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Mayors' Prayer Breakfast

Looking forward to the 18th annual Mayors' Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, May 6, are, left to right, mayors Palmer T. Heenan, Grosse Pointe Park; James C. Farquhar Jr., Grosse Pointe Farms; Dale N. Scrace, City of Grosse Pointe; Robert E. Novitke, Grosse Pointe Woods; Kenneth A. Poynter, Harper Woods; and James M. Cooper, Grosse Pointe Shores.

Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land is the guest speaker. The program takes place at 7:30 a.m. in the Main Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The Mayors' Prayer Breakfast celebrates the National Day of Prayer as proclaimed by the United States president. Mayor Novitke and the city of Grosse Pointe Woods are hosts for this year's event.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$15 and are available at any of the Grosse Pointe or Harper Woods municipal offices. For more information, call Barbara Tate at (313) 392-1023.

Brownell outhouse stink gets it moved into school

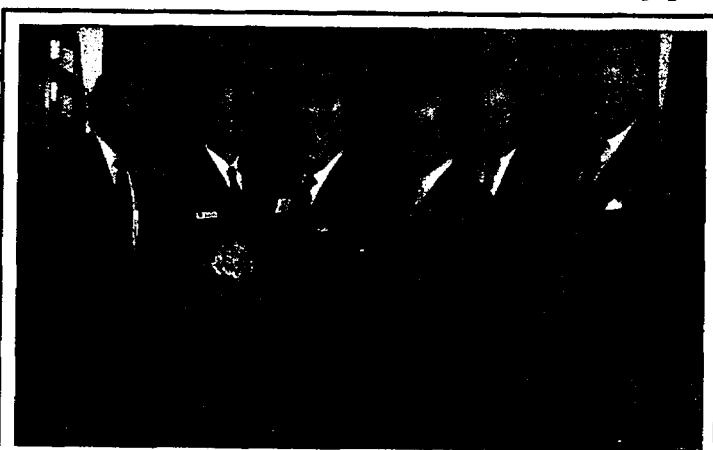
By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

A Grosse Pointe school district plan to build a free-standing restroom and storage facility in between the back of Brownell Middle School and Williams Road has been shelved, and a new plan to add a storage room to the body of the school or to a proposed multi-

purpose room will be looked at. A meeting transpired on Wednesday, April 7 to explore these new plans.

Residents and Farms councilman Louis Theros voiced their concerns against building an outbuilding at a recent meeting with architects and

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727 Club welcome submariner

On March 11 the Grosse Pointe War Memorial hosted a reception for the captain and selected crew members of the USS Michigan (SSBN-727). The submarine, a Trident Nuclear Class warship, is 560 feet and is home to more than 150 crew members.

The War Memorial has formed an organization called the 727 Club with the purpose of raising funds to support the morale of the crew through a Sailor of the Month program and the shipment of various care packages throughout the year.

Along with sponsoring the 727 Club, the War Memorial also coordinates civilian cruises aboard the Michigan. Currently, the ship is being converted from a ballistic missile weapon platform to a cruise missile capability.

Presenting the USS Michigan Navy Seal are, from the left, Mark Weber, War Memorial president; Commander Thomas Calabrese, captain of the USS Michigan; Frank Sladen, War Memorial board member emeritus; Mike Murray, War Memorial board member, John Maliszewski, War Memorial board member; and former board member, Tom Youngblood.

For more information on how you can help support the 727 Club or become a member, call the Grosse Pointe War Memorial at (313) 881-7511.

City manager firing proving costly in Woods

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

When the members of the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council were considering the fate of former City Manager Ted Bidigare's employment, resident Kevin Hendrick warned the council of the potential cost to the city. On March 11, he was only speaking of litigation costs.

Within less than a month of Bidigare's dismissal, Hendrick's prophecy is already coming true.

At its Monday, April 5, work session, the council informally made recommendations to itself to provide an additional \$750 a week step-up pay for acting city administrator Clifford Maison and to spend almost \$10,000 to find a candidate to permanently fill the city administrator position.

Maison, who has been the Woods' comptroller and treasurer for 13 years, suggested that amount based on the additional workload he has assumed. He told the council he has been putting in 60 to 65 hours a week.

"I spend two-thirds of my time as acting city administrator and one-third of my time as city comptroller and treasurer," Maison said.

Four of the council members — Patricia Chylinski, Lisa Pinkos Howle, Dona DeSantis Reynolds and Darryl Spicher — voted in favor of awarding the step-up pay.

"The folks I've talked to did not feel this was unreasonable," Chylinski said.

"He's holding three jobs," Howle said. "He's asking for half of what Ted Bidigare made."

Bidigare, who was city manager just short of five years, had an annual salary of \$88,000.

"I don't have a problem with giving Cliff an addi-

tional \$750 a week," Spicher said. "Cliff is very well respected and proactive."

Reynolds did not comment on her vote.

However, the mayor and the other two council members felt \$750 a week was a bit out of reach.

"I have some problems with that," Mayor Robert Novitke said. "That's a 45 percent pay increase and \$125,000 a year is well beyond what we'd pay for a permanent city administrator. When Mr. Maison previously stepped in for Mr. Bidigare, he received \$500 a week."

Novitke also felt the 60- to 65-hour work week was a "normal" work week for most appointed city officials.

Councilwoman Vicki Granger also felt that Maison's required time on the job would lessen once the 2004-05 budget will be passed in early June.

Councilman Allen Dickinson presented a substitute motion to offer Maison \$600 a week step-up pay, which did not receive any support.

However, all of the council members were in agreement to consider a search team from the Michigan Municipal League to help find a permanent city administrator.

The four-member search team of retired city manager/consultants has proposed to develop a recruitment profile and campaign, review resumes and references of the candidates, select suitable candidates for interviews and to assist in the interview process.

The cost of such a search is estimated at \$9,800 — just over 11 percent of Bidigare's yearly salary.

"I'm surprised the cost is this low," Novitke said. "I

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WEEK AHEAD

Friday, April 9

In observance of Good Friday, all area city offices will be closed.

Regular trash pickup is scheduled in Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods. Bulk items will be collected in the morning only in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The Secretary of State and U.S. Postal Service offices will be open during normal business hours.

Sunday, April 11

Happy Easter.

Easter Sunday hours at the Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park will be shortened from 1 to 9 p.m. The activities building will be closed.

Monday, April 12

The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council holds a special meeting at the city hall at 7:30 p.m.. The council will review the site plan for the proposed 5/3 Bank on the Hill.

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Rob Lyles

Home: Grosse Pointe Park

Age: 39

Family: Wife, Barbara Chiappella

Occupation: Publisher and author of children's books on health issues

Quote: "My goal is to continue the series and to be a child advocate."

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Rob Lyles

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Louise Lyles

yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ Listeners of Bing Crosby's nationwide radio program hear him dedicate a song to Chet Sampson and the Grosse Pointe girls he chaperones on visits to the Crosby's Nevada ranch.

Bing and his sons, Gary and Lenny, then perform "Tell Me Why the Stars Do Shine," taught to them by the Pointe girls during campfire sing-alongs.

■ Following the release of data regarding the hydrogen bomb and what devastating effects it could have if dropped on Detroit, Grosse Pointe director of Civil Defense George Elworthy is more determined than ever to set up a Civil Defense system for the Pointe-Harper Woods area.

"First of all," Elworthy says, "people must become familiar with the numbers 640 and 1240. These numbers on the AM dial of radio must be turned to for official information in time of national emergency."

■ The former swimming beach along the eastern shoreline of Grosse Pointe Farms municipal park is being obliterated as hundreds of truckloads of fill dirt are dumped to expand the picnic grounds.

The big development and expansion project includes shifting the swimming area to the west side of the park.

25 years ago this week

■ The Grosse Pointe Park city council will once again

hold a special meeting this week regarding jumping on board two federal programs that provide money to bring sub-par business buildings up to code and renovate dwellings in older sections of the city.

A group of residents opposes the programs due to the prospect of subsequent federal intervention eroding local control.

■ New owners of the Woods Theater on Mack say the movie house is in "pretty good shape" but might be redecorated.

■ The Grosse Pointe News goes up in price to 25 cents per copy. The old price had been 20 cents. Annual subscriptions increase from the former price of \$8 to \$10.

10 years ago this week

■ Grosse Pointe Park officials turn down an invitation from the Joint Cities Development Corp. to contribute \$10,000 toward a study of how to attract commercial activity to the Detroit side of Mack Avenue. "I'm all for development," says Councilman Steve Safranek. "But this money isn't going for specific projects that will attract entrepreneurs. It's going for a study, and when it's complete nothing to improve the area will have been done."

■ The owner of Excalibur Park bar and restaurant receives permission to proceed with plans to expand his establishment on Charlevoix in Grosse Pointe Park.

Brian MacLean is given the go-ahead by Park officials who are satisfied expansion won't hurt the neighborhood.

■ Five members of the University Liggett School hockey team make the Class B-C-D All-State team chosen by the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Association.

Matt Spicer is a first-team selection.

Teammates Ken McInyre, Eric Kisskalt, Jay Ricci and John McNaughton receive honorable mention. Kisskalt also is an academic All-State selection.

5 years ago this week

■ In a world built on numbers, a group of Grosse Pointe mathematics students are at the top of the heap.

A team of quiz kids from Parcels Middle School finish one, two, three and four among teams from Wayne County while on their way to the state Mathcounts State Championship.

Coaches Alan Silverston and Tracy D'Hondt, who both teach math at Parcels, prepared the team for competition by having them practice one hour a day after school, according to team member Colleen Clarkson.

■ The U.S. Secret Service is notified about counterfeit \$20 bills floating around Grosse Pointe South High School.

Grosse Pointe Farms detectives suspect a student has been producing funny money on a home computer.

50 years ago this week



New gymnasium-auditorium ready for steel work

With completion of foundation work for the new million-dollar structure on the Grosse Pointe High School campus, the first steel was delivered this week, and the erection of framework begun. This view, from the recreation area of Country Day School, will shortly be blotted out as the big building rises. The long awaited improvement is expected to be finished by the end of this year. (From the April 8, 1954 Grosse Pointe News. Photo by Fred Runnels.)

■ Former professional baseball player Joe Paglinò addresses the Ferry Elementary School Sports Club.

The club is comprised of fourth-grade boys who meet in the school library twice a

month during lunch. Paglinò is the father of two Ferry students.

—Brad Lindberg

Orthodox Christians observe Holy Week

Thousands of Greek Orthodox faithful in the metro Detroit area and more than 300 million worldwide will observe Holy Week in preparation for Easter Sunday, April 11. The celebration of the Resurrection of Christ is a most important Greek Orthodox holiday.

His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit encourages his flock to gather during the special services offered for this Holy season. Nicholas will bestow his paternal blessings at many of the area church services highlighted throughout Holy Week. "We pray," says Nicholas, "that the light of our risen Lord will guide humanity toward lasting peace throughout the world."

Eastern and Western religions will celebrate Easter Sunday on April 11 this year. The determination of the date of Easter is governed by a computation based on the vernal equinox and the phase of the moon. Therefore, Easter Sunday should fall on the Sunday which follows the first full moon after the vernal equinox, according to the Julian calendar. If the full moon happens to fall on a Sunday, Easter is observed the following Sunday and after the Passover.

Century-old services which recall the passion, crucifixion and resurrection of Christ will be highlighted this weekend on Good Friday afternoon; the ves-

pers of the descent from the Cross are offered. The body of Christ is taken down from the cross, wrapped in white linen and is prepared for burial. A flowered bier (epitaphio) is prepared which holds the embroidered icon of Christ's burial. On Good Friday evening, the lamentations are sung during the Epitaphios service, which symbolizes the burial of Christ. The flowered bier is taken in procession outside the church as parishioners follow solemnly holding lit candles. Young girls dressed in white represent the myrrh-bearing women guarding Christ's tomb.

On Holy Saturday evening, the Easter resurrection service begins with Matins at 11 p.m. At midnight, the church is completely darkened, and the faithful wait in joyous expectation for the bishop or priest to come forth carrying a white candle, chanting, "Come; receive the light, the light of the resurrection." The light is passed to the congregation until the church is aglow with candlelight. A procession of altar boys, choir, chanters and clergy joined by the people move outdoors where the Gospel proclaiming the resurrection of Christ is read. The triumphant hymn, Christos Anesti, Christ is Risen, is joyfully sung by the faithful. At the conclusion of the resurrection liturgy, red Easter eggs are distributed to the congregation, which symbolize the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Parishioners share a resurrection

(Anastasi) meal.

On Easter Sunday, the vespers of AGAPE (love) is celebrated during which the Holy Gospel narrating the appearance of the risen Lord to His disciples is read in several languages emphasizing the universality of the Gospel message. The children enjoy an Easter egg hunt in celebration after the service.

Customs, traditions of Orthodox Easter

The Lenten period is a somber period for Orthodox Christians. It is a time for reflection and a time for personal renewal in preparation for the resurrection of Christ.

The food reflects the same theme for the periods of Great Lent, Holy Week, Easter and Bright Week. During Lent, parishioners follow a strict fast with no meat, fish, animal products or alcohol. Lenten foods prepared can be very tasty and interesting prepared from vegetables, fruit and shellfish. Spinach and rice (spanakorizo), bean soup (fasolatha), lentil soup, masouka without meat or cheese and even Lenten (kouloulakia) cookies.

The celebration of the joy of Easter begins with the shopping and food preparation for traditional Easter bread, red eggs, mageritsa (lamb soup), feta cheese, olives and wine for the Anastasi meal. Sumptuous roast lamb and roast potatoes, stuffed grape leaves, spinach and cheese pies and

delicious pastries (such as baklava, galatobourik and the Greek cookies koulloulakia) are prepared for Easter Sunday dinner.

Red eggs are dyed on Holy Thursday and symbolize the blood of Christ shed on the Cross. The Easter bread is braided and represents the Trinity with the red egg in the center.

Woods

From page 1A

think they'll be able to walk us through the process, and I think this body as a whole needs some collective insight."

"The search is worth the time and money," Granger said. "It will take some of the burden off of us. It may seem like a big cost, but if we did it ourselves, there would've been staff time involved."

Dickinson also hedged against the council conducting its own search.

"I'm thinking of the experience Sterling Heights has had," Dickinson said. "They did it on their own. Six of their candidates dropped out leaving them with only two."

Dickinson as well as Chylinski and Spicher had high praise for the members of the search team, each of whom have spent considerable time overseeing larger municipalities, and for the search process.

The council is likely to make a formal vote on both measures at its Monday, April 19, regular meeting.

Brownell

From page 1A

Brownell officials. Among their chief concerns were safety, liability, aesthetics, cost and maintenance of the room.

The proposed outbuilding would have cost \$100,000, paid for with the \$62.9 million bond issue.

Brownell principal Dr. Mike Dib explained the outbuilding was needed because of lack of storage space at the school. Areas where Ted Reaume, building engineer at Brownell, had stored equipment are now being used for instructional purposes.

Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent for business affairs and support services, said the outbuilding proposal was a tentative plan and new ways to ameliorate the lack of space at Brownell, such as adding rooms onto the building-at-large or to a multi-purpose room, will be examined.

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Play ball!

As you read this on Thursday, I will most likely be at the Detroit Tiger's home opener. It will be my first opening day since 1980.

We had season tickets for that highly forgettable season some 24 years ago. The season was so unremarkable that the Detroit Tigers Web site doesn't even mention it in its 1976-Present ball club history.

Even for an uneventful season, we have good memories. It was Sparky Anderson's first full season as Tigers manager.

We recall going to Tiger Stadium in February, in the depths of winter, to check out the view from the seats that would be ours for 81 home games.

We met with Fred Smith, who took us to our seats. They were in the last or second to last row of reserved, even with first base. The

seats were great in that the view was close and unrestricted, and yet the seats were undercover of the upper deck in case of rain.

The overhead cover was good, because with 81 games at home, we saw rain.

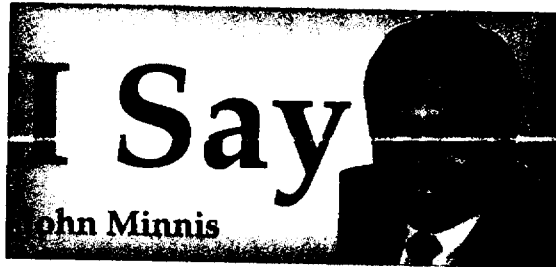
Just for the record, we went to all the games. We did not miss a single one.

Due to rescheduled games due to rainouts, we went to the ball park at Michigan and Trumbull some nine days in a row in August.

We never tired of going to the ball park. We both got off work at 6 p.m., and we would rush downtown.

We parked at Ted's Park on Elizabeth near the Lodge. In fact, we got to know Ted and his sisters so well that we exchanged Christmas cards for years afterward. We would even visit them during the holidays.

Behind us at the ball park usually sat "Stu," "Face" and their equally unusual



friends. They were seat crashers. We think they bought bleacher tickets and migrated down to our section. We felt as if we knew them and our other section neighbors.

All the players who would later become well known when the Tigers won it all in 1984 were there — Alan Trammell, Lou Whitaker, Kirk Gibson, Lance Parrish, Jack Morris, Dan Petry and Milt Wilcox.

That was the year Al Cowens was suspended for attacking pitcher Ed Farmer in retaliation for the latter's breaking of Cowens' jaw

and shook hands. The feud was over.

1980 was also a big year for relief pitcher Aurelio Lopez. At one game, Tiger executive Bill Lajoie's wife was sitting in a spare seat next to us when the bases were loaded in the seventh inning with no outs.

Sparky called in Lopez. I groaned and said to Mrs. Lajoie, "He scares me." She responded, "Really? Just watch."

"Señor Smoke" proceeded to strike out three in a row and retire the side with the bases still loaded. I couldn't look at Mrs. Lajoie.

In the next inning, when Lopez loaded up the bases, I glanced to Mrs. Lajoie to give her an I-told-you-so look, but she was gone. I can't remember whether Lopez worked his way out of that inning.

One would have thought that we would have tired of hotdogs during the season, but we never did.

Younger people who never had the opportunity to go to Tiger Stadium before the advent of pizza barons and food courts will never experience the heady feeling of walking up the entrance ramp overlooking the parking lot and the spring shop across Michigan and entering the ball park concourse.

The smell was euphoric. That was before nachos, Italian sausage and pizza. You smelled nothing but grilled, ballpark hotdogs, combined with the pleasant aroma of popcorn.

Those were the good old days of baseball for me, the days when catsup on hot dogs was a faux pas of the first magnitude.

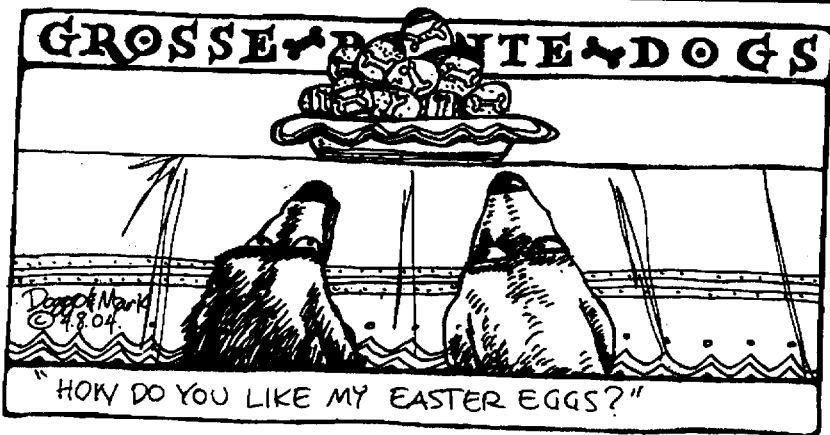
This year, we are going to give Comerica Park a try. We bought the 20-game, week-day, mini-season tickets. Our seats are in third row of the right field upper deck, not too far from first base.

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The Op-Ed Page



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Streetwise

Question of the Week:

Where does the Easter Bunny live?



Christopher Lorelli

"He lives under the ground."

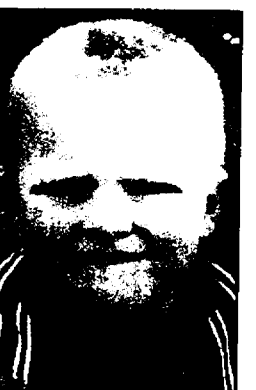
Christopher Lorelli, 3
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Haley Senter

"At Eastland."

Haley Senter, 3
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Jack Maher

"He lives in a castle, I think."

Jack Maher, 5
Grosse Pointe Woods

"He lives in a hole far away."

Joshua Rao, 5
Grosse Pointe Woods



Mario Lorelli

"In the forest."

Mario Lorelli, 4
Grosse Pointe Woods



Celeste Janson

"At Eastland."

Haley Senter, 3
Grosse Pointe Woods

"At a bunny farm."

Celeste Janson, 6
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Joshua Rao

fyi

by Ben Burns

Action man

If anyone can raise \$5 million to improve the education of Detroit school children, it will be W. Clark Durant, former head of the State Board of Education and board chairman of Cornerstone Schools.

Republican Durant got the idea for the "Arnold Palmer Turning Point Invitational" Pro-Am from his Democrat friend Rick Cole during a Carolina golf outing.

(Cole, incidentally, who was a key adviser in the James Blanchard gubernatorial administration and is now helping with the plan to save the Detroit Medical Center, is reportedly moving back to the Pointes after spending a number of years in voluntary exile, living in the far reaches of Oakland County.)

The Aug. 29 golf extravaganza planned for the Country Club of Detroit shows how when men of passion and action work together, good things happen.

Palmer caught Durant's spirit, and he (Durant) agreed to anchor the fundraiser and helped recruit Amateur winners like Phil Mickelson, Mark O'Meara, Craig Stadler and Lanny Wadkins.

Golf big spenders will pay \$25,000 each to play with their heroes, and there will be gallery ticket levels ranging from \$1,500 for "Principals" to \$500 for "Students" and a major banquet. Tickets went on sale last Thursday.

If all that is a bit rich for your blood, you can go to the Web site at www.turningpointeinvitational.org and enter a contest to win some tickets. You can even buy a \$29.95 copy of "The Turning Point," embossed with your name. It is Palmer's book about how the Grosse Pointe Amateur event helped change him from a 24-year-old paint salesman into one of the world's most famous and popular golfers.

Cornerstone, one of the beneficiaries of the event through the new Arnold Palmer Education Fund, was the brainchild of Cardinal Adam J. Maida in 1990. It now has an elementary and middle school on Detroit's west side and an elementary school in Indian Village. All are non-denominational, Christ-centered schools.

Other groups that will receive some of the proceeds include The First Tee

of Michigan Foundation, which helps youngsters of diverse backgrounds develop character in after-school programs; Children's Scholarship Fund-Detroit, which helps open the doors of educational opportunity in schools nationwide; Warm Up to Reading, a program sponsored by Detroit Public Schools, the Detroit Public Library and the Friends of the Library; and The ART of Leadership Foundation, which works with young people to inspire vision and leadership in several Michigan cities including Detroit.

If you take a tour of Cornerstone, you will be impressed. From third-graders playing classical music on violins to sixth-graders intelligently interviewing a major real estate developer on the story of his life, they are active and interested. The students you meet in the halls are all in uniform and friendly and quickly offer to help a stray visitor.

Durant told me later, "Other than my family, it is the best thing I've ever done." And that includes a lengthy Durant dossier

from running for public office to practicing law to running a railroad.

When he won recognition as one of The Detroit News' Michiganders of the Year in 1995, Durant gave credit to Maida's vision and the impressive team of Cornerstone teachers, administrators and board members.

"Just imagine the teachings of Christ reaching across denominations, across economics to help kids," Durant told The News. "That's the miracle of Cornerstone. I'm like a Little League baseball coach, encouraging people to be part of the team."

In fact, Durant was my Little League assistant baseball coach when his boys were that age. His favorite duty station was third, where he delighted in coaching the batters as they rounded the bases.

One day one of the more competitive parents came up to me and said, "Don't let Clark coach third." "Why not?" I asked. "He always sends the slow kids home, and they get tagged out."

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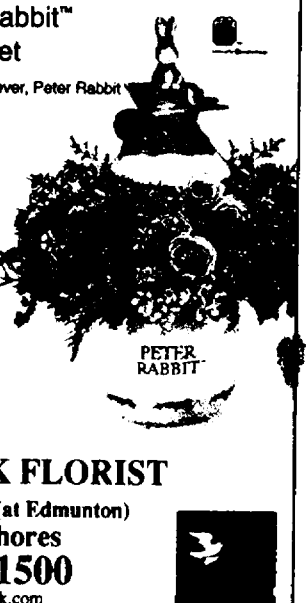
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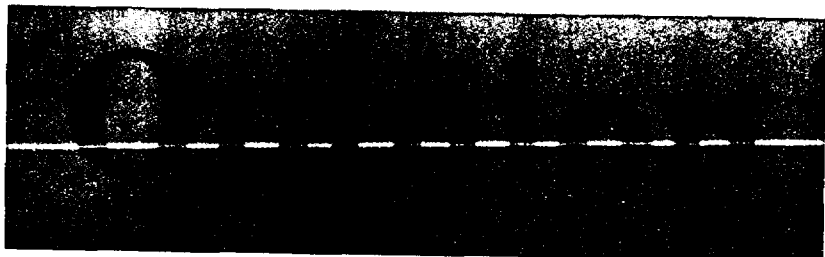


If you have a question you would like asked, drop us a note at 96 Kercheval on The Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or email to editor@grossepointenews.com

Proposed water plant idea all wet?

On the surface, plans to create our own water plant along with some Macomb County communities sound great. But are they all wet? One person who thinks so — at least for his city — is Harper Woods City Manager Jim Leidlein, a shrewd man when it comes to numbers and planning.

Leidlein, in a presentation to his city council and reported by Jennie Miller in this week's paper, pointed out that under the proposed water facility for the cities of Warren, St. Clair Shores, Grosse Pointe Shores and other suburban communities, the



projected wholesale cost of water would be \$10 per thousand cubic feet. But, Leidlein said, Harper Woods' wholesale cost of water from the City of Detroit is only \$7.87 come July 1. "I cannot sell this to my community as a cost-saving measure," Leidlein said.

We have speculated that saving on water was only half the battle in gaining independence from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. We are also dependent on Detroit for wastewater treatment and disposal. Leidlein said the cost of water is

only 20 percent of his city's total expense to Detroit. Nearly half the cost is for sewage disposal and treatment, he said.

The proposed southern Macomb County water system does not include wastewater disposal for most communities.

Warren does have its own wastewater treatment plant, but under the proposed plan, only Warren and St. Clair Shores would be allowed to use it. The other communities in the system would still have to send their wastewater to Detroit.

We fear that any savings in not purchasing water from Detroit would be lost if Detroit raises its sewage treatment fees accordingly.

We feared the same thing when the Grosse Pointes separated their storm and sewage systems. While money is saved by not sending rain water to Detroit for treatment, Detroit could make up for the shortfall by raising water and sewerage rates.

Likewise, if Detroit Water and Sewerage, which has fixed costs, loses water customers, it will simply raise sewerage treatment and water fees for all its customers. It could further penalize former water customers by charging punitive sewerage treatment rates.

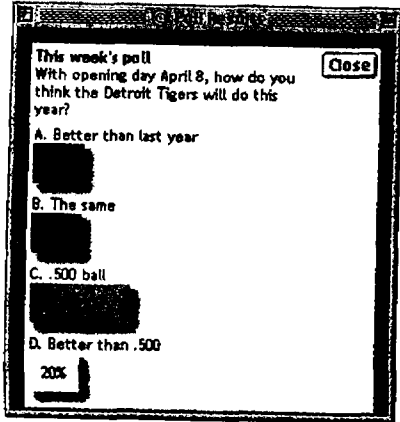
We think significant savings would have to be realized before breaking away from the Detroit Water and Sewerage system. Otherwise, we could end up spending more all the way around.

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Fans pin hopes on Tigers

Readers of our Web site, www.grossepointenews.com, have high hopes for the Detroit Tigers this season, which opens at home today, Thursday.

This week's Internet poll question was "With opening day April 8, how do you think the Detroit Tigers will do this year?" Respondents were given the options of "A. Better than last year," "B. The same," "C. .500 ball" and "D. Better than .500 ball."



A whopping 40 percent said the Tigers would play .500 ball, an 81-81 season! The remaining 60 percent were evenly divided between the other three choices.

For perspective, the Tigers season ended with a 43-119 record last year. They have a way to go to reach 81 wins this year, but spring brings hope and a new season.

Good luck, Tigers.



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Letters

Apply standards

To the Editor:

In the letter to the editor, "Public education," (Grosse Pointe News, April 1) the letter writer claims that "Progressivism has been the dogma of education."

Among his arguments is the notion that "Grosse Pointe South class ranks are hidden so student's 'feelings' can be insulated" and the claim that progressivism leads to "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.'"

In fact, the Grosse Pointe Schools did not stop publishing class rank to "insulate students from reality"; rather, class rank was not reported because rigorous standards in curriculum design and grading practices, when compared with other schools nationally, put Grosse Pointe students at a disadvantage when applying for college admission.

The quote from "the leading high school physics text" is from a textbook by Paul Zitzewitz and Robert Neff which appears in an article on the Ayn Rand Web site, "Why High Schools Flunk Science" by David Harriman who is a senior writer for the Ayn Rand Foundation and is on the faculty of The Van Damme Academy. The academy was founded by Lisa Van Damme whose teaching credentials consist of many years of home schooling students in California.

Harriman implies in his article that the Zitzewitz text dismisses the historical relevance and validity of the scientific method attributed to Galileo. However, the full paragraph from the 2002 edition of Zitzewitz's text reads as follows:

"Galileo's methods are not the only scientific method. All scientists must study

problems in an organized way. They combine systemic experimentation with careful measurements and analyses of results. From these analyses conclusions are drawn. These conclusions are then subjected to additional tests to find out whether they are valid. Since Galileo's time scientists all over the world have used these techniques and methods to gain a better understanding of the world. Knowledge, skill, luck, imagination, trial and error, educated guesses, and great patience all play a part."

The letter writer begins his discussion chastising the Grosse Pointe Public School System's administration for violating the rules of logic in a pamphlet urging parents to support the sinking fund.

I would argue that the question raised in the pamphlet, ("If we don't protect our schools, who will?") was merely rhetorical. None the less, one wishes that the letter writer would apply the rigorous standards he prescribes for others to his own research and would check his sources in depth, rather than merely surfing the World Wide Web.

Tija Spitsberg
Grosse Pointe Park

Of course I was astounded by the clock which was mounted over Kercheval. We were told by someone that it was erected by a lady whose husband had passed away. That was a thoughtful thing for her to do, even though I felt it was out-of-place in the Village. It struck me as being something that belonged in Birmingham instead of Grosse Pointe.

And then of course we saw the crazy corner at St. Clair and Kercheval, which I now understand is going through some sort of a redesign effort.

Now let's just suppose I was given the OK to go ahead and redesign this spot myself. What would I do? Well to start with I would make the spot more simplistic. The wall against the store should be even and the rest of the sculpture reduced making it somewhat simplistic.

There could be a small water fountain against the wall and flower beds created too. The benches would face the wall. The wall should have a large bronze plaque explaining the history of Grosse Pointe from the beginning of the "strip farms" which went from Lake St. Clair and extended to Mack Avenue or so. Also the wall could adorn small plaques that could honor other citizens, schools and students as well as other special events that occur.

And then on the corner should be a four faced clock that would chime as it was set. The clock would also have a plaque that would be dedicated as was fit. The whole corner could be dedicated to the lady who erected the clock over Kercheval (if she donated it to Birmingham). That's just my personal opinion, and I'm sorry if I upset her.

Does anyone remember the bus trips to downtown Detroit which would stop at the corner of the street between Hudson's and

Kerns? I think it was Grand River. But you'd just have to look out the window, and you'd see seven or eight people just standing there. Well actually they were standing there under the Kerns clock. It was probably the most popular spot to meet someone.

Well why not use the clock in the Village as a place to meet someone. Then someone would wait on the bench near the four sided clock and stare up at the bronze plaque and learn some history of Grosse Pointe.

There are so many stories I have in my head about Grosse Pointe that I have been tempted to write a book. Even that very corner I just mentioned has a remembrance to me: I was working at the Doubleday Book Shop, and one day I went over to the drug store that was on that corner. What I saw just floored me. It was a ballpoint pen that required no ink. I had never seen anything like that. It cost \$12, but I bought it anyway because it was called a "Reynolds Ball Point Pen." I had a lot of fun with that even though my father didn't manufacture them.

Larry Reynolds
Midland

Michelle Pitters and their associate, Charles, of Eastside Garden Supply. They provided equipment and expertise. Without their help, our job would have taken considerably longer.

We would also like to thank Jim Dupuys of Marge's Tavern who provided hamburgers and french fries for the group.

A job well done. The facilities look fantastic.

Board of Directors of the Grosse Pointe Park Little League

Cries foul

To the Editor:

I'd like to voice the displeasure of many parents of Little League players who are upset about the manner in which the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League Board of Directors set up its teams this year.

Rather than adding a seventh team to the majors and allowing 12-year-olds to play in the majors with other 11- and 12-year-olds, more than 15 12-year-olds were made to go down and play with 10- and 11-year olds. This caused over a dozen 10-year olds to move down and play with 9-year olds.

Many of these players will end up quitting because they are no longer able to play a game they love with friends and classmates their own age.

Our board of directors must plan ahead for the season and ensure that there are a sufficient number of teams to place each player in his or her proper division. No player deserves to repeat the same division three years in a row, unless requested by parents.

Favoritism and politics should not play any role in the selection of the players. When it comes to Major League Division, all players who have the ambition to play in the league must be given the opportunity to participate in the majors for at least one year in order to expand their knowledge of baseball and to prepare them for a more advanced league.

If the president and the board cannot be more responsive to the needs of our children, maybe it's time for the parents to elect a president and board members who would take the interest of our children to heart. The best interest of all the players, not just the all star players, should come first in order for this organization to fulfill its duties.

Gentlemen, it is not too late! Little League Baseball has become a family tradition, and it's up to you to make it an experience full of good memories, not mental anguish.

Although I was unable to talk with the president, the vice president assured me that this unfortunate situation would not happen again next year. Certainly, there is adequate time to do something for our children this spring. It's not too late.

I know of volunteers who are ready and waiting to help rectify this situation. Please do the right thing!

Nadia Stanley
Grosse Pointe Farms

New Hill bank design evokes Pointe heritage

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Fifth Third Bank's revised design for its Hill branch has a balcony you can do Shakespeare from.

It's also marked with a herringbone brick facade, arched indented windows, bas-relief columns, mansard slate roof with dormer windows, a railed cornice and touch of magnificence from the French Second Empire.

Topping the downsized two-story throwback to the Old Country is a gesture to the lakeside community in which Fifth Third officials are eager to make a splash: a copper sailboat weather vane.

But the bankers didn't need wind chimes this week to know their latest design caused a stir of excitement during a work session of the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council.

"It's excellent," said Mayor James Farquhar.

"It's a magnificent looking building," said Peter Waldmeir Jr., councilman.

"I was amazed," said colleague Terry Davis.

The council last month opposed Fifth Third's initial design for a full-service bank to replace Standard on the Hill service station on Kercheval at McMillan.

"The original plan was a typical bank," Davis said.

"We wanted a building that fit with the Hill as a series of small shops, many of them having a unique design that reflect various styles of architecture. But none of them, hopefully as we go forward, of a commercial nature."

Bank representatives and city leaders met several times to reach agreement.

"They went out of their way," Farquhar said.

As a result, the proposed branch was reduced in height. A rear ATM was eliminated. An ATM remains inside the front vestibule.

A brick wall separating 13 parking spaces from the McMillan alley has been raised from two feet to four feet. A 30-foot turreted entrance has been revised and lowered eight feet.

A notch has been cut in a corner of the building next to The League Shop for a park bench.

"Customers can sit and rest for a minute," Farquhar said.

Changes are so encompassing that council members had a hard time believing the revised structure would occupy the same footprint as its rejected predecessor.

"It's as different as night and day from the original plan," Waldmeir said.

Bank officials, rebuffed with their first proposal, returned with a secret weapon.

They retained Robert Wood, a Grosse Pointe designer who wowed Farms officials last year with his Northern Trust Bank building on Kercheval and Muir at the eastern portal to the Hill.

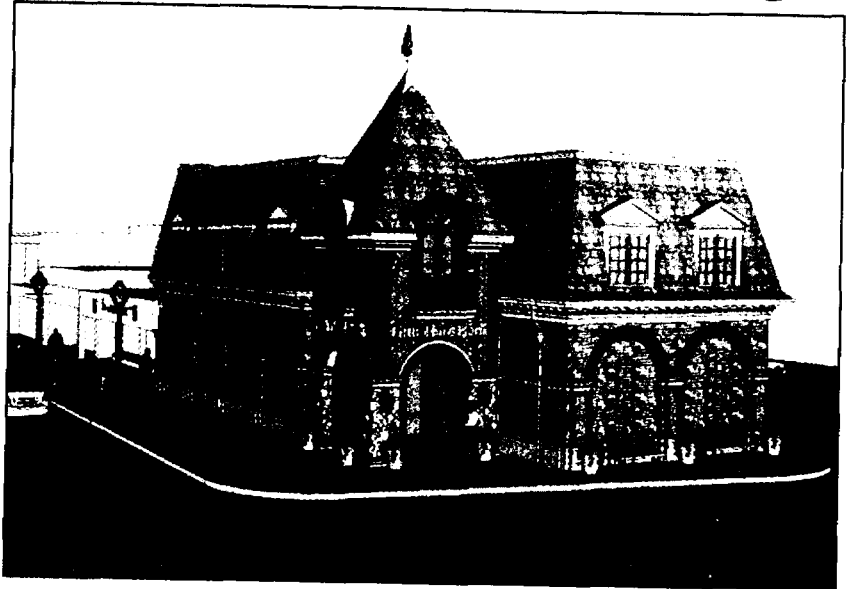
"I was trying to create character," Woods said of the Fifth Third design. "It's the lead-off building to the Hill."

"It balances the Hill nicely," Farquhar said of the proposed branch bank.

"It's a throwback to a European type of store, very typical of Germany or France," Davis said. "I don't know where Rob gets his ideas, but I was amazed."

"I wanted to tie in the heritage of the community and maintain the traditional feel of the neighborhood, yet accommodate the needs of a modern company," Wood said. "Let's do something new but make it look old, and get it down to a more human scale so when you walk down the street it's not imposing. It will be very friendly."

Fifth Third officials still need a few variances for their branch to win formal endorsement. Approval is needed before they carry out their option to purchase the



Rendering by Robert Woods & Associates

Local designer Robert Wood revised Fifth Third Bank's proposed branch on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms to evoke the community's French and English past.

service station.

An official site plan review is scheduled next Monday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m., during a special meeting of the city council at city hall.

The variances appear to be minor.

Some of the brick accents encroach a few inches into the sidewalk right-of-way three to four inches.

Another variance would

address the cornice, which extends over the sidewalk nearly two feet.

"But that's up 12 to 15 feet," said Joe Leonard,

councilman. "That's similar to quite a few buildings on the Hill. That is a normal encroachment. It's looking positive."

H.W. Mayor Pro Tem Costantino seeks county commissioner seat

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

Harper Woods Mayor Pro Tem Cheryl Costantino has announced her bid for a seat on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

Having served on the Harper Woods City Council for the past nine years, Costantino is ready to tackle county issues. She has already been endorsed by the mayors of Harper Woods and the five Grosse Pointes as well as Rep. Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, and Andrew Richner, former state representative and county commissioner who currently serves on the University of Michigan board of regents.

"She is probably the best

candidate that we've had in the last several years, since Andrew Richner won," Gaffney said. "I truly believe that the current county commissioner is beatable."

It is for this reason that Costantino was inspired to seek a spot on the commission. She is highly dissatisfied with the job performed for the past several terms by Christopher Cavanaugh, D-Grosse Pointe Woods.

"I know I can do a better job than he's doing," she said. "A huge issue is accessibility to the public. Everywhere I go, people feel that the current commissioner isn't accessible to the public. He's not representing us. He doesn't show up for things like the State of the



Cheryl Costantino

County address. I will be accessible; I will be accountable, and I will be the hardest worker. And I genuinely want to help."

This was the same declaration Costantino made back in 1995 when she first sought a spot on the city council. The youngest person ever to be elected in Harper Woods, Costantino has helped push issues to the forefront, such as supporting the police and fire departments with resources, get-

ting tough on crime, improving roads and bringing more businesses to the city. These are the same issues she hopes to be directly involved with at the county level.

With a background in the military, business, politics and education, Costantino has experience in many areas. She joined the Army National Guard at 17 and served in active duty during the Gulf War. She earned her master's degree in industrial relations and is currently working toward a teaching certificate. She has worked on election campaigns, including that of former President George Bush Sr., and worked on the staffs of many county commissioners. She started a chiropractor clinic for her husband and has her own piano studio in her home, where she teaches private lessons to area youth.

"I work like a dog," she said, a sentiment shared by her peers and coworkers.

"She is conscientious, a hard worker, a team player, and above all, she does her homework," said Harper Woods Mayor Ken Poynter.

Line clearance set

Detroit Edison line-clearance crews will continue working in more than 30 southeastern Michigan communities, including Grosse Pointe Woods, this month, continuing their year-round effort to keep trees and branches away from power lines.

The utility trims an average of 800,000 trees each year to reduce the potential for power outages and to help ensure electric service reliability and safety for customers.

Detroit Edison tree-trimming crews follow International Society of Arboriculture standards, which are designed to maintain the health of trees. The utility has received the National Tree Line USA Award for quality tree care for eight consecutive years.

Detroit Edison removes from customer property small branches and debris that result from its line-clearance program. Larger trimmed branches are cut into firewood length and left behind for customer use or disposal.

During a storm restoration process, unscheduled emergency tree trimming sometimes is required to facilitate the safe restoration of electrical service. When trees have been uprooted or large limbs have fallen and interrupted electric service, customers have the responsibility to remove tree debris resulting from emergency restoration activity.

Customers are responsible for keeping tree branches away from their service drops, the lines that run from utility poles to their homes. Detroit Edison recommends that customers hire a professional tree service to do this trimming.

Points about the Pointes

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This benefactor is our senior citizen neighbors and taxpayers. This group of citizens has diligently paid their taxes, built and continue to pay for our schools, paid for our parks and continue to fund our municipalities through their taxes, even though those of us with children are receiving the benefit of the lion's share of their decades of investment in our community.

Up until recently, the golden carrot for this group was the increase in equity in their homes. The catch up tax valuations when they sell their homes combined with the spread between the quality of our schools and those of other communities narrowing as has been reported in various publications has that golden carrot not looking so golden anymore.

My wife and I had the honor of sponsoring a

gathering organized by the Services for Older Citizens (SOC) this past Sunday, the SOC Awards Celebration.

The purpose of the event was to honor the businesses and some very special volunteers for going above and beyond the call of duty in making life a little easier for our seniors.

While being thanked by many for sponsoring the event, I left the event thinking that the awards were flowing the wrong way. **Businesses like ours receiving awards should instead be awarding our seniors.** The rest of the non-senior population in our community should start feeling and acting the same way and go out of their way to honor seniors in everything we do, and teach our children to do the same.

On our part, we need to make our aisles wider, and our signs more legible. Our cities need to provide better parking, and need to use more of our tax dollars to fund programs like SOC. Parents need to teach children that opening the door for a senior is the norm, not the exception. It's the right thing to do. So what's stopping us?

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



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Park author sheds silly side on serious subjects

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Being a child with a serious illness can be scary, confusing and frustrating.

Rob Lyles knows what it's like.

Lyles discovered he had juvenile-onset diabetes when he was an eighth-grader at St. James School, a boarding school in St. James, Md.

"I was passing out every day in science class from hypoglycemic reactions," Lyles said.

From then on, Lyles was not just put to the test of following a rigid diabetic regimen, which included urine testing before meals, daily insulin injections and following a restricted diet; he was also taunted by his peers.

"I would get special meals for every meal — breakfast, lunch and dinner," Lyles said. "These guys would make fun of me. It was very hard. If I had a book like this, things would've been a lot better."

The book Lyles refers to is "Sillwee Wobbert, Diabetes and José at School and Play," one of three books Lyles has published through his publishing company, Dream Publishing.

Lyles began to tinker with the idea of writing children's books in the late 1990s when he was a middle school English teacher in Maryland.

"I tested the characters and illustrations with my former students," Lyles said. "They really took to the character with the heart-

shaped head."

Lyles also took his cue from a neighbor's child of naming the heart-shaped head character Sillwee Wobbert, a name the young girl originally pinned on him.

"I'm a silly guy with my nieces, nephews and other children," Lyles said.

But there was no story that stuck with the Sillwee Wobbert character until 1999 when Lyles was inspired to write a story for his nephew, Brandon, who was born in 1996 with a missing heart valve; a condition known as truncus arteriosus.

Lyles took a sabbatical from teaching to pen the story of Sillwee Wobbert in a sing-song rhyming verse. He also enlisted ex-Disney illustrator Glenn Lucas to bring Sillwee Wobbert to life in a primary colored world on print.

Before Lyles published "Sillwee Wobbert: The Happy Heart Kid," he submitted the manuscript to physicians and nurses at Johns Hopkins Hospital and the Children's National Medical Center and asked for their input. He made changes accordingly.

Lyles also listened to nurses who told him there was a need for such books for children with other serious illnesses, such as diabetes and asthma, which soon followed in print.

"Every year there are 40,000 children born with a heart condition that requires intervention," Lyles said. "Then there are 3 mil-

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Photo by Bonnie Caprara
Grosse Pointe Park resident Rob Lyles is the author of the Sillwee Wobbert books dealing with children and health issues. "My goal is to continue the series and be a child advocate," Lyles said.

lion diagnosed with diabetes and 5 million diagnosed with asthma."

Also, in writing the books on asthma and diabetes, Lyles introduced multicultural characters, not for the purpose of being politically

correct, but to reflect the demographics in the types of kids most likely to have such illnesses.

"Statistically, African American kids are four times more likely to get asthma, and Hispanic kids

are three times more likely to get diabetes," Lyles said.

Having dealt with a serious illness as a child, Lyles knew the most important message to pass along was how to empower children to overcome their adversities. It was also an important piece of advice a nurse passed along to him.

"The No. 1 concern for children with asthma is not the management or the understanding of the disease; the critical issue is how their peers treat them," Lyles said.

On the flip side, Lyles has discovered that the books have been a useful tool in teaching understanding, tolerance and acceptance to children who may know a child with a serious illness. The Sillwee Wobbert books have been approved as supplemental teaching tools by the California Department of Education.

Lyles also felt it was most important to reach these kids when they're young.

"Kids who are 3 to 7 years old are our target," Lyles said. "They're so accepting. They're not dealing with all the emotional baggage they do when they're teenagers."

Lyles also went through some unusual channels in order to promote his books. At first, he enlisted the help of family and friends to purchase the books to donate to hospitals. He has also sold the books on asthma to the American Lung Association of Maryland as a fundraising tool. The three books —

"Sillwee Wobbert: The Happy Heart Kid," "Sillwee Wobbert and Wheezing Will in The Big Game" and "Sillwee Wobbert, Diabetes and José at School and Play" — are also available online at amazon.com and sillwee-wobbert.com.

Five years into his sabbatical from teaching, Lyles continues to work on promoting his three books in print and three upcoming books on Down Syndrome, vision and bullying.

"My goal is to continue the series and to be a child advocate," Lyles said.

Lyles is also spending time adjusting to a new home life in Grosse Pointe Park. He and his wife, Barbara Chiapella, a native of Warren and a finance director with the IRS, moved to the Park in January after she was transferred from Washington, D.C., to Detroit.

"I'm a lifelong resident of the Maryland/Washington, D.C. area," Lyles said. "It's such a transient society. I never felt as if I were at home."

"Michigan is the most heart-warming place. Within weeks of moving here, the surrounding neighbors have come by and offered to help. One neighbor dropped off cookies, and another neighbor came by to introduce her children to us. Everyone here has been so supportive of what I'm doing. I feel as if I'm at home."

Woods council approves ballot language

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council has taken its first official step in allowing voters to decide whether or not the city shall allow itself

ern licenses available to bars and restaurants.

By a 4-3 vote at its Monday, April 5 regular meeting, the council adopted a resolution to approve the ballot language that will appear on the Aug. 3 primary ballot.

The ballot question would essentially allow for a revision of chapter 50 of the city charter, which stipulates how Class C/tavern licenses are issued.

Currently, there have

been six Class C licenses and one tavern license issued in the Woods. According to the city charter, a popular vote would be required to free up one or all of the remaining four licenses. In the past, such referendums have been placed on the ballot by citizen initiatives.

"We're the only city in Michigan with this kind of ordinance," said Councilwoman Patricia Chylinski, who forwarded the motion to approve the resolution. "I am strengthened that we are doing the right thing."

The motion, which was seconded by Councilman Darryl Spicher, was also approved by council members Lisa Pinkos Howle and Dona DeSantis Reynolds.

The motion was named by Mayor Robert Novitke and council members Allen Dickinson and Vicki Granger.

"I'm not comfortable with the process that is being recommended," Dickinson said.

Novitke felt the ballot language should read that the number of Class C/tavern licenses would be an increase and not just a total number.

The ballot language must now be approved by the Wayne County clerk.

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Harper Woods opts out of water plant study

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

Harper Woods City Council opted not to take part in the feasibility study for the Warren-St. Clair Shores Water Plant at its meeting on Monday, April 5.

"I don't see a significant advantage for us to participate in this effort at this time," said city manager Jim Leidlein to members of the council.

Leidlein cited impracticality as his reason for suggesting the refusal, which was approved by a vote of 6-0 (councilwoman Vivian Sawicki was not present).

He felt that the city of Harper Woods would not benefit from disconnecting from the City of Detroit's water system and joining forces with Warren and St. Clair Shores.

"Preliminary analysis

estimates that they could produce wholesale water at a rate in the neighborhood of \$10 per thousand cubic feet," he explained. "Our current rate, to be effective July 1, from the City of Detroit is \$7.87."

Wholesale water cost represents just 20 percent of the city's total expenditures to Detroit, Leidlein continued.

"Nearly half of the cost is for sewage disposal and treatment, and this study does not address this issue," he said.

While joining forces with St. Clair Shores has given Warren the opportunity to sever ties with Detroit, such is not the case for other communities.

While Warren has its own wastewater treatment plant, by joining this study, other communities will still

need to rely on Detroit for those resources.

While St. Clair Shores, Warren, Centerline, Grosse Pointe Shores, Fraser and the Southeast Oakland County Water Authority have already committed to the study, cities such as Harper Woods, Eastpointe, Grosse Pointe Woods, Roseville, Oak Park, Ferndale, Royal Oak Township, Hazel Park, Madison Heights and Troy have until April 15 to make

a decision.

Should the feasibility study determine the construction of a new water plant to be cost-effective for Harper Woods, the council can still opt to become a customer of that new system, Leidlein added.

While the city would not be granted a seat on the board because it did not partake in the feasibility study, Leidlein argued that the size of Harper Woods would limit its voting prowess.

"Regardless, our role would be relatively small," he said.

Leidlein did commend St. Clair Shores and Warren for seeking alternatives to water supply but did not see the benefits from Harper Woods' involvement at this time.

"I don't think it's going to be practical or feasible," he said. "I cannot sell this to my community as a cost-saving measure."

Given Warren's pending

lawsuit against the City of Detroit over water rates, Leidlein was additionally concerned that the recent layoff of Warren's city engineer might become problematic for the project.

The city council agreed and voted against participating in the study. Leidlein was confident this decision would not hinder the project.

"Our share of (the financing) is not going to make or break the project," he said.

'Drop dead' line April 15 to join water group

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Wishy-washy city officials have one week to ensure partnership in a suburban water system.

As the project gets underway, a core group of leading communities has advanced a deadline for others to jump on board.

The drop dead date for membership is April 15. Even then, cities that ante up to study the proposal can hedge their investment.

The April date marks the last chance for suburbs to pledge payment for a study to decide if breaking away from the Detroit water department is a font of brilliance or pipe dream.

Helping fund the study doesn't lock participants into financing a subsequent water plant, should things get that far.

Cities backing the preliminary study can pull the plug on co-owning a water filtration plant. Should a community opt out of ownership, it could either become a customer of the new operation or continue buying drinking water from Detroit.

The deadline is needed to define parameters for the feasibility study.

"We are sending letters to communities who are fence-sitting to see if they want to get involved," said Mike Kenyon, manager of Grosse Pointe Shores. "When we know if they want in or out, we'll be able to define the scope."

The Shores is one of 16 tri-county municipalities that formed a Water System Review Committee. Members pledged their share, based on population, of an anticipated \$150,000 study to determine if a suburban filtration plant makes

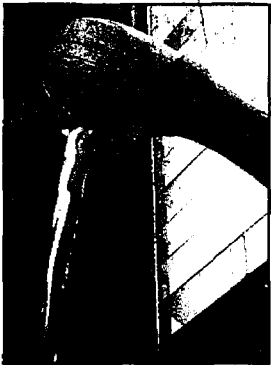


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sense. The Shores will pay \$2,500,000.

Other members are St. Clair Shores, Center Line, Fraser, Warren and 11 communities within the Southeast Oakland County Water Authority.

Potential members being queried are Grosse Pointe Woods (which has been considering the matter for seven months), Eastpointe, Roseville and public agencies in Macomb and Oakland counties.

Harper Woods opted out this week.

The idea of a separate water system has been brewing since late last year.

Members of the review committee are concerned about Detroit's aging water infrastructure and double-digit rate increases.

Five companies expressed interest last week in conducting the feasibility study. The firms provided detailed company backgrounds and references but were unable to estimate the study's cost.

"In order to respond accurately with a price quote, they need a thorough understanding of the scope of the services they are to deliver to the service area," Kenyon said.

Big-hitters vying for study bid

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Companies are lining up to evaluate the idea of building a suburban water filtration plant.

Grosse Pointe Shores and 16 other representatives of the newly-formed Water System Review Committee have received profiles from five engineering firms eager to perform a feasibility study.

The committee planned to meet this week, after the Grosse Pointe News press time, to begin evaluating the candidates.

"We have different criteria: how they approach the project, scheduling, qualifications, experience and personnel," said Mike Kenyon, Grosse Pointe Shores village manager. "Of the five, we'll pick two or three, then say, 'What's your price?'"

The filtration facility would be jointly owned and operated by communities that presently buy drinking water from Detroit.

The facility would be solely for drinking water.

Committee members, including St. Clair Shores and others in Macomb and Oakland counties, have no interest in passing the economic resources needed to construct a suburban waste water treatment facility.

That role will remain con-

tracted to the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

Detroit provides drinking water and sewage treatment for communities throughout 1,067 square miles of Southeast Michigan.

The study is expected to cost \$150,000. Each community will pay in proportion to population.

"If communities or agencies are interested in participating they need to submit a resolution of participation that identifies a representative to sit on the review committee as well as a commitment to participate in their share of the cost," Kenyon said. "Our initial estimates of cost is approximately 50 cents per resident."

A community of 100,000 would fund the study at a minimum level of \$50,000. Helping pay for the study qualifies contributors for membership in the Review Committee, which allows for part ownership in a resulting water plant.

On the other hand, the study might rule the idea impractical or too expensive.

Alternatives to a separate plant include expanding existing facilities in Grosse Pointe Farms, Highland Park and Mount Clemens.

Once a final roster of participating cities is obtained, and the scope of the proposed project is defined,

firms vying to conduct the study will be able to submit bids.

Cities have until April 15 to pledge financial support for the study.

"At that time, we'll have a good idea if the scope of the project has changed, meaning if there are any other communities that may be coming in," Kenyon said. "From there, we'll sit down and draw up guidelines by which we will interview each of the groups. And from there make our decision."

If the project proves feasible, the committee would seek additional competitive bids for construction.

The lineup

Companies expressing interest in conducting the feasibility study are:

- Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, Inc., based in Grand Rapids and established in 1956.

- The full-service architectural, engineering and environmental service company is working with 90 Michigan municipalities. The firm recently completed a water system management strategic plan for Kalamazoo.

- Hubble, Roth and Clark of Bloomfield Hills.

The nearly 90-year-old firm serves as engineering consultants to many communities, including Grosse

Pointe Shores and Grosse Pointe Farms.

HRC is currently assessing the vulnerability of the water system operated by the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority.

- Jones & Henry Engineers of Toledo.

The company has been performing water and waste water engineering in Michigan for more than 70 years.

Services range from planning, construction and operation of water supply, treatment and distribution systems.

- O'Brien & Gere, a firm from Farmington Hills with nearly 60 years experience.

The company recently completed a regional water system feasibility study for an alliance of 16 government agencies and water utilities in central Kentucky.

The firm also planned a water system for the Monroe County Water Authority, which serves a population of 350,000 near Rochester, N.Y.

- URS Corp., a global firm from San Francisco.

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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.

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Students plant flowers of music at Star of the Sea

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

Music is a garden of the soul.

At Our Lady Star of the Sea, students at all grade levels are learning the beautiful variety of music and enhancing their development along the way.

"You can learn so much. It soothes the soul. It's such a good thing for so many children," said Star music instructor Michelle

Laboe. "It's nice to have the creative side nurtured."

Star instructs its students in five areas: musical drama, guitar, piano, music theory and composition and bells.

In musical drama, students practiced for eight weeks on a production of "Guys and Dolls." Many students helped with the construction of a set, and the actors followed a guide book to learn the music of

the play. A choreographer helped with stage movement.

"They worked really hard. They came in ready to listen and learn," Laboe said.

The play follows the journey of a troupe of gamblers with romance being an important part of the play. The students liked being able to perform such a fun and uplifting play. Laboe said many of the children were crying and hugging each other after they had completed the production.

"It was a cool experience for them," she said. "This is something they'll have the rest of their lives."

Younger students also got to dabble in musical drama, performing the production of "A Book is a Magical Carpet."

For guitar lessons, students learn the nuts and bolts of playing the instrument. They are instructed in tuning instruments and absorbing the sound of each string. They learn songs using a couple of strings and then build up to more advanced songs. At the end of the guitar session, parents got to listen to a recital by the students in which such songs as "Amazing Grace" and "When the Saints Go Marching In" were performed.

Piano is taught in a similar fashion to guitar: students are taught in the basics, and they perform a recital for parents at the end of the session. Students learn posture and how the numbers of each finger correspond to a key. Laboe individually



Students learn guitar, above, as one of the five facets of Our Lady Star of the Sea's music program. They perform for parents what they have learned at the end of the class.

instructs each student.

"They learn at their level. I take 10 minutes with each kid," she said.

Music theory is an eight week class in which students discover how to compose a piece of music. The piano is the instrument used to illuminate a piece's construction. Students learn how to use both hands in developing music. At the end of the session, they perform what they have created over the school's intercom system.

The learning of bells requires students to be able to count effectively in order to know when to ring

their bells (each student has two). Music is additionally highlighted for them to clarify the precise period. Like the guitar and piano segments, the students perform in front of parents at the culmination of the class.

"It was really neat," said Laboe.

Laboe has been at Star for three years, having received music education bachelor's and master's degrees from Aquinas College and the University of Michigan respectively. She has a husband Steve Garbarino and three children, Alex, Stephanie and

Erin.

"I love music. Anywhere I listen to it, it moves my soul. I love these kids. I feel as if I relate to them. I'm really blessed," she said.

Laboe thinks her students have learned a lot.

"Rhythmically they're so advanced. I can see a huge improvement from last year to this year," she said.

Being introduced to a wide panoply of music, Laboe hopes her students will leave Star loving music.

With Laboe's infectious enthusiasm, they no doubt will.



Photo by Carrie Cunningham
Michelle Laboe, a Star music director with degrees from Aquinas College and the University of Michigan, hopes her students leave the school loving music.

Bids to be decided

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

Two bids for bond projects will be voted on at the next board meeting on Monday, April 19, and companies for a third project are being considered.

Parking improvements at Grosse Pointe South High School are proposed to be completed by Pro Line Asphalt at a cost of \$113,851, funded in part by the \$62.9 million bond and in part by the sinking fund.

Concrete islands will be removed along the parking area on Fisher Road; the lot will be repaved; nine new trees will be planted, and a sidewalk will be replaced. Some 25 new parking spaces will additionally be added.

At Grosse Pointe North

High School, a fence is suggested to be replaced by Future Fence for a cost of \$41,717, paid for by the sinking fund and a boosters group.

An existing chain fence will be removed, and a decorative fence with a 30-35-year life span will be added with four brick piers.

Lastly, two bids are being examined from Supreme Heating and Supply Company and R.W. Mead & Sons to replace 19 unit ventilators at North High School, build new cabinets adjacent to the units and install new water risers.

The project will be funded by the 2000 energy bonds, and a request for a certain company will be suggested before the April 19 board meeting.

Parcells student wins state geography bee

Jamie Ding, a seventh grade student from St. Clair Shores who attends Parcells Middle School, won the Michigan competition of the National Geographic Bee on Friday, April 2, at Central Michigan University.

The state bee is the second level of a national competition sponsored by the National Geographic Society. Students were orally tested on geographic knowledge.

Ding answered the most questions correctly to win the first place prize of \$100 and an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. for this year's nationals May 25 and 26. Ding, the son of Yan Ning and Yuchuan Ding, is also Michigan's representative to compete May 28 in the Scripps Howard Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.

Ding won the competition by correctly answering

this question: Canada's Chaleur Bay, a fishing ground for mackerel and salmon, lies between the Gaspé Peninsula and which province? The answer is New Brunswick.

Ninety-seven Michigan students in grades four through eight competed in Friday's bee. Each student was asked a minimum of eight questions during the preliminary round, and 10 students advanced to the final round.

More than 500 Michigan schools conducted preliminary bees in January. Winners of the preliminary round completed a written qualifying test administered and evaluated by the National Geographic Society in Washington, D.C. The top scorers in Michigan advanced to Friday's state bee. The national champion will receive a \$25,000 scholarship.

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North science students achieved third place at the Science Olympiad on Saturday, March 20. Above are team Captain Angela Theis, Coach Randi Zwada and Co-Captain Thomas Cameron. Other members of the team not pictured are Molly Farr, Paul Frick, John Hawksley, Co-Captain Margaret Walton, Natalie Carolan, Joseph Hong, Allison Mikula, Nicholas Ridella, Gene Song, Carl Boscarino, Ruvani Fonseka, Matthew Herman, Elizabeth Simon and alternates Abhinav Krishnan and Robert Sweeney.

North science students place third at Olympiad

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe North High School students have immersed themselves in the wonders of science and had the chance to display their knowledge at a regional Science Olympiad on Saturday, March 20.

For their efforts, they garnered a third place trophy, and they will have the opportunity to go to a state competition at Michigan State University on Saturday, May 1. The top five winners from the state competition will go to a national contest on May 21-22 at a college in Pennsylvania.

Randi M. Zwada, the coach for the team, was very pleased with how the students performed.

"They have a strong background from the curriculum," she said.

Activities from all areas of scientific inquiry were included in the olympiad, including astronomy, biology, chemistry, earth science, environmental science, physics, building and miscellaneous science topics.

Students Thomas Cameron, the team Co-Captain, and Ruvani Fonseka competed in both the Designer Genes segment, in which they were tested on genetic problems, and the chemistry lab. They won second place in both competitions.

"I am interested in genetics because it is a developing field, and I like to help people," said Fonseka. "I like science because it's where you learn how things work."

Cameron additionally partook in the Polymer Detectives unit with John Hawksley where they placed ninth. The unit examined different kinds of plastics.

"I'm pretty good at science. If I'm going to be good at something, I might as well participate," Cameron said.

Other students who placed in the activities include fifth

place for Co-Captain Margaret Walton and Nick Ridella in Astronomy; second place for Joseph Hong and Fonseka for cell biology; first place for Molly Farr and Fonseka in Science for Fitness; fourth place for Abhinav Krishnan and Rob Sweeney in Birds and the Bees; third place for Walton and Allison Mikula in Dynamic Planet; Ninth place for team Captain Angela Theis and Walton in Remote Sensing; Ninth place for Natalie Carolan and Mikula for Forestry; 10th place for Krishnan and Robert Sweeney in Ecology; third place for Hawksley and Theis in the Physics lab; fifth place for Paul Frick and Gene Song in Robot Rumble; sixth place for Frick and Matt Herman in Storm the Castle; ninth place for Hong and Liz Simon in Sounds of Music; third place for Farr, Mikula, Simon, Krishnan and Sweeney in the Pentathlon; fifth place for Theis, Ridella and Simon in Experimental Design; third place for Hawksley and Walton in Practical Data; first place for Caorlan and Mikula in Write it/Do it and sixth place for Sweeney in Compute This.

As Captain, Theis said she had to engage in a lot of organization to prepare, but the results were sweet.

"It was my goal to go to states," she said.

Additionally, many other students felt pressure at the competition, but Zwada's encouragement and the thrill of winning made the stress worth it.

"Mrs. Zawada has always pushed me because she is a strong believer in science," said Farr, who eventually wants to become a doctor.

Having performed strongly at regionals, the North team members are prepared to use their budding scientific minds in another go around at states.

Rollicking Red Wing

Photo by Kathy Flanagan

Detroit Red Wing forward Kirk Maltby visited Kerby Elementary on Monday, March 15. He talked about what he likes about hockey and some of his favorite books while growing up. He stands in the center next to John Flanagan on the left and Meghan Flanagan on the right. Chris Flanagan is in the back.

Many students as well as teachers donned Red Wing jerseys like the Flanagans. With the gym packed with all grades at Kerby, Maltby charmed his audience with a down-to-earth and humble manner.

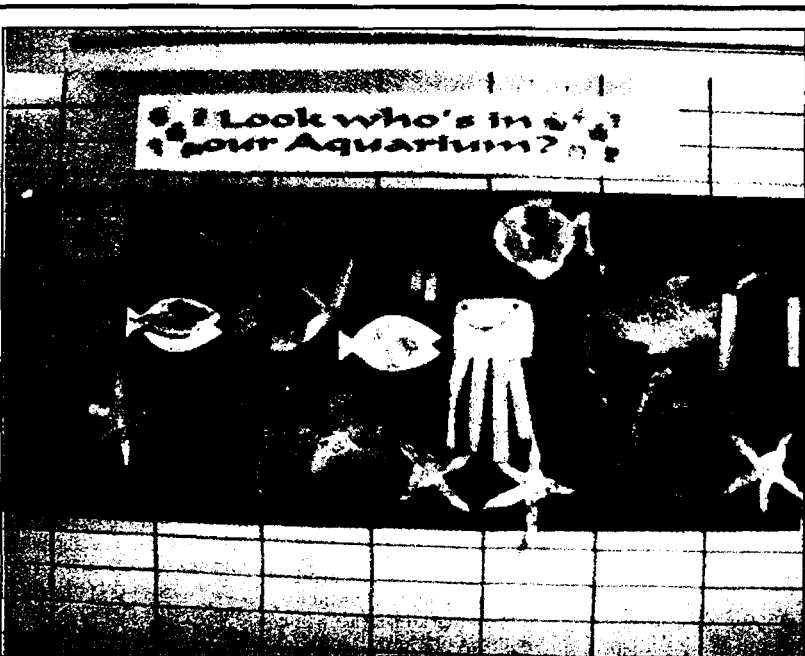
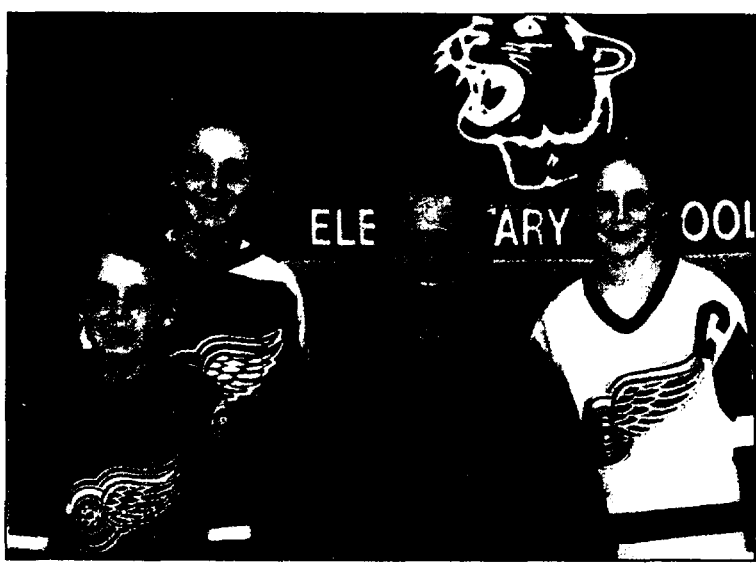


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Fish abound

On Friday, March 26, students from Barnes Elementary visited the aquarium, and as a way to reinforce knowledge about the aquatic world, they made decorations in the hallway of the school. Beth Moran's class made a whale as well as a display, "Look who is in the aquarium," pictured above. Other classes taught by Marinel Gaitan, Amy Krieger, Julie Bellovich, Dorothy Heitjan and Deb Kraft made a host of other types of fish and showcases. Some of these include jelly fish, rainbow fish and angel fish and broader displays of a lighthouse and a mermaid.

On their visit to the aquarium, the children looked for fish that were shown in the movie, "Finding Nemo." The world of the sea was brought to life for them.

"The kids really liked it. It was a great unit. They loved the fish," Moran said.

Correction

In the March 25 article, "Sinking fund passes, board renews debate," the amount of the school budget shortfall after calculating funds from the sinking fund and a possible use of fund equity was misstated. The correct amount is \$1.7 million.

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Other outstanding soloists included: Rebecca Rhee, Bridget Brosnan, Jane McDonnell, Liz Cramer, John Buda, Caitlin Fuhrmann, Roy Lucier, Alex Hubbell and Nicole Diesing. The percussion feature was also a highlight of the evening.

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Lee Harrison Allen

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Lee Harrison Allen, 79, died Thursday, April 1, 2004, surrounded by his family and friends.

Mr. Allen was born Oct. 12, 1924, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Horace and Eleanor Malone Allen, and grew up in Shaker Heights, Ohio.

He attended Yale University until joining the U.S. Navy during World War II. Mr. Allen served as a Gunner Officer and a Lieutenant J.G. on a landing ship in the South Pacific Theater. At age 19, he was the youngest commissioned officer in the Navy. He returned to Yale in 1946 to complete a Bachelor of Science degree in Metallurgical Engineering in the Class of "1945 W".

In 1948, Mr. Allen went to work for Hickman Williams and Co. as a salesman and metallurgist, providing raw materials for the iron and steel industries. He retired in 1990 as Chairman and CEO after 42 years.

He was a member of Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church where he served as Elder and Treasurer. He also enjoyed singing in the choir, which he recently retired from after 45 years.

Mr. Allen was active in many organizations; serving

as Trustee and Treasurer of the Grosse Pointe Public School Board of Education, Arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association, and the Boy Scouts. He was also a member of the University Club, Players Theater Club, Detroit Athletic Club, Country Club of Detroit, Yale Club of New York City, Niagara Falls Club, Economic Club of Detroit, and the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe.

He is survived by his wife, Marieke; children, Horace (Phyllis), Jan (Lisa), Lee Adrian (Jeannine), Carel (Anne), Eleanor (David); grandchildren, Christy (Allen), Whitney, Shayla, Jack, Nicolaas, Jonathan, Madeline, Lee H. II, and John, and great-grandchildren, Jacob and Ian.

A memorial service was held Sunday, April 4, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, Malone College of Canton, Ohio (which was founded by his ancestors) or the American Lung Association.



Mitzi Overland Dominick

Mitzi Diane Overland

Dominick, 71, died Tuesday, March 23, 2004, at her Harper Woods home.

Mrs. Dominick was born Dec. 18, 1932, in Detroit to Gordon and Pearl Overland. She graduated from Northwestern High School in Detroit, then received her undergraduate degree from Wayne State University and her Master of Arts degree from the University of Michigan.

She was a school teacher in Florida, Texas and Michigan, and later, a substitute teacher in the metropolitan Detroit area and the Grosse Pointe school system.

Mrs. Dominick enjoyed dancing and participated in ballroom, square and rounds with many groups. She loved traveling and has traveled to Europe, the Caribbean, Mexico, Canada, Puerto Rico and within the United States. Mrs. Dominick also loved gardening and spent much of her time outside in the spring and summer, and in the winter planning with her catalogs.

All her life she enjoyed helping people, whether it was with their taxes or just being a good friend. Mrs. Dominick was very proud of her two grandchildren, and loved the time spent with her family and getting together for family dinners.

Mrs. Dominick is survived by her husband, C.M. Dominick; her daughter, Leslie (Michael) Kishler; and two grandchildren, Jessica and Matthew Kishler.

She was predeceased by her son, John "J.D." Dominick; and brother Gregory Parker Overland.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, April 12, at the Chapel of Renaissance Unity Church, 11200 E. 11 Mile, in Warren. (1-696 service drive between Hoover and VanDyke, Chapel on the east side of building).

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lung Association or charity of one's choice.

Geraldine F. Gitzen

Geraldine F. Gitzen (nee Hogan), 77, died Sunday, March 14, 2004, in Longboat Key, Fla.



Geraldine F. Gitzen

Mrs. Gitzen was born March 1, 1927, in Detroit to Francis Delmont and Ethel Hammond Hogan. She graduated from the University of Michigan in 1972, and spent several years teaching remedial reading in Detroit and was a substitute teacher for the Grosse Pointe public school system.

She belonged to the Delta Psi sorority, and was a member of St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish and Altar Society.

Mrs. Gitzen had a lifelong love of reading and was a member and 20-year volunteer at the Longboat Key Library.

She is survived by her husband, Henry Gitzen; sons, John Gitzen and Robert (Stephanie) Gitzen; sisters, Nancy Hogan and Eleanor Hogan.

Mrs. Gitzen was predeceased by her sisters, Elizabeth "Betty" Seymour and Mary Kramer.

A funeral Mass was celebrated March 18, at St. Mary Star of the Sea, Longboat Key, Fla.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Longboat Key Library, 555 Bay Isles Pkwy., Longboat Key, FL 34228 or Capuchin Missions, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

Ellen Wills Smith

Grosse Pointe resident Ellen Wills Smith, 92, died Wednesday, March 31, 2004, at Bon Secours Nursing Care Center in St. Clair Shores.

Mrs. Smith was born Oct. 27, 1911, in Millington. She moved to Flint to raise her family and distinguished herself in volunteer work. She was a lifelong volunteer

for many groups including the Fair Winds Girl Scout Council of Flint, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Sarasota, Fla., St. John Home Care Center in Eastpointe, the Grosse Pointe Neighborhood Club's Thrift Shop, and the Rotary Club that meets at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

She is survived by her daughters, Karen Smith Kienbaum of Grosse Pointe Park, and Kathryn (David) Larkin of Bellaire; and by her grandchildren, Ursula Kienbaum (Jason Reynolds), Geoff Dankert (Ron Hall) and Liz Ellen (Tim) Vogan.

Mrs. Smith was predeceased by her husband, George A. Smith; and her brothers, Darrel, Karl, Fred and Cleon.



Ellen Wills Smith

Services were held at Christ Church Grosse Pointe on April 3.

Memorial contributions may be made to Big Brothers/Big Sisters, 2831 Ringling Blvd., Suite A201, Sarasota, FL 34237; Christ Church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or Alba Community Memorial Garden, 5935 Elm, Alba, MI 49611.

Charles Lundeen

The Rev. Dr. Charles Lundeen Swan died Friday, March 26, 2004 in Lexington, Ky. after a brief illness.

Dr. Swan was born in Calcutta, India on Aug. 5, 1909, to Methodist missionaries, the Rev. Henry Marcus Swan and Edna Lundeen Swan. He completed his early education in India and came to the United States in 1925 for college. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago in 1929 and returned to India as a teacher at the Mt. Hermon School in Darjeeling. There he met and married Kathleen Vivian Doucette.

Following his term at Mt.

Herman School, Dr. Swan came back to the United States to earn a Bachelor of Divinity degree from the Garrett Biblical Institute of Northwestern University. He then returned with his family to India to serve as District Superintendent for the Methodist Church in Hyderabad, Deccan. After nearly six years, Dr. Swan again came to the United States to earn a doctorate degree in Sociology from Northwestern University. He joined the faculty of Albion College in Albion, Mich., where he rose from assistant professor to professor and Chairman of the Department of Anthropology-Sociology. In 1974 he joined the faculty of Sociology at Wayne State University and retired in 1979. He completed his academic career with two years of teaching in Turkey for the United States Air Force.

Dr. Swan has traveled throughout Europe, Africa, and the Middle East with extended stays for research in India.

He served as pastor of a number of country churches in the Western Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his sons Alan Charles and David Stephen; six grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Dr. Swan was predeceased by his first wife of 53 years, Kathleen; and his second wife, Doris Notestein.

Services will be held in Fairfield Bay, Ark., and Grosse Pointe. Dates and times will be announced when arrangements have been completed.

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Tyrone teachers share nuptials with school

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

"Here comes the bride, all dressed in white..." As the song began to play, Tyrone Elementary School students turned and watched as their sixth grade teacher stepped foot onto a makeshift aisle in the school's gym, walking toward their fifth grade teacher.

Catherine Francis and David Rabbideau wed last week after several years of courtship which began after both accepted teaching positions in the district. Students and staff shared in the joyous occasion, witnessing the exchange of vows between the beloved teachers.

"I thought it was great," said Tyrone principal Cheryl VanDerlinden. "It's been a great event for the kids and their families."

The wedding was held at Tyrone because of the dedication both teachers have to the school and its students.

"(Catherine and Dave's) goal since they met was to incorporate the kids in part of this," VanDerlinden said. "This school is where they met, and it has been an important part of their lives. They wanted their wedding to take place here so they could share it with the community."

According to Tyrone faculty, the romance blossomed almost immediately; however, it was kept quiet from the students and staff members.

"I watched them acting very sneaky at the beginning," laughed fourth grade teacher Natalie Parsons. "They were always spending a lot of time together and talking in the hallway. The key for me was when Dave offered to go shopping at the mall with Catherine. That's true love."

Even students claim they had suspicions.

"Mr. Rabbideau was always going into Miss Francis' room to talk to her, so I guessed it right away," said fifth-grader Julian Brown, one of nearly 30 students who attended the wedding, each accompanied by an adult. The parents were just as excited as the kids.

"I wouldn't miss this for the world," said Brown's mother, Claudette. "We just love Mr. Rabbideau, and



Photos by Jennie Miller
Catherine Francis and David Rabbideau tied the knot on Friday, April 2, in front of family, friends, and nearly 30 Harper Woods Middle School students. At right, students decorated the gym with posters.

we're glad they invited us. We're so happy for them." The engagement came after a camping trip in the Upper Peninsula. Rabbideau and Francis arrived at school upon returning, posing a picture that showed Francis holding up her ring. Words were scrawled across the photo reading "She said yes!"

"Everybody who came into work that morning saw the picture," Parsons remembered. "We were all so excited for them — nothing like this has ever happened. The kids just went nuts, running up to them all day long and asking them when they're



going to have kids. Everyone was just so excited." Parsons said Rabbideau and Francis are perfect for each other and they get along so well, it's almost like brother and sister.

"They're a great couple," she said of her friends. "They're silly and adventurous, and they love to do things together like going camping."

The couple informed school administrators soon after the engagement. "I'm very happy for them," said Superintendent Dan Danosky, who hired both Francis and Rabbideau when they applied for jobs in the district. Danosky attended the wedding on Friday with pride.

"I always take pride in this staff. The fact that they like each other is great, but to this extent says a lot about them as a staff," he said, laughing at the unexpected announcement. He discovered the courtship when the couple came to ask for time off for the wedding. "I was surprised, but they are two very good people," he said. "They love each other and enjoy each other's company very much. I think it's cool that two teachers who met here on the job are so committed to their jobs that they wanted to have their kids involved in this. I'm amazed and very happy for

them." Parents shared in the enthusiasm exhibited by the students and staff. Diane Mueller said her daughter, Marissa, was thrilled to find out her teacher was engaged.

"That's all she would talk about," Mueller said. "It's so nice they did this for the kids."

The students took a hands-on role in the wedding planning. They decorated the gymnasium walls with colorful posters, and they designed invitations and programs for the event.

"It's great that the kids are all a part of this, and they get to share in the occasion," said Kellie Snider, mother of fifth-grader Daniel. The wedding was a formal event, with Francis striding down the aisle in an elegant white satin gown. White pillars and stairs were constructed on the stage to create the ambiance of a wedding chapel. Pastor Bert Thompson officiated, blessing the union and commending the bride and groom for their dedication to their careers.

Francis' best friend, Lorie Arcand, served as matron of honor, while the groom's brother, Paul Rabbideau, served as best man. Curt Francis and Jesse Moss served as ushers while Ashley Moss and Joan Warnken read passages during the ceremony, while Christopher Plansker played the piano.

Afterwards, students gathered around the happy couple for a group photo to capture the memory. Smiles were gleaming from ear to ear as the couple took off in their chariot, heading toward the reception at The Roostertail.

A personal message inscribed in the wedding program embodied the joy shared by all during the occasion:

"Today I have everything I need: the love of my best friend, the promise of a lifetime together, and family and friends to share this moment."

After returning to school this week, the Rabbideaus will spend spring break in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, for their honeymoon. They live in St. Clair Shores.



HW students form bond with young Detroiters

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

Young children at James Campbell Elementary School in Detroit are feeling the positive influence from Harper Woods High School's brightest and best.

Members of the school's National Honor Society and Jazz Band have "adopted" the kindergarten classes at Campbell, visiting the school several times a year

to bond with the students.

"We've been doing this for about five years," said NHS adviser Annette Zabracki, who works with Lucienne Zanni to organize the program. Zanni joined forces with Harper Woods resident Crystal Rockwood, a kindergarten teacher at Campbell, back in 1999, when the NHS was looking for community service activities in the area.

After spending one afternoon at the school, the students were committed and knew right away they had to return. Since then, they have made several visits a year to the school.

"The older kids have such an effect on the younger ones," Zabracki said. "It's a warm and positive experience every time we go."

Most recently, the NHS helped promote National Reading Month at Campbell. Students brought the story of "The Three Bears" to life for the kindergartners, dressing in costumes and acting out the roles. They then switched roles and allowed the young ones to take on the parts.

After a session of one-on-one reading, singing and dancing, NHS members made crafts with their buddies, putting together bunny and bear magnets. They distributed gifts of coloring books and crayons to the students and shared a snack before they left.

"The kids really enjoy the experience when we read to them and do projects together," said Nicole McEachin, a senior at Harper Woods High School and secretary of NHS. "It's a positive experience for all of us. It's fun to hang out with them and see the effect we have."

Rockwood's son, Graham, who is now a high school

student and member of NHS, brought the Jazz Band on board this year. The group visited Campbell last month to perform a collection of songs. Afterward, Campbell students were eager to meet the musicians and demanded autographs from them.

"They just loved it," said Arlow Antieau, science and Jazz Band teacher. "They can't wait for us to come back."

Antieau feels that the older students inspire those at Campbell to excel in their education.

"It's a very positive experience for the young kids," he explained. "They get an idea of what is possible for their future. It shows them what opportunities are out there and broadens their perspective."

This was expressed in a book of letters which was sent to Harper Woods High School from the Campbell students. Inside were letters of appreciation for continuing to visit with them.

Next up is the annual children's picnic and field day in May, where the students will come to Harper Woods' Johnston Park to share lunch, games and a concert from the Jazz Band.

"They love to come and see where the big kids live," Zanni said.



Harper Woods High School students and National Honor Society member August Bragg reads "The Three Bears" to Campbell Elementary School students to promote National Reading Month.



NHS member Steve Dembrowski helps a Campbell student put on his costume to participate in the "Three Little Bears" skit.

HW celebrates fifth consecutive top teacher

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

For five straight years, Harper Woods School District has seen one of its teachers named as Wayne County's Outstanding Teacher of the Year by Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA). This year, middle school science teacher June Teisan has nabbed the title.

"I'm thrilled that she has won," said Superintendent Dan Danosky. "She's very deserving. This is five years in a row we've had this honor, and the middle school staff is responsible for four of the last five. They're really second to none when it comes to dedication to kids and knowledge of the craft."

Teisan has spent her entire 17-year career in Harper Woods, teaching the same subject in the same room. And she has zero plans to move.

"I love this district," she said. "I appreciate the fact that it's small. I love that it houses grades seven through 12 in the same building. I can still see the kids grow up and watch them graduate. I can have an impact that lasts beyond one class."

Teisan thinks her coworkers in Harper Woods are exemplary and appreciates the teamwork that goes into running the middle school.

"There is a great degree of professionalism among the staff," she said. "There is support at every grade level, and we really work together. They all have their hearts in it for the kids and go that extra mile."

Teisan was hired for the job right after graduating from Wayne State University, but she hasn't strayed far from the learn-

ing trail. She continued at Oakland University and earned her educational specialist degree. In 2002, Teisan earned her National Board certificate, something few teachers accomplish, and she was recently accepted to Oakland's Ph.D. program in educational leadership.

"She became nationally board certified, which is a huge undertaking," Danosky said of Teisan's credentials. "She is the first and only teacher in Harper Woods ever to do that."

But she didn't stop there. In 2003, Teisan was one of only 25 Midwest educators invited to participate in advanced training with the National Board and is now a certified facilitator volunteering her time to assist other teachers in this rigorous assessment process.

An active supporter of her peers, Teisan has also led enriching sessions for the Michigan and Metro-Detroit Science Teachers Association, the Michigan Association of Middle School Educators, and the Michigan Education Association.

"If there is an organization that I think can give me the resources the students need, I'll join," she said.

Considered a leader not only in the district, but also in the state, Teisan was honored by the Michigan Department of Education as one of the top 50 educators in the state in 2003, and was recognized at an awards reception and invited to serve on a newly instituted advisory panel to state superintendent Tom Watkins.

Teisan has been featured twice in The Detroit News' Teacher of the Week profile,



June Teisan, Wayne RESA's Outstanding Teacher of the Year, celebrates the honor with her seventh grade science class at Harper Woods Middle School.

and, by unanimous vote, received Harper Woods Jr. High Teacher of the Year in 1998 and Harper Woods Middle School Teacher of the Year in 2003.

While accolades and recognition are appreciated, Teisan sees her students as most important and values what science can bring to a young life.

"I realize that science isn't the be-all, end-all of these kids' lives, but it is important," she said.

She credits her ability to reach her students by putting herself in their shoes and identifying with where they are in their youth.

"I remember that time of my life," she said. "It's a difficult time for kids; it's a time of turmoil for some. They need to be known as an

individual to help them make the transition from middle school to high school. I try to put myself in their shoes and think like a kid."

Teisan tries to get to know the students outside the classroom as well.

"I try to go to their sporting events and things like that," she said. "I like to watch them grow up and maintain relationships with them."

In the classroom, she tries to keep things exciting.

"I always appreciated the teachers who made things unique and showed me how wonderful the world is," she said, adding that she does this through a combination of hands-on work and lectures.

"Never does a week go by without something hands-on," she said. "There is such

a range of the levels of kids at this age; hands-on work is so important."

Committed to her work, Teisan values each and every day she has the chance to interact with students.

"I think teaching is extremely important work," she said. "It's one of the most difficult jobs because of the diversity and neediness that comes into the classroom every day; and while we are dealing with those issues, we've also got to stimulate their minds."

But Teisan doesn't limit herself to the science classroom. She was the first to lead student tour groups to Washington, D.C., and pioneered a three-day mid-winter retreat to the Traverse City area. She formed the first seventh and eighth

grade student council and led the group for eight consecutive years, setting up a format of service projects and social events that still operates today.

She also supports the school's Trick or Treat for UNICEF, Toys for Tots and canned food drives and participates in other service projects that keep students active as citizens in the community.

As if she didn't have enough to do already, Teisan produces the middle school newsletter, helped keep the yearbook from folding, and organized last year's book fair. With her science classes and after school garden club, Teisan has beautified the school grounds and cultivated students' school pride; more than 1,500 spring-flowering bulbs and 40 trees have been planted, and hundreds of annual plants are set in place every year.

In addition, Teisan helps to finance the purchase of equipment and supplies in the district by writing grants and heading up fundraisers.

RESA recognized this commitment and bestowed its annual honor to Teisan, who was nominated by seventh grade social studies teacher and former outstanding teacher of the year Lee Kyko.

The honor places Teisan in league with the many other teachers in Harper Woods who have been singled out as outstanding by Wayne RESA.

"There are only nine teachers in the middle school, but four of that nine have been recognized as outstanding teacher of the year," Danosky said. "That says great things about the staff."



Family Fun in Harper Woods

Photos by Robert McKeen

Harper Woods families celebrated together on Wednesday, March 24, with dinner, dancing and entertainment. The Amazing Clark performed a magic and puppet show and created balloon sculptures for kids. Pictured left, Tammy Brinker and her 2 1/2 year-old daughter Charlotte enjoy the Punch and Judy puppet show. Below, Katie Rogers, 6, waits for her balloon from the Amazing Clark. Randy Smith and the Music Smith performed musical entertainment for the crowds. The event was sponsored by the City of Harper Woods Recreation Department.



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As a store employee was ringing up a purchase for a customer, an unidentified subject grabbed the cash and split. The employee mentioned that she had seen him browsing in the store several times during the week.

Robbery

After pulling into her garage and shutting the door, a woman was approached by a man who stole her purse and ran out the side door on Friday, April 2, at 3 p.m. in the 20400 block of Severn.

He approached her as she got out from her car and asked if she knew how to get to Chandler Park Drive. Before she could respond or turn around, he grabbed her purse out from under her arm and took off running. The woman, who had a broken foot, notified her sister, and later called Harper Woods police.

Repeat offender

A man stopped for running a red light at Kelly and State Fair on Sunday, April 4, was discovered to have had seven suspensions and two warrants for his arrest.

Police followed the green 2000 Pontiac Grand Prix to the man's home before he pulled over. After discovering the warrants, one out of the 36th District Court, and another out of the 38th District Court, he was arrested.

Too much whiskey

A Warren man was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor, driving with a suspended license and child endangerment after blowing a .17

Breathalyzer

Police were suspicious of the driver of a silver 1993 Ford Escort after he disregarded a yield sign and pulled into the intersection the officer was crossing. Coming to a stop, the officer waited as the vehicle stalled in the middle of the intersection and then proceeded northbound down Kenosha.

The driver did not have identification, smelled of intoxicants and had an open bottle of whiskey on the floor of the passenger seat. Police discovered he had nine suspensions and a misdemeanor warrant out of Novi.

A woman seated in the passenger seat and her infant in the backseat were cleared to leave with the vehicle, as police administered field sobriety tests and Breathalyzer tests, before arresting the man.

B&E garage

As the sun came out on Saturday, April 3, a resident of the 20800 block of Anita went to his garage to get his children's bikes for them to ride. He discovered that not only were the bikes missing, but his \$600 snowblower was also unaccounted for. The last time he had used the machine was in early February, so the robbery could have taken place anytime during the last two months. Seeing no signs of forced entry, the man stated that he leaves the door unlocked.

Hit & run, OWI

An intoxicated female was discovered attempting to change a tire on her 1998 Plymouth Voyager on Saturday, April 3, at 2 a.m. in the 20300 block of Kelly.

Police questioned the individual, a Clinton Township resident. The van's radiator was leaking, and the hood was pushed in. After failing field sobriety tests and blowing a .16 Breathalyzer, the woman was arrested. She was later linked to a hit and run on Eight Mile and Carlisle.

Hot-looking sport sedan, Mazda6 turns heads

By Jenny King

Distinguishing a mid-size sedan like the 2004 Mazda6 in a very crowded field is a tough task.

It's a tough task for the designers, engineers, production specialists and marketing folks. And it's a tough task for the people who drive and review these vehicles — tough but fun.

What, then, to say about the new Mazda6? For one thing, it's a head-turner. Obviously when you are behind the wheel you don't notice the sedan's striking looks as much as when one passes you on the street.

Totally redesigned for 2003, the Mazda6 was transformed from the rather plain vanilla 626 four-door — dependable, leasable, unobtrusive — to a hot-looking sport sedan.

Mazda says, "This vehicle has set standards for sedan performance, drivability and styling the rest of the industry can only hope to match."

"We like to think that objects in the rearview mirror of the Mazda6 are not as close as they appear."

The Mazda6 is available in two trim levels: Mazda6 i and Mazda6 s. The "i" model features a 2.3-liter 160-HP four. The "s" model is powered by a 3.0-liter 220-HP V-6. Both engines are available with five-speed manual or four-speed automatic.

We were somewhat startled to see the bottom line on the Mazda6 tested: \$26,060. A fairly well-turned-out Chevy Impala can move in with you for some \$23,000.

But on reflection, we've recently driven competing intermediate products, for example a couple of sport sedans from Mitsubishi, with comparable prices. Surely the marketing folks do a lot of mystery shopping and price-checking before



they commit to the number on their sticker.

Here's how this vehicle's retail price got to where it is. The basic s model rings in at \$21,345. It includes power amenities (windows, door locks), air conditioning, a 3.0-liter V-6 with five-speed manual, remote keyless illuminated entry, ABS with traction control and 17-inch alloy wheels.

Part of the ABS programming, according to Mazda, is electronic brakeforce distribution. It was developed to extract maximum stopping ability by automatically compensating for varying wheel loads. As an example, if there are passengers in the rear seat and/or significant cargo in the trunk, the rear brakes work harder under the additional load. With the electronic brakeforce distribution, they get a boost to compensate for that load, keeping braking distances as short as possible.

Optional equipment on this sedan included side air bats and side air curtains (\$450); power moonroof (\$700); a luxury package with leather-trimmed seats and heated front seats and outside mirrors, power driver's seat and special gauges (\$1,540); a sport package with fog lights, spoiler, sport bumpers and exhaust (\$770), and an audio package with in-dash six-disc CD changer adds another \$635. If you can live without the

above, you'll save some \$4,000 to put toward fuel: about four years of it. Mazda gives an estimated annual fuel cost of \$956, presumably based on late-2003 pump prices and on the sedan's 19 miles per gallon city/26 mpg highway EPA ratings.

The Mazda6 is tight and quiet. It handles like a sport sedan with good manners. It is not as in-your-face as some of the Mitsubishi performance products, for example. The latter are characterized by less subtle looks.

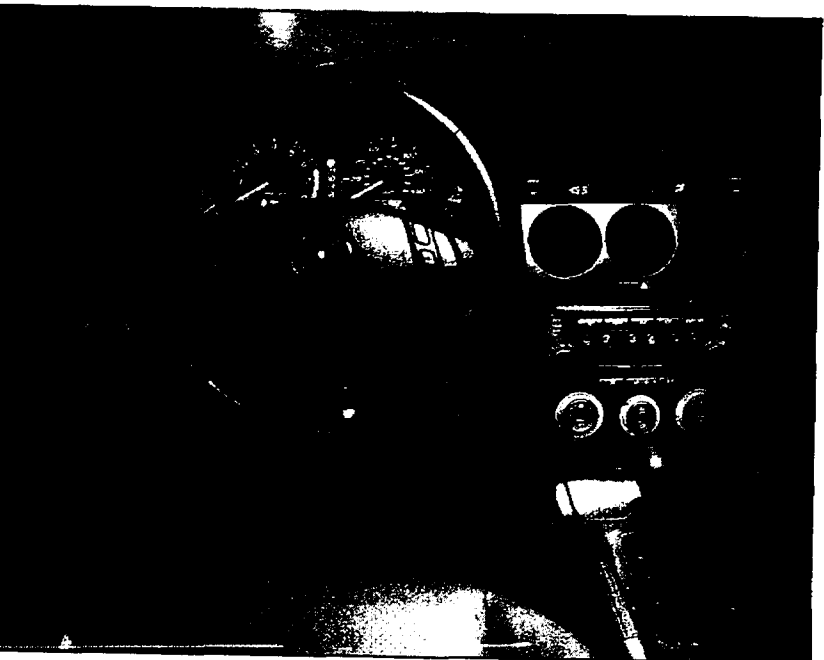
A Sport Wagon and five-door model join the Mazda6 family this spring. Like the Mazda6 sedan, the newcomers will be assembled at the Mazda-Ford Auto Alliance plant in Flat Rock. The Sport Wagon, taking a cue from the earlier, smaller jazzy Protege5, offers only the 220-HP V-6 engine to create its zoom-zoom.

The five-door model can be purchased with either the smaller in-line four or the peppy V-6.

Mazda launched its "zoom-zoom" ad campaign a few years back. In 2002, Mazda North American Operations brought out a turbocharged 2003 Mazdaspeed Protege. Subsequently there has been a 2003-1/2 Mazdaspeed Protege and a Mazdaspeed MX-5 Miata. There also now are



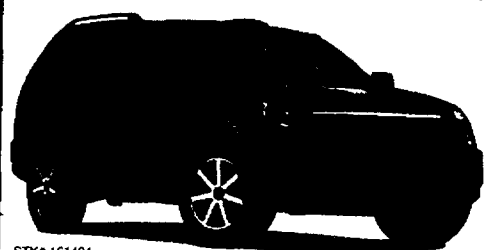
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Instrument cluster in the 2004 Mazda6 is attractive and readable.

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Friday's jobs report sends markets ballistic!

The Labor Department reported last Friday that non-farm payrolls jumped by 308,000 workers in March, compared to economists' forecasts of a 120,000 gain. Most economists admit to not having the foggiest how the Labor Department counts its laborers.

But Wall Street heard "the correction is over" message.

Some traders even changed the market sign from "Cyclical Bull Market" to read "New Secular Bull Market."

For the week, the Dow ballooned 258 points, or 2.5 percent, closing at 10,471. The Nasdaq Composite rocketed 97 points, or 5 percent, to close at 2,057.

But oil declined to 34.39; gold was off fractionally, and the U.S. dollar declined vs. the Euro. But the big shock was the decline in bond prices. The 30-year T-Bond dropped 3 1/2 points as yields increased almost 1/4 of 1 percent. Tighter money took its toll in price declines of financial stocks and home builders.

Early-bird General Electric (GE, about 31.06) will announce first-quarter earnings Thursday. Analysts have been singing the praises of GE's sales and earnings recovery this year.

New Dow Index

The editors of the Wall Street Journal oversee the Dow Jones Industrial (DJI) stock index. Last week, "the Committee" readjusted the

30 stocks, booting out three and adding three replacements.

Since the DJI is "price weighted," it's obvious that the higher-priced stocks have more weight in the index. Example: incoming American International Group (AIG, about 74.30 last Friday) will have twice the weight of General Electric (GE, about 31.06) in the new DJI, even though GE is the "largest stock in the market, by market capitalization."

As of Wednesday's close (or today's open), the DJI loses old faithfuls AT&T (Ma Bell, about 19.60 last Friday); Eastman Kodak (EK, about 25.17) and International Paper (IP, about 42.67).

Incoming will be AIG, Pfizer (PFE, about 36.00) and Verizon Wireless (VZ, about 37.24).

How many of the new Dow do you own?

Options to be expensed

Are employee options worth anything on the day of grant, assuming the option strike price is at or below the market price? The answer is an absolute "yes!" The only negative comment among recipients is, "Why didn't they give me more?"

If an employee receives a "valuable" option, it is actually just another form of compensation. The problem over the past eight years is an argument of "how much" value, and how is the "how much" to be calculated and

Let's talk... STOCKS

By Joseph Mengden



recorded by the accountants?

Last week, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) published its Exposure Draft, "Share-Based Payment, an Amendment of FASB Statements 123 and 95," which is available on FASB's Web site at www.fasb.org.

LTS has reviewed the first 30 pages of the Exposure Draft, too technical for a family newspaper. In late 1994, the FASB proposed that "the estimated fair value of employee stock options was included in determining an entity's net income."

The accounting validity of the proposal was soon subjected to an avalanche of political rhetoric, which forced the FASB to permit

entities to withhold the fair market value of its employee stock options from its income statements and, instead, to "bury" such information in the footnotes to its financial statements.

The net effect of this procedure allowed SEC reporting entities to overstate their "net income" and "net income per share" in press releases to the public without further reference to the "buried" financial information required to ascertain the correct data.

The serious financial reporting failures and allegations of misconduct by executives that came to light beginning in 2001 caused the attention of investors, regulators, members of the U.S. Congress and the media to focus on accounting and financial

reporting issues.

By February, 483 public companies had adopted or announced their intention to adopt the fair-value-based accounting method in Statement 123, 113 of which represented 41 percent of the S&P 500 Index, based on market capitalization.

The FASB Exposure Draft, mentioned above, would require publicly held companies to cease the "burial" of option expenses, which, hereafter, would be listed as a "compensation expense" in calculating "net income" and "net income per share."

Already the dot-com companies have howled that their very existence would be put in jeopardy if any changes were required regarding "option expenses." Others have floated a hot air balloon, which proposes that only the options of the top-five executives be so reported, and all other employees' options continue to be "buried" as in the past.

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Stock Market at a Glance

Friday Close, 4/2/04	
Dow Jones Ind.	10,471
Nasdaq Comp.	2,057
S&P 500 Index	1,142
\$ in EUROS	1.2134
Crude Oil (Bbl.)	34.39
Gold (Oz.)	421.60
3-Mo. T-Bills	0.93%
30-Yr. T-Bonds	4.98%

accounting principles has been compromised for over eight years. Option expenses must be treated like any other employee compensation expense. In accounting circles, there is no such thing as being half-pregnant.

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.

Google goes local — statistics don't lie

Google, the No. 1 Internet search engine in the world, has taken its "local" search product out of the lab.

Found at www.local.google.com, the new service debuted last week, inviting users to search for restaurants, car dealers and other things by ZIP code.

The search yields a list of options. By clicking on any of them, users get a map, address and phone number. Google's goal, according to Google, is to connect searchers with the information they need whether it's halfway around the world or in their neighborhood. The search effort includes more than a billion Web pages as well as Yellow Pages and local business listings.

OK, I promise this will be the last time I write about spam, also known as the "Evil E-mail," this year. And if you believe that, I have some ocean front property in Arizona I would like to sell you.

Remember CAN-SPAM? It was the new law that was supposed to expose and eliminate spammers. Has it been successful? Not!

The number of spams hit a record in March, according to Commtouch, an e-mail provider for businesses and developer of anti-spam technologies. Despite the new CAN-SPAM law, the

United States accounted for an estimated 60 percent of unsolicited e-mails, the company found by analyzing 1 million spams.

Only 3.5 percent of them complied with the law. They included a valid return address, did not have a deceptive subject or headers, had a postal address in the body and a way to unsubscribe. Spam in the United States now comes from 162 countries. That includes Upper Slobovia, if you remember Lili Abner.

Bottom line: CAN-SPAM CAN'T!

And while I'm inundating you with statistics... Nearly three of four people in the United States have Internet access at home, according to Internet audience measurement service Nielsen/NetRatings.

In a February telephone survey, an estimated 204.3 million Americans, or 74.9 percent of the population above the age of 2 and living in households equipped with a fixed-line phone had Internet access. That's up from 66 percent in February last year.

However, most families don't let their 2-year-olds use the computers because of the excess drool on the keyboard.

U.S. women were slightly more likely to be Web surfers than their male counterparts. Internet use

Pointers on Technology

By Mike Maurer



for women ages 35 to 54 was 81.7 percent, compared with 80.2 percent for men in the same age group.

For the 25 to 34 age group, Internet usage was 77 percent for women and 75.6 percent for men.

As one pundit (me) put it, women make the majority of purchases and household decisions; so it's no surprise. (If that doesn't get me some e-mail, I give up!)

One last stat and I'll stop counting beans. Nearly half of U.S. adults who use the Internet have published their thoughts, shared files or created Web logs (blogs) or diaries.

A telephone survey conducted last spring by the Pew Internet & American Life Project found Internet users under the age of 25 are the most enthusiastic about creating content and most likely to have blogs.

Older Internet users, with an average age of 58, are most likely to have their own Web sites.

(Will I get in trouble if I say that those under the age of 25 are most likely unmarried and thus have more to say?)

All right, Star Trek fans, here is one for you.

Web surfers may be able to talk to their computers

one day soon using a browser announced in March by Opera Software.

The new browser incorporates IBM's ViaVoice technology, enabling the computer to ask what the user wants and "listen" to the request.

"Hi, I am your browser. What can I do for you?" asked a laptop with the demonstration version of the browser. I must admit it was totally awesome.

The message can be personalized, such as greeting users by name. The computer learns to recognize users' voices, accents and inflections.

What I really want is the ability to choose the computer's voice. How about Humphrey Bogart? When I want to go back to the previously viewed Web page, I would just say, "Play it again, Sam." Oh, wait. That's his line.

Don't write. I know he actually said, "You played it for her; you can play it for me."

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.

Business People



Porter

Thomas Porter of Grosse Pointe Shores, will assume the title of executive vice president of Barton Malow. He will also serve as the chief legal officer and secretary.

Porter, who formerly served as senior vice president, will have executive responsibility for the human resources, information technology, legal, safety, and risk management departments, as well as the company's finance, administration, and diversity functions.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm recently reappointed Grosse Pointe Farms resident S. Martin Taylor of Grosse Pointe Farms to serve on the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Board and Executive Committee.

Taylor, a senior vice president of DTE Energy Corp., was chosen to represent the private sector for a term expiring April 5, 2012.

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IXL gets new owner

Michael Reno, president of the Seabrooke Co., has been the new owner of IXL Glass Co. since January. Reno has expanded the store's line of windows, which now include Marvin Windows and Doors. IXL also provides marine, automotive, residential, commercial and restorative work, including leaded glazes. The store is located at 19803 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. For store hours or more information, call (313) 884-0484.

Christ Church series is 'The Sandwich Generation'

Christ Church Grosse Pointe will offer a series of five presentations for all those people who are being squeezed and spread too thin, who are concerned about caring for their relationships with children, parents and grandparents.

"The Sandwich Generation: Caught in the Middle" will be offered on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m., April 20 through May 18, at Christ Church Grosse

Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd. in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The series, one of the church's outreach programs, is free and open to the community.

April 20: Patricia O'Brien, Ph.D., Access Services Manager for Macomb County Community Mental Health Services and an adjunct professor at Oakland University, will address the stresses of the 25 million members of the Sandwich

Generation, people who are coping with the responsibility for aging grandparents, parents, adult children, stepchildren, teenagers and their own young children. "The Sandwich Generation: Caught in the Middle" is her topic.

April 27: Peter A. Lichtenberg, Ph.D., director of the Institute of Gerontology at Wayne State University and chairman of the Michigan Dementia Coalition, will discuss the problems of detecting, treat-

ing and caring for older people with dementia, particularly those with Alzheimer's disease. "When Someone You Love Has Dementia" is the title of his speech.

May 4: Walter Payne II, attorney and counselor at law with the law firm Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, will address "Legal Issues — Getting Affairs in Order," issues regarding finances, wills, death and dying, which are often avoided because they are unpleasant topics. He will discuss organizing assets, estate planning and other legal matters.

May 11: Mary Alice Worrell, information service manager for the National Cancer Institute's informa-

tion services, Midwest region, will present "Alternative Living Styles," about caring for the special needs of an older adult that may create problems for a three-generational family. She'll include the importance of independence, dignity and quality of life and how to find resources to care for those who love.

May 18: The Rev. David D. Dieter, assistant to the rector for outreach and spiritual care at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, will present "Who's in Charge: A Balancing Act," about the stress of caring for others while still providing love and comfort.

Dieter conceived the idea for the series. "Being a priest

is a second career for me," he said. "For most of my life I was a developer and executive officer of a number of nonprofit organizations that dealt with older people."

Dieter said that Christ Church Grosse Pointe tries, as much as possible, to present programs that are relevant to parishioners' needs.

"Many of our members are part of the Sandwich Generation and are in the situation of caring for others," he said.

Members of the community are invited to attend any one or all five presentations.

For more information, call the church at (313) 885-4841.

GPAA offers bookmaking workshop

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association will present a bookmaking workshop from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the GPAA art center, 1005 Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park.

The instructor will be Susan Macdonald. The fee is \$40, plus a \$15 materials fee. For more information, call (313) 821-1848.

Do you remember?

In the 1940s, where in Grosse Pointe could people buy fresh corn, peas and beans, even live chickens?

Last week's answer: Jefferson Beach.

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



'Bobby Baseball'

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association's one-man exhibit, "April's Fool: The Balfour Project," will feature the fanciful welded metal sculpture of member Paul Maghielse.

Maghielse creates metal sculptures with found objects, fabricated metal pieces and bits of what another might classify as "junk." His pieces are often whimsical.

The exhibit runs through Saturday, April 24. The gallery is located at 1005 Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays.

The sculpture shown above is titled "Bobby Baseball."

Meetings

Grand Marais Questers

The Grand Marais Questers will meet on Friday, April 9, at the home of Marie Draper. Draper will present "The Story of Sacajawea on the Lewis and Clark Voyage of Discovery."

The topic coincides with the national observation of the Lewis and Clark Exploration Bicentennial. The slate of officers for the coming year will also be presented.

League of Women Voters

The Grosse Pointe League of Women Voters will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22. The speaker will be Jon MacDonald-Dumler of the Great Lakes Commission. His topic will be "The Great

Lakes Ecosystem."

The meeting is free and guests are welcome. For more information, including the location of the meeting, call Judy Morlan at (313) 822-8251. For information about membership, call Cynthia Warner at (313) 821-6021.

Soroptimists

Soroptimists International of Grosse Pointe will hold its monthly dinner meeting on Wednesday, April 14, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The international women's service organization sponsors a variety of charitable projects locally and world-wide, including the Children's Home of Detroit, Services for Older Citizens and Positive Images of Detroit. To learn more about the

Soroptimists, call Susan at (313) 882-9706.

Pettipointe Questers

Pettipointe Questers No. 243 will meet on Thursday, April 15, for a field trip to DuMouchelle Galleries. The group will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe Shores municipal parking lot for car pools. Lunch will follow at Sweet Lorraine's. The trip has been arranged by Mandy Scranton.

Pointer Bridge

The Pointer Bridge Club will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 22, (NOT April 15) at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Alger House for lunch and bridge. For reservations, call (313) 886-7595 or (313) 881-881-8566.

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Laughing Allegra & loving Anne

Anne Ford talks about championing for her daughter and other children with learning disabilities in her first book

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

With the birth of her second child, a girl, in 1972, Anne Ford assumed her newborn bundle of joy would attend the most exclusive schools, have friends in a select social circle, spend summers in Southampton, and eventually marry and have children and possibly a career. There was no indication that her daughter, Allegra Ford, wouldn't have all those things and more until four years later. Worse yet, no one could say or agree upon why, which made this crushing realization even more hard to believe.

But with the hindsight, dedication and determination of 27 years, Anne Ford tells the story of being a parent of a child with a learning disability in "Laughing Allegra" (Newmarket Press, 2003) and as the keynote speaker at a luncheon for the Women's Division for Project HOPE on April 20.

Anne Ford did not specify what kind of learning disability her daughter has but did say that she has difficulty with reading, writing, math and processing information.

"It's been a lifelong problem with her," Anne Ford said.

Anne Ford said she wanted to write this book to help other parents of children with learning disabilities.

"A lot of books about learning disabilities are written by professionals

and they're very technical," Anne Ford said. "I call this book a guide to the heart. If I had a book like this when Allegra was growing up, it all wouldn't have been such a big shock to me."

In "Laughing Allegra," which is being released in paperback this month, Ford is frank and sometimes painfully honest about her feelings and experiences in parenting a child with a learning disability. She expresses her bewilderment and disbelief in her daughter's early diagnoses, which ranged from "mentally retarded" to "she's just fine." She sheds her sorrow in watching other children shun her daughter, who is unable to keep up cognitively and socially. She exposes her trepidation in letting her daughter go off to the world of adulthood.

Anne Ford also faced some additional challenges in being a parent of a child who is learning disabled: Being that parent in the wealthy and influential Ford Motor Co. family.

"My mother (Anne Ford Johnston) was very stoic and never talked about things publicly, and my dad (Henry Ford II) told me, 'We'll find a cure,'" Anne Ford said.

"Laughing Allegra" is also as much about triumphs as it is about tragedies. Through the years, the reader sees both Allegra and Anne Ford emerge as heroines.

Allegra Ford made her way through schools, some

which were initially hesitant to take her as a student. Where she faltered in dance and swim classes, she excelled on the ice — even as a competitive skater. She overcame most of her adversities with the same kind of bright-eyed optimism and charm as her childhood idol, Little Orphan Annie.

Anne Ford, too, persevered, not just as Allegra Ford's mother, but as an advocate of all people with learning disabilities and their families. From 1989 to 2001, she served as chairwoman of the National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD). She still serves on the board of the organization.

Anne Ford is most proud of the work the NCLD has done on behalf of children, families and educators.

"The NCLD has developed a screening tool for parents and teachers to use to pick up learning disabilities in children as young as 3 years old," Anne Ford said. "It's an interesting field to be involved in. They've come a long way."

In addition, Anne Ford established the Anne Ford Scholarship, which awards \$10,000 to a high school senior who is learning disabled.

"It's amazing what they can do," Anne Ford said. "Many of them can't read or write, but they can compensate."

In addition to telling the story of her daughter's life, Anne Ford also passes along practical advice to other

parents of children with learning disabilities on topics such as homework, handling money and relationships.

In all of her work in speaking on learning disabilities, nothing has been as personal as writing "Laughing Allegra."

"It was hard writing this book," Anne Ford said. "I wanted to be as open and clear and as down to earth as I could be."

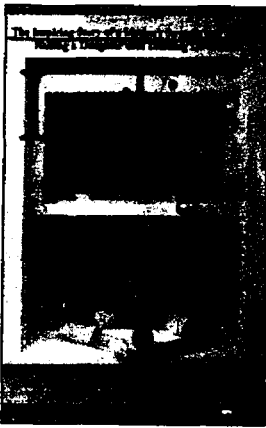
It was also difficult at first for Allegra Ford to let her mother write a book, which was just as much about her life as her mother's life.

"I sat down with her and told her how many people this would help," Anne Ford said. "Now, she is out there pushing the book. She doesn't mind talking about the book. She speaks on it to groups. She's very proud of the book. She's the best PR there is."

Anne Ford maintains that she has accomplished her goals with writing "Laughing Allegra."

"I've had so many parents write and say to me, 'Oh my God. This is exactly like me,'" Anne Ford said. "We're talking about writing another book. I'd like to try to keep on the issue and continue to be helpful to other parents. A lot of letters we've gotten have said, 'Please continue to write.'"

Anne Ford will speak to the Women's Division of



Anne Ford — pictured with her daughter, Allegra Ford, left — comes to the Women's Division of Project HOPE luncheon on Tuesday, April 20, to discuss her book, "Laughing Allegra."

Project HOPE (Health Opportunities for People Everywhere) on Tuesday, April 20, at the Fairlane Club, 5000 Fairlane Woods Drive, Dearborn.

a.m. with Anne Ford's presentation at 11:45 a.m., a luncheon at 12:30 p.m., followed by a book signing.

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Liturgy of Good Friday - April 9
Requiem by Gabriel Faure

Easter Sunday - April 11
Service at 8:15 a.m.
Festal Choral Eucharist 10:30 a.m.
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Maundy Thursday April 8
7:00 p.m. Confession & Forgiveness
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Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday April 9
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7:00 p.m. The Passion of Christ according to St. John
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Holy Week Services

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 8
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
9:00 & 11:15 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion
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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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Maundy Thursday
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Good Friday
Noon-3:00 p.m. - Personal Meditation in Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service with Prayers Around the Cross in the Sanctuary

Easter Morning
7:45 a.m. Service of the Resurrection in the Columbarium
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7:30 a.m. Ecumenical Men's Friday Breakfast

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Great Vigil of Easter - April 10th
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Easter Sunday - April 11th
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10 a.m. - Festive Holy Communion

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES - 2004

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
Blessing of Food 12 Noon front church steps

EASTER SUNDAY
Masses: 8:00 am Organ and Cantor
9:30 am Contemporary Music Group
11:30 am Formal Choir

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2004 AT ST. AMBROSE PARISH

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.

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Spring has sprung: The morel of the story is . . .

By Michael Maurer
Special Writer

Morel mushrooms have been appearing in trendy restaurant dishes more and more lately. Michigan has a healthy crop of these delectables each spring season, which peaks the first two weeks of May.

The entire state is celebrating with everything from festivals to mushroom hunts during April and May.

The National Morel Mushroom Festival gets under way Friday, May 14 in Boyne City (go to morelfest.com). Visitors from as far away as the West Coast make the trek to Boyne City to celebrate the morel mushroom.

Events include a mushroom hunt, an arts and crafts gala, and a children's birthday party for festival mascot, Woody Pick-Me.

The Springbrook Hills Resort in Walloon Lake is offering a "Morels and More" weekend package during select weekends in April and May. The weekend includes two nights lodging, guided morel hunting and a Saturday night wine-and-dine. It features wines from Shady Lane Cellars and Leelanau Peninsula wineries. Total package cost is \$179 a person. (I don't have a Web site for this one.)

Mesick, Mich., the Morel Mushroom Capita I, (mesick-mushroomfest.org) pulls out all the stops with a celebration that includes a grand parade, carnival, largest mushroom contest and more on Friday, May 7. Cheboygan also gets in on the fun with a mushroom hunt this year on Saturday, May 15, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. that awards prizes in various categories.

Spring has sprung, and with it come the flowers.

Michigan is a leading producer of floriculture crops, and a plethora of the colorful buds are on display at flower festivals throughout the state.

The biggest and most well-known festival, Tulip Time (tuliptime.org) in Holland, is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. More than 750,000 flowering tulips will be lining the streets and gardens of Holland during the festival, including a six-mile "Tulip Lanes" route through the city.

In preparation for the anniversary, new beds have been planted, and other beds upgraded throughout Holland, including new tulip gardens at Window on the Waterfront Park, newly expanded gardens at Windmill Island, and Centennial Park. Towering Tulips, a garden of wooden 5-foot tulips decorated by local artists will also be on display.

The Tulip Time festival's attractions include musical performances. This year's headliners are Pat Boone and the Oak Ridge Boys. Pat Boone? There will also be dancers, arts and crafts festivals, parades, a Dutch market, trolley tours, fireworks, a carnival, a quilt show and more.

There will also be special events to mark the festival's anniversary, including appearances by the Cavalry Escort of Honor to Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands as well as His Excellency Boudewijn J. Van Eenennaam. He is the Netherlands' ambassador to the United States and Volksparade Honorary Grand Marshal.

The "Tulip Time Run For Habitat" will generate proceeds, in addition to a \$7,500 donation by Tulip Time, to go toward the 75th

house built by Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity. Tulip Time has also teamed up with the New Holland Brewery to create a new beverage in honor of the festival's anniversary. Red Tulip Ale will be for sale in commemorative bottles throughout Michigan.

Tulip Time is not the only festival in Michigan to display the state's beautiful flowers and plants. The Michigan All-State Bonsai Show (meijergardens.org) will be held at the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids on Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2. It will feature exhibits and sales of the trees as well as workshops, lectures, and demonstrations.

On Saturday, May 15, the Master Gardeners Perennial Plant Show returns to the Huron Expo Center with a mixture of perennial flowers, red, yellow, and black raspberry canes, asparagus plants and more.

In addition, Detroit's Historic Eastern Market (easternmarket.org) will hold its annual Flower Day on Sunday, May 16, the Saginaw Farmer's Market (centercitysaginaw.com) will hold its Flower Day on Friday, May 28 and Orchids by the Bay will be held at the Art Center of Traverse City on Sunday, May 30.

Michigan's unique position on the Great Lakes (it's the only state to touch four of the five lakes) has resulted in a unique rich maritime history.

Now that the snow has melted, it's time to take advantage of the various lighthouses and maritime buildings that have been transformed into interesting museums and elegant inns.

Northern Michigan

abounds with choices. You can spend the night in a World War II era submarine that has been converted into a U.S. Coast Guard barracks, or a posh, retired lighthouse that now specializes in massage treatments.

Museums and lighthouses throughout the state, such as the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum (shipwreckmuseum.com) in Paradise and the Eagle Harbor Lighthouse Museum (exploringthenorth.com/eagleharbor) are brimming with maritime artifacts and lore.

The Shipwreck Museum displays the original bell of the Edmund Fitzgerald as well as exhibits on numerous ships claimed by the fierce waters of the Great Lakes.

The Great Lakes Naval Memorial in Muskegon boasts a World War II submarine, the USS Silversides (SS-236), and a 1927 Coast Guard Cutter, the USCGC McLane (W-146). Youth and church organizations can even arrange to spend the night on one of the two ships, learning their exciting history and earning the title "official crew member."

Michigan also boasts a plethora of lighthouses, both working and retired, throughout the state. The Mendota Lightstation (mendotalighthouse.com), near Houghton, the Eagle Harbor Lighthouse Museum (no Web site) and the Copper Harbor Lighthouse (copperharborlighthouse.com) are just a few of the working lighthouses open for public tours.

Some other lighthouse Web sites to visit before making your trip are silversides.org, mendotalighthouse.com, bigbaylighthouse.com and sandhills-lighthouseinn.com.

In gathering these Web sites, I was directed to

another neat place — the Isle Royale Resort (isleroyaleresort.com). It is the only lodging on Isle Royale, and guests have free use of a canoe while there. Rates range from \$150 to \$299.

If you are looking to visit an inn or bed & breakfast with a maritime theme, try these: The U.S. Coast Guard Crew Lifesaving Station in Paradise, the Big Bay Point Lighthouse Bed and Breakfast in Big Bay and the Sand Hills Lighthouse north of Houghton.

The U.S. Coast Guard Crew Lifesaving Station in Paradise was originally built in 1923 as a Coast Guard lifeboat station crews' quarters. The building has now been renovated into an inn featuring five themed rooms with queen size beds and private baths.

The Big Bay Point Lighthouse was converted from a lighthouse into a bed and breakfast in 1986, and now features seven guest rooms, a sauna, and sweeping views of Lake Superior and Aurora Borealis from the lighthouse lantern. The inn also specializes in massage services, offered either in the lighthouse or in a "massage hut" overlooking Lake Superior.

The Sand Hills Lighthouse, built in 1917 and listed on the National Registry of Historic Places, was transformed in 1992 into a Victorian Inn with eight rooms. It boasts 3,000 feet of private Lake Superior shoreline.

Want to kick back and goof off?

A trip to the Inn at Bay Harbor (innatbayharbor.com) is a good choice. The nationally rated spa surrounds guests in luxurious massage, herbal, and beauty treatments. World-class golf, beach access, lakefront restaurants and plush accommodations combine to wrap the hotel's guests in luxury.

Been there. Done that. I loved it.

North of Bay Harbor is the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa (grandtraverseresort.com). A 7,000-square-foot spa waits to be discovered by the luxury-minded. If mud is not your thing, there are three golf courses and tennis facilities.

Of course, if I want a mud bath, I just go out in the back yard.

Two more bed & breakfast goodies. Then I'll stop. Pay a visit to Cobblestone Manor (cobblestonemanager.com) in Auburn Hills, or Sheridan on the Lake (sheridonontheLake.com) in Houghton.

Special thanks for all this information goes to Travel Michigan (michigan.org) and to Kimberly Hugo at Marx Lane Public Relations. While I can visit a lot of Web sites in the course of goofing off, their Internet directions made this missive a great deal of fun.

And, as you can probably guess, I have to see the submarine.

Flower Show is April 29 at War Memorial

The Garden Club of Michigan will bring its annual Flower Show to the Grosse Pointe War Memorial from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 29.

The theme is "It's About Time," and the classes have been chosen to interest novice gardeners as well as those with more experience. Entries are welcome in the following divisions: Flower Arrangement, Horticulture, Conservation, Youth, Jewelry and Photography. To enter, call (313) 886-5007.

Ron Morgan will present a lecture, "The Center of Attention," a demonstration

of creative centerpieces, at 11 a.m. in the Fries Auditorium. Morgan is a floral designer with more than 25 years of experience. He has lectured throughout the United States, Europe and Australia.

Signed copies of his book will be available for purchase.

Mark Doren, owner of Gallerie 454 in Grosse Pointe Park, Monte Nagler, photographer and columnist for the Grosse Pointe News, and Pamela Ahee Thomas, jewelry designer from the Edmund T. Ahee Jewelry Co., will be judges for vari-

ous classes. The show will feature a variety of conservation exhibits. One of the highlights will be the first public viewing of David Milarch's clone of the Methuselah Tree.

The original tree is believed to be more than 4,000 years old, the oldest living organism on Earth.

A subscription lunch at the Grosse Pointe Club will be offered after Morgan's demonstration.

Admission to the show and parking are free. The demonstration costs \$18; group rates are available. A

lunch and demonstration package is \$40.

Tickets are available at the War Memorial. Call (313) 881-7511. Lunch and demonstration package reservations may be purchased by making checks payable to the Garden Club of Michigan and mailing them to 85 Touraine, Grosse Pointe Farms, 48236. Reservations will be held at the door.

Proceeds from the event will go to the GCM's Community Projects Fund. For more information, call (313) 886-5007.

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Celebrate April with the Garden Club of Michigan

April is National Garden Month, and it's time to celebrate. Established in 1986 by former President Ronald Reagan, an entire month is designated as a time to participate in gardening-related activities. Right now, I see rain and 40 degrees. But I know Mother Nature will send sunshine and warm weather soon to help our blooms blossom.

Locally, the Garden Club of Michigan will observe National Garden Month by sharing with our community an event in which everyone can participate. Plan to attend A Spring Flower Show with the special theme, "It's About Time" at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial on Thursday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Join in the fun

This exhibitor-friendly flower show, "It's About Time," was created to include everyone. Consider entering one of six divisions: Flower Arrangement, Horticulture, Youth, Conservation, Jewelry and Photography. To enter your special creation, simply call (313) 886-5007 to receive a list of rules to sign up.

A sampling of some of the groups includes a special class for the youth division on environmental responsi-

bility. This class gives children an opportunity to share their creative sides. In this category, exhibitors are asked to build a "trash monster" from any type of litter, excluding, of course anything that smells or could be termed garbage or waste. The use of string or rope to build your project is allowed, and there's no size limitation. This division invites individuals, friends, church or school groups to help clean up our community by creating their very own trash monsters.

Trees are the focus of a variety of conservation exhibits. Highlighted will be the first public viewing of David Milarch's clone of the Methuselah Tree, which is believed to be more than 4,000 years old and reported to be the oldest living organism on the planet.

Anyone wishing to enter this Conservation/Education category can send a message relevant to the interests of gardeners, environmentalists, arrangers or horticulturists with their exhibit.

Take in a lecture

Internationally recognized floral designer, Ron Morgan, will be the guest speaker at "It's About Time." Having lectured throughout the United



States, Europe and Australia, Morgan's philosophy is: Flower arranging is supposed to be fun.

He is also the author of "The Center of Attention." Signed copies of his book will be available. Morgan's lecture and demonstration are scheduled for 11 a.m. It costs \$18, and tickets are available by calling the War Memorial at (313) 881-7511. The lecture was made possible by a gift from The Bank of Grosse Pointe. Proceeds from the event will fund future flower shows and community projects.

The Spend Time Boutique will be open during the entire show. Check out its collection of garden gift items, books and plants. Or, you can visit the Time Out Cafe between 10 a.m. and 2

p.m. at the War Memorial.

Other ways to celebrate National Gardening Month

With 85 million households participating in green activities, gardening is a top way for Americans to spend leisure time. Gardening promotes physical and emotional health for the individual, while strengthening our communities and encouraging responsible stewardship of the Earth. It's definitely worth celebrating.

If you have travels to different parts of the country planned during April, check in online with www.nationalgardening.org to learn of green events where your jaunts take you. Click on

National Garden Month and check out its events calendar.

This site also offers gardening ideas for celebrating with children, community groups and getting your environmental message across. Other suggestions from the site include making a tepee for growing vining beans or flowers such as morning glory. Grow a garden to attract native butterflies. Sign up to join a Master Gardener's program. Or, start an herb garden indoors.

Plant a Row for the Hungry, and donate the harvest to one of our needy hunger relief agencies. Locally, Forgotten Harvest's Plant a Row campaign collected more than 17,500 pounds of homegrown fruits and veggies in 2003 from individual and community gardeners in Metro Detroit. Get on board.

Whatever gardening activity you decide on, have fun during National

Gardening Month.

Kathleen Peabody is a Master Gardener who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods. Reach her online at kmaskanka-peabody@sbglobal.net

Ford House celebrates Gardening Month

How does your garden grow? The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House will present a Grounds for Gardening series in honor of National Gardening Month.

Two of the three classes are coming up in the next few weeks. Classes will help people prepare for spring by covering the latest trends in horticulture. The classes will be led by Nancy Szerlag, a Master Gardener and a writer for The Detroit News. This is the third year for the popular gardening series. The remaining classes include:

New Plants for Free
Discover how to propagate plants by dividing, cutting, seeding and layering — easy ways to make your garden grow. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 21.

Tips and Tricks of Landscape Design

Hear about trade secrets from professionals in the field, and how you can use them in your own garden. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 28.

Each session costs \$8 and will take place in the Activities Center. Reservations can be made by calling (313) 884-4222.

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House is celebrating 25 years since opening to the public in 1978. Since that time, Ford House has shared Eleanor Ford's vision of preserving and maintaining the house and grounds for future generations to enjoy through interpretive tours, family activities, lectures, exhibits and gardens and grounds events. For more information about Ford House, go to www.ford-house.org or call (313) 884-4222.

Tuesday Musicales to be held April 20

The Tuesday Musicales of Detroit will present a concert at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 20, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Carole Scott (flute) and Douglas Scott (piano) will perform "Suite Modale" by Bloch; Dorothy Ignasiak (soprano) and the Rev. Eduard Perrone (piano) will perform works by Ives, Scarlatti, Mozart, Donaudy and Puccini; Karen Wingert (cello) will perform "Suite No. 2" by Reger; Elsie Watson (piano) will perform works by Casadesus, Copland and Debussy; Jean Ground (soprano) will perform works by Chopin/Ringwald, Brahms, Wagner, Bart/Leyden and Enders.

The concert will end with a special performance by The Tuesday Musicales Choral Ensemble under the direction of Ruth Brennan and accompanied by Patricia Fletcher (piano).

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This unusual recipe makes good use of leftover Easter eggs

Happy Easter 2004. It's a time to gather with family and friends and share a special meal. I plan to surround my spiral ham with braised root vegetables, spinach gratin and bread and tomato salad.

into delicious egg salad, Sprout House style. My good friend Marie let me copy her recipe for this slightly unusual version of one of America's favorite sandwich salads.

The Sprout House version brings the sandwich bread to the salad and gets a flavor boost from freshly ground nutmeg.

mustard
3/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon vegemise (or mayonnaise)

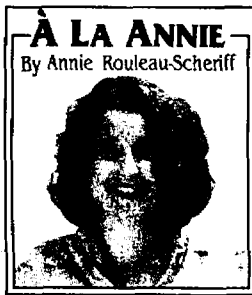
Place all of the ingredients in a large mixing bowl. Using your hands or a large rubber spatula, gently toss until the eggs and bread have been incorporated with the other ingredients. Place in an air-tight container and store in the refrigerator until serving.

Vegemise is an egg-free, dairy-free mayonnaise. Egg salad at the Sprout House is prepared with organic eggs and farm bread from Avalon Bakery. Use your favorite bread. Serve Marie's egg salad over a bed of fresh greens and garnish the plate with fresh tomato and cucumber slices.

Or enjoy it all by itself because this yummy egg salad is packed with flavor.

Marie's Egg Salad

- 1 dozen hard-boiled eggs, peeled and cut into 3/4 inch pieces
- 4 cups cubed (3/4-inch) hearty bread, crusts removed before cubing
- 1/4 cup chopped red onion
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon fresh (if possible) ground nutmeg
- 2 tablespoons Dijon



There will be plenty of chocolate and hard-boiled eggs and little children to go around. The chocolate and the children will be gone on Monday but the hard-boiled eggs won't. Turn your leftover eggs

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Fontbonne fashion show to be 'Beary Stylish Affair'

The Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital and Medical Center will host its 39th annual Spring Fashion Show on Wednesday, April 28, at Penna's of Sterling in Sterling Heights.

"A Beary Stylish Affair" will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour, followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and a fashion show at 7:30 p.m. Prize and cash raffle drawings will round out the evening.

Proceeds from the fashion show will be used to fund a new program, fondly referred to as "Hug-A-Bear," at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. A hospital can be an especially frightening place for children and their families. Once implemented, "Hug-A-Bear" will help comfort young patients by providing cuddly stuffed bears when they enter the Pediatric Unit at St. John Hospital.

Since the focus of "A Beary Stylish Affair" is children, it is fitting that children's clothing from Madi Lu and Ethan Too of Grosse Pointe will be featured in this year's show.

Fashions from Eileen Fisher of the Somerset Collection, and evening gowns from Joani's Fashion Boutique in Utica will also be included in the show.

The I Group Talent Agency will provide models and choreography for the production.

Cassie Buccellato of Grosse Pointe Farms is general chairman and Jo Ann Miller of Grosse Pointe Woods is co-chairman for the event.

Mary Ann Van Elslander of Grosse Pointe Shores is honorary chairman.

Tickets for the fashion show are \$50 per person.

Tables seat 10 and advanced reservations are required. For information about reservations, raffle tickets, program advertising, patron donations or volunteer opportunities, contact the Fontbonne Auxiliary office at (313) 343-3675.

Penna's of Sterling is located at 38400 Van Dyke, between Metro Parkway and 17 Mile Road in Sterling Heights.

Ready, set, go: Nearly 1,000 volunteers are needed on Saturday, June 5, for Michigan's largest foot race, the 2004 Komen Detroit Race for the Cure, presented locally by the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

With the help of volunteers and participants, last year's race brought together 21,000 people and raised \$880,000. The Detroit Race for the Cure is a part of a series of more than 100 Komen Foundation races in the United States and internationally.

The races raise funds to support local breast cancer screening, education and treatment programs as well as national research.

The race day schedule includes a competitive 5K run and noncompetitive 5K walk and a one-mile walk; breakfast for survivors; and post-race awards.

To volunteer, call (248) 366-0388 or send an e-mail to alenhoff@shazaam.com.

Volunteers are needed to provide assistance as well-comers, directions-givers, photographers, staffers for booths, post-race clean up workers and more. A variety of shifts will allow volunteers to participate as runners or walkers as well.

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation

was established in 1982 by Nancy Brinker to honor the memory of her sister, Susan G. Komen, who died from breast cancer at the age of 36. Today, the Komen Foundation is an international organization with a network of 75,000 volunteers working to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease.

The Komen Race for the Cure Series, the largest series of 5K runs/fitness walks in the world, includes more than 100 races in the

United States and two international races. This year, 1.5 million people are expected to participate in the Komen Foundation's signature awareness and fundraising event.

The Komen Foundation fulfills its mission through support of innovative breast cancer research grants, meritorious awards, educational and scientific conferences and community-based outreach programs around the world.

The Barbara Ann

Karmanos Cancer Institute is based in midtown Detroit and is committed to a future free of cancer. The Meyer L. Prentis Comprehensive Cancer Center of Metropolitan Detroit, operated by the Institute, is one of 38 National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer centers in the country.

Caring for more than 6,000 new patients annually on a budget of \$200 million, conducting approximately 200 scientific investigation programs relating to cancer and participating in more than 300 clinical

trials, the Institute is among the nation's best cancer centers.

The Institute works to prevent, detect and eradicate cancer with 1,200 staff including 300 faculty members, hundreds of volunteers and \$54 million in research grants.

Dr. John C.

Ruckdeschel is the Institute's president and CEO. Established in 2001, the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Foundation is a non-profit organization that raises funds to support the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

— Margie Reins Smith

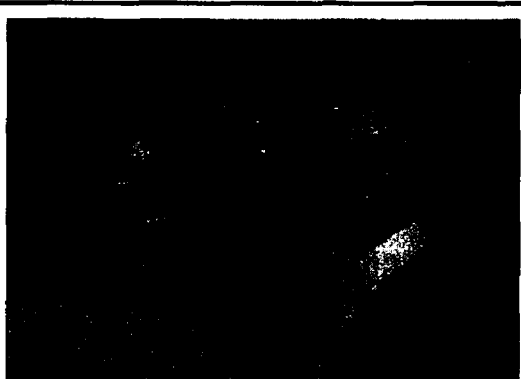


Cass Community Social Services

Cass Community Social Services recently hosted its 10th annual dinner. The CCSS is a nonprofit organization that provides programs and services for people living in and around Detroit's Cass Corridor. It focuses on meeting basic needs, fostering self-reliance and encouraging community involvement.

Some 300 partygoers raised more than \$45,000 to purchase a new boiler for the Scott Building, which houses 42 formerly homeless men.

Among those who attended the event were Grosse Pointers Howard Hill and Victoria Birk.



Tau Beta Spring Market

Tau Beta will hold its Spring Market Wednesday through Friday, April 21-23 at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, 655 Cook in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The market will feature a chance to shop for gifts, decorative accessories, jewelry, children's clothing, hand-painted items, shoes and more from vendors not only from Michigan, but also from Florida, New Hampshire, Virginia and Connecticut.

Since 1960, Tau Beta has hosted the Michigan Diabetes Association at its camp in Columblaville, which has provided a traditional camp experience combined with educational support for coping with the disease. The camp is used by many organizations representing those in need.

A preview party will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 21. It includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a chance to shop. Tickets are \$65 in advance or \$75 at the door. For tickets, call Patsy Gotfredson at (313) 886-5448.

Preview party chairmen are Carol Jatko Peabody and Elizabeth Peabody Rentschler.

Market days are Thursday and Friday, April 22 and 23. Admission is \$5. Thursday hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Vendors include Mimi's Fine Linens and Lingerie from Lake Forest, Ill.; Just Bag It from Grosse Pointe (one-of-a-kind handbags, totes, belts, bows and more); Grosse Pointer Jane Shook (decorative hand-painted pieces and semi-precious jewelry); Robert Frost Inc. from Swampscott, Mass. (hand-knit sweaters); and Fancy's Folley from Grosse Pointe (needlepoint shoes, bags and accessories, fabric handbags and embroidered linen gifts).

Chairmen of the Spring Market are Catherine Sphire Shell, at the left, and Patsy Roby Gotfredson.

Engagements

Powers-Prues

Marilyn and Stephen Powers of Santa Maria, Calif., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Louise Coleen Powers, to Joshua Edward Prues, son of Louis and Barbara Prues of Grosse Pointe Park.

A November wedding is planned.

Powers earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Arizona. She is a draper with the Houston Grand Opera.

Prues earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Cincinnati. He is a production carpenter with the Alley Theatre.



Joshua Edward Prues and Louise Coleen Powers

DeSeranno-Lauer



John Lauer and Maria DeSeranno

Susan DeSeranno of Grosse Pointe Shores and Don DeSeranno of Las Vegas, Nev., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Maria DeSeranno, to John Lauer, son of Judy and Bob Widick of St. Clair Shores.

A September wedding is planned.

DeSeranno earned a bachelor's degree in communication and a master's degree in education from John Carroll University. She is an elementary school teacher and an adult education instructor.

Lauer attended Central Michigan University. He is the executive director, distribution USA for Regeneration Technologies Inc.

Soroptimists honor five women with cash awards

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe honored five women at its annual Foundation Awards Banquet on March 10. Some \$2,200 was given to the women to further their educational

goals. Founded in 1956, Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe is part of Soroptimist International of the Americas with clubs in more than 120 countries.

Elevating the status of women and preserving human rights is its goal.

Since 1972, the group's Opportunity Awards program has helped women who, as heads of their house-

holds, must enter the work force or upgrade their employment status. Soroptimist International gives \$1 million each year to women, enabling them to offset costs associated with their educational pursuits.

Mabel Scott of Detroit won the Women's Opportunity Award. She is a nursing student at the University of Detroit Mercy. Scott not only won at the club level, but was also a district winner.

She will advance to the Soroptimist Midwestern Regional level, where two \$3,000 and one \$5,000 winners will be selected.

Brenda Stewart and Delphona Timon were the two runners-up for the award.

Michele Minser was the Regional Award winner, receiving assistance toward her degree in elementary education.

Shiara Reed, 16, of Inkster, was a winner of the Violet Richardson Award.



Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe presented \$2,200 in award money at a recent meeting. At the back, from left, are Mabel Scott, Women's Opportunity Award winner, and Brenda Stewart, Women's Opportunity Award runner-up. In the middle, from left, are Shiara Reed, Violet Richardson Award winner; Michele Minser, Regional Award Program winner; and Mary Parsigian, president of Grosse Pointe's chapter. In front, are Mary Bryk, Soroptimist vice president, and Frankie Payne, director of Soroptimist Midwest Region, District III.

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ABA is an alternative to P.L.A.Y. therapy

In our last column, we described our family's experience with the P.L.A.Y. Project, a home-based therapy program. In this column, we'd like to share the experiences of the Young family, Michelle, Bill and their 5-year-old daughter Lindsey, with their home-based ABA program. ABA has been around longer than P.L.A.Y. therapy.

ABA, which stands for Applied Behavioral Analysis, is a major area of psychology. ABA therapy uses techniques and procedures of ABA psychology to teach children who have difficulty learning. When we refer to ABA, we will mean the therapy.

Dr. O. Ivar Lovaas has been called the founder of ABA, a type of therapy which is based on careful analysis of behaviors broken down into a series of small steps. Each step is taught gradually, using repetition, prompts and rewards in specific ways to encourage, until there is mastery of the skill.

You may also hear the phrase "discrete trial training" when someone is speaking of this method. After the skill is learned, a child can perform the skill without prompts or rewards in its natural environment. In essence, ABA is a tool to help someone learn to learn.

Lindsey, the beautiful daughter of Michelle and Bill, was 14 months old when she was diagnosed with a rare genetic condition called Isodicentric 15. Recent genetic studies have linked it to autism. The minimal hours available through the public early intervention services were not helping Lindsey progress in her develop-

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for parents of children with special needs

What ABA is not

Myth: ABA involves punishment.

Truth: ABA does not use punishment. With ABA, you praise good behavior while not giving attention to bad behavior. A child will quickly learn that the good behavior produces the attention they seek.

Myth: ABA will make your child become a robot.

Truth: Some children need to be taught how to learn. You may begin with repetition and a contrived ABA program. However, once a child grasps an overall concept, such as imitation or following instructions, the program is modified and expanded and becomes more natural and less contrived. By taking one step at a time,

ABA teaches a child to integrate himself or herself into the everyday world.

Myth: ABA can be learned with minimal training.

Truth: You do not have to be a behavioral psychologist to work with a child, but you do need more training than simply reading a book, watching a video or attending a seminar. To be truly successful, you need constant guidance by a trained ABA behavioral psychologist. If the therapy is not done correctly, it may result in regression of skills. Each ABA program needs to be adapted to the individual child with the help of a consultant.

ment; so Michelle and Bill began looking for other ways to help their daughter. After reading "Let Me Hear Your Voice," by Catherine Maurice, they began to research options for an intensive, 40-hour-a-week ABA program.

The Youngs found that a home-based ABA program with private, professional support has worked best for them, although there are also programs available through hospitals that are good.

Initial training for a home-based program is approximately \$1,200 to \$1,500. Consultation with

an ABA professional may cost \$2,000 to \$3,000 a year. Some families put in the hours each week themselves. Some families use in-home ABA helpers who may charge \$10 to \$20 per hour. Often, a combination of the two models is used. Even an experienced ABA helper will need to be trained, as every child's program is different.

Ideally the goal is 40 hours a week; however, not every family has that kind of time and money to commit to a program.

"Rule of thumb with ABA: the more the better," according to Michelle, the main

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ABA helper in her daughter's program. After three years of their family's ABA program, Lindsey's developmental age has soared from the four- to six-month range to the level of a two-year-old. Lindsey now has eye contact, can follow instructions, and has interest in other children and their dog, Mig.

When their ABA program was implemented, Lindsey did not produce a single sound when asked. After a week of ABA, she made sounds on request. She now does so spontaneously and is working on imitating two-syllable words and phrases.

Although the Young family's ABA program is intense, with 30 to 40 hours of ABA-based intervention per week, Lindsey is happy to do her work.

Time is not all spent at a table. The hours are also spent using the psychology of behavior modification to help Lindsey with skills for everyday living such as dressing, feeding, being patient in places such as restaurants, meeting and greeting people and recognizing familiar people by name or photo.

They also were successful in utilizing ABA to potty train. Lindsey has acquired some important independent living skills which were never expected to occur three years ago.

Recently, Lindsey began attending a private preschool with the assistance of an aide. When she walks into the room with a big smile on her face, ready to begin the day with her peers, Michelle and Bill know that their hard work was worth the effort. They are extremely proud of the

Mom's mixed-up drugs

By Jeff and Debra Jay
Special Writers

Dear Jeff and Debra,

My mother is 83 years old and taking 18 different prescription drugs. She also uses aspirin and other over-the-counter drugs. I am concerned that she doesn't keep all of her medications straight. I don't know if she takes them when she should or if she accidentally doubles her doses. She has bottles on her nightstand, dresser, in her bathroom and in her purse. I've read about people dying from using prescription medications incorrectly. Could you please give me some guidelines that I could share with my mother?

— Apprehensive About Mom

Dear Apprehensive:

Using prescription drugs incorrectly causes 125,000 deaths in the United States annually and leads to 10 to 25 percent of hospital and nursing home admissions. Some say it is becoming an international epidemic. Studies show that 50 percent of all medications are taken incorrectly. To help you and your mother lower the risk of medication misuse, take this quiz:

- Are all doctors informed of all drugs used (including over-the-counter drugs, vitamins, herbal remedies and alcohol)?
- Are doctors given a complete list of drugs now being used before a new drug is prescribed?
- Are directions for drug use — including possible side effects, what to do if a dose is forgotten, possible interactions with other drugs — clearly understood by the older adult?
- Does the older adult keep in his or her wallet or purse, an updated list of all drugs used, including name, dose and frequency?
- Is the older adult mixing drugs in the wrong bottles?
- Can the older adult differentiate the color of different pills? (Some older adults lose the ability to distinguish between some colors.)
- Does the older adult take medications prescribed for someone else?
- Is a drug reference guide put to use to learn everything about every drug taken?
- Does the older adult keep medications that change mood or cause drowsiness any place other than the bedside table (to avoid overdose)?
- Does the older adult put on his or her glasses and use good light to read prescription bottles every time medications are taken?
- Are the labels on nonprescription medications read thoroughly?
- Is a standardized measuring spoon from the pharmacy used for liquid medications?
- Are diet instructions followed when using medications that require special dietary requirements?
- Are medications stored properly — away from the heat and humidity in places such as bathrooms — and are they thrown out when expired?
- Does the older adult check with the doctor before changing a dosage or discontinuing use?
- Is one pharmacist used for all prescription and over-the-counter medications?
- Does the older adult need a Medic-Alert identification bracelet? Does he or she wear it?
- Does the older adult abstain from driving when using medications that cause drowsiness?
- Is the doctor promptly notified of any symptoms that may be caused by medication?
- Prior to surgery, is the doctor or dentist informed of all drugs taken in the past two years?
- Is the doctor informed of the amount of alcohol used by the older adult?
- Is the older adult using medications intended for short-term use over a prolonged period of time (months or years) such as sleeping pills?

Jeff Jay and Debra Jay are the authors of "Love First: A New Approach to Intervention for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction," and Debra Jay is the co-author of "Aging and Addiction," both published by Hazelden. Jeff and Debra Jay are professional interventionists who live in Grosse Pointe Farms. They may be contacted with your questions at (313) 882-6921 or www.lovefirst.net.

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SOC Options

Finding low-cost prescription drugs

By Sharon Maler
SOC Executive Director

Prescription drugs can be a costly medical expense, but with a little knowledge you can save hundreds of dollars each year on your prescriptions. Generic drugs are a great way to save money. While some people think that a brand-name drug is different from the generic, there really isn't much difference.

A generic drug is called by its chemical name; a manufacturer assigns a brand name. The products have the same ingredients. Standard practice and most state laws require that a generic drug be generically equivalent to its brand-name counterpart. That is, it must have the same active ingredients, strength, and dosage form: pill, liquid, or injection. The generic drug also must be therapeutically equivalent; it must be the same chemically and have the same medical effect.

You have to be proactive in assuring that you can get generic drugs. Talk with your doctor or pharmacist. Explain that you want the most effective drug at the best price. Ask your doctor to write prescriptions for generic drugs when possible. If

your doctor writes the prescription for a brand-name drug, you can ask your pharmacist to talk with your doctor.

Perhaps there is an acceptable generic drug that your doctor is not aware of. Your pharmacist can compare and evaluate generic and brand-name drugs and may be able to consult with your doctor to provide the right medication at the best possible price.

You should be aware that not all drugs have generic equivalents. Some drugs are protected by patents and are supplied by only one company. However, when the patent expires, other manufacturers can produce its generic version. Currently, about half the drugs on the market are available in generic form.

Where else can you go for help?

The Food and Drug Administration has a toll-free hotline to answer questions about drug safety and efficacy. Call (800) 532-4440. You also can go to www.fda.gov. Click on Human Drugs.

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Several large pharmaceutical companies have joined together to offer the Together Rx discount program for lower income seniors. To enroll, call (800) 865-7211.

Plan to attend the "Saving Money on Prescription Drugs" seminar at 11:15 a.m., Monday, April 12, at Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo.

Pharmacist Roseanne Paglia along with Midya Gumma, a Wayne State pharmacy student at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, will discuss why costs of prescriptions are rising, and what you can do to save money.

Hormonal changes mean pregnant women may suffer fewer headaches

Of the more than 45 million Americans who suffer from chronic, recurring headaches, the majority are women.

According to the National Headache Foundation (NHF) there's good news for those women who are planning a pregnancy. Many women report a decrease in headache frequency and severity as their pregnancies progressed.

In a recent online survey conducted by the NHF, while 41 percent of respondents said they noticed an increase in the frequency of their headaches during their first trimester, 53 percent stated that those headaches decreased in frequency during their second trimester.

The numbers changed slightly, to 45 percent noticing a decrease in frequency during their third trimester, and 48 percent said their headaches increased in frequency again immediately following their pregnancies.

A woman's fluctuating hormone levels during and following pregnancy may account for these changes. During the second and third trimesters of pregnancy, hormone levels stabilize. The drop in estrogen levels at delivery is one possible rea-

son for the worsening headaches reported by survey respondents.

Hormones initiate and regulate many of the body's functions, keeping it in balance within a constantly changing environment. When the levels of hormones are unbalanced during early pregnancy and immediately following pregnancy — it can lead to more frequent headache attacks. As hormone levels fluctuate throughout a woman's pregnancy, the frequency and severity of headaches may vary as well.

Hormones are not the only headache trigger for new mothers, however. According to Dr. Merle Diamond, associate director of the Diamond Headache Clinic in Chicago, "Headache may reemerge after pregnancy not only because of hormonal changes, but also sleep deprivation and overstimulation from changes in the household related to the addition of a new member."

According to Michelle Parnes, a diagnosed migraine sufferer who is in the second trimester of her pregnancy, "My migraines were definitely worse during the first trimester, probably due to a variety of reasons

including going off my daily preventive medications." She went on to say, "One of the most challenging aspects of pregnancy is medication management."

Because women suffer from headache, especially migraine, the NHF stresses the importance of understanding headaches and learning what can be done to treat them. During pregnancy, medication restrictions are significant; therefore, pregnant women should consider non-medicated alternatives such as biofeedback, relaxation techniques and exercise, as approved by their physician. Before using any medication, a health-care provider should be consulted.

The National Headache Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving headache sufferers, their families and the healthcare providers who treat them; promoting research into headache causes and treatments; and educating the public that headaches are a legitimate biological disease, and sufferers should receive understanding and continuity of care.

Go to www.headaches.org or call (888) NHF-5552.

ABA

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achievements Lindsey has made during the last three years and are happy to know that there are additional achievements to expect from their daughter.

For more information on ABA therapy in Michigan, visit Behavior Analysis

Association of Michigan at www.baam.emich.edu. For more information on beginning a home-based ABA program, contact Krista Kennedy at Behavioral Building Blocks at (734) 564-1849 or kmanganello@pryvide.net. Grosse Pointe residents

Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan created this column to share experiences from their journey as parents of a child with Fragile X Syndrome (fragile.org). Send your questions or comments to tcoutilish@dmac.wayne.edu or mblangan@hotmail.com.

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THE DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED!

That's right! We've extended the deadline and the publication date just in time for the Michigan Humane Society's Spring Mutt March. Pet Parade will now publish on June 3rd and the Spring Mutt March will be held on Saturday, June 6 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. Grosse Pointe News and The St. Clair Shores Connection newspapers, being a media sponsor, will also have copies of Pet Parade available at the event.

Grosse Pointe News and The St. Clair Shores Connection newspapers are planning their 3rd special edition featuring your pet! This yearly tabloid will be published June 3, 2004. Please send a good quality color photo of your pet dog, cat, bird, fish, rabbit, snake, gerbil, etc. to Grosse Pointe News & The St. Clair Shores Connection, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236. Attention: Kim Mackey, Display Advertising (313) 343-5586. Complete the information slip below and return it with your photo. Your picture must be received in our office no later than **Wednesday May 19th**, earlier would assist our production schedule. Grosse Pointe News & The St. Clair Shores Connection require a \$10.00 fee to cover production costs. Please include a check, money order or credit card number with your photo. If you would like your photo returned to you please include a self addressed stamped envelope.

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Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD

A rash. You weeded, fertilized, scrubbed, and cleaned - the result: red, itchy, scaly, swollen, and blistering skin.

Irritant dermatitis and contact dermatitis are unwelcome rewards for our spring activities. Irritant dermatitis is a rash occurring due to harsh environments, such as cleaners and chemicals. Contact dermatitis is an allergic response, which can result from contact with plants such as poison ivy or the use of ordinary items such as nickel plated garden tools or rubber gloves.

To reduce the risk of irritant dermatitis, take proper measures to wear gloves and protective clothing when in the garden using pesticides and fertilizers, or in the home cleaning.

If a rash is due to allergic contact dermatitis, you and your dermatologist will need to discuss the materials that touched your skin. You may also require patch testing to discover the contact allergy.

If you suffer from a persistent or severe rash, contact your dermatologist, or call us at Eastside Dermatology, Dr. Lisa Manz-Dulac and Associates.

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Six girls from local schools were named to the girls All-State high school hockey team. From left, are Caitlin Hanly, University Liggett School; Megan Irving, Grosse Pointe North; Danielle Syrovik, Regina; and Sarah Parker, Stacey Campbell and Lauren Stanek, Grosse Pointe South.

Six local players make girls All-State hockey first team

The Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods were well-represented on the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League's postseason teams.

Six of the 12 positions on the All-State team were filled by players from the four local high schools.

Area players on the All-State team were forwards Stacey Campbell and Sarah Parker of Grosse Pointe South and Danielle Syrovik of Regina; defensemen Caitlin Hanly of University Liggett School and Megan Irving of Grosse Pointe North; and goalie Lauren Stanek of South.

They were joined by forwards Tarasei Karega of Cranbrook Kingswood; Kyri Meyers, Port Huron; and Mary Beth O'Dea, Ladywood; defensemen Amy Cauzillo, Northwood; and Julia Kazmers, Cranbrook; and goalie Hilary Schreiber, Cranbrook.

O'Dea was named Miss Hockey. The coach of the year was Bill Holden of Northville.

Local players receiving honorable mention on the All-State team were forwards Jordan McIlroy of ULS and Chelsea Skorupski of North; and defensemen Maria Feldpausch of North, Kristin Inger of South and Danielle Turo of Regina.

Named to the MMGSHL all-league team were forwards Amelia Altavena of South and Emily Nelson of North; defenseman Emel Williams of South; and goalie Kelley Peers of North.

Lutheran East baseball team beats foe in its final at-bat

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Lutheran East's boys baseball team came from behind to win its season opener last week, beating Marine City Cardinal Mooney 10-9.

The host Eagles trailed 9-6 heading into the bottom of the sixth inning, but they scored four runs on two-run singles by Matt Johnston and Brian Feldman.

"It wasn't the best well-played game, but we were able to get the win," head coach Nick Capoferi said. "It was definitely a case of playing our first game with a young and inexperienced team."

Rusty Pidosny hit a three-run homer in the first inning to get the Eagles on the board, and Joel Macheemer earned the win, pitching the final 3 2/3 innings.

"Hopefully the guys got the jitters out of their system," Capoferi said.

The Eagles couldn't overcome a second straight three-run late-inning deficit against visiting Mount Clemens, losing 9-6.

The split leaves the Lutheran East baseball team at 1-1 overall.

Coming up for the Eagles is an away game on April 19, against Hamtramck.

Track

The Lutheran East track and field team competed in the Royal Oak Shrine Invitational last weekend.

"We had a good showing from our kids," head coach Keith Sprow said.

For the girls, Shana Pritchett won the 100- and 200-yard dashes with times of 13.0 and 27.8, while Ashley Schult and Ashley Maestri took first in the high jump and discus with marks of 4-feet, 8-inches, and 83-feet, 11-inches.

Maestri had a personal best in the discus, which was nice to see this early in the season," Sprow said. "All of our kids did a nice job."

Celia Lee was third in the high hurdles and second in the intermediate hurdles with times of 21.8 and 1:00, and Quemisha Goss was third in the intermediate hurdles and fourth in the long jump with a time of 1:01 and a mark of 12-feet, 7-inches.

The random relay team of Pritchett, Schult, Taylor Friedel and Maestri also placed first.

Kim Stevens was eighth, and Friedel was ninth in the 400-yard dash with times of 1:22.6 and 1:26.34, respectively.

For the boys, Robert Carlisle won the 100- and 200-yard dashes with times of 11.63 and 24.60, and Justin Sommers placed fourth in the shot put with a mark of 37-feet, 6-inches.

Andrew Zoellner was seventh in the mile run with a time of 5:49, while Matt McCuen and Colin Zoellner finished ninth and 11th in the same event with times of 6:07 and 6:25.

Aaron Wood ran a time of 1:06 in the 400-yard dash, and Chris Jurczak posted an 11.6 and a 26.5 in the 100 and 200 dashes.

"We have seven girls and 12 boys competing," Sprow said. "We held our own for having such a small team."

Softball

The Lutheran East girls softball team was blanked 17-0 by Center Line St. Clement in its season opener last week.

The Eagles failed to get a hit.

Head coach Kathy Schurig and her Eagles will resume their season on Tuesday, April 20, against Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

Blue Devils eye another top five finish in state tennis

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Last year Tom Berschback was pleasantly surprised when his Grosse Pointe South tennis team finished in the top five in the state Division I meet.

This year, the veteran coach — who is starting his 24th season at the helm — will be disappointed if the Blue Devils don't match that performance.

"I don't think there are many teams that will match our depth," Berschback said. "We'll be strong. It's a great bunch of kids, and they're working hard."

It's an experienced team, too. South's only graduation losses came at fourth singles and No. 1 doubles.

The singles lineup looks like it's pretty well set, but there's plenty of competition in the all-important doubles lineup.

Berschback, along with longtime assistant coach Jeff (Dr. Detroit) Hodges, puts a lot of emphasis on a strong doubles lineup.

"A win in third and fourth doubles counts just as much as a win in first or second singles," he said. "Our kids realize that, and they're happy to play doubles, but that isn't the case at a lot of schools."

A pair of newcomers — freshman Jimmy Dixon and Gabe Silveria, a foreign exchange student from Sao Paulo, Brazil — are battling last year's No. 2 doubles team — seniors Doug Biske and Kirk Willmarth — for the right to lead off the doubles lineup.

There are five players battling for spots on the No. 3 and No. 4 doubles team. They are sophomores Joe Halso, Brent Parshall and Matt Prigorac, junior Max Hartz, and senior Taylor Zalewski.

"It's good to have that kind of competition," Berschback said. "But you know how I am. I don't settle on my lineup until the middle of May."

Junior Joe Vallee returns as South's No. 1 singles player, and Berschback has high expectations for him.

"He's six inches taller this year, and that's going to help him," Berschback said. "He has also played a lot of competitive tennis since the end of last season. His goal should be to be one of the top five singles players in Division I."

Vallee also makes an impact off the court.

"He's our junior team leader," Berschback said. "He's like a fourth captain."

The tri-captains are Willmarth and fellow seniors Alex Galvin and Sevi Jensen.

Galvin will remain at No. 2 singles, while freshman Ben Hartman looks like he'll play third singles. Jensen rounds out the starting singles group.

"We have a tough schedule again," Berschback said. "We'll play in three tournaments this year instead of two, and because of the way Easter falls, we'll have 15 matches in the four weeks before the (state) regional."

Berschback will have a new assistant coach this season. Sam Poole is a teaching professional at the



Photo by Lori Wilson

In control
Grosse Pointe North's Jannie Taylor dribbles around a Cousino defender during the Norsemen's 3-2 loss to the Patriots in a Macomb Area Conference crossover game. Earlier, North beat Livonia Franklin 1-0 on a goal by Megan Warren.

South seniors leave a legacy

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

The five seniors on Grosse Pointe South's volleyball team were important members of the winningest volleyball squad in school history.

However, that's not the only legacy that Julianna Burrows, Liz Ridgway, Megan Switalski, Lesley Dasaro and Julie VandeVusse will leave at South when they graduate in June.

They'll be remembered for their contributions to future Blue Devils teams.

"This year's freshmen were the first group to benefit from our middle school clinics," said South coach Kevin Nugent.

"What these seniors will also leave is the impact they had on the younger kids in the community with their help in putting on the clinics."

South finished with an overall record of 30-13-9, including a 9-1 record in the Macomb Area Conference White Division. The only blemish on the Blue Devils' league record was a season-ending loss to Sterling Heights, but that happened long after South had clinched the division title.

This year's record was a huge improvement over last year when the Blue Devils went 20-21-7.

"The big difference this year was the maturity of the team, and the ability to close out a match in the deciding game," Nugent said. "Last year we lost a lot of close matches because we couldn't close people out."

Other members of the South team were juniors Rachel Sullivan, Ashley Read, Jessica Ogden, Allison Fennell, Kelly Springborn, Brooke Zehr and Sharonda Sterling, and sophomores Dana Schweitzer and Margie Scholtes.

The champion Blue Devils received several postseason honors in the league.

Ridgway, Burrows and Switalski were first-team all-conference selections, and Ridgway was selected the most valuable player in the division by a vote of the MAC White coaches.

"It could have been any one of the three," Nugent said of the MVP award. "I'm glad I didn't have to make the decision."

Sullivan and Dasaro received honorable mention on the all-conference team. Nugent was the MAC White coach of the year.

Nugent also handed out several team awards. Burrows was the MVP, while Read was the most improved player.

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Sevi Jensen

Grosse Pointe Hunt Club and a graduate of Wayne State University, where he played on the tennis team.

North holds on for lacrosse win over Orchard Lake St. Mary

Grosse Pointe North's lacrosse team got a strong defensive performance and won a key faceoff in the closing seconds last week as the Norsemen held on for a 6-5 victory over Orchard Lake St. Mary.

After the Englets scored with nine seconds remaining to cut North's lead to one, midfielder Dan Gassel won the ensuing faceoff and the Norsemen were able to run out the clock.

Eric Kelly and David Watson each had two goals and an assist for North. German-born Max Breur helped out with a goal and two assists.

Midfielder Sam Sherer opened the scoring with his first varsity goal.

Goalie Brad Pilen recorded 15 saves for North, while the defense corps of Adam Wojciechowski, Mike Topper, Chris Brozo and Jeff Bozell was solid throughout the game.

North made it a sweep against St. Mary as the Norsemen's junior varsity posted a 4-0 victory.



State qualifiers

Grosse Pointe North's varsity cheerleaders finished fifth in the Michigan Competitive Cheerleading Association regional competition to qualify for the state meet for the second year in a row. North finished 21st in the state. "The competition was tough at both the regional and state level, but the team worked together and had two excellent performances," said coach Lisa Ziolkowski. Earlier in the season, North was seventh in both the Holiday Cheers Competition and the Michigan East Open. Team members are freshman Laura Colbeck; sophomore Kristen Truce; juniors Katelyn Aitken, Amy Grivalsky, Anne Nichols, Krista Puckett and Olivia Vervaek; seniors Stacie Bott, Angela Dooley, Mallory Holloway, Stephanie Rinderknecht and Kristen Ryda; and senior captains Leigh Anne Butcher, Kristina Dinverno and Lisa Kurtz.

Notre Dame spring sports teams anxious to keep winning ways

Spring preview

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Frank Swaney is Notre Dame's new varsity baseball head coach, replacing Angelo Gust.

The Fightin' Irish baseball team has been one of the most successful in the state during the past 12 years, winning 10 district titles.

Swaney inherits a team that finished 23-17 overall.

The Irish ended their season with a 9-5 loss to Orchard Lake St. Mary in a Division II regional championship game.

The Irish will field a relatively young team that will have to contend with state powerhouses Detroit Catholic Central, Birmingham Brother Rice and Warren DeLaSalle in the Catholic League Central Division.

U-D Jesuit has had enough talent to overtake the Irish in the division standings the past couple of years, but Swaney wants to reverse that trend in 2004.

Swaney has coached at Austin High School, Riverview Gabriel Richard, Hamtramck St. Ladislaus, Dearborn St. Alphonsus, De La Salle and has coached the freshman and junior varsity baseball teams at Notre Dame.

The Irish's schedule is

loaded with nonleague foes Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, New Boston Huron, Birmingham Seaholm, Madison Heights Lamphere, Grosse Pointe North, L'Anse Creuse, Dearborn Henry Ford, Anchor Bay, Dearborn Divine Child, Ferndale and Memphis.

Lacrosse

The Notre Dame lacrosse team got off to a good start last week, splitting its first two games.

"We're doing some things differently this season," head coach Kevin Coyro said. "The guys are playing with a lot of heart, which has translated into two solid games to open the season."

The Fightin' Irish lost a see-saw affair to host Orchard Lake St. Mary 8-7, and beat Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 11-3 behind three goals from Brekan Kohlitz and one by Joe Riehl.

"All of the guys are getting the job done offensively and defensively," Coyro said.

The Irish struggled to post wins the past couple of seasons, which has frustrated the coaching staff.

"The guys have to want to win, and so far our guys are playing with that attitude," Coyro said. "We have a couple of more games before the spring break, which we hope we can win."

The Notre Dame lacrosse team is 1-1 overall.

Track

The Notre Dame track and field team competed in the Huron Relays last weekend to officially open its 2004 season under head coach Stan Wegrzynowicz.

"We're starting to gain maturity as a team," Wegrzynowicz said. "We had some very nice results at the relay meet, and we expect to continue to do well throughout the season."

Chris Jones, one of the Fightin' Irish's top returning lettermen, finished second in the high jump with a mark of 6-foot, 2-inches, and was fourth in the high hurdles.

Jones also was a part of the shuttle hurdle relay team, along with fellow veterans Alex Dudley, Brian Blanchard and Troy Mitchell, that posted a school-record time of 32.5.

Jelani Nantambo was second in the long jump, posting a mark of 19-foot, 9-inches, and the distance medley squad of Paul White, Vincent Mazzocco, Anthony Bommarito and Dan Kittendorf had a solid time. Nantambo teamed with Blanchard, Jonathan Johnson and Brandon Bonds to compete in the sprint medley relay.

"We had a couple of other runners compete with us in the relay meet," Wegrzynowicz said. "We had a good afternoon."

The Irish won the

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South soccer team bows to tough West Side opponent

Grosse Pointe South's girls soccer team made a better showing in the second half, but it wasn't enough to prevent a 3-1 non-league defeat at the hands of Livonia Stevenson.

In their first trip to the West Side soccer hotbed in 10 years, the Blue Devils started slowly against the Spartans, who are a perennial top 10 team with several state championships.

Stevenson also has a Miss Soccer candidate in Melissa Dobbyn.

The Spartans quickly established control of the match and scored all of their goals in the first half. After 9:19 had been played, most of it in the South end of the field, South defender Liz Galea went for a 50-50 ball with Stevenson's Jamie Radley. The collision in the box area resulted in a controversial foul call against South, and Radley converted the penalty kick to give the

Spartans the lead.

A little over 10 minutes later, Radley took a pass from Allyson King and beat her defender to score Stevenson's second goal.

Dobbyn completed the first-half scoring 1:45 later when she scored on a 29-yard line drive kick from a Radley pass.

At halftime, coach Gene Harkins told his players that he was unhappy with their performance. He pointed out that they were disorganized, that they failed to control the ball before passing, that they were losing the 50-50 balls and that were playing a "soft" game.

"Three players were giving it their all, but the game requires similar effort from all 11," he said. "I scheduled these tough opponents to display your skills. If this is how you want to play, we'll schedule (a lesser opponent) instead. Fortunately, it's early in the season, and with

hard work we can improve." South played a much stronger second half and controlled the play for periods of time.

Stephanie Kostiuik's hard shot inside the six-yard line 1:47 into the second half was not held by Spartans goalkeeper Melinda Magoulin. That enabled Megan Switalski to drive home the rebound for her second goal of the season.

Stevenson's quickness and strength prevented the Blue Devils from scoring again.

Laura Danforth made 12 saves on Stevenson's 15 shots, while South's eight shots required four saves by Magoulin.

Whitney Cahill, recovering from a minor injury, started at midfield, while juniors Allison Fennell and Ann Stavale helped defend in their first varsity appearances.

Farms swimmer earns two firsts in state short course meet

Kaitlyn Fries of Grosse Pointe Farms became the third state champion swimmer from the Detroit Yacht Club when she won two events at the recent Michigan Swimming 12-and-under Short Course state championships in Lake Orion.

Fries won the girls 10-and-under 100-yard individual medley and the 100 freestyle. She also had four other top 16 individual finishes to earn 80 points, giving her fifth place overall in the 10-and-under age group.

Fries was third in the 50 freestyle, sixth in the 50 butterfly, ninth in the 200 freestyle and 16th in the 100 butterfly. She was also on the ninth place 200 medley relay team and the 11th-place 200 freestyle relay team.

Ten other NYC swimmers

from the Pointes also finished among the top 24 in their events.

Cameron Laney was sixth in the 50 and 100 breaststroke events, Sarah Auk was 13th in the 200 butterfly, Roby Boggs was 14th in the 100 breaststroke and Heather Nearing was 14th in the 500 freestyle.

The girls 200 freestyle relay team of Fries, Emma Mathews, Lilli Boggs and Nearing was 11th, and improved on their best time by nearly five seconds.

The boys 200 medley relay team of Laney, Luke Hessburg, MarkEvan Auk and Nicholas Lupul was 13th.

Lupul, Joe Hessburg and David-Werner Cokell also had top 24 finishes in the boys division.

Summer swim team enrollment is scheduled for

Sunday, April 25. Any youth swimmers interested in NYC swimming should contact membership director Rosmary Tokatlian at (313) 824-1200 or e-mail her at membership@nyc.com.



Kaitlyn Fries

Victorious Carlisle boxers face summer title bouts

Grosse Pointe Farms boxing promoter John Carlisle's Team Detroit went undefeated again Friday night at DeCarlo's Banquet & Conference Center in Warren.

Headliner Rubin Williams continued his winning streak with a near unanimous, 10-round decision over super middleweight Kenny Bowman (31-8) of Columbus, Ohio. Judges scored the match 95-95, 96-94 and 97-93 in Williams' favor.

Williams (23-1) had to go deep and show real heart in beating Bowman, who landed several punches against

the hometown favorite. But with his right eye swollen closed, Williams fought back.

With his latest victory, Williams is looking to face 2000 Olympian Jeff Lacy, one of the best super middleweight boxers in the world, this summer.

Heavy weight Obed Sullivan continued Team Detroit's winning ways with a five-round defeat of Chavez Francisco (11-7) of Morristown, Tenn.

Sullivan broke his opponent's nose early in scheduled eight-round match. But after five rounds of battering at the hands of Sullivan, Francisco was unable to answer the opening bell for the sixth round.

With his victory, Sullivan goes to 41-8. It was announced Friday night that Sullivan will next face Mike Tyson later this year for the world heavyweight boxing title, pending successful negotiations.

Leo Nolan, another heavy weight title contender, was also victorious for Team Detroit at DeCarlo's. Nolan (21-0) maintained his undefeated record, but with a lackluster performance.

Even so, it only took Nolan six of eight rounds to score a TKO over his opponent, Ken Murphy (22-15-2) of Chicago.

Nolan now faces Lou Savarese (43-6, 35 KO's) at Foxwoods Casino in Connecticut. The ESPN2 televised event will be a 12-round battle for the IBA Americas heavyweight championship.

At 6-foot-2, 215 pounds, Nolan will be outsize by Savarese's 6-5, 250-pound

advantage. The Houston veteran has logged more than twice as many bouts as Nolan and has faced some well-known contenders.

In June 2000, Savarese was eliminated early in the first round by Tyson. In 1997, Savarese lost a split decision to George Foreman.

The youngest member of Team Detroit, Marlon Davis, improved his unbeaten streak to 8-0 with an easy victory over Johnny Rudolph (1-2) of Cincinnati. Davis, now 8-0, has a promising future with Team Detroit.

After a partial reconciliation with his boss (Carlisle), Rydell Booker (20-0) was scheduled to appear for Team Detroit against Cisse Salif (13-3-1) of Buffalo. But Salif got greedy, and Carlisle had to find another opponent for his cruiserweight at the last minute.

The last-minute add-on to the ticket, Matt Green of Raleigh, N.C., however, missed his flight to Detroit, and Booker was forced to continue his hiatus from boxing for another month or so.

North grad places in national meet

Former Grosse Pointe North swimmer Stephanie Leaman finished 16th in the 500-yard freestyle at the NCAA Division III Women's Swimming and Diving Championships in St. Peters, Mo.

Leaman, a sophomore at Johns Hopkins University, posted a time of 5:10.47.

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New look for ULS baseball

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

University Liggett School baseball is going to have a new look this season.

"We'll have new uniforms, we're getting the field dressed up and the football fieldhouse is going to be our baseball clubhouse," said Dan Cimini, who is also part of the new look as he joins Walter Butzu and David Thompson on the varsity staff.

"We'll have 15 home games, including double-headers almost every Saturday. We'll have a tent and grill hot dogs. I think it's going to be fun for the community."

The first of the double-headers will be Saturday at 11 a.m. against Center Line St. Clement.

Cimini also expects the Knights, who won only three games last year, to be more successful on the field.

"I'm not going to say that we're going to win a state championship this year, but I think we'll be competitive. Our pitching should keep us

in every game."

ULS's mound ace is junior lefthander Mike Posby, who was a starter last year. A solid No. 2 starter is the lone senior on the team, Cameron Ducsay, who'll be the Knights' starting shortstop when he isn't pitching. Posby will play first when he doesn't pitch.

Antonio Evangelista, who didn't play last year because of an injury, was the starting catcher as a freshman two years ago, and the ULS coaches are expecting him to step right back as a solid contributor behind the plate.

Junior Jon Wright will play either center field or left field and will be the Knights' leadoff batter.

Junior Stone Hazlett will play one of the outfield positions.

Sophomore Alex Amicucci is the starting second baseman, but he'll slide over to shortstop when Ducsay is pitching. Amicucci will also be the No. 3 pitcher. Sophomore James Hutchinson will start the season as a backup at sever-

al positions.

Two freshman are also expected to contribute this season. Yates Campbell is another lefthanded pitcher who can play first base and the outfield. Charlie Litch is the starting third baseman and will do some pitching.

"We ended the season with only nine players last year," Cimini said. "This year we have 16 varsity players and there are some good freshmen and sophomores in the group."

Cimini expects Harper Woods to be the team to beat in the Metro Conference this season.

"Frank Pietrangelo is easily the best pitcher in the league," Cimini said, "but Posby is No. 2. They faced each other last year and it was a great pitching duel that Frank won 2-0."

"If anybody is going to upset Harper Woods, it'll probably be Lutheran North, Lutheran Northwest or Cranbrook. And we should be in the middle of the pack this year."



Second baseman Carly Croskey led University Liggett School's softball team with a .433 batting average last season.

Swaney makes debut

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's baseball team gained a split of its season-opening doubleheader with New Boston Huron last week, losing 12-1 and winning 9-8.

"The kids are doing their best since they haven't been able to get outside too many days due to the poor weather," head coach Frank Swaney said.

"We didn't play very well in the opener, but the guys battled back to take the second game, which was great to see."

The Irish committed too many errors in the opener, but they came back to score in the bottom of the seventh inning in the nightcap to pull out the victory.

ULS softball team features nine seniors

The last two softball seasons have been two of the most successful in University Liggett School history and coach Jim Schmidt and his veteran squad are hoping to continue that string this year, but it won't be easy.

The team is solid once again with nearly the entire squad returning, including nine seniors, but the early-season schedule is a brutal one.

"Experience and a deeper bench are certainly positives for ULS this year, but the opening game schedule is not," said Schmidt.

This week the Knights opened with a non-league game against Grosse Pointe North and the Metro Conference opener with perennial league power Lutheran North.

It doesn't get much easier next week with Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, a preseason top 10 team, and last year's conference runner-up, Cranbrook Kingwood, on the schedule. ULS closes out the week at the Sand Creek Invitational.

"The mental attitude of the team coming off this two-week stretch will have a lot to do with the level of success the team eventually achieves," Schmidt said.

ULS is coming off back-to-back 20-victory seasons, and the Knights have won consecutive state district championships.

"Hitting and run scoring should be a real strength for the team," Schmidt said.

Last year, the Knights averaged eight runs-per-game and had a team on-base percentage of .482.

Senior Katie Andreacovich and sophomore Alex Houghtalin led ULS with 43 runs apiece. Second baseman Carly Croskey led with a .433 batting average.

Julie Borushko, a senior who shared the pitching last year with the graduated Lavon Morgan, led the Knights with 47 RBIs.

While the veterans have been impressive in early practices, the coaches have been most impressed by the improvement shown by sophomores Stefania Ford, Houghtalin, Krista Murray,

Erin Fleck and Jennifer Costello.

During scrimmage games at the team's preseason training in Orlando, Fla., the sophomores defeated the seniors, and Murray had the camp's top average (.536).

"Not too bad considering that most of the pitching the girls faced was in excess of 60 mph," Schmidt said.

Borushko will handle most of the pitching. Senior Deanna Tracy moves up from the junior varsity and will see some action on the mound.

"Both girls have worked hard in the offseason to improve their skills, and an improved overall team defense should help each of them lower their earned-run averages from last season," Schmidt said.

ULS might have the league's two best catchers in seniors Kelly King and Andreacovich.

"Each is presently considering offers to play at the college level next year and each posted on-base percentages above .500 last season," Schmidt said.

Ford, Rachel Costello, Laura Ralstrom, Jennifer Costello and Murray will be the outfielders.

"After a season of getting used to each other's defensive styles, there seems to be a big improvement in terms of both communication and coverage," Schmidt said.

The only major position change has Houghtalin moving from the outfield to shortstop.

"This will allow both Croskey at second base and pitcher Borushko to concentrate their efforts on only one main position," Schmidt said.

Seniors Melissa Kruszyna and Beth Sylvester and sophomore Erin Fleck round out the infield candidates.

"All three girls have the power to hit the long ball and all three have good, strong arms," Schmidt said.

Lutheran North, which has lost only one conference game in the last 10 years — to ULS in 2002 — is the preseason favorite again.

Senior Ryan Stewart had a two-run single, and junior Mark Fazi's single delivered the game-winning run in the Fightin' Irish's final at-bat.

Senior Anthony Rossi also provided a key pinch-hit during the rally.

"We're a relatively young team, but the guys understand the game, and they want to work hard to win," Swaney said.

"We will be OK once we get some games behind us."

The Irish opened their Catholic League Central Division play last weekend, dropping a doubleheader to Birmingham Brother Rice, falling 12-1 and 9-2.

The Notre Dame baseball team is 0-2 in the Central Division and 1-3 overall.

Coming up for the Fightin' Irish is an away doubleheader on Thursday, April 15, against Grosse Pointe North.



The Stars beat the Chill 4-2 to win the Squirt Division championship in the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association.

Stars win GPHA Squirt crown

The Stars beat the Chill 4-2 to win the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association's Squirt Division championship.

A solid, attacking offense that included a hat trick by Alexander Tu, a goal by Jared Yinger and three assists from Jack O'Neill highlighted the Stars' victory.

The Chill fought back with goals by T.J. Williams and Isaac Piepszowski, but the Stars' defense of Nick Dane, Mark Dulchavsky, Bryce Mason and Tyler Vens, along with goalie Matt Przybyz, tightened up and

held the Chill scoreless the rest of the way.

It was the second outstanding game in a row for Przybyz, who was the winning goalie in the Stars' 3-2, triple-overtime semifinal victory over the Sharks.

Also helping the Stars to

the championship were Zach Dettlinger, Sam Kelly, Patrick Lane, Jordan Loosvelt, Sara Villani and Dan Watt.

The Stars are coached by Kirk Mason and Bryan Lane. Dan Piepszowski coaches the Chill.

Geromin and his Trinity Catholic boys baseball team are still waiting to play their season opener.

The Lancers were scheduled to open the season last week, playing road games against Detroit Southeastern and league foe Redford St. Katherine Drexel.

Southeastern's head coach called Geromin and told him the city of Detroit didn't have the fields ready to play, and Drexel dropped its baseball program due to lack of interest.

"I thought we would have three games in by now, and instead we have none," Geromin said. "We just want to get out and play a game, and hopefully we can get at least one game in before the break."

Trinity Catholic gets split with league foe

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Julie Becker made her head coaching debut last week, guiding her Trinity Catholic girls softball team to a doubleheader split with Detroit Urban Lutheran.

"I was losing my voice from cheering so much," Becker said. "We gave away the first game, but at least we came back to win the second."

The Lancers led 5-4 in the seventh inning of game one, but a couple of errors allowed Urban Lutheran to score two unearned runs to pull out the win.

In game two, sophomore Angel Cooper recorded her first-ever varsity victory on the mound.

"Angel did a nice job for us," Becker said. "Our defense let her down in the opener, but she came back to get our win in game two."

Senior Danielle Cooper was 3-for-4 in game one and 2-for-3 in game two to lead the Lancers.

"It was good to get out there and play," Becker said. "The girls did a pretty good job even though some of them haven't played at the varsity level."

The Trinity Catholic softball team is 1-1 overall and in the Catholic League C-D East Division.

Next for the Lancers is an away doubleheader on Monday, April 19, against Detroit Dominican.

Blue Devils win JV title

The Grosse Pointe Blue Devils won the Nelson Wilson Memorial Trophy with a 3-0 victory over the Grosse Pointe Norsemen in the championship game of the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association's JV Division.

The Blue Devils ended the season with a 29-10-8 record.

The championship game featured two evenly-matched teams.

Ben Osborn tipped in a shot by Dave McCoy for a shorthanded goal by the Blue Devils. The Blue Devils made it 2-0 later in the first period when Miles Livermore converted a pass from Mike Hirt. Adam Longo also assisted.

Andrew Osborn scored the Blue Devils' third goal late in the second period during a power play. Jim Marshall and Eric Howell assisted.

Defensemans Evan Wouters, Max McDonald and Jeff Remillet, along with forwards Zack Brooks and Ross Mischnick, had several blocked shots.

Strong defensive play by Karl Baumgarten, Buzz Palazzolo and Alex Alvarez helped goalie Eric Alvarez record the victory. Eric Alvarez and Blake MacEachern combined for 12 shutouts this season.

Baseball
Head coach Larry

Volley

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son," Nugent said.

Switalski received the Coaches Award, while Sullivan was the recipient of the Molsen Award.

"Megan always brought a great attitude to practice," Nugent said. "The Molsen Award is given to the player who has overcome the most during the season, and Rachel played the last half of the season with a wrist injury. She played through a lot of pain but kept going out there and doing a great job."

With the experience he had on this year's team, Nugent expected a solid season.

"You could see it coming on the horizon," he said. "It was a fun year."

Nugent is optimistic about next season despite the graduation losses.

"We have a good group coming back," he said. "The potential is there. They just have to learn to win as a group, the same as this year's team did."

Baseball
Head coach Larry

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS - 100 DOCK BOXES: Sealed bids will be received by the City of Grosse Pointe Woods at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, until 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing the following item:

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Copies of specifications and bid sheets may be obtained from the City Clerk. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the city.

Louise S. Warnke,
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 04/08/2004

Village of Grosse Pointe Shores
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NOTICE OF LAST DAY FOR VOTER REGISTRATION

To the Qualified Residents of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores:

You are hereby notified that **Monday, April 19, 2004** is the last day for receiving registrations for the annual Village Election, scheduled for **Tuesday, May 18, 2004.**

Qualified residents of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, counties of Wayne and Macomb, who are not already registered, may do so at the office of the Village Clerk, 795 Lake Shore Road (second floor), Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan, each Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Victoria J. Boyce,
Village Clerk

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Trinity's diamond team ready to defend district title

Spring preview

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Head coach Larry Geromin and his Trinity Catholic boys baseball team are shooting for a second straight district crown this season.

The Lancers lost four highly talented seniors, but Geromin believes his squad is just as talented as the one that finished 20-11 in 2003.

"We plan to have a good

season," Geromin said. "We did lose some good baseball players, but the kids we have on the team this season are hard working, and they have talent."

The Lancers beat Lutheran East (17-7), Warren Macomb Christian (12-1) and Warren Zoe Christian (5-3) in a Division IV district tournament last season.

Their season ended with a 15-2 loss to top 10-ranked Royal Oak Shrine in a regional semifinal game.

Geromin is counting on seniors Curtis Pettway, Joe Williams and Mike McGarry to be the team leaders.

Others who have to step up and have solid seasons are juniors Chris Geromin, James Bates, Mohammed Mutaquevir and Matt Peterson; and sophomores Brock Taylor, Adrian Williams, Joe Cruz, Isaac Jackson, Tom Ostrowski and Scott Barnes.

"We have pitching depth, which we didn't have last season," Geromin said. "Our guys are anxious to start the season because they know we can be a good baseball team."

The Lancers have team speed, which makes them a dangerous offensive squad on the basepaths.

"We have to play smart baseball, and not give teams four or five outs an inning," Geromin said.

The Lancers will compete in the Catholic League C-D East Division, and they will play Detroit Urban Lutheran, Detroit Holy Redeemer and Warren Immaculate Conception four times apiece.

In addition, they will play doubleheaders against the four squads (Redford St. Katherine Drexel/Bishop Borgess), Detroit Benedictine, Taylor Light

and Life and Wyandotte Mount Carmel) from the C-D West Division that count in the standings.

"We play 20 league games this season, which is quite a few," Geromin said. "This should be quite interesting, but we shouldn't have any problems since our pitching is pretty strong."

In nonleague competition, the Lancers face Detroit Southeastern, Marine City Cardinal Mooney, Lutheran East, Hamtramck and Jewish Academy.

Softball

Bishop Gallagher graduate Julie Becker takes over the Trinity Catholic girls softball team from long-time head coach Dennis Gore.

Becker played an instrumental role in helping the Lancers win back-to-back district titles in the late 1990s.

"I'm excited about taking over the softball program that I played for in high school," Becker said. "We have some good girls on the squad, but now we need a little more depth."

Becker inherits a team that finished 8-10 last season, losing 14-7 to Warren Zoe Christian in a district game.

The Lancers should have

enough talent to compete for the Catholic League C-D East Division title and a spot in the playoffs.

"We're in a division in which we can contend for a title," Becker said. "I like the girls' enthusiasm, and I hope that turns into a winning team."

Watch for Stephanie Sosa, Danielle Cooper, Erin Stanley, Angel Cooper, Natalie Barnes and Anne Wasukanis to put up solid numbers for the Lancers.

This group of girls is looking to win a third district title this school year as they won one in basketball and volleyball.

"The girls have been on winning teams this season, and we hope to continue it in softball," Becker said.

Angel Cooper, a sophomore, is the Lancers' top pitcher this season, and she might have the opportunity to work with another Bishop Gallagher graduate, Brooke Young.

"We want Angel to work on throwing strikes," Becker said. "We will worry about her velocity as the state districts approach."

Track

The Trinity Catholic boys and girls track and field teams are in good position to

achieve success this spring. Long-time head coach Michelle Batten has 25 boys and 15 girls for the 2004 season.

"We have a lot of newcomers to the sport; so I will really have to teach the kids the true spirit of track," Batten said.

The boys are led by seniors Quentin Washington, D'Angelo Lumpkin and Ernest Cornelius, and juniors Lawrence Secrest, Nick Jones, Kyle Lamb and Lance Caldwell.

The girls are led by senior Mallory Fairley, and juniors Anika Brown, Crystal Wilson and Lauren Franklin.

"We will hold our own," Batten said. "I told the kids to not worry about winning and losing dual meets but to have fun and learn. I want the kids to be better at the end of the season because the big meets are the most important."

Trinity's boys team will be battling Notre Dame and Detroit St. Martin dePorres for the title, while the girls will have to outperform DePorres and Pontiac Notre Dame Prep for the district crown.

Regina sports teams wait to begin season

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

The consistent rains have left many baseball and softball diamonds unplayable.

Last weekend, the Regina softball team was scheduled to compete in the Macomb Classic Tournament in Richmond, but it was cancelled due to poor field conditions.

"The girls just want to get outside and get a game in," head coach Diane Laffey said. "It was too bad the tournament was cancelled; so we officially open the season with a league game against Marian."

Soccer

The Regina soccer team opened its season last week, beating host Grosse Pointe North 2-1.

"We dominated most of the game," head coach Matt Naidow said. "North is a tough team, but they spent most of the game trying to defend us."

The Saddlelites led 1-0 at

the half on a goal by sophomore Stephanie Martin.

North tied it early in the second half, but Martin tallied midway through the second stanza to win it for the Saddlelites.

Senior Ashley Mellor and sophomore Gloria Soyad had several chances to score, but their shots missed the mark.

"Our offense really carried the play, which was great to see," Naidow said. "It is nice to be able to play so well against a very good team such as Grosse Pointe North. The girls need to build on this win."

The momentum quickly faded as the Saddlelites lost their Catholic League Central Division opener 3-2 to visiting Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

Prep was coming off a 3-2 win over Farmington Hills Mercy.

Naidow's soccer team is 0-1 in the Central Division and 1-1 overall.

Next for the Saddlelites is a home game on Tuesday, April 20, against Mercy.

Harper Woods softball team has the talent to win Metro Conference championship

Spring preview

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Harper Woods' girls softball team is short on numbers, but large in talent this

season. Head coach Carol Arthmire has only 10 players on both the varsity and junior varsity squads.

"We're disappointed with the numbers in our pro-

gram, but we're happy with the talent we have," Arthmire said.

The Pioneers finished above .500 a year ago, and that feat should be accomplished once again in 2004, thanks to returning players Meaghan Huot, Angela Wierszewski, Natalie Barranca, Maria Mahon, Sally Smolinski, Bridget Wagner, Ann Marie Solomon and Jade King.

Stacey Marlin and Shaina Biro are also on the varsity, and the girls will get the chance to showcase their talent.

"These girls are good athletes, and they have the will to win," Arthmire said. "They really want to do well, and they realize they have the talent to win."

Lutheran North is the team to beat in the Metro Conference, but the Pioneers have a shot to win the championship.

"We need to hit more than a year ago," Arthmire said. "Our girls didn't hit in our biggest games, and that has to change this season in order for us to win. I feel confidence about our pitching and defense."

Mahon and Wagner are the Pioneers' top pitchers, and both throw strikes.

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood should also put up a battle in the Metro Conference, while Hamtramck, Livonia Clarenceville, Lutheran Westland, Lutheran East and University Liggett

School should be on the outside looking in.

The Pioneers will also play in the Lakeview and Dominican tournaments this spring and will play nonleague games against Warren Fitzgerald, Marysville, Madison Heights, Lamphere and Birmingham Detroit Country Day.

"We have 25 scheduled games this season, and I hope we can get them all in," Arthmire said. "We have been practicing hard, and I think we're ready to go."

Baseball

The Harper Woods boys baseball team, under head coach De'Andre Cooper, is loaded and ready for what should be another productive season.

Seniors Frank Pietrangolo and Jesus Melendez, as well as junior James Slago, are three of the top players in the Metro Conference.

Cooper has the luxury of guiding a team strong in fundamentals with Pietrangolo as one of the top pitchers and Melendez as an outfielder who will put up solid offensive numbers.

Soccer

Nicole Safina is back for her second season as the Harper Woods girls soccer head coach.

She guided the Pioneers to several wins, which is great considering they don't have a junior varsity program.

Senior Kahra Fox is one of the top returning players for the Pioneers, and one of the top forwards in the Metro Conference.

Track

The Harper Woods track and field team is relatively low in numbers, but head coaches Charles Stiver and Dan Wagberg make it fun for the participants.

They understand how difficult it is to compete in the Metro Conference against perennial powers Lutheran Westland, Cranbrook Kingswood and Lutheran North, which have squads more than twice the Pioneers' size.

The Harper Woods track squad runs against host Lutheran Westland in its season-opening meet on Tuesday, April 27.




PET PARADE

THE DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED!

That's right! We've extended the deadline and the publication date just in time for the Michigan Humane Society's Spring Mutt March. Pet Parade will now publish on June 3rd and the Spring Mutt March will be held on Saturday, June 6 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.

Grosse Pointe News and The St. Clair Shores Connection newspapers, being a media sponsor, will also have copies of Pet Parade available at the event.

Grosse Pointe News and The St. Clair Shores Connection newspapers are planning their 3rd special edition featuring your pet! This yearly tabloid will be published June 3, 2004. Please send a good quality color photo of your pet dog, cat, bird, fish, rabbit, snake, gerbil, etc. to Grosse Pointe News & The St. Clair Shores Connection, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236. Attention: Kim Mackey, Display Advertising (313) 343-5586. Complete the information slip below and return it with your photo. Your picture must be received in our office no later than **Wednesday May 19th**, earlier would assist our production schedule. Grosse Pointe News & The St. Clair Shores Connection require a \$10.00 fee to cover production costs. Please include a check, money order or credit card number with your photo. If you would like your photo returned to you please include a self addressed stamped envelope.

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Irish

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Catholic League Double-A Division title a year ago, and they're the favorite to repeat.

"DePorres is a talented team that will go to the wire with us, but overall I feel very good about where we are headed here at Notre Dame," Wegrzynowicz said.

The Irish's other league opponents are Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, Riverview Gabriel Richard, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, Trinity Catholic and Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

"We want to be right there with the three big boys in the Catholic League meet (U-D Jesuit, Detroit Catholic Central and Birmingham Brother Rice)," Wegrzynowicz said. "I think we have the personnel to be a very competitive track and

