a blood alcohol level of .145 percent.

The level had increased to

.19 percent at 1:19 a.m., when officers conducted another test at police headquarters.

A patrolman pulled over the woman for driving her white Plymouth Voyager 40 mph on Ridge, a 25 mph zone, and weaving on Kerby and Chalfonte.

## Stolen Sonys

Two Sony digital cameras worth a total \$1,200 have been reported missing from Grosse Pointe South High School.

School officials suspect the cameras were taken between Feb. 13, and March 1.

The equipment was in a restricted area of a second-floor room that isn't always locked.

## Nab scofflaw

On Monday, March 22, at 11:25 a.m., Grosse Pointe Farms police arrested a 26-year-old Grosse Pointe Park woman who was wanted in the City of Grosse Pointe for failure to appear in court on charges of drunken driving. She also was wanted on a \$3,000 warrant for not showing up in Allen Park court.

Farms police had pulled over the woman's green 1995 Oldsmobile Cutlass for having a broken side rearview mirror. Officers impounded the car and turned over the woman to City authorities.

## Jeep dodges theft attempt

Grosse Pointe Farms police said thieves last week tried to steel a resident's Jeep Cherokee.

The owner found evidence that someone had tried to pry off a passenger side door lock.

No one's sure where the theft attempt took place.

It could have occurred while the Cherokee was parked in the woman's driveway in the 300 block of Touraine during a 24-hour period beginning on Friday, March 20, at 2 p.m. Or it could have happened the night before while the vehicle was parked in downtown Detroit.

## Driving drunk

A 48-year-old Pontiac man registered a .165 percent blood alcohol level upon being investigated for drunken driving on Sunday, March 28, at 2:37 a.m., in Grosse Pointe Farms.

An officer saw the man's dark green 1995 Chevrolet Monte Carlo fitted with an improper license plate on westbound Mack near

Warren.

"He was lost (and) looking for I-75," police said.

Police said two passengers, both Pontiac men, were hiding open beer bottles.

A 32-year-old man from Grosse Pointe Woods was arrested for drunken driving on Saturday, March 28, at 2:18 a.m., in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Police pulled over the man for driving his silver 2001 Volvo V70 at 49 mph on eastbound Mack near Calvin.

A test at the scene revealed the man's blood alcohol level was .153 percent. The level had increased to .19 percent when tested at 3:39 a.m., at police headquarters.

## Dodge found

On Friday, March 26, Michigan State Police in Taylor found a 1994 Dodge Intrepid that had been stolen in Grosse Pointe Farms on March 15.

The vehicle was in good shape. The ignition and driver-side door had been replaced.

The license plate and vehicle identification plate had been removed.

## Fishermen

### landed in GPS

Three adult male boaters from Commerce Township were stranded on Lake St. Clair until their 15-foot Glasmate boat washed up on sand piled off the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club on the evening of Friday, March 27.

"The motor had broken down, and it had taken (six hours) to get to shore from the shipping channel where they had been fishing," said a Grosse Pointe Shores public safety officer.

Police said one of the men had a cellular telephone but hadn't called for help.

## Anti-blight

On Monday, March 22, Grosse Pointe Shores cited a Shorecrest Circle resident for violating the village anti-blight ordinance. Police said the property's driveway, side and back yards were cluttered with "a large amount of items, some under tarps.

## Drives over Lakeshore curb

A 48-year-old Monroe man was arrested for drunken driving on Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores on Tuesday, March 23, at 9:55 p.m. The man had been speeding his 2001 GMC pickup 48 mph on westbound Lakeshore near Webber Place. When pulling over, the man drove over the right curb toward the Lake St. Clair breakwall.

The man refused to take a breath test, which would extrapolate his blood alcohol level; so officers took him to a local hospital for a blood test.

— Brad Lindberg

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# Suburban water plant study bids due this week

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Before taking the plunge on a suburban filtration plant, supporters need to know if the idea holds water. Aspects of the proposal will become clearer this week when engineering

firms submit bids for a feasibility study.

Sealed bids from up to 30 engineering firms vying to study the feasibility of building suburban water facilities are scheduled to be opened today at 1 p.m., in St. Clair Shores city council

chambers. Top candidates will be whittled down to a handful over the next few weeks.

The winner will perform a year-long, estimated \$150,000 study to evaluate breaking away from the Detroit Water Department. This week's proposals for the initial feasibility study will consider the practicality of constructing a separate water filtration plant or plants, at least one of which could be placed in St. Clair Shores.

A third option would expand existing plants outside Detroit, such as in Grosse Pointe Farms, Highland Park and Mount Clemens. New facilities would have to provide drinking water for at least 15 suburban communities in Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties.

Cities that have contributed money for the feasibility study are Grosse Pointe Shores, St. Clair Shores, Warren, Centerline and 11 more communities represented by the Southeast Oakland County Water Authority.

In addition, bidders are required to submit a second analysis in case the following communities jump on board: Grosse Pointe Woods, Harper Woods, Eastpointe, Fraser and Roseville.

Communities in both groups total 554,577 residents and use 3.723 billion cubic feet of water per year, according to data from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments and the Southeast Oakland County Water Control Authority.

"The study will determine options and costs to establish a water authority (or

authorities), establish water consortiums and construct a water treatment plant(s) and storage facilities to deliver an adequate, dependable water supply for the proposed service areas, represented by the communities and agencies participating in this study process,"

according to a 17-page request for bids distributed to about 30 engineering firms. Responses are to include the following:

- the projected cost for each option considered,
- a recommended option with capital finance budget and all potential funding options,
- the projected annual operation, maintenance and repair cost for the recommended option,
- a recommended operating structure(s),
- a description of all federal, state and local permit requirements and the challenges with gaining approval to proceed with the recommended option,
- projected wholesale water rates for each impacted community or agency,
- any ballot language that might be needed.

Firms also will be evaluated according to their proposed work plans, project schedules, experience in similar projects and personnel.

Documents due this week are to indicate possible locations for a water plant, storage facility, intakes and piping.

Security issues must be outlined. "Currently, the communities receive water from a single source," the bid request reads. "Developing a

new source (or) partnering with neighboring systems to ensure multiple independent sources that provide

redundancy and reduction in risk is an important focus and consideration of this study."

# Shores boaters allowed overnight stays; pets, too

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Boaters with slips at Osius Park marina have the option this year of being rocked to sleep overnight by muted swells creeping in from Lake St. Clair. The privilege begins with the opening of the harbor April 15, as Grosse Pointe Shores trustees liberalize rules for the lakeside municipal park.

Another change lets boat owners bring their pets on board. New rules state, "Pets must be on a tight leash or carried to and from boats."

"Pet and boat owners are responsible for any cleanup that may be required as a result of pets walking to and from boats," said Karl Kratz, chairman of the Village Council Park and Harbor Committee.

To coincide with overnight boating, trustees will add a graveyard shift at the park's gatehouse. "Without additional resources and cost, we would have 24-hour attendants at the gate," Kratz said. "After midnight, if somebody wants to leave, there will be an attendant to open the gate and walk them out."

Changes come in the wake of a survey of Shores residents. A fill-in portion of the survey let residents add comments and requests.

"There were important issues the people wanted us to look at," Kratz said. "One dealt with sleeping on boats overnight."

Revised rules allow boaters to stay on their craft for 48 hours. Kratz said the upcoming season will be the first time Osius boaters have had the privilege.

"If we have public comment that it works fine, we'll leave it," Kratz said. "If they feel that a longer duration is acceptable, we'll take consideration. At this point, we decided 48 hours and will see how this summer goes. Hopefully, we'll have a good response at the end of the year."

Other rule changes allow Shores boaters to buy diesel fuel at the adjoining Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and to use the club's sanitary pump-out.

The changes are detailed in a revised rule book that will be mailed to residents along with their park passes.

"We listened to the public," Kratz said. "I think it will be very well received."

# Election law delays Woods recall effort

By Bonnie Caprara  
Staff Writer

The prospect of recalling one to four Grosse Pointe Woods city council members is on hold, at least for a few months.

According to the state election law, a petition to place a recall referendum of an elected official may not be circulated within that official's first six months in office.

Three of the four targeted council members — Lisa Pinkos Howle, Dona DeSantis Reynolds and Darryl Spicher — were elected to their first terms on the council in November. Councilwoman Patricia Chylinski, who was named mayor pro tem by her fellow council members in November and has served on the council since 1997, is the fourth council member.

Recall organizer and Woods resident Art Bryant said the group has not yet decided which of the four would likely be recalled.

Bryant said he has met with a group of about 20 residents on Thursday, March 25, to inform them of the process.

"This is not a quick process," Bryant said. "This

is something that cannot happen overnight."

If Bryant's group decides to recall one or four of the targeted council members, it will have up to 180 days to collect signatures of at least 25 percent of registered voters in the Woods in order to place the recall question on a special election ballot.

Bryant said he hoped to take advantage of the August primary election to collect signatures. The state election law allows citizens to circulate such petitions at least 100 feet outside of polling places.

Bryant said he has collected the names of 42 people seeking to oust one or all of the targeted council members. He said they are upset with their decisions to fire former City Administrator Ted Bidigare and to place a referendum on this year's primary election ballot to free the remaining four of 11 Class C liquor licenses allotted by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission to the Woods.

In the meantime, Bryant said he and his group will be monitoring city council meetings.

"You'll see several of us at the meetings," Bryant said.

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## Brownell neighbors up in arms

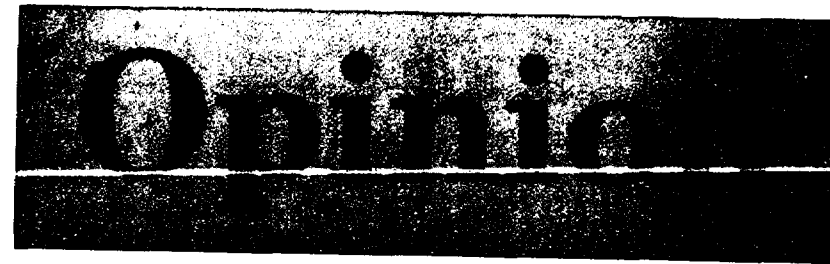
**B**rownell Principal Michael Dib learned an old lesson Monday afternoon: No good deed goes unpunished.

As a courtesy, Dr. Dib sent letters to four homeowners at the foot of Cloverly at Williams, where the sidewalk from Brownell Middle School ends, to inform the residents of the school district's plans to build a storage and restroom facility on school property.

The building, roughly the size of a three-car garage, would be used mostly for grounds equipment storage. Due to increased enrollment at Brownell, the grounds keeper's space was taken over by classroom use this year. A semi-trailer is serving as a temporary storage space for grounds and maintenance equipment.

Two single-toilet restrooms would also be added to the outbuilding for use during boys and girls baseball games and other athletic events.

The outbuilding would be located along the sidewalk running from the Brownell parking lot to Williams. The area is mostly green space dotted by trees, two of which will be lost during construction of the planned outbuilding.



But when the four homeowners received Dr. Dib's letter the day after voters approved the Sinking Fund millage, they were alarmed and spread the word. Among those concerned were Farms City Councilman Louis Theros and his wife, Patti, who live at Cloverly and Williams, and architect Peter Gormley and his wife, Sheila, of Touraine Road.

The Gormleys circulated a letter of objections and suggestions to schools Superintendent Dr. Suzanne Klein and Dr. Dib. The letter was signed by 30 residents, many of whom showed up at Dr. Dib's informal meeting held at 4 p.m. at Brownell on Monday.

Councilman Theros was "disappointed" that the school district had not consulted the city on the proposed outbuilding. His chief concerns were safety and cost.

He and other nearby residents fear the outbuilding will attract loiterers and kids looking for a place to hide and smoke. Theros also wondered who would be responsible for cleaning and locking the restrooms after sporting events.

Dr. Dib said those using the athletic fields would be responsible. But Theros

wondered if everyone would be given keys, which would defeat security concerns.

Theros and others also questioned the projected \$100,000 cost of erecting an outbuilding and running utilities to it. He said adding the facility onto the existing Brownell footprint would be more cost-effective, safer and easier to maintain.

When asked who approved the outbuilding, architect Dale Ehrman said the voters did when they approved the \$62.9 million bond issue two years ago.

The architect's comment and the "surprise" reaction by residents raises several concerns.

First, we find it amazing that the school administrators are so out of touch with nearby residents that they failed to anticipate their safety concerns.

Second, why weren't the neighbors and city officials included early in the discussion phase?

Theros, as an attorney and city representative, maintains that the school district "can do whatever it wants" building-wise. All the school district has to do is comply with state building codes. We

think some checks and balances need to be added for the protection of residents and the city.

And, third, we feel it is wrong for the school district to assume that taxpayers' passage of the "big bond issue" two years ago is blanket approval for everything the district wants to build.

The bond proposal was too large for voters to grasp every detail and every project. We think residents should be informed early on of any plans for their school. For example, we understand a similar outbuilding with restrooms is planned for Pierce Middle School. Are parents there aware of this?

We attended Dr. Dib's informal meeting with residents Monday afternoon. The school principal was clearly taken by surprise by the opposition neighbors had to the outbuilding. If it had not been for Dr. Dib's thoughtful gesture of sending a letter to four nearby residents, construction would have begun before residents would have been aware of what was going on.

In fact, the requests for bids for the Brownell and Pierce field storage buildings have already been published.

By the way, not a single administrator from the school district's central office attended Dr. Dib's meeting, nor did any school board member.

A follow-up meeting has been scheduled for 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7, in the lab room at Brownell. We encourage everyone interested in school district matters to attend. You may also wish to call Dr. Dib at (313) 432-3904.

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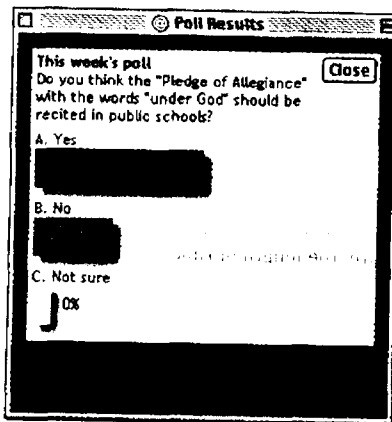
## Poll supports 'Pledge'

**W**ith the U.S. Supreme Court considering the constitutionality of reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance" in public schools, we asked our Web site subscribers: "Do you think the 'Pledge of Allegiance' with the words 'under God' should be recited in public schools?"

The overwhelming response (68 percent) was "Yes." Only 32 percent thought the "Pledge" with its reference to God should not be recited in public schools.

The purpose of separation of church and state, we believe, is not to deny or attack God and religion, but rather the opposite. Keeping religion out of government and the classroom prevents the state from imposing one set of beliefs on its citizens.

But since we are all Christian and believe in God, what's the harm? After all, we swear on a Bible in court. Our current states "In God We Trust." Perhaps sep-



aration of church and state is something that never has existed and never will.



Address comments to cartoonist Phil Hands at [phands@grossepointenews.com](mailto:phands@grossepointenews.com) or go to [www.philtoons.com](http://www.philtoons.com)

## Letters

### Residents oppose 'outbuilding' at Brownell

To Dr. Suzanne Klein  
Dr. Michael Dib  
Director of the Grosse  
Pointe Public Schools

We have some serious concerns regarding the restroom and storage facility slated for construction within the next few months at Brownell Middle School. This facility is to be located between the Brownell parking lot and Williams Road.

Only a few residents with homes directly adjacent to the field received notice of the building from the Grosse Pointe Public School System on March 17. It is our understanding, that other nearby residents who may have their children play at Brownell did not receive this letter.

Our concerns for this project are the following:

#### Security and safety

What is the purpose of the restrooms? Are they intended for student use during school hours or strictly for non-district-sponsored activities after school and on weekends? If intended for use during school hours, we propose the existing restrooms inside Brownell School be used. If intended for the sole purpose of the letter, will the Neighborhood Club contribute to the cost and maintenance of the building?

Who will supervise this building? Leaving these restrooms unattended and

unsupervised is opening up a door for potential trouble, specifically the safety and security of our children, especially with the Brownell parking lot in such close proximity. Additionally, unattended restroom facilities will increase the potential for vandalism and crime.

A possible solution for restroom usage on weekends might be to have the existing restrooms in Brownell School sectioned off and available for use. If needed, an attendant can be used.

#### Construction costs

Why a detached building? With the proposed building location, water lines, sanitary lines and power lines need to be run from the school under/across/around the existing parking lot. It is our understanding that this approach is the most expensive way to add additional square footage to a facility. An attached building addition serving the same purpose would be less expensive and easier to monitor and maintain.

For weeks we have been hearing about budget cuts and concerns about funding. This more expensive construction approach needs to be reviewed and possibly revised. After the approval of the bond fund and the sinking fund we expect the Grosse Pointe Public School System needs to keep a very close eye on how our tax dollars are being spent. If a fine; however, we expect the district to choose a method of construction that would be cost-effective.

### Resident and taxpayer input

We believe that residents should have a voice about placing unattended public restrooms at Brownell field.

Why weren't the residents asked their opinions about such a new concept of unsecured restrooms at a field that is utilized by younger children? How did this new concept get approved by the school board without the knowledge or input of local residents who will be affected? How about holding a residents meeting now to gain an understanding of what taxpayers want before construction begins? We look forward to an invitation.

30 Concerned  
Residents  
Grosse Pointe Farms

### Former teacher responds

To the Editor:

The audacity of the letter writer, "Teachers underappreciated" (March 25, Grosse Pointe News), to assert that Grosse Pointe teachers are underpaid and underappreciated.

As a former teacher, I think the letter writer needs to re-examine her statements. This community is extraordinarily supportive of their teachers. Without the parade of parent volunteers, the letter writer would have to do flash cards with her students, edit their writing, work the publishing center, decorate her bulletin boards, and organize her classroom parties all by herself. Let's

add in the parents who volunteer in the clinic, lunchroom and on the playground.

Don't forget those who put in hours on the PTO and the money they raise for the use of the teachers. Parents are active in their schools because they appreciate the job the teachers are doing.

The letter writer's whining about being underpaid in a district that starts their teachers' salaries over \$30,000 and continues past the \$80,000 mark is unwarranted.

Remember, letter writer, you don't work year-round. You have two months off in the summer, two weeks at Christmas, one week for winter break, and one more for spring break. I always considered the time off as a "perk" of teaching. My paycheck reflected that perk.

Also unwarranted is the letter writer's gripe about her day not ending at 3:32. Does she know of any profession where the person's day ends at the appointed time? How many people really work nine to five? I'm sure she knew her day wouldn't end when the students went home before she was hired. Again, the extra time you put in is reflected in your salary.

As for grading papers, I'm sure the majority of papers are graded while students are at their "specials." And the lesson plans she talked about — she works in a district that spent an awful lot of money on curriculum specialists who then handed her the lesson plan so that all of our students would be learning the exact same material (you know, the material that's on the MEAP), nothing more, nothing less.

Since I too still have kids in the district, I will not be signing my name. I know the letter writer will think that's cowardly but I wonder if she did not support the sinking fund, bond issue, or any other position of the administration if she would have signed her name. My guess is no. You see, letter writer, we are all in the business of protecting our job and I take the job of protecting my children very seriously.

Underpaid and underappreciated? Not in this community. We support our teachers 100 percent.

Former Appreciated  
Teacher  
Current Appreciative  
Parent

### Citizens deserve better

To the Editor:

The gang of four Grosse Pointe Woods City Council members, Patricia Chylinski, Lisa Pinkos Howle, Darryl Spicher and Donna DeSantis Reynolds, need to reassess their motives in their recent move to terminate Ted Bidigare.

When we read the articles in the Grosse Pointe News ("Woods council fires city administrator," "Bidigare's firing shows lack of tact," March 18) we were appalled to find that something as important as a man's integrity, ability and career can be so easily and cavalierly trampled.

We sincerely hope the citizens of this community understand what this action really represents and that what has been done to an upstanding, kind and able man and his family is repre-

hensible.

To think that it is possible to be jubilant over this dismissal, as though it is something of a victory over long-time public servants, is truly abhorrent and arrogant.

You only have to read the quote from Mr. Spicher at the end of the article "Woods council fires city administrator" to see the mind-set of how little respect he has for those who have given of their time and talents for many years, to be told to "bring it on..." as though being a friend of the mayor, council members (themselves excluded of course), and the city volunteers is something to be mistrusted simply because these friendships exist.

From where we are looking this division of the city leadership is counterproductive and wholly unattractive.

There is a real possibility that these council members came to their decision tactically, without honest due process and deliberation simply because their votes are in the majority.

Another outcome could have been presented concerning these matters and it seems the council should have offered constructive advice instead of this rush to terminate employment.

The resulting vote is harsh and unforgiving. This is dismal testimony as to the character of each of those who would think one's career and standing in his community is something trivial to toy with without so much as a bit of compassion simply to put one in their "win" column.

A tricky and shameful bunch of individuals is at

See LETTERS, page 10A

## Pastor's Corner

## Freedom = Passover

By Roger Skully  
Special Writer

The 3,000-year-old holiday celebration of freedom, Passover, will begin on the evening of Monday, April 5. It was already more than 1,000 years old when Jesus gathered his disciples for their "Last Supper." Their ritual celebration meal was part of an ongoing tradition celebrated today by Jews (and some Christians) the world over.

In the beginning of the dinner, called Seder (order) because the dinner follows a regular series of steps from a book, the Haggadah, which means to "tell a story."

A paragraph written in Aramaic says, "This is the bread of affliction (some translations call it the poor bread) that our fathers ate in the land of Egypt. Whoever is hungry, let him come and eat; whoever is in need, let him come and join in the Pesach celebration."

Aramaic was the common language of the Jews of the 1st century C.E. and is still spoken by some people in the Middle East (Chaldeans and Assyrians). Of course, this quote refers to matzo, the unleavened bread eaten during the eight days of the holiday.

(Some have referred to matzo as a temporary filling for tooth cavities; in chicken soup, it has been referred to as a delayed reaction bomb.)

The holiday message is particularly relevant as we view today's happenings in the world. Pesach symbolizes life, liberty, pursuit of justice, and the blessings and endowments given to us by God.

Slaves do not have a life that is their own. They exist at the behest of their masters. Only free men truly have life. Liberty begins when people cooperate, and it grows as they establish law to which they freely submit. When a people pursues happiness and equity for others in society, justice and peace flourish.

On Pesach, the Hebrew slaves became a nation when they began their journey to Sinai to receive the Torah, the law, God's law.

The people of the exodus had to overcome obstacles on their journey to becoming a nation and a people concerned with justice and freedom. The freedoms are God-given, and must be in tune with the will of our Creator.

He enters history and we are challenged to be His co-workers in the completion of His creation. It is certainly no accident that Easter is an outgrowth of the Passover message of freedom.

In whatever way you will celebrate this season, contemplate its message of freedom and justice. Enjoy the meal and incorporate its message into your personal journey.

Have a good Pesach.

## Competition opens doors for new talent

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Previous winners in this category have included a registered nurse and a Vietnam War veteran.

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## First English Lutheran plans activities for Holy Week

Plans for Holy Week are in place at First English Ev. Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods.

On April 4, Palm Sunday, "The Triumphant Entry" is the topic of the 8:15, 9:30 and 11 a.m. worship services. Sunday School is at 9:45; Holy Communion is offered at 9:45. The procession of the palms, which involves the congregation, will begin just before the 11 a.m. service. Nursery care is available at the 11 a.m. service, and a coffee fellowship follows.

On April 8, Maundy Thursday, "The Last

Supper" is the topic at 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion will also be offered.

On April 9, Good Friday, two services (at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.) will examine "The Death of Jesus."

On Sunday, April 11, "The Resurrection of Our Lord" is the subject of the sunrise service at 7 a.m., the contemporary service at 9 a.m. and the festival worship at 11 a.m. All three services offer Holy Communion. Nursery care for children 3 and under will be available during the 11 a.m. service.

For more information, call the church office at (313) 884-5040.

## Babies

## Michael Constantine Villeneuve

Joe and Lydia Villeneuve of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a son, Michael Constantine Villeneuve, born Feb. 24, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Grace Kalkanis Nichels of Grosse Pointe Woods and the late Gust and Betty Nichels. Paternal grandparents are the late Maurice and Bernadette Villeneuve.

## Charles Henry Spitzley

Ray and Kelly Spitzley of Englewood, N.J., are the parents of a son, Charles Henry Spitzley, born Feb. 10, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs.

Charles A. Holme of Tampa, Fla., formerly of the City of Grosse Pointe. Paternal grandmother is Sallie Spitzley of the City of Grosse Pointe.

## Stephen Jackson Pilon

Stephen Pilon and Gretchen Albrecht Pilon of Chandler, Ariz., are the parents of a son, Stephen Jackson Pilon, born Jan. 13, 2004. Maternal grandparents are John and Robin Albrecht of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Paternal grandparents are Gary and Jan Pilon of Greer, S.C. Great-grandparents are Mary Albrecht of Ann Arbor, Louis and Bernice Colantonio of Kingsford and Violet Pilon.

## Requiem by Brahms will be performed at Christ Church

The Brahms Requiem will be presented at 7 p.m. on Good Friday, April 9, at Christ Church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd. The concert by the Christ Church Chorale and Orchestra will include soloists Jeanne Bourget and James Gray. Frederic DeHaven will be the director.

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The Christ Church

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## Pointer

## Bridge Club

The Pointer Bridge Club will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 15, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Alger House for lunch and bridge. For reservations, call (313) 886-7595 or (313) 881-8566.

## Valparaiso University Guild

The Detroit chapter of the Valparaiso University Guild will meet at noon Monday, April 5, at First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods.

James Moffet of the Grosse Pointe Public Library will review several books. Guests are welcome. Bring a bag lunch. Coffee, tea and dessert will be provided. For reservations, call

the church office at (313) 884-5040.

## Windmill Pointe Garden Club

The Windmill Pointe Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, April 7, at the home of Mrs. Paul F. Woerner. Mrs. Richard Cameron will serve as co-hostess. Following the luncheon, a program will be presented, "Edible Flowers," by two of the club's members, Mrs. M. Goodall Northcutt and Mrs. Daniel Beck.

## Fox Creek Questers

Fox Creek Questers chapter No. 216 will meet on Thursday, April 1. The hostess, Ann Thomas, will present "Art Case Pianos." Mary Steiger is co-hostess.

## Do you remember?

Are the 1950s, what side location was a favorite for children who wanted to get cotton candy for a ride on a ferris wheel?

Last week's answer: The Cleaners was in the middle of the Fisher Road, near the Fisher Road, across from Grosse Pointe South High School. It's now the Jane Woodbury Shop.

Each week we will try to provoke readers with a question about Grosse Pointe's past. The answer will be printed the following week.

## pointe counter points

by kathleen stevenson

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## Humanity Unbound

# Library friends sponsor lectures on classics



Photo by Michael Frayn  
**Percy Shelley, the writer of "Prometheus Unbound," was an iconoclast whose ideas inspired ideas of nonviolence.**

**By Carrie Cunningham**  
 Staff Writer

Within a season and between seasons, nature displays its moods ranging from violent storms to freezing ice to gentle spring rains to azure skies to limitless, glowing stars.

The mysteries of the human heart travel on similar paths, being divided and full of pain but then miraculously and possibly sated and full of love and forgiveness.

Poets and novelists have been mining the depths of the human heart as well as its consequent impact on human affairs for centuries, and the writers who are eternal have showed us the ways and the truths of the heart's long, winding journeys.

Grosse Pointers have been able to gaze into the window of the human heart by way of a Classics Books Lecture Series sponsored by the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

Foundations of Western thought are being elucidated from some of the most brilliant scholarly minds in the University of Michigan literature department.

Since the beginning of this year, there have been lectures entitled "Oedipus, Colonus and the Tempest," "Dante and the Visual Arts," and most recently on Thursday, March 25, a lecture on "Prometheus Unbound and Romanticism."

Lectures still to come include "Poetry and Modernism by W.B. Yeats," "Poetry by R. Frost," and "The Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemingway."

Grosse Pointe resident Mary Beth Smith was the brainchild of the lecture series. An author of a pub-

lished collection of short fiction as well as a novel, Smith had taken courses on the classics at New York University and thought it would be a great idea to bring such an intellectual inquiry to the Pointes.

She contacted members of the U-M literature department who gladly signed on to lecture on their areas of study.

Begun in 2003, the series started in a classroom but has since moved to Wicking Library at Grosse Pointe South High School.

Approximately 50 to 100 people have attended each lecture explaining the classics.

"Classic books represent the development of thought and passion in the Western world. Literature is history, psychiatry, psychology and economics all wrapped in one art form. That's what makes it so valuable," Smith said.

"The only thing that lasts is art. That's the only way we learn about what happened in the past. The more you know, the more fulfilled you are. Life has more meaning."

Rainbows of meaning were explained in the March 25 lecture on Percy Shelley's poetic play, "Prometheus Unbound" given by Princeton-educated scholar Dr. George Bornstein, a professor of 19th and 20th century poetry at U-M.

Shelley's life as well as the context in which he lived were described. The arc of the four-act play and the ideas expressed in them were marvelously illuminated, and their ties to recent political ideas established.

Shelley was an iconoclastic Romantic poet. He

died at age 29. He was married to the daughter of Mary Wollstencraft, a leading feminist thinker, and he attended Eaton and started, but never completed, college at Oxford. He grew up believing in the urgency and necessity of freedom, a conviction stemming from an antipathy for the occupation of much of Europe from the 7th to 17th centuries by Islamic entities.

He was involved in the effort to liberate Greece from Islamic troops.

With a strong belief in personal and political liberty, Shelley transfigured the myth of Prometheus in his play, "Prometheus Unbound." Prometheus had stolen fire from heaven and brought it to earth. This action upset Zeus, who chained Prometheus to a rock where he had his liver repeatedly hacked out. In his agony, Prometheus cursed Zeus for giving him such a torturous fate.

Shelley transforms the myth so that Prometheus repudiates his curse to Zeus (named Jupiter in the play), and through conversation, he comes to realize that hatred against tyranny enslaves the person who wants to break free from bondage.

The evil that men commit against each other festers in the human heart, and the only way to break free from the abyss of ill feeling is to submit to love and forgiveness.

Prometheus thus reconciles his relationship with Jupiter, bringing to him and the world a truth of serenity and peace and ultimately, victory over despotism.

In the first act, Prometheus encounters the ghost of Jupiter, who repeats the curse that once came from Prometheus' lips. The interlinked and mutually destructive hatred between him and Jupiter become apparent to Prometheus as he witnesses it face on. He thus renounces his curse.

In the second act, the audience is introduced to Asia, Prometheus' love interest. Because Prometheus was morally deformed by his curse, he was divided from Asia. Now that he has renounced it, ways of reuniting are explored. In the act, Asia investigates, and begins to see, the idea that evil is not just external but often comes from within.

In the third act, Jupiter falls. The cyclone of destruction, and its corresponding negative emotions, that can result from tyranny and its victims is shown.

The shape of victory with its characteristics of balm and freedom and love are expressed in the last act.

"Now 'tis an ocean of Clear emotion, A heaven of serene and mighty motion," says the chorus, adding, "Our feet now, every palm, Are sandalled with calm, And dew of our wings is a rain of balm: And, beyond our eyes, The human love lies, Which makes all it gazes on Paradise."

In the last lines of the play, Shelley ends with the word "victory," whereas at the beginning he began

with the word "monarch." The manacles of the poisonous idea of fighting hatred with hatred is expunged and goodness and love become the ordering, and winning, principles.

Bornstein explained how Shelley's psychological examination of the human heart, undidactic but nonetheless still telling, became an inspiring precursor for nonviolent activists like Gandhi and

Martin Luther King. "The excitement felt in the room was just unbelievable," Smith said.

Bornstein explained how these kinds of ideas are something that must be learned by each generation.

"It has to be culturally achieved and re-achieved," he said.

As the Classics Books series limns the truths of the heart from ages past, new interpretations on

what binds and free men are awaited. Poets of today depict!

*The next lecture of the Classics Book Lecture Series 2004 is "Poetry and Modernism by W. B. Yeats" by Dr. Bornstein in South's Wicking Library at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 22.*

*The cost is \$10 for non-members of Friends of the Library; the cost to join the friends association is \$25.*

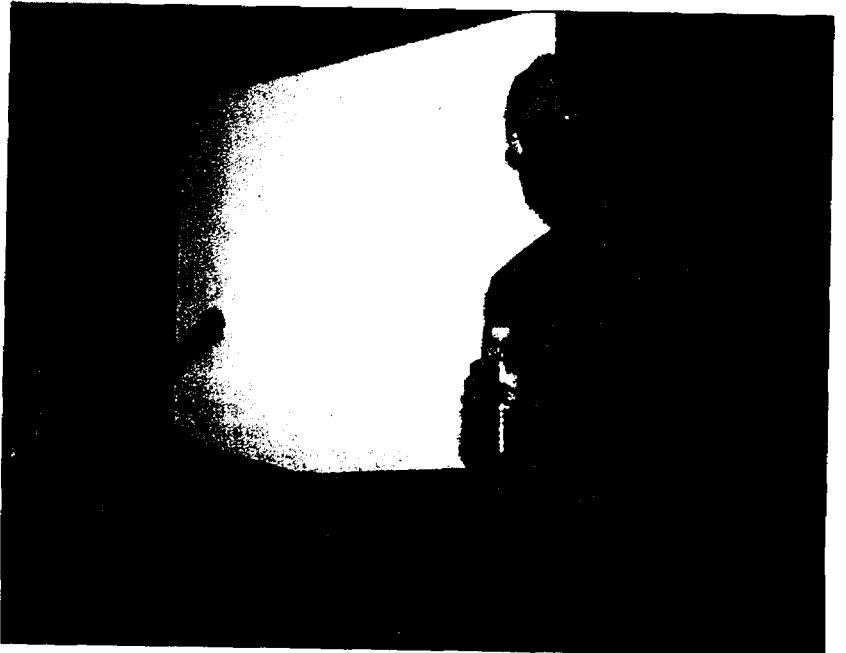


Photo by Carrie Cunningham  
**Dr. George Bornstein, a professor of 19th and 20th century poetry at the University of Michigan, gave an insightful lecture on Percy Shelley's "Prometheus Unbound" as part of the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library's Classics Books Lecture Series.**

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**Author Mary Beth Smith was the brainchild behind bringing a classics books lecture series to Grosse Pointe.**

## St. John Hospital & Medical Center named one of the nation's finest

A newly released study has named two hospitals within St. John Health, St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC) Detroit, and St. John Oakland Hospital (SJOH) Madison Heights, among the nation's Top 100 Performance Improvement Leader Hospitals.

The independent study, conducted by Solucient, a provider of strategic health care information, identified for the first time those hospitals and their management teams that have achieved the fastest rate of consistent organizational improvement among all U.S. hospitals over five consecutive years (1997-2001).

SJH&MC, categorized as a major teaching hospital and SJOH, a medium community hospital, were the only metro Detroit hospitals recognized for consistent performance improvement. One other Michigan hospital, OSF St. Francis in Escanaba, a small community hospital, also made the distinguished list.

"We have worked hard to instill a culture of excellence within our organization, and

it is an honor to be recognized for our ongoing efforts that strive to deliver efficient and quality health care," said Mark Taylor, president, St. John Hospital and Medical Center. "Other hospitals that made the list for major teaching hospitals include nationally renowned facilities like Johns Hopkins Hospital; so we are very pleased to be in such great company," Taylor said.

"This recognition shows the results of the work of all our associates, medical staff and volunteers working together, supporting one another in performing outstanding clinical excellence, customer service and efficiency," said Robert Deputat, president, St. John Oakland Hospital.

The hospitals recognized in Solucient's Top 100 Performance Improvement Leader study are setting new standards for performance improvement by making gains in saving more lives, discharging patients faster and with fewer complications, and maintaining efficiency with lower costs. This positive

change has occurred during an increasingly challenging time for U.S. hospitals, due to constrained reimbursement, increasing costs and a labor shortage.

Among the key findings:

- Performance improvement leader hospitals (PI Leaders) decreased their average mortality rate by 24 percent, compared to eight percent for peer hospitals.

- Patient complications at PI Leader hospitals decreased by 17 percent, while peer hospitals' complications decreased by only 5 percent.

- PI Leaders decreased the average length of stay by a full day.

- Expenses per discharge at PI Leader hospitals fell by three percent, while expenses at peer hospitals increased by more than 15 percent.

"The study is a major step forward in objectively measuring the impact a superior management team can have on an organization over time by instilling a culture of change," said Jean Chenoweth, executive director of Solucient's Top 100 Hospital program.

"These are hospitals in a position to thrive as the growth of pay for performance and consumerism forces change in the industry."

The hospitals involved in the study were assigned to one of five comparison groups according to bed size, teaching status and residency program involvement.

Solucient relied on detailed information from its own database of over 6000 U.S. hospitals, as well as the publicly available MEDPAR (Medicare Provider Analysis and Review).

It used eight indices to measure each hospital's performance including: risk-adjusted mortality and risk-adjusted complications, average length of stay, expense per discharge, profitability, proportion of outpatient revenue, productivity and specificity with which a hospital codes its patient diagnoses.

More information on this study and other 100 Top Hospitals research can be found at [www.100tophospitals.com](http://www.100tophospitals.com) under the "Media" tab.

## St. John Hospital seeks stroke study volunteers

The American Stroke Association classifies stroke as the third most common cause of death and the No. 1 cause of disability in adults. St. John Hospital and Medical Center is one of up to 70 medical centers across North America participating in a major national study comparing carotid endarterectomy, a common operation to prevent stroke, to a new procedure, carotid artery stenting.

The Carotid Revascularization Endarterectomy vs. Stenting Trial (CREST), is supported by the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Department of the National Institutes of Health.

Qualified participants are needed at St. John Hospital and Medical Center over the next 3 to 4 years. To qualify, participants must have a significant narrowing of one carotid artery with at least 50 percent blockage and have had either a small stroke or a temporary stroke called a transient ischemic attack.

Buildup of arteriosclerosis or plaque, commonly known as hardening of the arteries, occurs at the point where the carotid artery divides into the internal and external arteries. Patients with carotid artery disease may be at risk for stroke if particles of atherosclerotic

plaque are dislodged from the carotid artery wall. As these particles travel through the blood stream they can block the vessels in the brain, preventing adequate blood flow and causing the condition known as stroke.

The study at St. John Hospital and Medical Center will compare results using carotid stenting compared to carotid endarterectomy. Carotid endarterectomy is an operation in which doctors clean out and repair a main artery supplying blood to the brain, the carotid artery. The carotid arteries are on each side of the neck.

Carotid Artery Stenting is a procedure where a metal device called a stent is placed in a narrowed part of the carotid artery to cover the plaque and hold the vessel open.

Stents have been implanted for years in blood vessels of the heart, kidney and legs. The stenting procedures and carotid surgeries in CREST will only be performed by doctors who have demonstrated expertise in the procedures.

In the study, half the patients will receive a carotid stent and half will have carotid endarterectomy. Participants in the trial will also receive the best known medical management to reduce their risk

factors for stroke, including control of high blood pressure, obesity and diabetes, elimination of smoking and emphasis on a low-fat, low cholesterol diet.

Since the late 1950s, endarterectomy has been performed in patients with or without symptoms of stroke or impending stroke.

According to statistics from the American Heart/Stroke Association, approximately 140,000 of these surgical procedures are performed each year. But the operation carries some risks, and many physicians have questioned whether it is better than the less invasive carotid stent procedure for the same conditions.

The study involves a multi-disciplinary team involving cardiologists, vascular surgeons and neurologists. Doctors involved in the study at St. John Hospital include Dr. Thomas Davis, Dr. Theodore Schreiber, Dr. Paul Cullis, and Dr. Kumara Rama.

Other doctors from St. John Hospital and Medical Center participating in the study include Dr. Richard Berg, Dr. Michael Khoury, Dr. Boris Lehetz, and Dr. Amer Aboukasm.

For more information about the CREST study, call the Cardiology Research Department at St. John Hospital and Medical Center at (313) 343-6367.

## Bon Secours Cottage offers volunteer opportunities

Bon Secours Cottage Health Services welcomes new volunteers at both hospital campuses, the Bon Secours Nursing Care Center (NCC) and Bon Secours Place at St. Clair Shores, assisted living. Individuals seeking rewarding experiences, from lending a hand or offering a caring touch to patients and guests, should consider joining the Bon Secours Cottage volunteer team.

Hospital volunteers are needed to assist and contribute in the following areas:

- To act as patient and visitor escorts
- To assist at information desks, surgical reception desks and on nursing units
- To prepare and deliver Meals for the Homebound
- To perform clerical duties in the volunteer workroom and hospital departments
- To sew hand puppets, crochet lap blankets and pop popcorn

Both hospitals need early

risers to work in several areas, and Cottage enlists additional volunteers to work in its gift shop. At the NCC, volunteers visit one-on-one with residents and assist with group social activities as well as with transporting residents to and from various locations within the facility.

Eucharistic ministers are also needed at the NCC to distribute Holy Communion to residents. At Bon Secours Place, volunteers greet guests at the front entrance during the day and evening and also visit with residents and assist with recreational and social activities.

For more information or to request an application to volunteer, please call Bon Secours Hospital, Grosse Pointe, at (313) 343-1795; Cottage Hospital, Grosse Pointe Farms, at (313) 640-2455; Nursing Care Center, St. Clair Shores, at (586) 779-7011; or Bon Secours Place at St. Clair Shores, at (586) 498-4501.

## Pediatric fractures require close follow up

By Dr. Jeffrey Zacharias  
Special Writer

The emergence of tulips and daffodils has finally announced the end of a long, hard winter. With this first sign of spring, you almost can hear the bikes, boards, skates and scooters calling out for their release from neighborhood garages. And in their excitement to get back onto anything that rolls, children tumble and trip their way into local emergency rooms.

### When to seek medical advice

It's no surprise to parents of active children that pediatric fractures skyrocket during the spring and summer months. Sometimes after an injury in which extreme pain prevents the use of a limb or where there is obvious deformity of the bone, there's no question that emergency medical care is needed. But other times it's not so clear-cut.

Young children who don't have the vocabulary to tell parents what is wrong after an injury may act overly fussy, or they may limp and favor a limb for a while. If this behavior continues for more than a day, it's a good idea to call your orthopedic surgeon if you have established a relationship with one. If not, your pediatrician or family practitioner may want to evaluate the child before you head off to a local emergency care facility to determine if X-rays are needed.

If you are on vacation, and your child is treated for a fracture in a small-town emergency department, the physicians may place a temporary splint or cast on the limb and advise you to follow up with an orthopedic surgeon in your hometown.

One concern with pediatric fractures is that if they are not reduced (realigned) properly, realignment becomes difficult after about seven days and may even damage the bone's growth plate. Open surgery may be required if realignment is unsuccessful. Immobilization usually is necessary for four to eight weeks, depending on the patient's age.

### Growth plate concerns

The growth plate is the area of growing tissue near the end of the long bones in children and adolescents. It determines the future length of the bone. The growth plate is the weakest area of the growing bone. It is even weaker than the ligaments and tendons that connect bones to other bones and muscles. An injury that would cause a ligament or tendon sprain in an adult can cause a growth plate injury in a child.

This is why anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) tears are so rare in children younger than 14 years. Rather than the ligament tearing after excessive bending or twisting forces, the soft growth plate is injured. During adolescence when growth is complete, the plates close and are replaced by solid bone.

In any type of fracture there is always concern about damage to the growth plate which could cause premature growth arrest to part or all of the affected area.

If the injury involves the entire growth plate, the bone grows less than the uninjured opposite bone, resulting in a shortened limb. If just part of the growth plate is injured, growth may be lopsided, and the limb may become crooked.

The treatment plan for growth plate injuries is the same as it is for fractures not involving the growth plate. All that is required with growth plate injuries is a longer follow up that includes X-rays six months and then one year after injury. In some cases, an X-ray of the area two years after injury is recommended.

Once the cast or splint has been removed, children should ease back into their activities over two to four weeks. After six to eight weeks in a cast the limb will be stiff and somewhat weak due to some muscle atrophy.

However, muscle strength and coordination will quickly return to normal with range-of-motion exercises and daily use of the limb. Children should be excused from physical education class for about one month after the cast is removed and avoid activities where falling is likely.

### Protective gear prevents many injuries

Arm splints and casts are almost status symbols among some teens because of extreme sport celebrities like Tony Hawk who wear their casts almost as badges of courage. But even with all we know today about treating fractures, some injuries don't heal well and may cause lifelong problems.

As cumbersome as they may feel, the best way to prevent many fractures, scrapes and bruises is to wear the appropriate protective gear during any athletic activity. Knee pads, elbow pads and wrist guards are recommended when rollerblading and skateboarding. Properly fitting helmets are a must when bicycling, rollerblading and skateboarding,

since head injuries are far more serious than bone fractures and can be life-altering.

Encourage your children to be active this spring and summer. But first, get them into the habit of always wearing protective gear and helmets to help keep them injury free.

Dr. Zacharias is a Bon Secours Cottage orthopedic surgeon with the Associated Orthopedists of Detroit, P.C. For an appointment, call (800) 303-7315.

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## Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD

**Male Baldness.** While there are many possible causes for hair loss in men, including medications, infections and high fevers, the most common is heredity, better known as male pattern baldness or androgenetic alopecia.

Hair loss that matches others in your family is most likely due to male pattern baldness. (If not, you should see a physician to determine if there are other underlying causes to the hair loss.) Unfortunately, there is no definitive treatment for hereditary baldness and thinning hair. Nevertheless, there are treatments which do help some people control unwanted hair loss.

The best known hair loss medications include minoxidil (Rogaine), a solution that is available

over the counter in formulations for both men and women. For men only, finasteride (Propecia) is a tablet that is available only by prescription which is taken once each day. Patients can choose to use either or both treatments, remembering that results will vary by individual for these medications which are FDA approved to halt hair loss, and possibly restore hair growth.

In addition to these medications, hair transplantation is an excellent treatment option for patients experiencing hair loss due to heredity.

To learn more about the treatment of male pattern baldness, 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.

## Best tasting pantry staples for the low-carb kitchen

(ARA) — More dieters are turning to a low-carbohydrate eating regimen. The increasingly popular low-carbohydrate plans such as Atkins and South Beach diets are based on the premise that carbohydrates cause weight gain and focus food intake on protein.

As attractive as it may sound to eat steak, cheese, eggs and other calorie-rich proteins, many dieters find it challenging to bring tasty variety to their low-carbohydrate menus and still stick to the guidelines for these diets.

"Trying new foods and different food combinations is a good way to keep your taste buds satisfied," says Chef Patrick Finney, national culinary director of American Culinary Institute (ACI). He also notes that since dieters are limited in what they can eat, it's important to focus on the taste and flavor of foods, instead of quantity.

The chefs from American Culinary Institute make it easy to identify the best tasting choice in just about every food category. For over 15 years, the San Francisco-based organization of independent, professional chefs has provided shoppers with a fast, effective way to select the best tasting foods and culinary products by award-

ing its Best Taste Award medallion to the overall winner in each product category based on taste.

A recent study done by Parade magazine confirms that flavor is still the No. 1 criterion for Americans' food choices.

The following menu suggestions are from Finney for those eating a low-carb diet, and a list of some of the best tasting low-carbohydrate food brands that earned ACI's Best Taste Awards in their respective categories:

### Breakfast

• Eggs are a good start to a low-carb day. Eggland's Best took ACI's top spot for

the fresh eggs category. Prepare them scrambled, fried, poached, hard-boiled or as an omelet. But don't stop with breakfast. Make egg salad for lunch, or whip up Asian egg drop soup for dinner.

• Bacon, which is banned on low-fat diets, is a nice treat for those following the Atkins plan. If you're in a hurry, Jimmy Dean gets the best taste rating for fully cooked, heat and serve bacon, while Maple Leaf bacon is the best tasting in its category for conventional bacon strips.

### Lunch and dinner

• For a quick, easy protein

boost, add the best tasting canned/pouch tuna or salmon to your leafy green salads from Chicken of the Sea.

• Sprinkling a few nuts and seeds on your salad is another quick way to jazz them up. Using delicious Fisher Nuts finely chopped also adds crunch, texture and protein to soups, and a surprisingly crunchy topping for steaks. A small handful of nuts makes a great, quick snack.

• Fish and seafood are great lean protein sources. Fishery Products International's frozen shrimp under the Mirabel label make a great quick and tasty meal, or add them to stir fry, green salads and more.

• Cheese gives a flavor boost to any dish. Sprinkle hard cheeses like Romano cheese from Stella USA on salads, soups and side dishes for added flavor and texture.

• Cold cuts such as best taste winner William Fischer premium deli ham make a quick snack or lunch, and are a great addition to a green salad.

• Have convenient prepackaged leafy green salads on hand at all times in your refrigerator for a handy meal or side dish from Ready-Pac. Top off salads with award-winning dressings from Brianna's salad dressings, such as their real French vinaigrette or zesty French dressing, both low in carbohydrates.

### Sauces/seasonings

• When sticking to any meal plan, variety is the spice of life. Add a small spoonful of Crystal steak sauce to enhance the flavor of your steak or other meats. In addition, add a small splash to zip up sauces and dressings as well. Mrs. Dash grilling blends are a great way to boost the flavor of meat and chicken; try using it as a seasoning in place of salt.

### Snack/dessert

• A little snack or a light dessert of fresh or frozen berries (of course with no sugar added), with a dollop of ACI's award-winning Daisy Brand sour cream makes a delicious and satisfying treat.

## Top 10 arthritis research advances of 2003

(ARA) — New treatments for arthritis and related diseases — including the first synthetic hormone drugs for osteoporosis and more durable joint replacement materials — are among the top 10 arthritis research advances of 2003, according to the Arthritis Foundation.

This is the first time the Arthritis Foundation has compiled a year-end list of the most significant arthritis research advances.

Breakthrough discoveries also include a marker for rheumatoid arthritis — similar to the PSA marker for prostate cancer — and a distinctive gene pattern found in adults and children with

lupus.

"As the number of people with arthritis continues to grow at an astonishing rate, research becomes more important than ever to prevent, control and eventually cure the nation's No. 1 cause of disability," says John H. Klippel, M.D., president and CEO of the foundation. "Exciting advances in 2003 offer hope to people with arthritis and provide a glimpse of the future, when screening for arthritis may become routine, and the disease is stopped long before symptoms are present."

Other advances include:

• First FDA-approved oral drug for scleroderma revers-

es life-threatening complications.

• Clarification of genetic defect that leads to childhood arthritis.

• Prevention of heart disease complications in rheumatoid arthritis.

• Disparities in joint replacement surgery revealed.

• MRI allows earlier detection of osteoarthritis before symptoms are present.

• Recommendations for individually tailored physical activity programs for people with arthritis.

To develop the list, the Arthritis Foundation sought input from clinicians with expertise in different forms of arthritis, scientists from various research disciplines, as well as from the American College of Rheumatology, the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health.

Research in 2003 showed that in the foreseeable future, people might benefit from routine genetic testing that cannot only identify people at risk for arthritis, but also predict the severity of the disease. Such capabilities will enable physicians to tailor treatments to their patients' needs, begin early and aggressive treatment

options, and in some cases, prevent disease from ever occurring through the use of arthritis vaccines.

"Blood and imaging tests will enable earlier detection of disease, even prior to the onset of obvious symptoms such as pain and inflammation," says Klippel. "As this year's research shows, once disease is detected, we will be armed with more targeted, effective treatments."

The future also includes new wear-resistant implant and biologic materials that will change the approach to total joint replacement surgery. Improved joint reconstruction will enable people with arthritis to receive joint replacements earlier and experience a greater quality of life at a younger age.

In addition, research advances in the health services arena will help to guide and improve health policy and resources to ensure access to quality care for all people.

Research advances, many of which are funded and advocated for by the Arthritis Foundation, are changing the nature of arthritis. With people living longer than ever before, preventing and managing chronic and disabling conditions like arthritis has never been more important.

For more information, call (800) 283-7800.

## Van Elslander Cancer Center offers 'Look Good, Feel Better'

The Van Elslander Cancer Center (VECC) at St. John Hospital and Medical Center will present "Look Good — Feel Better," a free program for any woman undergoing cancer treatment. The next session will be from 4 to 6 p.m., Monday, April 5, at the Center.

"Look Good — Feel Better" is a national program dedicated to helping women manage the appearance-related side effects of cancer and its treatment and restore their self-confidence.

An experienced, licensed

cosmetologist will offer special cosmetic techniques and tips for how to order, wear and care for wigs and head coverings. Participants will receive a gift of high quality make-up products to use during the class and to keep.

The American Cancer Society, the National Cosmetology Association and the Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association sponsor the program.

To register, call (866) 246-HOPE (4673). The VECC is adjacent to St. John Hospital at 19229 Mack at Moross, east of I-94.

## Blood pressure rises during day

By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

Q. I take my blood pressure with my own blood pressure machine. In the morning, when I first wake up, it is at its highest. During the day it returns to a normal reading. Is this normal?

A. Not exactly normal. Blood pressure normally hits a low point in the early morning hours while people are still sleeping. It rises during the day.

Yours is a pattern that is a reversal of the usual blood pressure cycle.

Is there any significance to it? Some blood pressure experts feel that a blood pressure rise of 50 points greater than its lowest reading in any 24-hour period might be a warning sign for a future stroke.

It's impossible for you to take your blood pressure while you sleep. There are, however, round-the-clock blood pressure monitors that can take and record pressure throughout the day and night. Check with your doctor to see if he or she can locate such an instrument for you and if he or she feels that it is truly necessary for you to obtain this information.

Short of using a 24-hour monitor, the same experts who preach the above warning suggest a substitute test. They say that if blood pressure is higher than 140/90 within the first hour after rising, that is an equally valid prediction of the possibility of future stroke. Don't take the blood pressure immediately after the alarm clock jolts you to wakefulness. An alarm clock going off raises my blood pressure

## Blood pressure screens are free

Bon Secours Cottage offers free blood pressure screenings at three locations:

Bon Secours Hospital Main Lobby, 468 Cadieux, Mondays, 1 to 3 p.m.

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2:30 pm The John Prost Show	
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4:30 pm Young View Pointes	
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## Bread and tomatoes put a new spin on salad

Salad is such a diverse food choice. Side salads, entree salads, even fast food has jumped on the salad wagon. This week's recipe is yet another idea for salad that can certainly qualify as a meal. I found the recipe in an Italian magazine published by Better Homes and Gardens.

Bread and tomato salad calls for two-day-old country-style bread, which gives you a perfect reason to reach for the shelf of day-old bread and catch a bargain at the same time.

I put together this interesting salad in just over a half hour.

### Bread and Tomato Salad

- 2 pounds ripe tomatoes at room temperature, cored, seeded, and cut into 3/4-inch pieces
- 1 cup thinly chopped red onion
- 1 pound two-day-old country (rustic) style bread, torn into 3/4-inch pieces
- 15 fresh basil leaves (or more), shredded, plus a few whole leaves for garnish
- 5 tablespoons extra



**À LA ANNIE**  
By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

virgin olive oil  
3 tablespoons red wine vinegar  
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Prepare the tomatoes and the red onion, and place them in a large mixing bowl.

Tear the bread into the bowl. (Check the weight of the bread because portions in this recipe are important for the proper final consistency.) Add the basil and toss well.

In a small bowl, (I used a squeeze bottle), whisk together the oil and vinegar.

Working with just a little dressing at a time, drizzle the mixture over the salad, tossing after

every 2 tablespoons or so. (The squeeze bottle allowed me perfect control for distributing the dressing.)

Season the salad with salt and pepper to your liking.

Allow the salad to sit for 10 minutes before serving.

You can add fresh mini mozzarella balls, shredded Parmesan or asiago cheese, or thinly sliced provolone cheese to this yummy Italian salad. The key is the tomatoes and the bread.

My choices were tomatoes ripened on the vine and country Italian bread baked by Avalon bakery in Detroit and available daily at the Sprout House in Grosse Pointe Park.

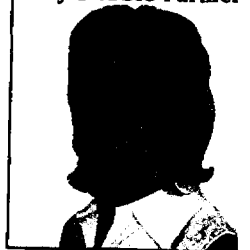
The bread was perfect. I'll be preparing bread and tomato salad this summer using a colorful variety of summer's juicy fruit.

This simple recipe boasts a fresh flavor change to the salad we've all become bored with. I can't wait to share bread and tomato salad with my friends.

## The delicate art of cartless shopping

### Family Daze

By Debbie Farmer



It was a personal triumph of sorts for me. I recently made it all the way through a big discount store, cartless.

Ordinarily I set my standards for personal triumphs a bit higher than this, but it seems that whenever I innocently enter a store to buy, say, a bottle of glitter glue, I reappear several hours later as the new owner of 16 pairs of panty hose, a hibachi, three packs of AA batteries, a gold lame purse and salad tongs.

It's not that I do this on purpose. Afterward, as I emerge in the parking lot squinting in the bright sunlight, I'm never quite sure what happened.

So I cling to the hope that perhaps it isn't my fault. Maybe the smell of freshly popped popcorn had hypnotized me into buying a new exercise bike. Or maybe the Musak version of "Strawberry Fields" compelled me to hurl a flowered hat into my cart. Or maybe the lack of oxygen in the windowless building deprived my brain, and I mistakenly thought I needed a set of pink blow-up chairs and a fluorescent lamp.

Whatever the reasons, I wasn't really worried about my problem until the day my husband found out about my problem.

"Honey," he said, waving the check book. "Why is there an entry for \$200 here? Did you make some

kind of mistake?"

"Of course not," I say.

"What do you take me for? I spent that on my trip for the dry erase markers."

"What about this one for \$57?" he asked.

"Scotch tape."

"This \$182.60?"

"One beach towel and a five-pound bag of puppy chow."

"We don't have a dog!"

I could tell by the way he was yelling that he was a little upset. At first, I thought about telling him all about the popcorn and Beatles' music and all that, but I had a feeling he wouldn't understand. I called my friend Julie instead.

"It happens to me all the time," she said. "All you need to do is to focus on the item you need; go straight to it, and then immediately take it to the register without stopping."

"And for goshsakes," she hissed, "don't get a cart." That was when the tide turned, as they say. The next time I went to the

store I bypassed the carts, picked up a bottle of shampoo then headed toward the register. I would've made it, too, if it weren't for a porcelain carafe that I saw from the corner of my eye. I grabbed the glass bottle with my free hand and kept walking.

Then I spotted an espresso maker that happened to be on sale. I held it in the crook of my elbow. Then I quickly stuffed a magazine under my left arm and wedged a pack of gum underneath my chin.

When I arrived at the register, I piled my merchandise on the counter and said loudly to the cashier, "Just hand me the bags when you're through. I don't need a cart. No-sir-ee."

She nodded, knowingly. And I would've congratulated myself right then and there on being a savvy shopper who cannot be manipulated into spending money by cheap marketing ploys — except for the fact that my bill totaled \$97.32.

I blame it on the popcorn.

Debbie Farmer is a humorist and a mother holding down the fort in California, and the author of "Don't Put Lipstick on the Cat." She can be reached by writing familydaze@oasisnewsfeatures.com.

## Library's sold-out program is canceled

The Grosse Pointe Public Library has canceled "A Not Very Scientific Evening with Bill Bryson" which was to have taken place today, Thursday, April 1.

Bryson, one of the world's most beloved and bestselling writers, was injured in an accident in his hometown in England last week. His injuries were not life-threatening but will prevent him from traveling to United States.

The program was filled to capacity within the first few days that tickets were available, and a waiting list of more than 100 people developed.

The Grosse Pointe Public Library plans to work with Bryson to reschedule the program next year.

## How to plan a weed-free garden

The Spring 2004 Gardener's Companion includes these basic tips for creating a weed-less or weed-free garden.

- Use mulch. Reduce weed growth in your garden by covering the soil between plants and along rows with mulch, a covering that blocks daylight and inhibits growth under it.

- Save those young plants. It's critical to keep weeds away from newly emerging seedlings. Keep your crops weed-free for the first four weeks of their life.

- Close ranks. If your soil is rich and well-tilled, plant your crops closer together than is commonly recommended to further cut down on weed growth.

- Cut them off at the pass. Another method is to encourage weeds to grow-

and remove them from the soil before you plant your garden.

• "Off" with their heads. Use a grass whip or string trimmer and cut off their heads before they flower.

• Trim the edges. Keep the edges of your property mowed to cut down on inva-

sions of weeds into your fertile garden soil.

The preceding excerpt is from *The Old Farmer's Almanac Garden Reference and Record Keeper*, which is bundled exclusively with the Spring 2004 issue of *The Old Farmer's Almanac Gardener's Companion*.

## Trivia test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. Geography: The Loire is the longest river of what nation?
2. Movies: Who won an Oscar in 1969 for her role in "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie"?
3. Politics: In 1930, who served both as governor and a U.S. senator of his state?
4. History: When did Henry VIII become king of England?
5. Religion: What is the second book of the Bible's Old Testament?
6. General knowledge: In what country did yoga originate?
7. Television: In what year

did "Monty Python's Flying Circus" debut on British television?

8. States: Which state's nickname is the Badger State?

9. Psychology: What kind of fear is manifested in logophobia?

10. Entertainers: What actor's original name was William Pratt?

- Answers:
1. France
  2. Maggie Smith
  3. Huey Long
  4. 1509
  5. Exodus
  6. India
  7. 1969
  8. Wacoasin
  9. A fear of words
  10. Boris Karloff

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## Business profits by aiding substance abusing workers

A valued employee of 10 years shows sudden signs of decline. His workplace relationships deteriorate; he's late to work, calls in sick often, is moody; and his job performance suffers. Fellow workers are forced to pick up the slack, and as a result, morale sinks.

What should a supervisor do?

If you work for a company like Kimberly-Clark Corporation, the supervisor will be well-versed on handling this situation. The supervisor will meet with the employee to review job-related issues, describe concerns about declining job performance, document the

poor performance and lay out a written commitment to improve performance.

The supervisor will be supportive and prepared to deal with denial. Without attempting to diagnose the person's problem, the supervisor can offer compassionate, confidential help by saying something like this:

"It may be that personal problems are the source of your poor job performance. Therefore, I strongly urge you to contact an employee assistance program (EAP) counselor to discuss this matter confidentially."

The supervisor must be ready to refer to help immediately. If no EAP exists, a

list of outside resources should be available. If work performance does not improve, or if use of alcohol or illicit drugs in the workplace is documented, then disciplinary action needs to be taken.

At Kimberly-Clark, a company of 60,000 employees, supervisors and employees are well informed about the company's alcohol/drug policy: "The manufacture, possession, distribution, dispensation, sale or use of alcohol, illicit drugs, and/or other controlled substances by employees on company premises is prohibited, except in the case of individual use of legally obtained

prescription drugs or the serving of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with an authorized event on company premises."

More importantly, Kimberly-Clark's policy incorporates a proactive approach to inform employees of the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace and the availability of help in addressing substance abuse problems.

Dr. James Quayle, vice president of medical affairs at Kimberly-Clark, said his company has had an alcohol/drug policy for more than 25 years that stresses early intervention on addiction problems.

"We had a CEO, Darwin Smith, in the early 1980s who believed in education and treatment as ways to deal with addiction," Quayle said. "Under his direction, we had a senior executive who had a substance abuse problem. That person went through treatment, got into recovery and went on to have a great career. We've had a strong alcohol/drug policy in place ever since."

"Our program has been and will continue to be focused on education and promotion of the EAP," said Tom Falk, current CEO of Kimberly-Clark. "Education is the single best weapon we have against alcoholism and drug abuse. Making people aware of it, how they can recognize it themselves or in others, and then providing world-class resources for them to get help is the way to go."

The rewards have been great, said Quayle. In the '80s, Kimberly-Clark studied 25 employees who got help for their addiction through the company's EAP. The study documented significant decreases in on-the-job accidents and absenteeism.

"Primary care physicians are perfectly capable to diagnose and treat clear cut cases of uncomplicated biochemical depression," Guyer said. "They follow a long-standing protocol that requires evaluation every week to two weeks after starting antidepressant medications until it is clear that the patient is responding well. My fear is that they will become overly cautious with this new warning and may tell some patients to discontinue their antidepressants."

Guyer is telling his patients who are on antidepressants to stay on them, but he is worried about those patients who don't bother to call and simply go off their medication.

"My patients know how carefully we monitor them and their medications," Guyer said. "This will not change the way we practice medicine."

According to a Hazelden Foundation study on addiction in the workplace, 89 percent of human resources professionals believe treatment is effective in helping employees fight the disease of addiction. Yet one-fourth say there's a belief in their companies that it's easier to terminate an addicted employee than to get him or her into treatment; over half say there's a lack of expertise in their companies to identify addiction.

"The workplace needs to make recovery its business because it makes good business sense," said Cheryl Lowe, human resources manager at Hazelden. "Businesses can't afford to ignore this problem. It's time they learn to recognize addiction, banish its stigma, and encourage treatment for all employees who need it."

Hazelden offers an awareness program called "Making Recovery America's Business" that includes facts on addiction's impact in the workplace, a booklet called "12 Steps Every Company Can Take to Deal With Addicted Employees," and a range of resources to help achieve a drug-free workplace. Visit [www.hazelden.org/business](http://www.hazelden.org/business) or call (800) 257-7800.

This health column offers information needed to help prevent substance abuse 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).

## FDA's warning about antidepressants may cause unnecessary concern

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently issued a warning that persons taking antidepressant drugs can become suicidal in the first few weeks after starting drug therapy, and that physicians, family members and caregivers should closely watch for signs of increasing depression and suicidal thoughts.

According to Bon Secours Cottage psychiatrist Dr. Dan Guyer, the urgent tone of the FDA's warning may cause some patients to stop taking their antidepressant medications without consulting their physicians.

"I'm concerned about the inflammatory nature of the FDA's warning and how it is being reported in the media," Guyer said.

"The second headline or first few lines of a broadcast should urge patients not to go off their medications without their physician's advice. Abruptly discontinuing antidepressant medications poses its own set of risks to patients. And I'm afraid this will only add to some people's reluctance to seek treatment for depres-

sion." The FDA's concern about suicidal tendencies is primarily for children and adolescents during the critical initial stages of drug therapy. For the FDA to pull adults into this warning comes out of nowhere, Guyer said.

"It's always been known that the early stages of treatment for depression can be tricky and require close monitoring," he said. "Typically, patients who are severely depressed are too shut down to hurt themselves."

"But once they begin to respond to antidepressant medications they get a little stronger and may act upon thoughts of suicide. However, I've been practicing for 30 years, and I have truly not seen this happen."

The antidepressant Prozac has been on the market for many years, and there have been rumblings for a while that it has been linked to increased suicidal tendencies, Guyer said. But he said there has never been any hard scientific evidence to support this claim.

And FDA officials study-

### Warnings of depression

Whether a person is taking antidepressant medications or not, friends and family members should watch for these warning signs of worsening depression:

- Change in depression or worsening anxiety.
- Increase or decrease in energy, appetite, weight or sleep.
- Increased restlessness.
- Excessive feelings of guilt, worthlessness.
- Feelings of not wanting to go on with life.

ing antidepressant use admitted in their recent warning that no studies have shown a convincing link between drug therapy and suicide.

There is almost an undercurrent to the warning, Guyer said, that seems to target primary care physicians and family practition-

## Fitness Q & A: How to build strong legs

By Andrea Renee Wyatt, M.S.S., C.S.C.S.

Q. I run for two miles three times a week, but even now I don't have very strong leg muscles. What exercises can I do, without equipment, to strengthen them?

— L.W., Atlanta  
A. Performing leg exercises will not only keep your legs strong, but it could improve your running.

### Women's services at BSC

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Stronger leg muscles better support the joints and ligaments around your knees that are subjected to stress when running.

There are many exercises you can add to your exercise program that just use your body weight. The squat and the lunge are two quick and easy ones that can be done almost anywhere to strengthen the quadriceps (front of legs), gluteus (butt muscles) and hamstring (back of legs).

• Squats: Begin by standing with your feet shoulder-width apart. While bending your knees (no more than 90 degrees!), sit down with your heels remaining in contact with the floor, then press through your heels and return to a standing

position. Repeat one to three sets 10-20 repetitions each set.

To spice up this exercise, you can change the speed of your squat, completing one set at a normal pace and then increasing the speed for the second or third set. (You should add this modification only after you have mastered the basic squat.) Once your body weight becomes less challenging, you can increase the intensity by holding filled water bottles in both hands for added weight.

• Lunges: Start by standing straight up with your legs together. Step forward with your right foot. With your right foot planted firmly on the ground in front of you and with the heel of

your left foot off the floor, bend your knees and lower your body toward the ground. Make sure that your right knee does not extend over your toes and that your right heel does not leave the floor. Press through the heel of your right foot and return to a standing position. Repeat with the left leg. Complete one to three sets and 10-15 repetitions.

Always consult a physician before beginning an exercise program.

If you have a fitness or training question, e-mail Andrea at [letters.kfws@hearstsc.com](mailto:letters.kfws@hearstsc.com) or write her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 9, 2004  
1:00 P.M. - Passion Service (No Communion)  
7:30 P.M. - Tenebrae (With Communion)  
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1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. - Worship with Holy Communion  
GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9  
1:00 p.m. - The Veneration of the Crucified with St. James Lutheran at St. Paul  
7:30 p.m. - Tenebrae Service  
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11  
Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Day  
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MAUNDY THURSDAY - 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion  
7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Homily  
GOOD FRIDAY - Noon - 1:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross and Good Friday Liturgy  
7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross and Reserved Sacrament  
HOLY SATURDAY - 4:00 p.m. Children's Service - First Eucharist of Easter  
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Maundy Thursday - April 8  
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Good Friday - April 9  
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11:15 a.m.\* Procession with Palms into Church, Choir of Men and Boys  
MONDAY, April 5, 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist led by the Junior Daughters of the King  
TUESDAY, April 6, 6:00 p.m. Soup Dinner  
7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service  
WEDNESDAY, April 7, 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing Service  
MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 8, 7:00 p.m.\* Holy Eucharist  
With Washing of Feet and Stripping of the Altar  
Choir of Men and Boys  
GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Liturgy with Girls Choir  
7:00 p.m.\* Lenten Evensong and Ein Deutsches Requiem  
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HOLY SATURDAY, April 10, 8:00 a.m. Liturgy  
8:00 p.m.\* Great Vigil of Holy Easter, Holy Baptisms, Choir of Men and Boys  
10:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Party  
EASTER SUNDAY, April 11  
7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Choir  
8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast  
9:00 a.m.\* Holy Eucharist with Choir and Brass, Flowering of the Cross  
10:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt  
11:15 a.m.\* Holy Eucharist with Brass  
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Holy Eucharist  
Maundy Thursday April 8  
7:00 p.m. Confession & Forgiveness  
Washing of Feet  
Holy Eucharist  
Stripping of the Altar  
Good Friday April 9  
1:00 p.m. Service at St. Paul Lutheran Church  
7:00 p.m. The Passion of Christ according to St. John  
Bidding Prayer  
Adoration of the Cross  
Easter Day April 11  
6:30 a.m. Easter Vigil  
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Communal Penance Service - 2:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 7  
Communal Penance Service - 7:00 p.m.  
Thursday, April 8 -- HOLY THURSDAY  
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.  
Friday, April 9 -- GOOD FRIDAY  
Stations of the Cross - 12:00 noon  
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death - 1:30 p.m.  
Stations in the Street - 3:30 p.m. - Starting at St. Ambrose  
Saturday, April 10 -- HOLY SATURDAY  
Blessing of Easter Foods - 12:00 noon  
THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL MASS - 8:00 p.m.  
Sunday, April 11 -- EASTER SUNDAY  
Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
Mass at 11:15 a.m.  
St. Ambrose is located at 15020 Hampton Road in Grosse Pointe Park, one block north of Jefferson Avenue and one block east of Aler Road.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES - 2004**  
PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY, APRIL 3rd & 4th  
Palms blessed and distributed at all Masses  
Masses: Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am, 9:30 am, & 11:00 am  
HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 8th  
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 pm  
Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose  
GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9th  
Stations of the Cross 12 Noon  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 1:30 pm  
HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 10th  
Solemn Celebration of the Easter Vigil 7:30 pm  
EASTER SUNDAY  
Masses: 8:00 am Organ and Cantor  
9:30 am Contemporary Music Group  
11:30 am Formal Choir

## JLD kicks off 2004 Show House with black-tie gala

The Junior League of Detroit held a Premiere Gala and Wine Auction to celebrate its 90th anniversary on March 6. The black-tie event drew more than 100 members and friends of the Junior League. The party was held at the 2004 JLD Designers' Show House, 114 Lothrop in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"The Gala and Wine Auction was an excellent kickoff for our 90th year celebration as well as for the 2004 Designers' Show House," said **Kathleen Moro Nesi**, JLD president. "We are looking forward to continuing this celebration throughout the year, including the Designers' Show House Preview Party on Friday, April 30, and the opening of the Show House on Saturday, May 1.

Guests at the recent event enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and cocktails and a three-course meal. Entertainment was by Skyline. The evening included a live auction and

a dessert bar.

The completed Show House will be open to the public during the month of May. For more information about the Show House, call the Junior League of Detroit at (313) 881-0040 or visit [www.jldetroit.org](http://www.jldetroit.org).

**Afternoon delight:** The Michigan Opera Theatre Volunteer Association held a Sunday afternoon reception at the Belle Isle Conservatory. More than 100 guests enjoyed refreshments, entertainment and a silent auction on March 14, amid a profusion of flowers.

Highlights of the event included performances by singers and musicians from the opera, operetta and instrumental workshops that are conducted by the Community Programs Department. Proceeds from the reception will support these programs.

— Margie Reins Smith



Among those who attended the Junior League of Detroit's recent black-tie gala to kick off the 2004 Designers' Show House and the 90th anniversary of the JLD, were, from left, Fred Robinson; Dianne Bostic Robinson and Caroline Maliszewski, co-chairmen of this year's Show House; and John Maliszewski.



### Family Center Symposium

The Family Center hosted a symposium for parents of children from birth to 10 years old on March 20. The keynote address, "Raising the Strong-Willed Child," was given by local psychologist Sean Hogan-Downey, at the right.

The 73 parents and teachers who attended broke into smaller groups to learn about topics such as brain health, speech and language development, nurturing one's marriage while raising children, nutrition and AD/HD. Exhibitors and speakers included psychologists, therapists, a speech pathologist and a nurse.

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods is a nonprofit organization founded in 2000 to support Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods families as they navigate the challenges of raising healthy children. The center provides learning opportunities with conferences and workshops, offers a newsletter and resource guides, and operates a referral service.

Diane Strickler of the Family Center is at the left. For more information about the center, which is located at 20090 Morningside in Grosse Pointe Woods, call (313) 432-3832.



Photos by Richard Bowlby

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Among those who attended a recent Michigan Opera Theatre Volunteer Association reception were, at the left, Dr. Elm Lie and Mado Lie of Grosse Pointe Park and at the right, Gloria and Fred Clark of Grosse Pointe Shores.



### Library presents lecture series for senior citizens

The 4th annual Grosse Pointe Public Library series of programs for senior citizens will be presented during the month of May, which is Older Americans Month. All lectures will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Dessert will be served.

On Wednesday, May 5, Arthur Frommer will kick off the series with "New Ideas in Travel."

The Arthur Frommer travel series is the world's largest-selling series of travel books.

Frommer did not start out in the travel business. After earning a law degree from Yale University, he was drafted into the Army. Stationed in Germany in the mid-1950s, he traveled as much as he could on a very small budget. Based on his experience, he wrote "The G.I.'s Guide to Travel in Europe," had it printed and placed it for sale on military base newsstands. It was an immediate success.

Following his tour of duty, Frommer joined a New York law firm. He devoted off hours to travel writing, however, and soon he self-published "Europe on \$5 a Day." Six years later, he left law to devote himself to his travel enterprises.

The concept of budget travel struck a nerve in America. Frommer's philosophy goes beyond saving money, however.

He says that staying at top hotels that cater strictly to tourists prevents travelers' exposure to different lifestyles. Traveling on a budget is thrifty, but it also allows for greater learning, understanding, and cross-

cultural exchanges. Frommer continues to write travel books. He also publishes Arthur Frommer's Budget Travel magazine and the monthly Secret Bargains newsletter. He presents a weekly, nationwide radio program on travel and writes a weekly syndicated newspaper column



Arthur Frommer

on travel.

On Wednesday, May 12, John Meulendyk will present "Spirituality and Health: Is There a Connection?"

On Wednesday, May 19, Katy Graham will give a talk, "The Top 10 Ways to Protect Yourself, Your Assets and Your Family."

On Wednesday, May 26, Richard Truxall will discuss "Online Savings and Investment Research."

The lectures are free, but seating is limited.

Tickets will be available after Tuesday, April 4, at the Grosse Pointe Central Library.

For information, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 220.

### Neighborhood Stations of Cross

The neighborhood stations of the cross walk will begin and end at St. Ambrose Church, 15020 Hampton, on Good Friday, April 9, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The walk will proceed around one block, stopping to pray and sing at significant places of ministry.

All ages are welcome. A bread and soup supper will be available at the end. A freewill offering will be taken at the door.

For more information, call (313) 882-2814 or (313) 640-8295.

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Thank you... and please return no later than April 2nd, 2004



Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Laird MacDonald Jr.

## McWilliams-MacDonald

Catherine Campbell McWilliams of San Francisco, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. McWilliams of Denver, married Kenneth Laird MacDonald Jr. of San Francisco, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. MacDonald of Grosse Pointe Shores, on April 26, 2003 at the Church of the Ascension.

The Rev. James R. Harlan officiated at the 4:30 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the University Club.

The bride wore a strapless silk wool ivory sheath gown that featured an embroidered and beaded silk satin sash. She wore an ivory cathedral-length veil and carried a bouquet of white ranunculus, peonies, lilacs, stephanotis, tulips and gardenias.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Sarah Wells McWilliams of San Francisco.

Bridesmaids were the bride's sister, Anne Cooper McWilliams of Denver, and the groom's sister, Heather Anne MacDonald of Manhattan Beach, Calif.

Attendants wore floor-length black strapless faille dresses and carried bouquets of pink peonies, white lilacs, pink ranunculus and white tulips.

The best man was Christopher Andrew Shelden of San Francisco.

Groomsmen were Barron Kendrick Meade of Birmingham; Blake Edward Kenny of New Jersey; and Bryce Ryford Kenny of Chicago. Ushers were John Cecchi of Virginia, Samuel Goldworm of New York, Damian Hedley of San Francisco and Patrick Read of Chicago.

The mother of the bride wore a floor-length black gown with a black lace jacket and a corsage of pink tea

roses on her evening bag.

The groom's mother wore a floor-length black evening suit and jacket with gold lace and crystal accents. She carried a nosegay of peonies, white lilacs and tulips.

Scripture readers were Brooke Holden Johnson of Boston and Courtney Campbell Kiefer of Denver. The bagpiper was David Johnson.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Pennsylvania. She is a media supervisor with Goodby, Silverstein and Partners in San Francisco.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Denison University. He is a financial representative with Northwestern Mutual Financial Network in San Francisco.

The newlyweds traveled to Barbados. They live in San Francisco.

## Pozios-Myers

Vasilios and Carolyn Pozios of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kasiani Christina Pozios, to Stephen Daniel Myers, son of John and Robin Myers of Muskegon. A



Kasiani Christina Pozios and Stephen Daniel Myers

May 2005 wedding is planned.

Pozios earned Bachelor of Science degrees in cell and molecular biology and French from the University of Michigan.

She expects to earn an M.D. degree in May from Western Reserve University. She begins a residency in pediatrics at Cincinnati Children's Hospital in July.

Myers earned Bachelor of Science degrees in engineering and aerospace from the University of Michigan and a Master of Science degree in aeronautical engineering from Ohio State University.

He is a design engineer with G.E. Aircraft Engines in Cincinnati.



Christina Anton and Kevin John Hayes

## Anton-Hayes

Helen Anton of Norfolk, Va., and William and Patricia Anton of Arlington, Va., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Christina Anton, to Kevin John Hayes, son of John and Marilyn Hayes of Grosse Pointe Woods. A June 2005 wedding is planned.

Anton earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy from Wayne State University. She expects to earn a J.D. degree from Wake Forest University School of Law in May.

Hayes earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance from Michigan State University. He is an investment banker.

MacDonald Kasiborski, son of Jerry and Kathy Kasiborski of Grosse Pointe Woods. A June wedding is planned.

Sloan earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and organizational studies from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in social work from the University of Chicago. She is a social worker in Chicago.

Kasiborski earned a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from the University of Michigan. He is a consultant with Manhattan Associates of Atlanta, Ga.



Ryan Paul Barrows and Anne Dickinson Platt

## Platt-Barrows

Mrs. John B. Warten Jr. of Metamora and Richard B. Platt of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Anne Dickinson Platt, to Ryan Paul Barrows, son of Catherine A. Barrows of Rapid City, S.D. and Bradley E. Barrows of Lincoln, Neb. An August wedding is planned.

Platt earned a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering and a Bachelor of Arts degree in ethics, politics and economics, both from Yale University.

She is an analyst with Sandia National Laboratories in Livermore, Calif.

Barrows earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from Yale University. He is an associate consultant with Bain & Co. in Palo Alto, Calif.



Kevin MacDonald and Kathryn Elaine Sloan

## Sloan-Kasiborski

Glenn and Cindy Sloan of Shelby Township have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn Elaine Sloan, to Kevin

MacDonald Kasiborski and Kathryn Elaine Sloan. A June 2005 wedding is planned.

## Spring forward

### Daylight-saving time begins this weekend

This coming Sunday morning, America will once again get shortchanged on sleep by the annual "spring forward" clock change.

The lost hour of snooze time will only add to the nation's already major sleep shortage, which keeps adults and children from getting enough sleep and affects their behavior and health during the day.

A team of sleep specialists from the University of Michigan Health System hopes it can help.

The group's extensive research and clinical experience has yielded a wealth of tips and information to help everyone sleep better.

The specialists are also working with the National Sleep Foundation to spread the word about a national survey on children's sleep patterns.

At the same time, the U-M team is about to double its capacity to diagnose and treat sleep disorders in both adults and children.

On Monday, April 5, they'll open a satellite location for the U-M Sleep Disorders Center at 700 KMS Place just off South State Street in Ann Arbor, to complement the existing facility in the main University Hospital.

The new facility has nine beds where people can spend a night to be monitored while they sleep. These sleep studies reveal breathing interruptions and other problems that occur during sleep and help doctors plan treatment options.

Demand for U-M's specialized sleep disorder services, which require a referral from a physician, has grown by 60 percent in the last three years.

Here are some tips and research findings from U-M sleep experts:

#### Kids, sleep, obesity and behavior problems:

Two of the nation's biggest children's health issues — childhood obesity and behavior problems such as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder — may have strong links with sleep problems.

Specifically, both conditions have been linked to sleep apnea, a sleep disorder in which a child's breathing is interrupted many times during the night for periods of a few seconds up to a minute.

As a result, the brain "wakes up" out of the sleep cycle to restart normal

breathing. About 1 to 3 percent of children have sleep apnea.

Obesity makes both children and adults more prone to develop sleep apnea, because increased weight narrows the airway in the throat, making it more likely to close during sleep. Obstructed airways are also a major cause of the loud snoring that often accompanies sleep apnea.

Although enlarged tonsils are the major cause of sleep apnea in children, and normal-weight children can also develop the condition, the growing epidemic of obesity among children and teens means that more kids are at risk for developing weight-related apnea now or in the future.

As for sleep apnea's link to behavior problems, U-M researchers were among the first to show a link, and they continue to explore this issue.

In 2002, they published a study showing that children who snore often are nearly twice as likely as other children to have attention and hyperactivity problems. They're now finishing a study of children who are having their tonsils removed as treatment for sleep apnea.

They hope to determine what effect the surgery has on daytime behavior.

The U-M team also recently published a paper with scientists from the Altarum Institute showing that the brains of sleeping children with sleep apnea may "wake up" more often than previously thought — possibly with every breath they take, rather than just every pause in their breathing.

"Sleep apnea is underdiagnosed in both children and adults, and we still have much to learn about how it's linked to daytime behavior and quality of sleep," said U-M Sleep Disorders Center director Dr. Ronald Chervin, associate professor of neurology at the U-M Medical School.

"But since sleep apnea is associated with other health problems, from high blood pressure and heart disease to depression, it's important that parents look for signs of sleep apnea in their children and address them with their doctors."

#### Healthy sleep habits for kids and parents

Even if your children don't have a sleep disorder such as sleep apnea, there's a lot

you can do to help them sleep better at night and feel better during the day, said U-M sleep specialist Dr. Timothy Hoban, a clinical associate professor of pediatrics and neurology.

By promoting healthy sleep habits and avoiding factors that can interfere with sleep, you can make sure that your children get the sleep they need — and that you get the break you need. You can also prevent daytime sleepiness and crankiness.

No matter how old your children are, from babies to teens, a regular bedtime — and a schedule that allows as much sleep as possible — is the best. School-aged children often require 10 or 11 hours a night, while infants and toddlers need more and teens need less.

To make sure that your child gets all the sleep he or she needs, cut down on potential distractions such as a television in the bedroom.

Hoban recommends keeping the bedroom just for sleeping, not for watching TV, playing video games or even doing homework.

"But reading before bed — alone or with a parent — can be a wonderful way to bring a calm end to the day and help your child fall asleep," he said. For young children, a bedtime routine of brushing teeth and being tucked in can really help set the stage for a good night's sleep.

Even teens, whose bodies have shifting biological clocks that may keep them up late into the night and prevent them from waking up early, may benefit from a calm down-time before bed. And all kids should avoid soda pop and other drinks that contain caffeine, especially in the afternoon and evening.

To get your child ready for the "spring forward" time change, Hoban recommends adjusting their bedtimes 15 minutes earlier each night for a few nights before the clocks spring forward.

By Saturday night they'll be ready for the change.

Or you can keep them "on schedule" and not allow them to sleep in on Sunday. They should adjust to the new time in a few days.

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## The pleasing dulcimer

A few summers ago I attended an old-fashioned tea party at the Selensky-Green Farmhouse Museum in St. Clair Shores. A lovely lady named Denise Stein played a dulcimer for us and it was delightful.

I spoke to her about the dulcimer, and in the course of our conversation, she urged me to talk to William Webster of Grosse Pointe Woods. She said he made dulcimers and was an expert on the instrument.

I've finally talked to Webster and Stein was right. He does make dulcimers, as well as small harps. Webster, who was in the first class to graduate from Grosse Pointe North High School, told me his introduction to the dulcimer was at a folk festival he attended in Philadelphia the summer after graduation.

For a long time he had played guitar, banjo and violin, and he sang in the St. Joan of Arc choir. He found he was able to play the dulcimer without instruction, and, more importantly, he loved its sound. That was the beginning of a lifelong fascination with the dulcimer.

Webster graduated from Wayne State University College of Education. He loved working with wood, and drafting was the subject he taught at Grosse Pointe South High School.

The combination of working with wood and loving music led naturally to learn how to make a dulcimer.

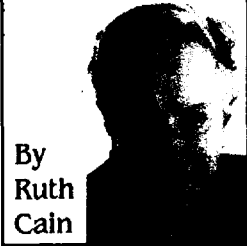
Over the years, he became expert and began taking orders from people who wanted to own a dulcimer.

It proved a good move because when enrollment in the Grosse Pointe schools began to drop in the early '80s, there were fewer teaching jobs available, and Webster needed another job. Making dulcimers and simple harps gave him an interesting livelihood for almost 20 years.

Americans learned about dulcimers from German immigrants who settled in Appalachia. The dulcimers they brought were far simpler and different from the European ones. They were shaped like hour glasses and had only three strings.

Hammered dulcimers, the type now used, are chromatic like a piano, but played with a hammer. They also have the ability to sustain a note. They also have many more strings, resulting in much more complicated musical effects. One string can produce two notes.

## Senior Scene



By  
Ruth  
Cain

Henry Ford did much to popularize the dulcimer. Ford thought jazz was immoral. He encouraged people to return to more simple pastimes such as square dancing, with the music provided by dulcimers, violins, and similar instruments. He established the Henry Ford Dance Orchestra.

At one point he made it mandatory for Ford engineers to attend square dancing lessons on Wednesday evenings.

As part of the Ford heritage, Webster taught a class on how to make dulcimers for two years at Greenfield Village.

But purists had enough of the Appalachian dulcimer and in 1963 established The Original Dulcimer Players' Club in Michigan. It has grown tremendously over the years. It now meets quarterly in various Michigan cities, with thousands of attendees who socialize, play dulcimers together, swap tunes and square dance.

Webster has performed many times with the dulcimer, most memorably when he was in the band that played for square dancing on the ferry boat at Mackinac Island for the second inauguration of Governor James Blanchard.

When a teacher shortage occurred in the late '90s, Webster signed a contract with the St. Clair Shores Board of Education and now teaches drafting in Jefferson Middle School.

He continues to make dulcimers and harps during summer vacations. It takes about 40 hours to make a fine dulcimer. Last summer he made five dulcimers and four harps. He makes them to suit the buyers, as simple or as complicated as they wish.

I asked Webster why he thought so many people were drawn to dulcimers.

"I think many people are looking for something to make their lives richer. The dulcimer is easy to play and while there are some who don't like the sound of the instrument, there are many of us who love it," he said.

If you have a question or comment for Ruth Cain you can reach her at a new e-mail address: [ruthcain@comcast.net](mailto:ruthcain@comcast.net).

## SOC Options

## SOC slates weekly trips for spring, summer

By Sharon Maier  
SOC Executive Director

It is time to start thinking ahead to warm weather and planning your spring and summer fun. Services for Older Citizens (SOC) offers affordable trips every Thursday. The trips fill up fast and new trips are added weekly. To keep posted on what trips are open, call the SOC office at (313) 882-9600 or stop in 17150 Waterloo, in the City of Grosse Pointe. Following are some trips that have already been planned:

## Casino Windsor

**Thursday, April 15**  
Come along as we journey to the Windsor Casino. The price per person is only \$10. With this you also receive a \$15 meal voucher or a \$10 gaming voucher. Register early because this trip fills up fast. The package includes round trip transportation via deluxe motor coach from SOC, gaming at the Windsor Casino, a \$15 casino food voucher or a \$10 gaming voucher, all taxes and gratuities and a box lunch to take home.

Thursday, April 22  
Frankenmuth

Round trip transportation is via deluxe highway motor coach with a restroom and reclining seats for your comfort. We will enjoy shopping time at the fabulous Bronners Christmas Store, lunch at the Bavarian Inn, a tour of the city including a stop at St. Lorenz's Church, shopping at Riverplace and a stop at Silent Night Church. The tour package includes round trip transportation, time for shopping and a box lunch to take home.

## Van Elslander Cancer Senior Expo

**Thursday, April 29**  
Join us for a day of learning, experiencing and enjoying new things. The day will start with presentations by four top physicians on topics specifically chosen for us. Then we will enjoy a delicious lunch followed by a chance to visit informa-



Sharon Maier

tion booths that will include hands-on activities such as music therapy, nutrition, reflexology and chair massage. Several other booths will be set up highlighting spiritual care, social work and cancer research. This promises to be a fun and educational day. The tour package includes round trip transportation, lunch and a box lunch to take home.

## Detroit Institute of Art Whistler Exhibit

**Thursday, May 13**  
Come along as we journey to The Detroit Institute of Arts for the Whistler exhibit, which celebrates the influential work of artist James Abbott McNeill Whistler and his impact on American painting. The more than 63 paintings include his most famous work, "Arrangement in Grey and Black: Portrait of the Artist's Mother," commonly referred to as "Whistler's Mother." Other signature works by Whistler are "Symphony in White, No. 1: The White Girl," from the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., as well as the DIA's own "Nocturne in Black and Gold: The Falling Rocket." Other Whistler paintings are on view along with works by American artists who were influenced by his innovative ideas. The exhibition is organized in a way that shows Whistler's unique handling of compositional and tonal

arrangements and their impact. The tour package includes round trip transportation, admission to the exhibit and the tour. Lunch will be Dutch treat in the new CafeDIA.

## Evie's

**Thursday, May 20**  
Come along on Thursday, May 20 for a wonderful lunch and time for shopping in Mexican town. We will enjoy an authentic Mexican lunch at Evie's Tamales and then drop in to the gift shop and grocery store so that we can take a little Mexico home with us. Evie's Tamales was voted to have the "best tamales in town" by the Detroit Free Press in 2001. The menu includes authentic Mexican tortillas, tamales, enchilada, rice, beans, salad, Mexican cookies and coffee, tea or a soft drink. Departure time is 11 a.m. from the Neighborhood Club. Return will be about 2 p.m. The package includes transportation, lunch and a box lunch to take home.

## St. Sabbas Orthodox Monastery

**Thursday, June 10**  
Come along as we visit a hidden treasure of Harper Woods, St. Sabbas Orthodox Monastery. This secluded monastery is one of metro Detroit's best kept secrets. The Rev. John Belkoff of St. Sabbas will lead a guided tour of this site. St. Sabbas was established in 1914 and moved several times before settling in Harper Woods. St. Sabbas will become a monastery for artisans within the next year. Join us for a unique tour and lunch at this peaceful oasis in the middle of the urban neighborhood. The package includes round trip transportation, a tour of the monastery, lunch and a box lunch to take home.

## Town Village Senior Community

**Thursday, June 24**  
Join us for a day of touring the east side's newest community for active seniors. Town Village offers independent seniors an

opportunity to live in beautiful surroundings without the burden of home maintenance and upkeep. Amenities include Tai Chi classes, book clubs, a heated pool and wine-tasting parties.

We'll enjoy a tour and a lunch created especially for us by the Town Village chefs. The package includes round-trip transportation, lunch, a tour of the facility and a box lunch to take home.

## The Solanus Center

**Thursday, Aug. 12**  
Join us as we uncover Detroit's newest treasure, the Solanus Center, which includes The Solanus Museum, bookstore and gift shop. We will also visit the Tomb of Venerable Solanus. We'll enjoy a simple lunch in the spirit of Father Solanus. The 40,000-square-foot, \$13 million center, with its huge arched wooden doors and skylight running nearly the length of the ceiling, is part art gallery, part history lesson, part community gathering place and a shrine to the Venerable Father Solanus Casey, a legendary Detroit priest who ministered to the sick and fed the poor and attracted a large and devoted following.

He died in 1957 at age 86 and now is being considered for sainthood by the Vatican. People around the world have come to believe in Solanus' power to perform miracles.

The center was designed as a way to tell his story as well as the story of life from creation to death through art, artifacts and words. The story starts in an irregular courtyard adorned with a series of sculptures and ends with Casey's crypt near the entrance of the sanctuary. The center is connected to St. Bonaventure Church on Mt. Elliott, across from Mt. Elliott Cemetery.

The package includes round-trip transportation, a tour, lunch and a box lunch to take home.

## SOC hosts Senior Celebration 2004

## Top 25 senior friendly businesses honored

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) will honor 25 Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods businesses and five employees for being "senior friendly."

The businesses were selected by a committee from more than 250 candidates within the local business community. They were evaluated based on their actions and their demonstrated commitment to treating seniors with respect.

The winners will be presented a "senior friendly" award at the 14th annual Senior Celebration, a private reception held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial on Sunday, April 4, sponsored by Ahmed and Mary Ann Ismail of Speedi Photo and Imaging Center.

"Senior citizens have special needs as customers. As an agency we feel that it is important to recognize outstanding service to seniors from businesses in our community. We hope to raise the standards and inspire more and more businesses to see what they can do to be senior friendly," said Sharon Maier, SOC Executive Director.

SOC will also honor five senior volunteers for giving generously of their time, talent and energy to benefit others, thereby enriching the communities of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods. Senior Celebration 2004 honorees are:

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## St. John Senior Community offers free educational talks

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 Senior 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.

For more information, call (313) 882-9600.

Senior "All Star" Volunteer  
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## File of Life magnets available

Services for Older Citizens has a supply of File of Life magnetic holders, courtesy of Wayne County Sheriff Warren C. Evans. Inside the holders are cards that may be filled out with an individual person's pertinent medical information, contact numbers, allergies,

etc. and placed on the refrigerator. Should an emergency occur, the police and fire department personnel need to look on the refrigerator for the information.

Seniors who would like a File of Life magnetic holder should call (313) 882-9600, ext. 247.

## Congresswoman Kilpatrick plans Town Hall meeting at SOC

Cheeks Kilpatrick will answer questions of interest to senior citizens.

Those who wish may come early for lunch at 11 a.m.

For more information, call (313) 882-9600.

Congresswoman Carolyn

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## 2004 Marauder is all about performance

By Greg Zyla

This week, we test drive the 2004 Mercury Marauder. This full-size, four-door sedan, introduced in 2003, is reminiscent of the 1960s era, when rear-drive, full-size muscle was commonplace on the crowded city boulevards. Be it 406 Ford Galaxies or 427 Mercury Marauders, big and fast were the norm.

Consumers can enjoy the modern-day Marauder thanks to the car's capable performance attributes, comfort, good braking and long list of safety items.

Introduced as a concept car in 1998, Marauder engineers waited for a new, stronger chassis designed for sibling Grand Marquis, Ford Crown Victoria and Lincoln Town Car. The new frame is 24 percent more rigid torsionally and 20 percent more resistant to vertical bending. The front rails are hydroformed for precise handling and better crush factors in collision situations.

The rear-wheel-drive Marauder, the same in size as Grand Marquis, produces its 302 horsepower and 310 foot-pounds of torque with

an all-aluminum double overhead cam 4.6-liter V-8 engine. All Marauders feature four-speed automatic transmissions with high stall converters, but we wouldn't be surprised to find a five- or six-speed manual someday as an option.

Beyond these muscle-car numbers, the Marauder has plenty of 21st century feel and technology, from the 140-watt Alpine six-disc CD changer to the white-faced instrumentation on a dot-matrix gray-trimmed dash. Two race-style gauges sit in front of the console, a sure-fire kickback to the 1960s, even though you have to take your eyes off the road for a split second to see them. Another fine example of heritage is the classic image of the Roman god Mercury cast into the caps on the 18-inch, five-spoke aluminum-alloy wheels.

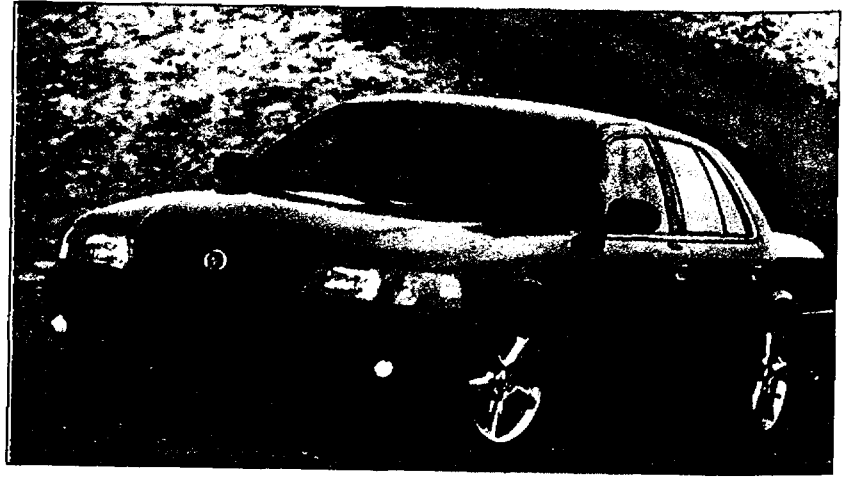
The wheels are one of the few spots on the Marauder, inside and out, that aren't black. Even the embossed "Marauder" lettering in the back bumper is effective without any color to highlight it. The black color and the upward rear rake creat-

ed by massive 18-inch 235 tires up front and larger 255s rears give Marauder a true muscle-car image. Marauders also feature dual 2.25-inch tailpipes out of the muffler with 3.5-inch stainless-steel exhaust tips. Under acceleration, there's an unmistakable V-8 roar; yet, in cruising mode, it's still very quiet.

Safety features consist of all the expected items, including four-wheel antilock disc brakes, side-impact air bags and the Personal Safety System, one of the most comprehensive driver and front-seat-passenger restraint systems available.

The only available options for the Marauder are multi-configurable storage bins in the trunk (\$200), trunk-mounted CD player (\$395) and, new for 2004, heated seats (\$295). Our tester had all three, and with the \$725 destination charge, the base climbed from \$33,920 to a final \$35,535.

The cabin features eight-way power reclining leather seats, and a comfort-enhanced ride thanks to a "Griper" stabilizer bar system. A huge, 20.6 cubic-foot



2004 Mercury Marauder

trunk makes Marauder perfect for use as the family grocery getter or golf bag transporter.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 114.7 inches, a 19-gallon fuel tank and 4,195-pound vehicle weight. All Marauders run on 91-octane premium fuel with estimated EPA num-

bers of 17 mpg city and 23 mpg highway.

In the snow, don't expect too much, although the traction control will keep you pointed fairly straight. We endured a 6-inch snowfall here in the Northeast, and Marauder was better suited parked in the garage. (Time to bring out the Mercury

Mountaineer!)

We like the 2004 Marauder very much, and think you will, too. We rate it an eight on a scale of 10, but remind readers this car is performance specific and not for the average car buyer.

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## Rainier

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we'd certainly recommend the additional \$1,000 to upgrade to AWD in climates where that makes sense.

Rainier has a long list of other amenities, including the HomeLink garage-door transmitter and recording device, one-year OnStar Safe and Sound service, Bose CD player and rear-seat audio controls, a cargo storage well and bins, eight-way power seats, and heated power side-view mirrors

with built-in turn-signal indicators. Options include DVD-based navigation and entertainment systems, power moon roof, XM Satellite radio, power-adjustable pedals, heated front seats, front-seat side air bags, chrome side steps and luggage rack.

Important numbers include an 18.3-gallon fuel tank, 16 mpg city and 21 mpg highway fuel economy, 8-inch ground clearance, 113-inch wheelbase and 4,628-pound base curb

weight.

Rainier will likely fulfill GM's goal of appealing to current Buick owners while also attracting active, successful professionals looking for a luxury vehicle that fits their family-oriented lifestyle. To some, Buick may sound old, but this sharp model is new in looks, style and performance. We rate it a nine on a scale of 1 to 10.

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## Students shine in HW high school talent show

By Jennie Miller  
Staff Writer

Star Search couldn't hold a candle to the Harper Woods High School Talent Show held on Friday, March 12.

The student-run production also served as a fundraiser for the senior class's all-night party. But the spotlight clung to the performers, ranging from ballads and rap songs to choreographed dance numbers.

"The talent show gives students the chance to shine," said senior class adviser Marcella Warner. "Most of these kids don't have any other place: they're not in a sport; they're not a class officer, and they don't participate in other school-sanctioned activities. This is their outlet."

After weeks of auditions and rehearsals, more than 60 students came together, either right on stage or behind-the-scenes to produce a show that got the

audience on its feet more than once.

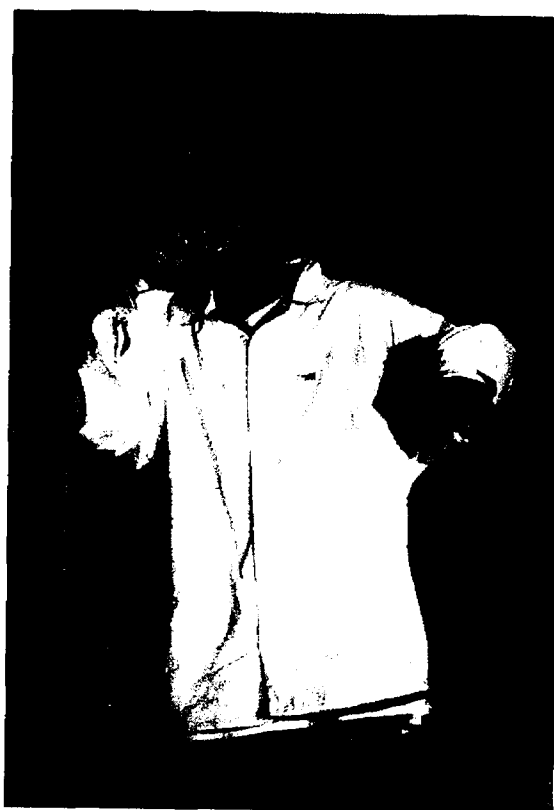
Ernestine Lyons started the show by taking the breath away from many listeners with her jaw-dropping rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner." The show continued with a solo dance by Erica McFall, a heart-wrenching performance of "Incomplete" by Ashuan Mason, and a singing performance by Whitney Foard invoking wonder if she were Alicia Keys in disguise, accompanied by Darius Simmons on keyboard.

Andrea Cobb, Jackie Cobb and Rosalyn Faulken continued the entertainment with a choreographed dance mix, followed by another mix performed by LaShawnte Burns, Earlane Jackson and Aliya Lewis, and then Courtney Richards summoning Beyonce Knowles. Eric Curley, Edward Griffin and Brandon Johnson performed a dance before Brandon Howard nearly stopped the show with his

freestyle rap. The roof was raised with the ensemble dance performance by Ashley Adams, August Bragg, Melissa Cannon, Joylisa Gipson, Jasmine Patterson, Amber Walton, Brittany Wheeler and Kierre Young. Ashuan Mason returned to the stage with "Get Live" before an intermission gave the audience a chance to catch its breath.

"Each performer auditioned in front of a committee of producers, including Katie Watt and Emily DuCharme," Warner said. "We didn't eliminate anyone because we understand that talent is subjective. But the students must pay an entry fee of \$5 and sign a contract which says they must follow the student code of conduct. They must also turn in their music prior to the show, which must be the radio versions of songs."

Jason Bernard, Dana Paglia and Alyssa Marquez started off the second half of



Photos by Jennie Miller

At Harper Woods High School's Talent Show held on Friday, March 12, Brandon Howard let loose with freestyle rap, pictured left, while Ashuan Mason tore at listeners' heartstrings with his performance of "Incomplete," pictured above.

the show, which in all included more than two hours of talent. Bernard performed the guitar and performed "Infomercial," an original comedic song invoking barrels of laughter from the crowd. Marquez performed "Girl in the Mirror" and Paglia showed off a traditional Hawaiian dance, taking the audience away from the sounds of pop momentarily before Katria Soucy brought on her performance of Britney Spears' "Toxic." Rebecca Maddigan

performed "1,000 Miles" before Candace Cobb, Latrice Kendrick and Kierre Young returned to the stage with "Take it to the Floor." Gwendolyn Thomas finished off the dance numbers before Billy Pierce let loose a drum solo, and the band Projekt Gift wowed the crowd of more than 250 people. Gift, which includes Steve Dombrowski, Randy Gray, Graham Rockwood and Nick Wiedner, performed four songs to close off the show.

"The talent show has been gaining popularity over the last few years," Warner said. "We've had many more entries, and so it goes very long. But the kids don't stop talking about it for days."

Warner encourages students to continue the participation frenzy for future talent shows.

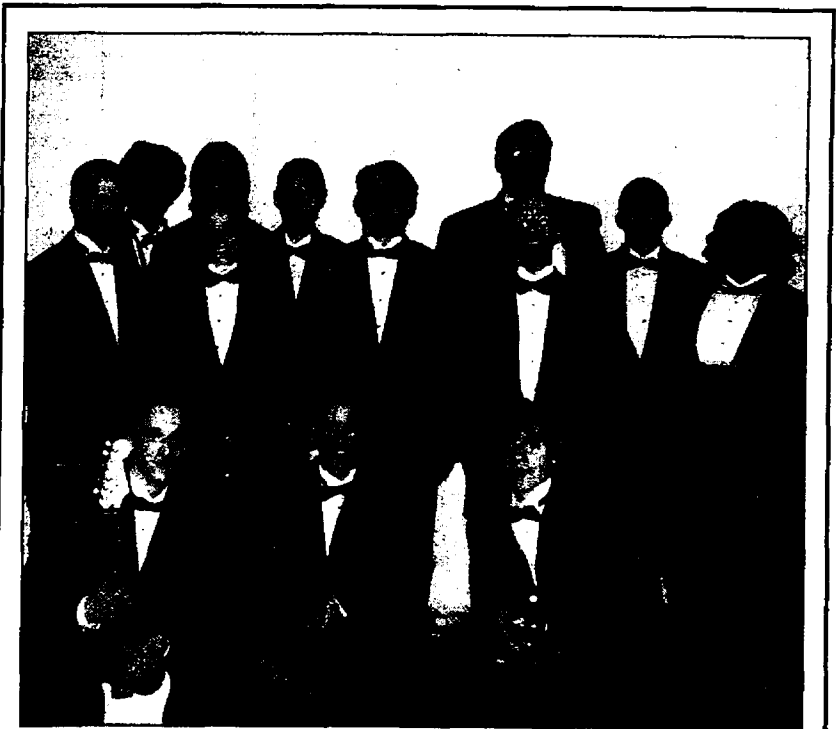
"It's an opportunity for any student with courage to shine," she said, adding that there is a list of categories which students can choose from for their performances, including dancing, singing, instrument performances, poetry reading, modeling and monologues.

Even Warner let out a little steam with her performance of Aretha Franklin's "Respect," opening the show and calming the nerves of some jittery performers.

"I was trying to get the crowd going," Warner laughed. "It lets the performers know that this is all just fun. The students get nervous, but it helps to break the ice."

While Watt and DuCharme were the student leaders of the talent show, many others lent their hand as part of the production crew.

They include Rakia Horton and Will Caldwell who served as emcees, stage manager and lighting director Crystal Norman, spot light directors Ebone McLean and Ashley Harris, Michelle McEachin, Megan Achs, Katie Kaspari, Becky Nanni and Ryan Fradeneck, who were in charge of refreshments and snacks, Donavan Pettitway, Matt Houtekier, David Baeny, Walter Culpepper, Vernon Law and Becky Nanni, all in charge of security, and Jami-Lou Galbo, Kahra-Lyn Fox, Angela Wierszewski, and Rita Ciaravino, greeters.



### Jazz Band wows adopted students

Harper Woods High School's Jazz Band visited Campbell Elementary School in Detroit last month to perform a concert for its students.

"The crowd went wild, and the students wanted autographs afterwards," said Sue Smitka, media specialist for the Harper Woods School District. The high school "adopted" Campbell students a few years ago and makes frequent visits to the school for events and activities.

## POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS

### Radio theft

While shopping at a department store in the 18000 block of Vernier on Sunday, March 28, at 3:50 p.m., a Detroit woman was notified by store personnel that her car had been broken into in the parking lot.

The 1992 Chevrolet Astro had a broken window, and its radio/CD player was missing. The woman had been inside the store for just over one hour when the incident occurred.

### Attempted theft

A handful of change was the only thing reported missing from a 2001 Jeep Cherokee on Sunday, March 28.

The vehicle, which had been parked all night in a driveway in the 19944 block of Kenosha, had a punched door lock but no column damage. The owner discovered the damage at noon when she returned to the vehicle, which had been parked for 12 hours.

### Abduction, larceny

A 23-year-old Roseville resident wasn't expecting an intruder to jump into his 1998 Dodge after he pumped gas in the 17700 block of Eight Mile on Wednesday, March 24, at 8:10 p.m.

The Roseville man had noticed a man behaving oddly in the lot of the gas station, wandering around and talking to himself. When the man paid for his gas and prepared to drive away, the subject entered his vehicle through the passenger side door and held up a three-inch lock back knife.

They drove to Casino and Laing before the man demanded to be let out. The Roseville man contacted the police, but not before he

realized his Samsung cell phone was missing from the center console. He also found a small piece of paper on the passenger seat, which had a telephone number inscribed on it. Harper Woods police also contacted the gas station owner to obtain surveillance footage of the abduction.

Two arrests were made by Harper Woods police officers after discovering an attempted home invasion in the 19100 block of Kenosha on Monday, March 22, at 12:58 p.m.

### Attempted home invasion

Neighbors notified police after seeing a green Oldsmobile in front of the house next door. A woman was reclined in the driver's seat in an attempt to hide as her male passenger got out of the car and walked into the back yard of a home.

The man returned to the car and began to drive away before police officers stopped the vehicle to question its occupants.

When asked whose house they had been at, the woman replied that they hadn't been at any house. When asked why the man had entered the home's back yard, the woman responded that it was Rochelle's house, and the man had asked her to take him there. But neither the woman nor the man knew Rochelle's last name, nor the address of the home she apparently resided in.

Police investigated the home, and discovered a broken rear door wall. After searching the suspects, police found a large folding knife in the man's pocket, as well as several pieces of broken glass on the floor of the vehicle near where he had been sitting. He also had a

fresh cut on his hand.

Both suspects were arrested, and the woman resisted by kicking the door of the squad car enough times to bend the frame.

### Car theft

A 2003 Jeep Liberty was stolen from a driveway in the 19100 block of Washtenaw sometime during the night on Monday, March 22.

Its owner had parked the vehicle at 11 p.m. and returned at 6:10 a.m. to find it missing. Several compact discs were in the vehicle at the time of its theft.

### B&E garage

Harper Woods police discovered the garage of a local high school in the 20200 block of Kelly had been damaged on Monday, March 22, between 4 p.m. and 1:35 a.m. A section of the door panel had been kicked out, but there was no evidence of theft. Administrators were yet to determine if anything was missing.

### Weapons found

Loss Prevention officers attempted to hold three males at a local retail store in the 18000 block of Vernier last month, before two of the suspects fled on foot. The third suspect refused to cooperate, but Harper Woods police discovered a kitchen knife and two screwdrivers in his pockets.

The LPO reported that the suspects had been seen in the electronics department at the cell phone display.

One was seen with trimmers cutting phones off the display case and concealing them in a shopping bag. The 17-year-old Detroit resident was arrested.

## HARPER WOODS NEWS

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., noon to 3 p.m. and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Children must be 5 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.

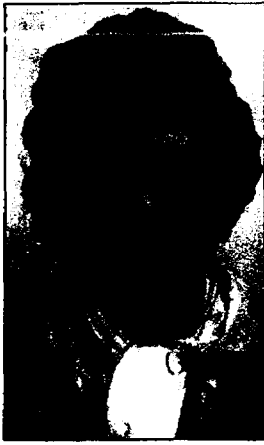
The Harper Woods Lions Club will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at a cost of \$4 for an all-you-can-eat meal.

At the Harper Woods Board of Education meeting in April, there will be a presentation regarding Proposal A and the effect it

has had in Harper Woods over the past 10 years.

The Harper Woods Public Library will show the classic film "Gaslight" on Wednesday, April 14, at 1 p.m.

Harper Woods natives Benjamin Candea and Frank Gorkowski were both named to the honor roll at De La Salle Collegiate. Candea is a sophomore and Gorkowski is a senior.



Margaret M. Kelley

**Margaret M. Kelley**  
Margaret "Maggie" M. (Muir) Kelley, 86, of Little Compton, R.I., died Monday, March 22, 2004, at Charlton Memorial Hospital in Fall River, Mass.

Mrs. Kelley, born in Paisley, Scotland, to Robert and Mary (Johnstone) Muir, came to the United States in 1924, and spent her youth in Berkley and Royal Oak. After graduating high school, she was awarded a scholarship to Smith College which she had to decline to remain home and help her family during the Depression.

Before her marriage, she worked as a salesperson at J.L. Hudson's, modeled women's clothes, and held a management position with a federal wartime agency during World War II; when she left the agency it took three people to replace her.

In 1944, she married Nicholas Kelley Jr. and lived in Detroit and later Grosse Pointe Farms, summering in Little Compton, R.I., until moving there permanently in the mid-1980s.

Mrs. Kelley was an avid gardener, bridge player and

member of the "sewing ladies" in Little Compton.

While in Michigan, she volunteered at the Children's Aid Society of Detroit, where she served as a longtime officer and board member.

Mrs. Kelley is survived by her son, Nicholas M. (Helen) Kelley; daughters, Deborah M. Kelley and Susan M. Kelley; granddaughter, Anna W. M. Kelley; and several nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by her husband, Nicholas Kelley Jr. Arrangements were provided by Waring-Sullivan Home of Memorial Tribute, in Fall River, Mass.

Memorial contributions may be made to Little Compton Visiting Nurses Assn., P.O. Box 926, Little Compton, RI 02837.

#### Lara Mae Van Drunen

Lara Mae Van Drunen, infant daughter of Nathan and Keri Van Drunen, died Monday, March 22, 2004, in Grand Rapids.

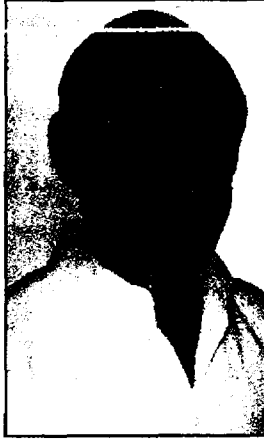
Baby Lara will be remembered by her special smile, beautiful hair and happy personality. She gave joy to everyone who held her; every minute spent with her will be treasured.

She is survived by her parents, Nathan and Keri; brother, Scott Austin; grandparents, Milt and Rita Van Drunen, Sandy and Mimi McMillan; great-grandparents, Milt and Anamae Van Drunen, Kay Zylstra, Arie and Jayne Vander Male, Geraldine Dice; and many aunts and uncles.

A memorial service was held at the Eastern Avenue Christian Reformed Church with the Rev. James Holwerda officiating.

Interment was at Rest Lawn Memorial Park.

Arrangements were handled by Zaagman Memorial Chapel, Grand Rapids.



Joseph A. Versical

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Joseph A. Versical, 83, of Grosse Pointe Shores, died Monday, March 22, 2004, at St. John Hospital from complications due to cancer.

Mr. Versical was born Oct. 12, 1920, in Detroit. When he was 9 years old, his family moved to a flat above the old Schleicher's Market, on Charlevoix at Alter.

In his private memoir, "Karnepap Was a Winner: Memories of Growing Up Belgian on Detroit's East Side," Mr. Versical recalls trolley cars on the Charlevoix line, 5 cent movies at the Aloma Theater at Wayburn and Charlevoix and the strong Belgian community in that end of Grosse Pointe Park. The memoir also includes tales of two saloons on Charlevoix owned by his father, known today as Ye Olde Tap Room and O'Flaherty's Pub.

Mr. Versical graduated from Eastern Michigan University, then served in the South Pacific as a U.S. Navy lieutenant during World War II. After the war, he entered the insurance business and later formed his own insurance agency, J.A. Versical & Associates. He moved his office from downtown Detroit to Grosse Pointe Woods and operated

at the corner of Lennon and Mack for 25 years. When he retired in 1986, the agency was ranked 15th largest insurance agency in metro Detroit by Crain's Detroit Business.

Mr. Versical coached his sons in the Woods-Shores Little League, was a member of Lochmoor Club, De La Salle Alumni Association, Belgian-American Century Club and the Belgian-American Businessmen's Association.

He is survived by his children, Joseph Jr. (Linda), Ann (John) Crowley, John (Pam), James, David (Jan) and Robert; brother, Robert (Karin) Versichele; grandchildren, Joseph III, Jeffrey, Jason, Jarred, John, Kristi, James, Bethany and Luis Versical; and Michael, Catherine and John Crowley.

Mr. Versical was predeceased in 1985, by his wife of 41 years, Catherine.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at Our Lady Star of the Sea.

Arrangements were provided by the A.H. Peters Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to CROP Walk for World Hunger, 809 Center St., Suite 7A, Lansing, MI 48906.

#### Fred Monroe Zeder II

Ambassador Fred Monroe Zeder II, 82, of Pebble Beach Calif., died Friday, March 12, 2004, at Monterey Community Hospital.

He was born March 14, 1921, to Fred Morell Zeder and Lucille Monroe in East Orange, N.J. and raised in Grosse Pointe. He attended the University of Michigan and the University of Southern California.

During World War II, he served as a fighter pilot in the Pacific Theater, retiring from the Air Force reserves in 1951, ranked major.

From the 1950s through the 1970s he worked in the private sector, serving as



Fred Monroe Zeder II

president of Zeder-Talbot, Chrysler-Zeder, CEO and chairman of the board of Hydrometals, and the Paradise Cruise Corp. in Hawaii.

In the early '70s he was elected city councilman in Dallas, Texas. In 1974, he was appointed by President Ford to serve as Director of the Territorial Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior.

In 1982, the U.S. Senate confirmed President Reagan's appointment of Mr. Zeder to the diplomatic post of President's Personal Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations, with the rank of ambassador.

In 1988, he was appointed by Republican nominee George H.W. Bush to act as his personal representative for the transition and after

the election he served as senior adviser to the President-Elect.

In 1989, President Bush appointed Ambassador Zeder as President and CEO of the Overseas Private Investment Corp.

Ambassador Zeder also served on the National Bush for President steering committee, the board of directors of the Air Force Academy, the Board of Trustees of the George H.W. Bush Library, and he was a decorated Knight of Malta.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Post Rogers Zeder; sons, Fred M. Zeder III and Howard Zeder; daughters, Melinda Zeder and Suzan Zeder; stepchildren, Judith Coulter and Randall Post; sisters, Priscilla Posselieus and Margaret Blaire; 11 grandchildren, two great grandchildren and four step-grandchildren.

Ambassador Zeder was predeceased by his first wife of 57 years, Martha Blood Zeder; and daughter Wendy Zeder.

Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery, Southfield.

Arrangements were provided by the Paul Mortuary in Pacific Grove, Calif.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Community Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box HH, Monterey, CA 93942 or Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula, 700 Jewel Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

## Be ready for spring storms

AAA Michigan advises residents to understand the risks associated with severe weather and to protect themselves and their property from danger. It is estimated that \$50 million in property damage was wreaked by 15 tornadoes and numerous thunderstorms in Michigan last year.

On average, Michigan experiences 16 tornadoes each year during the April to August season. The peak season is May, June and July.

Follow these steps to be prepared, advises AAA:

- Make all family members familiar with your community's severe weather warning system. Listen for the National Weather Service's NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) Weather Radio, or local radio, television and cable stations for the latest weather updates. Make sure to have a battery-operated radio to ensure a continuous flow of weather information. Know what to do and where to meet if a warning sounds.

- Designate a family shelter. In a home, the basement offers the greatest safety. In homes without basements, seek a small room such as a closet or bathroom in the centermost portion of your home.

- Avoid doors and windows. Seek shelter under something sturdy such as a staircase, workbench, furniture or temporary shelter space with overhead protection. If you are in a mobile home, prearrange a shelter in a permanent structure.

- Prepare a severe storm and disaster safety kit for your shelter area. It should include basics such as:

- portable battery-powered radio
- flashlights and lanterns and spare batteries for each
- basic tool kit
- first-aid kit
- emergency cooking equipment and canned or boxed food you don't have to refrigerate or cook
- three-day supply of bottled water (one gallon per person per day)
- gloves
- prescription medications
- credit cards and cash
- extra car and house keys
- important documents
- annually updated photo or video record of each room for your homeowner's insurance coverage

- emergency numbers
- blankets, sleeping bags or other items also can protect against flying debris, which causes most injuries and deaths.

- If you are in a trailer or mobile home, seek other shelter immediately, like a ditch. If there is no time, use the bathtub. Homes with tie-downs provide some protection, but because of their light construction, they are vulnerable to high winds and flying debris.

- Make a habit of removing items that can become flying debris from your yard if a tornado watch is announced.

- Opening your windows to reduce "pressure" is a myth. Tornadoes don't cause a house to "explode" and this will only allow wind and rain to damage the interior. The most important step is to seek shelter.

- If you are in a car when a tornado is imminent, don't try to outrun it. Many are killed or injured by remaining in their vehicles, say weather officials. Leave your vehicle and find the best available shelter. Ditches, culverts and under freeway overpass steel superstructures may provide limited protection.

- On average, lightning kills more people than tornadoes each year, according to the National Weather Service.

- If you are caught in the open in a thunderstorm:

- Move indoors or into a hardtop car. Stay away from towers, fences, telephone poles and power lines or other structures that might be struck. Don't touch metal. On a boat or in the water, get to land immediately.

- If there is no shelter, find a low spot away from trees, fences and poles but not in an area subject to floods. In the woods, find shelter under the shortest trees. If your skin tingles or hair stands on end, don't lie down. Squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet to limit ground contact. Place your hands over your ears and lower your head to make yourself the smallest target possible.

- Indoors, unplug major appliances to avoid damage from lightning power surges and use the phone only in an emergency. Use surge protectors on appliances and computers to help minimize damage. Don't take a bath or shower during a thunderstorm.

- Listen for severe weather reports and be ready to take additional action quickly if necessary.

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## This is the most powerful Volvo ever built

By Steve Schaefer

With the S60 R sedan and V70 R wagon, the Swedish manufacturer Volvo has entered new territory, and has mounted its first real challenge to the well-known German performance four-doors.

Folks, they did it with 300 horsepower from a turbocharged 2.5-liter five-cylinder engine with continuously variable valve timing. To help dissipate the heat created in producing that much energy from a modestly proportioned powerplant, twin intercoolers live under the hood. A mighty 295 pound-feet of torque contributes to the S60 R blasting from zero to 60 mph in just 5.4 seconds with the standard six-speed manual transmission. Surely this is the most powerful Volvo ever built.

You know it's a Volvo, because despite its hearty roar, the new engine meets

Low Emission Vehicle (LEV) standards and is rated at 18 mpg city, 25 highway. My mileage for the week came to 19.4 mpg. Premium fuel is required.

To further sweeten the pot, the S60 R comes with all-wheel-drive standard. Combined with the electronic wizardry of Dynamic Stability Traction Control, this Volvo is adept at putting its prodigious power to the road without any unpleasant surprises.

The new car wears the same tapered, stylish design as other S60s, which along with the larger S80 introduced earlier, has liberated Volvo from its traditional box form. But the S60 R gets many special features, some aesthetic, some for performance, some for comfort, and some for security.

The 300-horsepower engine is the biggest differentiator of course, as is the

close-ratio six-speed manual transmission, which was specially reinforced to take the high torque of the new engine. You can opt for the Geartronic five-speed automatic transmission, which permits clutchless manual shifts if you're in a sporty mood.

Close to the road, the Continuously Controlled Chassis Concept (Four-C) is Volvo's electronically controlled chassis / suspension. It offers three settings, Comfort, Sport, and Advanced Sport. Using seven electronic sensors, the system collects data on the movement of the car and adjusts the shock valve damping in milliseconds to compensate for road conditions and driving style.

Stopping a supercar takes special brakes, and this Volvo sports 13-inch Brembo four-wheel discs with four-piston aluminum calipers. Bi-Xenon head-

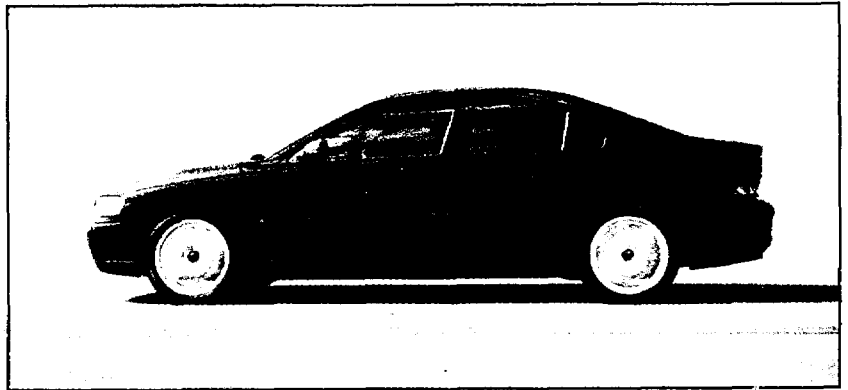


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### 2004 Volvo S60 R

lights with washers light the way even at the 155 mph electronically limited top speed.

On the outside, the S60 R wears a unique grille, rear spoiler, air intake, and rear trunk spoiler. Big 17-inch Pegasus alloy wheels sparkle. My Black Sapphire Metallic tester had the super cool optional 18-inch titanium wheels (\$995), shod in high-performance Pirelli tires.

On the inside, the S60 R is peaceful and serene at well above the freeway speed limit. The Volvo Danish Modern look is enhanced with extremely comfortable full leather seats. My test car had the optional pumpkin-colored ATACAMA leather interior (\$1,550), with contrasting blue stitching. The instrument panel gauges pick up that blue in their faces with glinting metal rings around them, resembling giant Seiko watches.

The Volvo manual transmission shifts easily, but it does not, as in most manual-equipped cars, have a leather bag around the stalk. Instead, the lever enters into what appears to

be one part of the surface of a silver sphere, of which only a small part is exposed.

Driving the S60 R is really the best of both worlds. With its power and control, it handles like a sports car, but with its bank vault solidity and five-passenger capacity, it's a fine family hauler. In the whispering quiet of the interior, you can hear every nuance of the terrific audio system. My tester had the optional 200-watt system with Dolby Prologic Surround Sound. It came as part of the \$1,995 Premium Package, which also added a power glass sunroof. The Dolby Prologic wizardry makes any CD sound like a live concert. It is one of the finest systems I have heard in quite a while.

The S60 R has plenty of other standard features, such as power eight-way driver and passenger seats (the driver's has three-way memory, too). These chairs also have front kangaroo storage pockets. The leather-wrapped steering wheel tilts and telescopes for perfect positioning. The outside mirrors are power activated, heated for

defrosting, and can be set with the memory control. There's a dust and pollen filter for the air inside, and on the radiator, the PremiAir system helps transform ground level ozone into oxygen as you drive.

The Climate Package in my tester added heated front seats and a rain sensor (\$400). Rain sensing wipers are a joy when the storm can't make up its mind how much rain it wants to dump on your windshield.

The list price for the S60 R is \$37,250, plus a \$685 destination charge. My tester had optional metallic paint (\$450), the aforementioned Premium Package, leather seats, Climate Package, and those gorgeous 18-inch wheels. The bottom line came to \$43,320.

This limited edition sedan, along with its V70 R wagon sibling, makes Volvo's cars to lust over. It's like a low-fat chocolate cake with all of the flavor, delivering all of the pleasure, but none of the risk. Taste one today.

—AutoWire

## Buick Rainier offers smoother ride

By Greg Zyla

This week we test drive the 2004 Buick Rainier, a brand-new sport utility vehicle that hit showroom floors last fall. The Rainier offers beautiful style inside and out. It's a step ahead of many other vehicles in amenities and technology, and produces one of the smoothest SUV rides we've encountered.

Outside, there's a lot that stands out, including clear, jewel-like headlamps, fog lamps outlined in chrome, sculpted wheel flares and eight-spoke, 17-inch wheels.

Inside, we were struck by Rainier's classy instrument panel. Green needles stand out nicely against a course-looking silver base, creating a look more of fine jewelry than vehicle gauges. Throughout the cabin, Buick utilizes a mix of chrome accents and dark burl walnut woodgrain to create a luxurious feel.

The interior is available in either pewter or cashmere monochromatic color schemes. The front bucket seats and three-passenger

rear seating areas are perforated leather, and all door panels are trimmed in soft-touch materials.

A technological highlight is the Driver Information Center, a narrow strip of computer screen under the speedometer that provides information on 13 on-board systems ranging from fuel mileage to seat-position programming. The driver can scroll through the options with push-button controls on the steering wheel.

What we also noticed inside is that we didn't hear noise from the outside. Rainier's exclusive QuietTuning process uses an acoustic laminate windshield, laminated front side-door glass and special quiet-tread tires. These work in conjunction with 26 strategically positioned acoustic absorbers and seals to help prevent exterior noise from reaching the cabin. Noise is even further reduced by a modular cockpit design that Buick says virtually eliminates instrument panel squeaks and rattles.

Cabin comfort is also

enhanced by Rainier's ride. From the swing of back-road turns to the bumps of the interstate, Rainier kept the ride smooth. Its double A-arm, independent front suspension and a five-link, solid-axle with electronically controlled air suspension in the rear produce a smooth, stable ride that feels more like a luxury vehicle than mid-size SUV.

Our tester also came with Buick's optional 5.3-liter V-8. We're sure the standard Vortec 4200 4.2-liter Inline 6 provides ample power, but there's nothing like having eight cylinders if you want more power and gas mileage isn't an issue. The bigger engine is a plus, too, if towing is a consideration, with Rainier able to pull an impressive 6,500 pounds with the V-8, all-wheel-drive model.

Rainier comes standard with a four-speed automatic transmission featuring electronically controlled automatic overdrive. Rear-wheel drive is also standard, but

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# Labor Department to release jobs report tomorrow

The markets are expected to bide time most of this week awaiting the Labor Department's Jobs Report tomorrow (Friday). Also awaited sometime this week is the Financial Accounting Standards Board disclosure of its recommendations regarding the expensing of stock options.

The markets rallied last Thursday, March 25, with the Dow leaping 170 points and the Nasdaq Composite jumping 58 points. Thursday's gains offset Monday's losses, leaving the week with another so-so close. The Dow posted a net gain of 26 points, closing at 10,213, and the Nasdaq wound up 20 points to close at 1,960.

Crude oil retreated 1.89 a barrel last week to 35.73 on hopes that the OPEC cartel meeting this week will back away from its previously announced intent to reduce its oil production by 4 percent in April.

## In the Vanguard

Vanguard, n., is defined as "that which is in the forefront." John C. Bogle must have dreamed up this name in 1975 when he proposed that the 11 former Wellington mutual funds "mutualize."

Since Bogle knew that every dollar a mutual fund pays to its "outside" fund management company must come out of the investors' (shareholders') pockets, he took the bookkeeping and records away from Wellington Management, leaving it with only the portfolio selection duties (at reduced fees).

Shortly thereafter, Bogle set up The Vanguard Group (TVG) firm to handle these administrative duties, with ownership of TVG held by Vanguard investors.

Money magazine (April

2004) features a five-page article titled, "The Vanguard Chronicles," by Jason Zweig. The subhead states, "Red-hot growth is testing the quirky, quasi-religious culture of this mutual fund icon."

In the 1970s, Bogle took the former Wellington "load" funds, which had up to 8 1/2 percent commissions paid to selling brokerage firms, and made them all "no-load" funds with 100 percent of investors' money actually invested into their fund.

In 1981, Bogle terminated outside investment, bringing portfolio selection "in-house," thereby removing the middlemen who got rich off investors' money, since all economies of scale benefited the management company, not the investors.

In October 1987, Vanguard introduced the first retail index mutual fund, the Vanguard 500 Index, symbol: VFINX. It mirrors the price movement of the S&P 500 Index unit trust, an exchange traded fund, symbol: SPY, which trades on the American Stock Exchange at 1/10th the price of the index itself. SPY is advertised as "Spiders" with a short name: SPDR.

Did you know that more than two-thirds of all mutual funds never achieve the return of their benchmark, the S&P 500 Index? Why not own this index itself? But a 500-stock portfolio is impractical for individual investors.

Instead, why not buy the index's unit trust, the Spiders? To do so, you'll have to have a brokerage account, and pay an additional brokerage commission for the purchase, ouch!

That's why so many investors, both institutional and individual, have \$97 billion invested in the no-load Vanguard 500 Index

## Let's talk... STOCKS

By Joseph Mengden

funds, with an annual expense ratio (including management fees) of 18 basis points, or 18/100 of 1 percent, and no 12b-1 fees. Investors harvest annual cash yields 1.35 percent after expenses, which is far better than most money market funds.

But Vanguard's bread-and-butter business is equity mutual funds, with superlative performance based on diversification, a buy-and-hold (low tax) policy and constantly putting the investor first!

In 1995, Bogle announced

his retirement with Jack Brennan as his successor, a man of extraordinary character, intelligence, diligence and judgment.

When Brennan took over, Vanguard had \$150 billion assets. Today it has \$725 billion invested in over 125 large and very large equity mutual funds. For the last 19 years, Brennan has focused on better ways to cut costs. And the cash keeps pouring in!

You've read that the costs of most mutual funds don't fall, percentage wise, as funds grow. At Vanguard,

they do — from 0.30 percent expense ratio in 1994 to 0.25 percent in 2003.

The "expense ratio" includes the management fees, 12b-1 fees, transaction costs (including all the hidden "soft dollar" payments) and all administrative costs. It's not unusual to see ratios of 1 to 1.5 percent, or more, at funds you see advertised regularly on TV.

Why do they spend so much of their investors' money to grow their assets if there are no economies of scale?

With 17 million Vanguard shareholders, Brennan is ready to face a future of even larger size and ever growing service demands from investors. He wants Vanguard to change what it does without changing the principles that placed it on the high moral ground of

## Stock Market at a Glance

Friday Close, 3/26/04

Dow Jones Ind.....	10,213
Nasdaq Comp.....	1,960
S&P 500 Index.....	1,108
\$ in EUROS.....	1.2127
Crude Oil (Bbl.).....	35.73
Gold (Oz.).....	422.20
3-Mo. T-Bills.....	0.93%
30-Yr. T-Bonds.....	4.76%

the mutual fund industry.

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.

# Women scientists wanted — and prisoners

Here's something important for the young ladies.

According to the National Council for Research on Women, the percentage of women enrolled in undergraduate computer science programs has drastically declined over a 15-year period.

In 1984, the percentage of science degrees earned by women was 37 percent. The percentage dropped to less than 20 percent in 1999. At that time, 90 percent of high school students taking advanced-placement tests for computer science college credit were male, according to the study.

How do we fix that? Better yet, how do we fix that in southeastern Michigan?

Lawrence Technological University announced last week that AT&T has awarded \$25,000 to the university and the Michigan Council of Women and Technology (MCWT) to implement the "AT&T Young Women in Technology Camp" this summer.

The program, designed to introduce young women to computer and Internet technologies through hands-on activities, will be attended by 40 Detroit-area fourth through seventh grade girls selected through an application process.

Mom and Dad: The early nerd catches the computer worm. (Cute, huh?) Repeating: There are only 40 slots to fill.

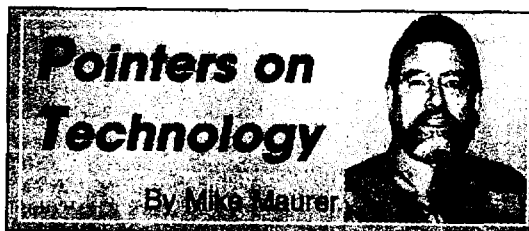
The AT&T grant will enable the partners to offer the program free to young women. The camp will be held at Lawrence Tech's Southfield campus, with university faculty providing instruction.

Lawrence Tech will work with the MCWT to develop camp curriculum and identify and recruit leading female technologists to serve as role models and mentors for the campers. After completing the camp, the young women will be invited to participate in MCWT's Technology Learning Program designed to further expose students to technology and to maintain contact with Detroit's technology leaders.

My next item is undeniable proof of the world is a crazy place. "How crazy is it?" you ask. Try this on.

The Lexis-Nexis extensive database of laws and court cases, mostly used by law firms, schools and libraries, is going to prison.

Prisons are required by law to provide inmates access to legal information. The problems are that law books are expensive, quickly outdated and easily dam-



By Mike Maurer

aged. The service from Lexis-Nexis is cheaper and now being made available to convicts.

Of course, I can't afford it unless I bump off a liquor store. Then it is free. What is wrong with this picture? Hang on, there is more.

Inmates can damage computers. So?

Lexis-Nexis has installed computer kiosks resistant to damage in four prisons in Hawaii and five in California. The kiosk consists of a touch-screen computer monitor covered in shatterproof glass inside a steel box bolted to a wall.

Just what I needed when the kids were young and took the message, "Hit any key" literally.

Prisons also had to be assured that the kiosks, manufactured by Touch Sonic Technologies in Santa Rosa, Calif., would not pose a danger of broken glass that could be used as weapons.

I suppose it also cuts back on paper cuts. Do I sound like a cynic?

Next up: Scowling at your computer is helpful, if...

Okemos-based TechSmith Corp. has introduced new software called Morae that it says records and synchronizes user and system data

for the analysis of human-computer interaction.

Huh? Let's translate that to English.

The software, with help from a digital camcorder, watches your face as you work. It then synchronizes the picture with what you are doing on the computer. Scientists can study the video to see what you were doing when problems occur.

Why do this?

It offers software usability geeks responsible for making sure a software product works properly a new view into the way software, Web sites and e-business applications are seen and experienced by Joe Schmo, or you and me.

Perpetual sourpusses, like Dennis the Menace's neighbor, Mr. Wilson, need not apply.

I wonder how it reacts to sheepish grins like mine when I make a mistake [sic].

I can now turn in my "Male Chauvinist Pig" badge. Right, Kermy?

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.

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To help provide insights into this problem, Personal Financial Services from AAA Michigan will present

two free seminars on annuities at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 6, in AAA Michigan's Grosse Pointe office.

Professionals will discuss all aspects about the role annuities play in investing that individuals should consider.

The seminar is open to the general public as well as AAA members. Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling toll-free (877) 238-2488.

## ADVERTISEMENT TO BID LOCKER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

The Board of Education of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Wayne County, Michigan, will receive sealed bids for locker improvements at Trombly Elementary School.

Specifications and bid forms will be available at a **MANDATORY pre-bid meeting** on Tuesday, April 20, 2004 at 10:00 a.m., in the receiving room of Trombly Elementary School, located at 820 Beaconsfield, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

Sealed bids will be due Tuesday, April 27 at 1:30 p.m. at the Administration Building of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, 389 St. Clair Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230, at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. This project will not be funded by federal or state monies.

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

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## Business People

Grosse Pointe Park resident **Vincent Brennan**, vice president of Everest Engineering, has been appointed to the Michigan Transportation Commission.

The commission establishes policy for the Michigan Department of Transportation, its programs and facilities, and other public works of the state as provided by law.

Brennan's term expires Dec. 21, 2006.

bd's mongolian barbeque has announced that **Carolyn Gutow Martin** of Grosse Pointe Woods has joined the company's team as the new training director.

As training director, Martin offers 10 years of industry experience. Her duties include instructing new and existing teammates and managers on the restaurant procedures. She also is responsible for drafting and preparing all necessary training materials.

Prior to joining bd's mongolian barbeque, Martin worked at Main Street and Main Inc. as human resources and training manager.



Wise

**John A. Wise** has joined the firm of Howard & Howard Attorneys PC as a result of the recent merger of Williams Mullen.

Wise devotes a major portion of his practice to corporate, commercial and real estate matters, with particular emphasis on business mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, joint ventures, corporate counseling, contract negotiations and drafting and financing including asset-based lines of credit, unsecured lines of credit and real estate financing. He also represents non-U.S. firms and joint ventures doing business in the U.S. and U.S. firms in their foreign commercial transactions and acquisitions.

Wise is a resident of Grosse Pointe Park.

## Women's career day offers North role models

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

The young women were inspired.

On Friday, March 26, Grosse Pointe North's Willow, a women's leadership group, sponsored a Professional Women's Day in which a wide variety of women from different backgrounds described to approximately 100 young women their lives and careers and what's important in life.

From 12 careers as diverse as an automotive

executive to a talent agent to an interior designer to health workers to a government chemist, the North girls learned about many different ways in which they might want to lead their lives.

"I got a lot out of it. I have no idea where I want to go in life. It was interesting to hear so many options and to hear how you can change your life around," student Kelly Gallagher said.

"They were really inspiring, and they all made connections," added student

Gina Ventimiglia. "It made me think about other career options. I thought that was good: you can look into different things."

The 12 women were glad they could serve as role models for the young women.

"It's a great opportunity to give back," said Lisa Vreede, a school board member who used to work for Texas Instruments. "I'm happy to share the experience I had."

The women described the nature of the industry they work in and how they got to where they are. They peppered their presentations with many words of wisdom about how to thrive.

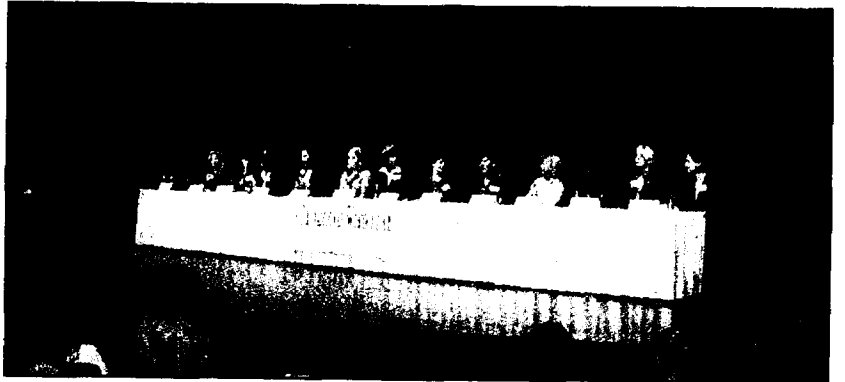
Lawyer Mary O'Donnell stressed the importance of achieving financial independence and socializing with men as well as women.

Constantina, a former model and current talent agent, urged the girls to get as good an education as possible so they can be able to reason.

"The most important asset you can have is to think and think quickly," she said.

Interior designer Dyane Ryan told the girls that everything she accomplished in life was due to following her heart.

"Look at the big picture and approach it with passion and joy," she told the young women.



Photos by Carrie Cunningham

For a Professional Women's Day, 12 women, above, described an array of different careers as well as ways to be successful to Grosse Pointe North young women.

Ann Chevalier, a chemist for the state of Michigan office of air quality, tackled the issue of work versus family and said it was OK to be a mom.

"Staying at home is an important job, and you are working," she said.

The group Willow aims to nurture the leadership potential of young women. The group oversees a mentorship program among North students and has participated in service projects such as aiding struggling teens and furnishing the apartments of those who need help.

In addition to the Professional Women's Day, the group sponsored a lec-

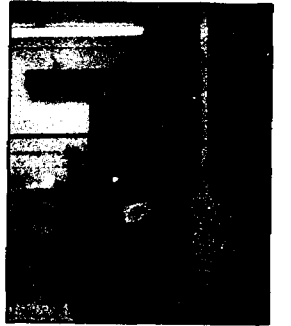
ture by Rachel Simmons on girls' relations to each other.

Some girls hope a women's day will be held next year, and student Grace Butts, who organized the women's day, thought the forum went very smoothly with the panelists meshing together in a way that was informative.

"It was a success overall," she said.

Perhaps most exciting for the young women who listened to the presentations was the smorgasbord of opportunities open to them. They have numerous ways and approaches to becoming productive women.

"The possibilities for you are limitless," Vreede told them.



Grace Butts, a member of Willow, the group that sponsored the day, thought the women's presentations complemented one another.



Talent agent Constantina, pictured above with Christina Coury, stressed the importance of receiving an education.

## North students shine musically at MSBOA festival

Grosse Pointe North High School was represented extremely well the weekend of March 27 at the MSBOA State Solo and Ensemble Festival held at Farmington Harrison High School. A record number of North students performed solos and ensembles for professional adjudicators and were awarded a ranking of one to five based on the quality of their overall performance. Performances receiving first or second division ranking were awarded medals. North High School took home a total of nine second division medals and

17 first division medals.

Students were judged on the overall execution of their piece, including technique, intonation, ensemble, tone and dynamics. All students performing at the state festival received a superior first place medal at the district festival held in January.

The following students brought home a third division rating: Ashley Allemon, Kara Miller (violin duet); Lauren Zedan, Ashley Payton (woodwind duet).

The following students received second division medals for their excellent performances:

Jennifer Smith (violin solo); Joseph Hong, Kyle Kwiatkowski, Carly Hanna, Margaret Walton (string quartet); Ben Wasmuth, Alex Duncan, Cory Stanton (trumpet trio); Chris Blunden Blunden, Nicole Diesing, Matt Goerke, Ed Grumeretz (French horn quartet); Nicole Diesing (French horn solo); Alex Duncan (trumpet solo); Joseph McDonnell, Michael Hulway (trumpet duet); Roy Lucier, Meghan Gleason (saxophone duet); and Roy Lucier (alto sax solo).

The following students

received a first division medal for their superior performance and were ranked with the finest musicians in the entire state: Ben Lupo, Thomas Cameron, Joseph Hong (string trio); Nick Ridella (trumpet solo); Amanda Klimczuk (piano solo); Maria Saiciccioli (clarinet solo); Rebecca Rhee (piano solo); Alexander Sikorski (piano solo); Amanda Klimczuk (violin solo); Alexander Sikorski (marimba solo); Rebecca Rhee (violin solo); Andrea Sheridan, Carly Hanna (viola duet); Bridget Brosnan (flute solo); Ben Wasmuth (trum-

pet solo); Joseph Hong (violin solo); Caitlin Fuhrmann (oboe solo); Meghan Gleason (clarinet solo); Bridget Brosnan, Jane McDonnell (woodwind duet); and Ed Grumeretz (piano solo).

Special recognition goes to Rebecca Rhee for achieving a nearly perfect score of 99 points.

The above students are part of the North Band and Orchestra under the direction of David Cleveland and Joe Bauer. Several of these students also study privately after school.



### Solving for service

Our Lady Star of the Sea fourth and fifth grade students volunteered to participate in a math-a-thon to help raise money. The group of about 40 students is pictured above.

They raised an incredible \$4,855.55 to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital by soliciting pledges based on the number of math problems they completed.

Students solved up to 225 problems plus 30 bonus questions.



### Honor Society stars

The St. Peter Canisius, S.J. Chapter of the National Honor Society of the University of Detroit Jesuit High School named five former students of Our Lady Star of the Sea to its ranks. They are above: Albert Paglia, John Dillon, Justin DiRezzo, Joseph Shaheen and John DeFour.

### North Choir receives first division rank at choir festival

Some 130 Grosse Pointe North students marked a triumphant return to the District Choral Festival on Wednesday, March 17. Mandy Mikita Scott, in her first year as Grosse Pointe North's Director of Choirs, led all four GPN Choirs to receive First Division ratings after being adjudicated for a prepared performance of two selections and for sight readings. By receiving this rating, all choirs have been invited to perform at the State Choir Festival in Lansing on May 4 and 5. This was the first performance by GPN Choirs at District Choral Festival since 1999.

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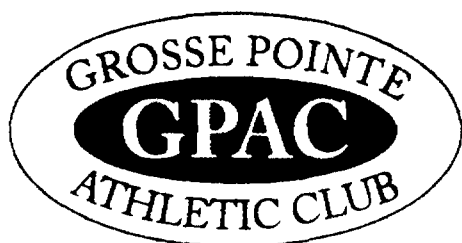
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## St. Clare student rewarded in solution-based writing contest

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

While stories that embellish facts are rightly forbidden in nonfiction accounts, making up stories in the free parameters of fiction writing can create wonders.

Stephen Peck, one seventh-grade student at St. Clare of Montefalco, has plumbed the heights of his imagination to create an award winning story entitled "Three is Company."

Peck and three other St. Clare students — Phoenix DiMauro, Nick Elsey and Josh Nosedá — entered the Michigan Future Problem Solving Scenario Writing Competition. The contest called for students to write a 1,500 word story that confronted the issue of problem solving. The students were asked to contemplate characters in the future who faced some type of challenge.

Peck was named a semi-finalist at the state level for his work.

"It's pretty cool. It's an honor," Peck said.

The judges were enthralled with his account.

"(The story had) the most futuristic references I've seen in a long time. Nice work," one of the judges said.

In his story, he examined themes of bullying and rage. Three friends become distant from each other as a result of the rage of one of them. The friends cured the angry person by nurturing him and going to a doctor in Los Angeles, who gave the down-and-out boy prescriptions.

"He got rid of his rage issues. It was a bond that turned out to solve the



Photo by Carrie Cunningham

**Stephen Peck is a seventh-grade student at St. Clare of Montefalco school who was named a semi-finalist in the Michigan Future Problem Solving Scenario Writing Competition.**

problem in the end," Peck said. "(The friends) were more like they used to be."

Peck loves writing fiction because of the freedom associated with it.

"You can be so creative. There are no limits. What comes in your head, you can put on paper," he said.

Additionally, emotions and thoughts can be depicted with color in a unique way.

"It can give people something to create on their own," Peck said.

One of Peck's favorite fictional accounts is J.R. Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings."

"It was just amazing how he created different worlds and made it seem so real," Peck said.

Peck's story will be published in St. Clare's writing anthology, and he will go to Eastern Michigan University to receive an award for his efforts.

Peck, 12, has only written fiction when assigned to him in school.



### Celebrating achievers

Where would one be likely to encounter Vincent Van Gogh, John Glenn and Eleanor Roosevelt all in one room? At the Grosse Pointe Academy. Third graders at the school presented their Famous People in History projects for their classmates.

The students spent the past several weeks researching their chosen subject and then dressed up in costume on Friday, March 19, to deliver an oral report as the culminating activity of the social studies unit.

Pictured are (back row from left): Jalen Battle, Dylan Demkowicz, Lauren Schaller, Libby Watson, Jeffrey Woolstrum, Nicholas Lupul, Katherine Woodward, Gerard Smith, Phillip Pierce, Amanda Heidt and Giovanna Possellus; In the middle row: Morgan Westwood, Ryley Maher, Richie Cieszkowski, Michelle Tucker, Samantha Campau and Liam McIlroy; In the front row are Kate Wacker, Nicholas Morley, Chandler Warren, Julia Kaiser, Ciara Lohr, Ellie Chambers and Mikey Shields.

### Student Publications Earn Highest Honor

Pierce Middle School's literary magazine, "Inklings," and newspaper, "The Trojan Times," were honored with Crown Awards by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association at Columbia University. A Crown Award is widely considered the highest honor a student publication can receive.

"Inklings" received its first award. Just four middle school literary magazines were recognized this year nationwide. English teacher Shari Adwers led her staff to this accomplishment in her first year as adviser. The

award is for the 2002-03 publication. The editors were Haley Reimer, Courtney Graham, Maya Reeves, Hayley Theisen, Kelsey Webster, Britt Wedenoja and Kate Kennedy.

"The Trojan Times" earned its fifth Crown, which is a national middle school record. This year's award was a top-level Gold Crown, one of just two given out this year and a first for the Times. The senior editors were Emily McLaughlin, Brendan Buckley, Jackie Croley and

Sam Mannino. The adviser is Andrew Taylor.

Grosse Pointe South students' newspaper, "The Tower," also received a Silver Crown this year. Grosse Pointe is the only district nationwide with three publications recognized by Columbia University.

More than 1,500 CSPS members submitted magazines, newspapers and yearbooks for this competition. Publications were judged on writing/editing, concept, photography, art and graphics.

# Traveling circus brings fun and self-esteem to Maire

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

Exotic feats coupled with team work gave Maire students a sense of self-esteem and excitement.

On Thursday, March 4, a group called Cirque Amongus came to Maire Elementary and introduced students to the fun and wild world of circus performance.

"It was a great way to bring the whole school community together," Maire principal Kathleen Satut said.

The group, which culled its ideas from a circus group in the Netherlands, introduced students to 10 circus activities, which the students all learned to perform themselves. The activities included acrobatics, equilibratics (which involves balancing acts), hula hoops and jump ropes, magic, manipulation juggling, tightwire, toss juggling, trapeze and unicycles.

"There have been several studies that (show) such skills are very beneficial to kids as far as motivation and self-esteem," said Sem Abraham, who runs Cirque Amongus with his wife Teresa.

In the morning students were instructed on how to perform the 10 circus activities, and in the afternoon, each student chose one skill to perform in skits.

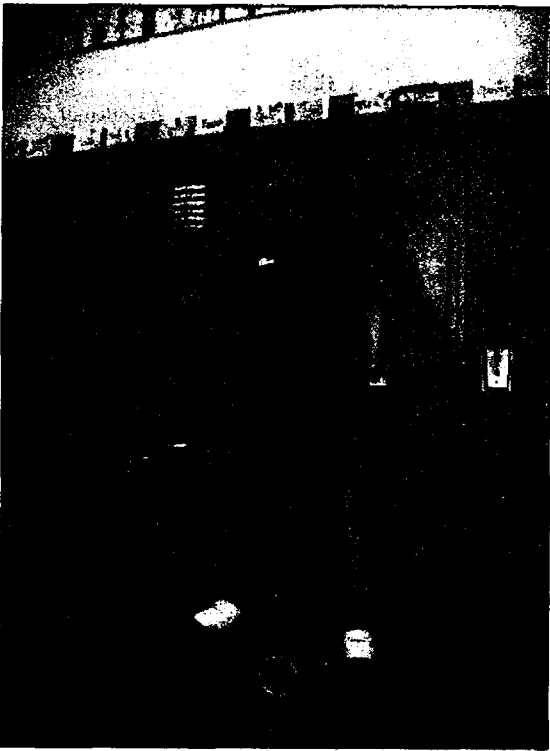
Like real circus performers, students had their faces painted as well as costumes to achieve an entertaining effect in the skits. Every child at Maire got the chance to perform.

"The gym was so packed. People were spilling out into the hallway," Abraham said.

Cirque Amongus was a total school community effort. Some 45 volunteers helped run the morning and afternoon activities, and the Abrahams had the day meticulously organized.

"It was very easy. The parent response was great," said Kim Clepton, the student assembly coordinator of the Maire PTO, which sponsored the event.

The Abrahams, who live in Livonia, have been performing acts for over 20 years at sports half-times and festivals. Cirque Amongus is a way for them to bring the joy of performance to youth. They really



Cirque Amongus traveled to Maire Elementary on Thursday, March 4, introducing students to the wonderful world of circus performance. Above, Maire student Jack Klink displays his balancing prowess in one of the activities taught to students.

favored immersing themselves in the Maire community.

"We loved it. It was a wonderful school. They had a great amount of volunteers who came out," Abraham said.

In addition to Maire, the Abrahams have gone to Trombly and Mason Elementary Schools. Indeed, it was the ecstatic response from Trombly and Mason participants that prompted the Maire community to sign up with Cirque Amongus.

Valuable lessons were instilled in students during the day.

"The students learned about team work and helping and encouraging each other," Satut said. "They cheered each other and were excited about what they were learning."

The fear that is so often associated with adolescence was dispelled via the circus. "I did not have a single child who couldn't walk the tightrope," Satut said. "It was a wonderful experiment. (The kids) tried things they never tried before."

Equally good was the reality that everyone had an amazing amount of fun.

"The kids said it was the best day of their life," Satut



Photo courtesy of Penny Stocks

## Tantalizing tea

Members of Penny Stocks' staff at Poupard Elementary had a tea party for a staff meeting which Superintendent Suzanne Klein attended on Tuesday, March 16.

Staff, dressed in flowery hats with gloves and stoles, lounged at cloth-covered tables with flowers, sugar cubes, tea sandwiches and cookies spread across them.

"I thought it was wonderful. Dr. Klein thought it was great too," Stocks said. "We have a lot of fun at the staff meetings. It's very cohesive."

Above left are physical education teachers Cheryl Gawe and Deb Rabb sipping tea.

Stocks is planning future activities with her staff such as bowling. A new principal this year, Stocks feels lucky that she has such a great staff.

"They work hard. We like getting together," she said.

## GP School Board Meetings

The Grosse Pointe Public Schools Board of Education will have a conference meeting on Monday, April 5. On Monday, April 19, they will conduct a regular meeting. The public is welcome to attend.

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## Dance group working with schools

Grosse Pointe Schools has once again received a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, allowing the district to bring back the professional modern dance company, Detroit Dance Collective (DDC).

Recently members Kay Rediers and Ann Nguyen taught movement classes to Poupard students, integrating dance with classroom curriculum such as math, language arts and science.

On Friday, March 19, many Poupard students had a chance to perform along with DDC in a lecture demonstration style performance held in the school's gym.

DDC will have an evening performance on Monday, May 10, at 7:30 p.m. at Parcels Middle School which will include Poupard students as well as other students from the district.

During its three year residency, the company of six dancers has taught over 250 individual classroom movement workshops and performed lecture demonstrations at most of the elementary, middle and senior high schools.

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The Board of Education of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Wayne County, Michigan, will receive sealed bids for a track resurfacing project at Grosse Pointe South High School, located at 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Specifications and bid forms will be available on Tuesday, April 13, 2004 at the office of Ehresman Associates, 803 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 350, Troy, MI 48084.

Sealed bids will be due Thursday, April 29, 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. Faxed proposals will be accepted. This project will not be funded by federal or state monies.

Please direct questions to Wayne Halkides, Manager of Buildings and Grounds, 313-432-3082, or Ehresman Associates, 248-244-9710.

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Three Grosse Pointe girls are members of the Honeybaked U-14 hockey team which won the state girls hockey championship. From left, are Kathleen McDonald, Rebecca Hazlett and Aimee O'Brien.

## Local players on girls hockey champs

Four Grosse Pointe girls on the Honeybaked under-14 and under-16 hockey teams will be competing in the National Girls Hockey Championships this week in Rochester, N.Y.

Both squads won state championships last month. The Honeybaked U-14 team played five games in the state tournament and scored 46 goals while allowing only two.

Earlier this season, the U-14 team won four tournament championships — the Willowdale Red Wings, Toronto Solid Gold, Windsor Rose City and Golden Blades U-16 B.

Honeybaked U-14 takes a 51-6-7 record into the national tournament. It finished second in the Midwest Elite Hockey League and in the Toronto Silver Stick AA tournament.

Local players on the U-14 team are Rebecca Hazlett, Kathleen McDonald and Aimee O'Brien.

Hazlett is the team's only goalie. She recorded four shutouts in the state tournament. She is an eighth grader at University Liggett Middle School and carries a 3.8 grade-point average. She plays soccer and basketball at her school. She lives in Grosse Pointe Park and is the daughter of Laura and Scott Hazlett.

McDonald plays defense for Honeybaked. She had two goals and an assist in the state tournament. She is an eighth grader at Brownell Middle School where she maintains a 3.95 GPA and plays volleyball. Her parents are Jean and Max McDonald of Grosse Pointe Farms.

O'Brien plays right wing and center and collected three goals and three assists during the state tournament. It's her third state title and will be her third trip to the Nationals. She is



Laura Danforth

## Two wins for North laxers

Grosse Pointe North's lacrosse team got its season started last week with a pair of impressive victories.

The Norsemen got their first victory ever against powerful Ann Arbor Pioneer when they posted a 7-6 victory.

Eric Kelly scored three goals, including the game winner for North.

Brad Pillen was outstanding in goal, making 18 saves. Earlier, North edged Redford Catholic Central 6-5.

Once again, Pillen turned in an excellent game as he recorded 14 saves against the Shamrocks' high-powered offense.

Kelly scored three goals on four shots.

## South girls win rainy soccer opener

Grosse Pointe South's girls soccer team used the new stadium field for the first time Monday and found it to its liking.

The Blue Devils beat Grand Blanc 1-0 in a defensive struggle that was played in a steady spring rain.

The ball was wet, but play wasn't hampered on the artificial turf, which probably would have been the case if the game had been played on the old field at Barnes.

Grand Blanc's excellent defense thwarted every offensive move by South in

the first half. The Blue Devils were unable to get any shots on goal.

However, South also played solid on defense and the Bobcats managed only one shot on goal in the first half.

The only goal of the game came with 7:32 remaining when Megan Switalski headed in a well-placed corner kick from Hilliary Inger.

South goalkeeper Laura Danforth earned the shutout as she made seven saves, while her defensive corps kept busy in front of her.

Coach Gene Harkins

made a significant personnel change this season as he installed the speedy Lisa Repicky in the key sweeper position.

Joining returning veterans Liz Galea, Greta Schaltenbrand and Switalski is freshman Sarah Stanczyk, who is counted on to be a tough defender.

Anne Dalby and Kelly Springborn provided competent relief for the starters.

Offensively, Liz Ridgway played well, and one of her hard shots cleared the football goalposts. Stephanie Kostyuk and Molly Burns worked hard to move the ball up the wings against

the tough Grand Blanc defense.

Freshman Jessica Leonard demonstrated skill and will be an important addition to the team. C.C. Mengel showed her speed in a relief role.

Joining Inger at midfield, were freshman Anna Cunningham, who was making her first varsity start; Ali Morawski, Jessica and Jennifer Marsh, and Jackie Madison, another varsity newcomer.

Inger and Morawski are both coming back from injuries that kept them out of the lineup most of last season.

## North runners tune up for outdoor meets

Grosse Pointe North's boys track team tuned up for the outdoor season with good performances in a pair of indoor meets.

The Norsemen have nearly everyone back from last year's team and several talented freshmen have joined the veterans.

"Freshmen Robbie Fisher and Alex Davenport should be helpful in the middle distance events, as will Steven Joseph in the mile and two-mile events," said coach Dan Quinn.

"Luke Donahue, DeAndre Henderson and Will Utley should be exciting to watch in the hurdles. Add these young runners to our already-talented team, and I think we're in for a good season."

North had three medalists in the Macomb County Indoor Championships at the Macomb Community College field house.

Fisher and Mario Sexton finished fourth and fifth, respectively, in the 600-meter run.

"Robbie ran a tough, gutsy race, and showed that he's ready to contribute at the high school level," said coach Dan Quinn.

"Mario ran an extremely smart race and ended up running a PR (personal record) by three seconds over last year's race."

North's other medalist was senior co-captain and last year's MVP, Kevin Kwiatkowski, who was fourth in the 60 hurdles.

"Kevin ran faster in each heat he ran," Quinn said.

Robert Bailiff and Cam Cecchini both qualified for the semifinals in the 60 dash, as did Donahue in the 60 hurdles.

Utley and Henderson, ran well in the 300 dash. Joseph and John Bremer finished within a second of each other in the mile.

The Norsemen also competed in the 49th annual Kermit Ambrose Huron River Relays at Eastern Michigan University, and they ran well against some of the top teams in the state.

More than 70 teams from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Ontario sent athletes to the meet.

North's 4x800 relay team of Bremer, Fisher, Sexton and Joseph ran a solid time and ran in the fastest heat of the day with teams from Detroit, Mumford and Saline.

Quinn said that the distance medley relay (1,200-400-800-1,600) was the bright spot of the day for the Norsemen. Bremer, Sexton, Fisher and Stefan Cross combined for a time of 11:45.

"That's one of the fastest DMRs we've run in quite some time," Quinn said.

"Bremer's time of 3:37 in the 1,200 is equivalent to a sub-4:50 mile, and Cross was timed in 5:01 for his split, which is only four seconds from his best."

"Robbie (2:09) and Mario (56.9) both had good legs, which propelled the team. In addition to our distance squad, we were able to get some young kids into some early action, and allow

Robert Bailiff and Kevin Kwiatkowski to compete against some of the best athletes in the Midwest."

Quinn was also pleased with the 4x55 shuttle hurdle team of Kwiatkowski, Donahue, Utley and Henderson.

"Kevin and junior Grant Ditchazy are doing a great job mentoring our young hurdlers," Quinn said.

North opens the dual meet season at home on Tuesday, April 6 against Fraser.

Last year, the Ramblers edged the Norsemen in a close meet.

Quinn said that he expects Marcell Maxwell to be back in action after a break following North's basketball tournament run.

"Look for juniors David Klein (high jump), Spencer Channel (throws) and Ryan Stephens (pole vault) to add to the varsity mix," Quinn said. "Senior leaders Dan Minturn and Scott Nixon will be extremely valuable in all three sprint relays."

## Pointers shine in Big Ten

Four former Grosse Pointe high school swimmers competed in the recent Big Ten Women's Swimming and Diving Championships at the University of Minnesota.

Wisconsin junior Carly Piper, a former Grosse Pointe North swimmer, won the 500-yard freestyle in 4:42.64 and took first place in the 1,650 in 16:06.90.

Piper also swam on the Badgers' 800 and 500 freestyle relay teams that finished second.

She took third place in the 200 freestyle in 1:46.41.

Michigan State sophomore Lindsay Rodin, who graduated from Grosse Pointe South, swam on the Spartans' 800 freestyle relay team that broke the school record that had stood for 18 years.

The time of 7:32.54 gave Michigan State a 10th place overall.

In individual events, Lindsay Rodin was 30th in the 200 butterfly (2:11.54), 41st in the 100 butterfly (59.84) and 51st in the 500 freestyle (5:08.33).

Lindsay's sister, Amber Rodin, posted personal bests in the 50 freestyle (24.57), 100 butterfly (1:02.28) and 100 freestyle (55.86). Amber is a freshman at Michigan State, and also a South graduate.

Dianna Anderson, a junior at Michigan State, finished 29th in both the one-meter and three-meter diving. Anderson, a former North diver, was also an academic all-Big Ten selection.

Wisconsin finished fourth in the team standings, while Michigan State was 10th.



Four former Grosse Pointe high school standouts competed in the Big Ten Women's Swimming and Diving Championships. From left, are Dianna Anderson of Michigan State, Carly Piper of Wisconsin, Lindsay Rodin of Michigan State and Amber Rodin of Michigan State. Anderson and Piper are Grosse Pointe North graduates, while the Rodin sisters are Grosse Pointe South grads.

## Blue Demons reach state semis

Grosse Pointe's schools will have a bumper crop of freshman basketball players next season.

A state AAU championship last year and a trip to the state semifinal round this year proves that.

The Grosse Pointe Blue Demons eighth-grade basketball team came close to defending the state AAU championship it won last year as seventh graders, but fell short, losing 41-32 to eventual champion Woodhaven in the semifinals of the state tournament at Pinckney High School.

"People think this is an all-star team, but it's not," said Blue Demons coach Jim Saros. "All the players live in Grosse Pointe. We started this team in the fifth grade

by picking players from the Neighborhood Club.

"All of the players must join the Neighborhood Club and we allow any of the members to try out. Six of the players have played all four years."

The six are Tim Quinn, Mike Koltun, Pat Gustine, Cale Mannerst, James Costa and Jimmy Saros.

"We wanted the players to play in a more competitive league than the Neighborhood Club," Jim Saros said. "The Neighborhood Club has been great in supporting our efforts. This team was designed for kids who did not have CYO teams to play for and wanted to play more competitive basketball."

The Blue Demons coaches

have been firm in keeping the team a Grosse Pointe squad.

"As our reputation grew as a team, we've had offers from teams we've played against to have their best players come and play for us, but we've always said no," Saros said. "Our goal was to develop Grosse Pointe basketball players to one day play for the Grosse Pointe high schools."

"These kids have gotten so good that sometimes other cities can't believe all of our players live in Grosse Pointe. We just try to play the best teams we can to gain the best experience possible."

This season the Blue Demons played in the

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## Bulldogs win state Pee Wee A crown

The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Pee Wee A Bulldogs recently won the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association state championship in Monroe.

More than 60 teams competed for the title that the Bulldogs won with a 5-2 victory over Grand Rapids in the title game.

Grand Rapids scored first, but the Bulldogs scored the next three goals, and capped the victory with an empty-net goal.

The Bulldogs began the tournament with a 4-2 win over the Monroe Ice Hawks. They followed that with a 4-2 victory against Little Caesars Amateur Hockey League rival Blue Water, and an 8-0 shutout of Traverse City.

In the semifinals, the Bulldogs beat Novi 4-1.

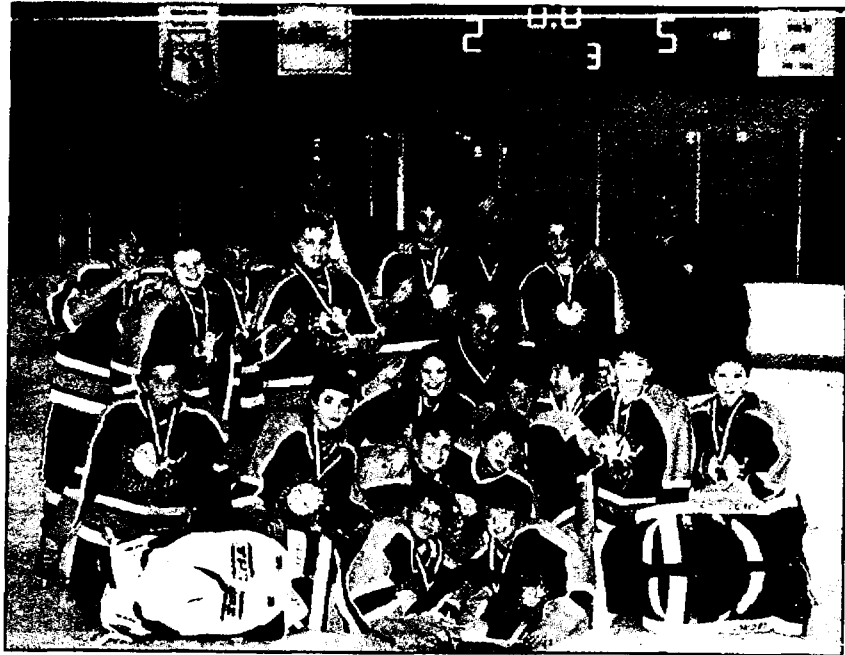
Jacob Goldberg received the MVP award for the Bulldogs.

He was supported on the forward lines by Cameron Bazin, Sam Corden, Albert Ford, Paul Keller, Brandon Kirk, Matt Lucchese, Chris Thieda and Dan Zukas.

The defensive corps was comprised of Jeff Blazoff, Rory Deane, Nick Monforton, Alexander Plomaritis, Alex Tomovski and Andrew Wilson.

The goaltenders were Jonathon Freismuth and Michael Held.

The Bulldogs' coaches were Matt Lucchese, Craig Bazin, Nick Corden and Dan Deane.



The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Pee Wee A Bulldogs celebrate after winning the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association state championship in Monroe.

## Demons

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Detroit Police Athletic League's 15-and-under division. They also scrimmaged coach Bob Zaranek's freshman squad at Grosse Pointe South.

"It was nice of coach Zaranek to scrimmage us," Saros said. "He had one of the best freshman teams in the MAC (Macomb Area Conference) and we were able to play a very competitive seven quarters of scrimmaging. That type of competition can only make you better."

The Blue Demons started the state tournament with a 70-32 victory over Reese.

Jimmy Saros had 17 points, Costa scored 13 and Frank Ferretti collected eight rebounds and six assists. Mannesto had six points and five rebounds.

The Demons then rolled past Saline 68-19. Quinn collected 10 points, six rebounds and four steals. Saros had 19 points. P.T. Shirar had eight points and five rebounds and Max Pearson dished out six assists. All 10 players scored for Grosse Pointe.

In the quarterfinals, the Blue Demons beat South Lyon 60-23. Costa had 10 points and four assists, Gustine had nine points and three three-point baskets, Melvin Malone had seven points and nine rebounds and Peter Stern collected eight points, seven rebounds and six steals. Ferretti and Mannesto were outstanding on defense.

The Blue Demons knew they were in for a tough game when they saw the semifinal matchup.

"When we saw the bracketing, we knew this semifinal game would be the best two teams," said coach Saros. "We've played Woodhaven over the past four years and they're very well coached. We always have great games with them."

"The game was much closer than the nine-point final score difference."

The Blue Demons' coaches felt that they got a bad break with the officiating as four flagrant or technical fouls against the Grosse Pointe team resulted in 12 points for Woodhaven.

"It was actually kind of bizarre," said coach Saros. "The whole tournament the refs were letting the kids play and all of a sudden in this game they were calling everything. The whistles never stopped blowing. It was very frustrating for the players. Three of the flagrant fouls were just two players going after a loose ball."

"I felt bad for Peter Stern. He played a great game, yet fouled out on a few fouls where he had just made good aggressive plays. The same with James Costa and Jimmy Saros. Our kids play aggressive basketball. You can't get called for a flagrant foul because you dive for a loose ball."

Woodhaven shot 24 free throws to six for Grosse Pointe.

Stern finished with seven points and seven rebounds, while Pearson had eight points and four assists.

The Blue Demons had to play the entire tournament without Koltun, who was injured.

"I'm really proud of this group of players," coach Saros said. "We won a state championship, and we reached the state semifinals this year. We've played AAU all-star teams where they've had players from many different communities."

"We stuck with our local kids and they proved they can play with anybody. More important, they always represented Grosse Pointe with class and showed the rest of the state that the Grosse Pointes have a great future in high school basketball."

Saros's assistant coaches were Bill Gustine, Gary Mannesto, Tim Koltun and John Costa.

## Spring preview

By Bob St. John  
Sports Writer

Regina's soccer team is beaming with confidence after winning a division and district championship in 2003.

Its season ended with a 5-1 regional semifinal loss to Royal Oak Kimball.

Head coach Matt Naidow has an even better squad this season, but a schedule that is twice as tough.

"We will give it our best shot to try and repeat as division and district champs," Naidow said. "We have some high expectations."

Seniors Ashley Mellor (captain), Nikki Betz and Kelly Parante, and sophomores Gloria Soyad and Stephanie Martin return from last year's 13-8-1 Saddlelites squad.

The Saddlelites won the Catholic League Double-A Division the past two years, but this year they moved back up to the Central Division.

"Our division games will be a lot tougher, but I feel we have the talent to win it, or at least get into the Catholic League playoffs," Naidow said.

The Saddlelites face Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, Madison Heights Bishop Foley, Dearborn Divine Child, Farmington Hills Mercy, Birmingham Marian

and Livonia Ladywood in league play.

Only the top three advance to the Catholic League playoffs, along with the Double-A champ.

"We face two defending state champs (Marian in Division II and Bishop Foley in Division III) in division play, and the others are very talented," Naidow said. "The girls are looking forward to the challenge ahead of them."

To add to the brutality of the schedule, the Saddlelites face Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South, Warren Woods-Tower and Plymouth in nonleague competition.

"We will be ready for the state playoffs; that is for sure," Naidow said.

The Saddlelites should be able to put goals on the board, but can their defense stop the opposition?

"We have a balanced team," Naidow said. "We know what to expect from the opposition. It's a matter of playing smart soccer and playing with confidence."

The Regina soccer team played two games earlier this week; next on the schedule is a home game today, Thursday, April 1, against Notre Dame Prep.

## Softball

Head coach Diane Laffey has 11 seniors on this year's Regina softball team.

"We have a vast amount of varsity experience to lead us this year," Laffey said. "The girls are very excited to start the season, and our expectations remain high."

The Saddlelites have reached the Division I state quarterfinals the past couple of years but lost to league rival Farmington Hills Mercy each time.

"We would love to get another shot at Mercy in a quarterfinal, but we're not worried about that right now," Laffey said. "We just want to get the season started on a positive note."

Laffey expects great things from seniors Rachael Sabol, Rosi Wagner, Angela Pinelli, Jen O'Connor, Jamie Harvison, Meghan Sweeney, Jackie Richardson, Melanie Dupont, Erica Mazur, Alicia Biernat and Shayna Czech.

However, the pitching staff consists of underclassmen as junior Andrea Ligotti and sophomore Nicole Nemitz are slated to be the Saddlelites' top two.

The Saddlelites have the talent to win the Catholic League Central Division, but so does Mercy.

"I think it should be us and Mercy battling for the division title, but you never know in the Central Division because all of the teams are competitive," Laffey said.

Birmingham Marian and Livonia Ladywood are good teams, but they should be battling for third and fourth instead of first and second.

Laffey's schedule is loaded with weekend events as it consists of the Macomb Classic, Richmond, Stars Classic and Royal Oak tournaments.

"Our girls will get a chance to play some very tough competition from all around the state," Laffey said. "Our schedule is pretty tough, but it's all right with us."

They also play nonleague games against Riverview Gabriel Richard, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep and Sterling Heights Stevenson.

The Regina softball team opens its season on Saturday, April 3, competing in the Macomb Classic Tournament in Richmond.

"We face Romeo and Richmond in our pool, and some of the other teams playing are Anchor Bay,

## Local swimmers earn letters from Albion College

Five members of the Albion College men's swimming and diving teams who swam for Grosse Pointe high schools recently received varsity awards for their participation on the Britons squad.

Grosse Pointe South graduates receiving awards were Matt Bernbeck, John Fodeil and Darren Mantyla, while Grosse Pointe North grads Freddy Moore and John Salvador also got their varsity letters.

Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South, Rochester, Dakota, L'Anse Creuse and Cardinal Mooney," Laffey said. "This will be a good test for our team."

## Golf

The Regina golf team swings into action after the spring break, which is the latest start for the Saddlelites in their history.

"I'm excited about the team," head coach Bob Artymovich said. "Our goal is to do well in the Catholic League and make another run at the state finals."

The Saddlelites are led by seniors Katie McCarroll and Jenny Gwinn; juniors Courtney Kersich, Breanne Chodkiewicz, Dana Zak and Katie Artymovich; and sophomores Katie Murray and Merideth Lacombe.

The Saddlelites should have a shot to win the Catholic League championship as Artymovich said the league is wide open this season.

"We're a little deeper than last year as our girls' average scores have gone down in the off-season," Artymovich said.

The team will compete in seven Catholic League matches and in three invitational.

The Regina golf team opens its season on Monday, April 19, against Birmingham Marian.

## Track

Regina's track and field team has had its best showing during head coach Gregg

## Farms manager's boxers set for Friday

Budweiser and Four Corners Production returns April 2 with Friday night boxing at DeCarlo's Banquet & Convention Center in Warren.

Keeping with the tradition of featuring past members of the successful Teamcannon trio, now part of Team Detroit managed by Grosse Pointe Farms attorney John Carlisle, Four Corners will present super middleweight Rubin Williams (22-1) for the main event against Chicago's Kenny Bowman (31-7).

Also featured is heavyweight Leo Nolan (20-0) vs. Ken Murphy (22-14).

In a surprise move, the card includes the third member of the celebrated trio, cruiserweight Rydell Booker (20-0) in a hastily thrown together heavyweight bout against 250-pound Cisse Salif (13-3-1).

Also appearing on the card is undefeated light-weight prospect Marlon Davis (7-0) in a six-round bout against Johnny Rudolph (1-1).

The fifth notable fight on the card is heavyweight Obed Sullivan (40-8-2) vs. Chavez Francisco (11-6-1).

Golden's tenure.

"We have more than 50 girls on the squad this season, which is the best in my tenure," Golden said. "We're anticipating a competitive season."

Seniors Ashley Couture, Emily Delmotte and Lauren Manuszak are Golden's choice as captains, while senior Kellen Mackerel-Cooper is the other upper-classman on the squad.

Others to watch are juniors Katie Eisen, Sarah Porada, Emily McFarland, Xiomara Okonkwo, Christina Sniecowski, Sarah Moore, Jill Carlin, Jade Sabage and Karon Walter; sophomores Sara Cholyway, Kiki Varkovic, Rachel Delmotte, Gloria Soyad, Anita Blount, Rhonda Crittle, Arnitia Golson and Cheyenne Shultz; and freshmen Lizz Stone, Randi Hardy, Cecilia Vaughn, Ashley Gregory, Anna Maria Paruk, Meg Strasz, Bridgid Levigne and Shainia Buhl.

The Saddlelites have depth in most of the events, which will help them compete against Catholic League Central Division foes Livonia Ladywood, Birmingham Marian, Farmington Hills Mercy, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep and Dearborn Divine Child.

"Our division is always tough because the competition is so good," Golden said. "I think we can compete with them this season."

The Regina track and field team opens its season on Tuesday, April 6, competing in the Ladywood Invitational.

**City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan**

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS—TORREY ROAD PUMP STATION UTILITY METERS:** Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2004, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing the following services:

Torrey Road Pump Station Utility Meters.

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**Louise S. Warnke,**  
City Clerk

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**City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan**

**INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Grosse Pointe Park at the Municipal Building, 15115 E. Jefferson Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan, 48320. Until 10:00 a.m. on April 16th 2004 at which time and place bids will be publicly opened and read for furnishing of Labor and material for the following two projects:

1. Asphaltting of alley approximately two blocks.
2. Regrading and asphaltting the parking area of Windmill Pt. Park.

Detailed specifications and bid sheets are available in the Public Service Department in the Municipal Building. The City of Grosse Pointe Park reserves the right to accept or reject any bids. Any questions, contact (313) 882-4281

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## Letters

From page 10A

they want because the funds are there and they do not need endorsement from the community.

Well, they are wrong. Stop acting irresponsibly and wasting tax dollars. If you have more dollars than you need then return it to the taxpayers. Justify and account for your expenditures and not cut programs,

teachers, etc., under the guise that there are no funds.

The board and the school administration have a responsibility to acting responsibly with taxpayer dollars no matter what is believed.

**L. E. Majewski**  
Grosse Pointe Woods

## Second Suburb

To the Editor:  
Back in November, Grosse

Pointe South's comedy troupe, Second Suburb, was cut from the arts program.

The seven cast members continued to meet even though they had no budget and no place to rehearse or perform.

Last week they performed at Trombly Elementary school and sold out all four nights. This week they will present \$1,000 to Trombly's PTO and another \$1,500 to a local children's charity. These teenagers deserve a

round of applause. They didn't whine and cry when they were cut. They persisted in their efforts to put on a great show and showed incredible generosity with their time and money.

So thank you: Michael Fentin, Pete Truba, Lindsey Ross, Tim Mulheron, Topher Harrison, Ben Beutel-Gunn and Maureen Savinov. You have made the community proud. Bravo.

**Erin Savinov**  
Grosse Pointe Park

## Pick up after the dog

To the Editor:

Although Detroit may have recently been tagged with the unflattering title "Fattest City in America," it now appears that our fair city of Grosse Pointe Woods has become the "Dog Poop Capital of Michigan."

It's all over the place, on your lawn, on my lawn, your neighbor's lawn, sidewalks, driveways, school property,

athletic fields, church property. No one has been spared.

"Seek and you shall find" has a new meaning in our community; "Don't seek and you shall step in it." And it is all because of thoughtless dog walkers who apparently don't have the courtesy or respect for their fellow neighbors to "pick it up."

I am sure we must have a city ordinance on the books covering the matter, but I doubt if it has ever been enforced, and from a practical standpoint, probably can't be enforced.

Come on folks. Those of you who are not collecting when Spot squats, that's showtime for you to now show a little class and respect for your neighbors and your city.

Please do the right thing after your dog has done the wrong thing. I guarantee your neighbors will appreciate it, your city will appreciate it, I will appreciate it, and I bet your dog will too.

**Thomas P. Rockwell**  
Grosse Pointe Woods

## I Say

From page 11A

Our expectations are not as great as they were at Tiger Stadium, but we're game. See you at the home opener and during the season.

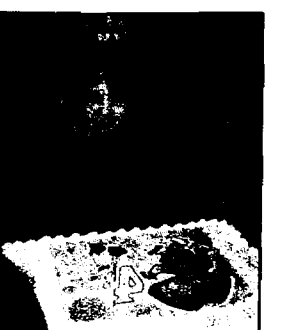
Go Tigers!

## FYI

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the parent observed. I wish I had a witty rejoinder, but I told the fellow it wasn't important as long as the kids were having fun.

What I should have said is that Clark Durant sees the potential in youths that the rest of us miss and ... knows that the path to success in life requires some risks. At Cornerstone Schools, it is obvious he is "still sending kids home," and most of them are scor-



J. Lewis Cooper IV blows out the four candles on his birthday, April 4, 2004.

## Four

J. Lewis Cooper IV celebrated his fourth birthday with a party on Sunday (04/04/04). He was born April 4, 2000. He is the fourth generation of only sons in the family, according to his grandmother Judith Cooper of the Woods. His parents are J. Lewis Cooper III and Jill Cooper of the City, and his paternal grandfather is J. Lewis Cooper Jr., along with his paternal grandmother, Judith. His maternal grandmother is Judith Lenz.

The party was officially started at 4:04 p.m.

Do you suppose J. Lewis IV will grow up to be a professional golfer and wear plus fours and shout fore when he strikes a drive?

(For those of you under 80, plus fours are baggy knickers that extend four inches below the knee. In case you have noted that there are also a lot of J's in the family names, that has also been addressed. J. Lewis is called Jay.)

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