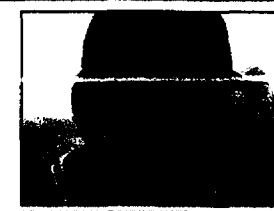


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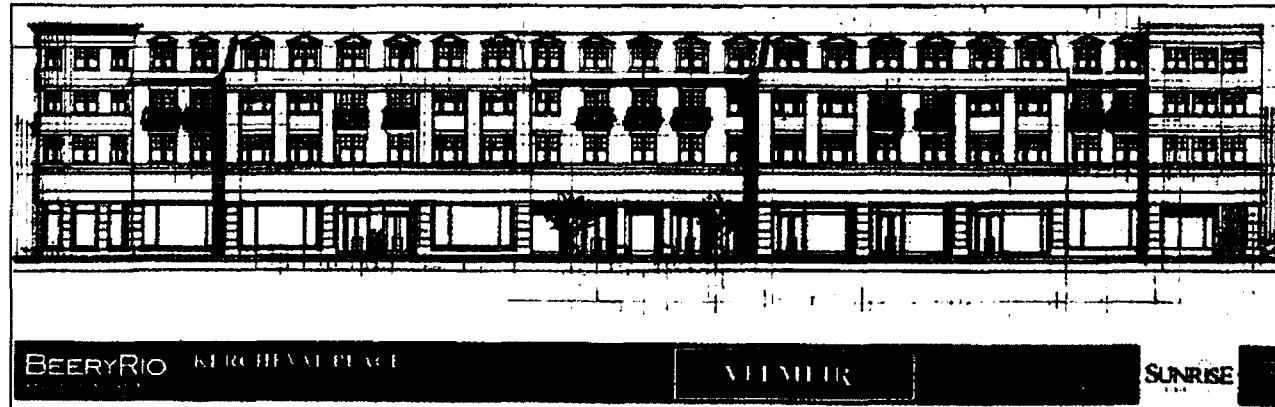
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■ Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land will be the guest speaker at the 18th annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, May 6, at 7:30 a.m. in the main ballroom of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores. Page 3A

■ The Grosse Pointe Academy will hold its annual Action Auction, one of the most successful and largest in the country, in May. Everything from trips to foreign countries and artwork to luxury cars and jewelry will be available for purchase. Page 6A

■ Artist Ron Teachworth is exhibiting his artwork at the Manooogian Gallery at University Liggett School. His artwork has evolved from landscapes to abstract paintings of skies. He spoke with students about his work. Page 7A



Rendering by The Velmeir Co. Concept drawings of Kercheval Place, a combined retail and independent senior condominium complex to replace the vacant Jacobson's building in the Village, were revealed this week at a City of Grosse Pointe Council meeting. Councilman John Stevens listens to the presentation, below.

## Site plans aren't jake in Village

By Brad Lindberg  
 Staff Writer

Jake's is gone. The building could be next. The property's new owners want to raze the two-story former department store in the Village.

In its place would stand Kercheval Place, a \$50 million, four-story structure combining retail and residential development.

Some 40,000-square feet of first-floor shopping area would be topped by three floors of luxury condominiums ranging from 1,000 to 1,800 square feet.

Living in the heart of the City of Grosse Pointe's prime commercial district doesn't come cheap. The 80 to 90 condos are expected to cost \$400,000 to \$700,000 each.

Although the units are being proposed and tailored somewhat for senior citizens, price alone is expected to rule out purchase by young or middle-aged residents.

The proposal came this week through a partnership announced between The Velmeir Companies and

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Sunrise Senior Living of McLean, Va.

Velmeir, a development company headquartered in West Bloomfield, acquired the former Jacobson site for roughly \$11 million two years ago at a bankruptcy auction.

Sunrise Senior Living is a division of Sunrise Development, the nation's largest provider of senior living services.

Among Sunrise's 370 facilities in 34 states, Canada and the United Kingdom, current projects include construction of an assisted living facility on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Hester said Sunrise also is interested in opening an Alzheimer's-care facility in the former Masonic Temple building on Vernier near

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## WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, April 25

Join the Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods for Spring Into Reading, an afternoon of theater presentations and activities centered around reading, at the Barnes Early Childhood Center from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Admission is \$5 per family.

### Sunday, April 25

"Jean de Florette" will be shown at the Sunday Matinee at the Movies at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church at 2 p.m.

Tom Donahoo, lay Catholic campus minister at Oakland Community College, will host a brief discussion of the movie after the viewing. Pop and complimentary popcorn will be available.

For more information, call (313) 882-5330.

### Monday, April 26

The Grosse Pointe Public Library Board meets at the Neighborhood Club at 7 p.m.

The Grosse Pointe Park City Council meets in the Park city hall at 7:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, April 27

Former Detroit Free Press publisher Neal Shine will be the guest speaker at the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club meeting at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial at 11 a.m. For more information, call (313) 881-5592.

### Friday, April 30

The Junior League of Detroit Designers' Show House 2004 Preview Party takes place on from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Show House, 114 Lothrop Road, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets are \$60 and reservations can be mailed to the Junior League Office, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236. For further information, call (313) 884-1773.

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## Bike path on Lakeshore pitched by former solon

By Bonnie Caprara  
 Staff Writer

As the weather breaks, more and more bikers, walkers and joggers will be taking their workouts to Lakeshore.

However, that may not be the only thing that can break.

"I'm a biker myself," Andrew Richner said. "When you ride Lakeshore, you take your life in your hands. I've had some near-misses. Traffic moves along at a pretty good clip. You could ride on the sidewalks, but the walkers don't always like that."

Richner — a former state representative, Wayne County commissioner and Grosse Pointe Park councilman — has informally proposed that the Grosse Pointes that border Lakeshore and Jefferson and Wayne County look into constructing a bike path.

The idea was presented during a

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town hall meeting with Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and county department heads on April 7. Ficano said the idea was a good one, but the area mayors would have to come to a consensus and take their ideas to the county.

Richner said he did not have a definite plan for such a bike path and has not yet formally pitched the idea to area civic leaders. He did say such a project could be benefited in part by a 1-mil county park tax, which brought in \$9.85 million in revenue in the

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Lakeshore is a popular destination for walkers and bikers. However, bikers like those shown, "take their lives in their hands" when they share the road with motor vehicles.

## POINTER OF INTEREST

### Arthur Mitchell

**Home:** Grosse Pointe Farms  
**Family:** wife, Jennifer, and son, Spencer  
**Claim to fame:** biked the Camino de Santiago, an ancient pilgrimage in Spain  
**Quote:** "It's an incredibly moving experience. When I was about 30 miles away, it really overwhelmed me, and I think part of it is realizing your part of some thing that's much bigger than you are."



Arthur Mitchell

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# Rep. Rogers to speak at Eastside Republican fundraiser

Mike Rogers, Republican representative from Michigan's 8th Congressional District, will be the featured speaker at the Eastside Republican Club Annual Political Action Committee (PAC) fundraiser on Monday, May 3, at 6:30 p.m. at Sindbad's Restaurant and Marina, 100 St. Clair in Detroit.

"Congressman Rogers has a wealth of experience

regarding issues in the Middle East, along with domestic issues," said Ed Joseph, chairman of the Eastside Republican Club. "Mike Rogers will discuss his efforts to provide a more secure homeland, and measures taken to strengthen the economy and help build a stronger jobs base in Michigan."

Rogers has an impressive career of public service. He

was appointed to the deputy whip team and the majority leader's leadership council in his first term. Rogers has continued his leadership role, serving as Deputy Whip for Coalitions and on the Committee on Energy and Commerce. Also, he serves on a number of subcommittees including Energy and Air Quality, Environment and Hazardous

Health, and Oversight and Investigations.

Rogers has been very involved in Middle East issues. Following the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Rogers' expertise was sought out for drafting of the USA Patriot Act. Prior to the 9/11 attacks, Rogers traveled to the Middle East where he met with Palestinian and Israeli leaders. Subsequent to that visit, Rogers has

been to the Middle East on five separate visits at the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Rogers has met with U.S. troops, along with leaders in Afghanistan. He has also met with leaders in Saudi Arabia, Israel, Turkey, Qatar, Bahrain and Kuwait. Rogers was a member of the first official congressional delegation to Iraq following the war.

Domestically, Rogers has been active with economic and job issues. In addition, he has authored legislation to stop scam artists from defrauding Americans, to stop the flow of Canadian trash into Michigan, and to empower low-income families to become homeowners.

Prior to his election to the House of Representatives, Rogers served in the Michigan Senate.

The Eastside Republican Club PAC holds an annual fundraiser to raise monies used to support local Republican candidates, along with incumbent judges and candidates for judicial office.

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

## Biking

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2002-03 fiscal year.

Wayne County is responsible for the road and sea wall along Lakeshore and Jefferson. With sea wall repair planned, Richner said, "I thought this would be an ideal time for the county to put in a bike path.

The idea of such a bike path is not new to communities in the Pointes.

"Bike paths and walking paths have been talked about," said Grosse Pointe Shores President Dr. James Cooper. "The last time was in 1999 when then-council trustee Dick Mertz talked about sidewalks and sidewalk expansion. However, the homeowners along Lakeshore didn't like that idea."

Cooper went on to further explain, "In Grosse Pointe Shores, the owners of the Lakeshore properties own that strip of land between the road and the lake. We'd have to talk with them."

"It was brought up through our Beautification Commission," Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor James Farquhar Jr. said. "They wanted to put a bike path between the street and the sidewalk, but it's very narrow in some spots."

As much as the idea of a bike or walking path seemed appealing to Farquhar, he did admit some may feel that such an enhancement might lead to more loitering along Lakeshore.

While the scenic beauty of Lake St. Clair does not extend along Jefferson, it is still a major thoroughfare for bikers and pedestrians.

"Jefferson is a busy street, and there are safety issues," said Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Pro Tem Greg Theokas, who was at the county executive's town hall meeting. "I would have to defer that to our director of public safety."



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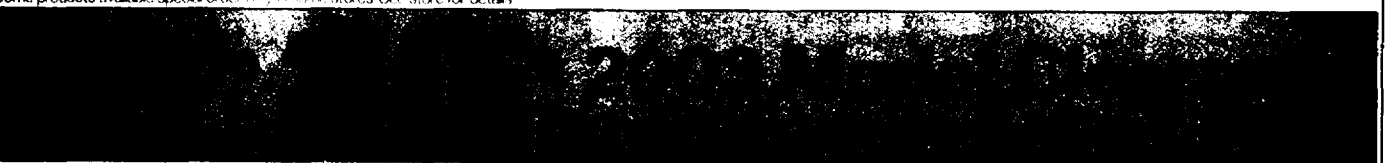
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## Attractive nuisances

Is it really that annoying to live on a busy street or near a school? It depends.

I fell in love with my first house the moment I stepped into it. It had two large picture windows that overlooked the patio and back yard. Beyond the back yard was a playground behind a school district administration building that was once a school. I had privacy and an expansive view while only paying for and maintaining a single suburban lot. I was sold.

As soon as the weather broke, I met the neighbors, many of whom offered their advice and opinions of the area: the best grocery store, the best hardware store, the best liquor store. Most of them agreed on one thing:

"those darn kids."  
"They cause all kinds of ruckus."

"There are all kinds of broken beer bottles back there."  
"They smoke dope back there."

For the most part, I enjoyed seeing the younger visitors to the playground swinging on the swings and hanging from the monkey bars. In the evenings and during the weekends, the sounds of cracking bats and cheering parents of Little League baseball games were the soundtracks of my 11 summers there.

As for "those darn kids," they were fewer in number and visited less frequently than I was led to believe. On average, I probably called the police twice a year — not a bad margin considering a year has 365 days.

When my oldest son was 5 and my youngest son was 2, we toyed with the idea of buying a better house in a



**I Say**  
Bonnie Caprara

better school district. One of the houses we fell in love with was a 1 1/2-story bungalow in Grosse Pointe Woods that had hardwood floors and an updated kitchen that was a little bit bigger and about \$10,000 less than comparable houses in the area.

The catch: the house was on a street where the residents have complained about traffic coming off the nearby freeway for the past 40 years.

We were tempted for half a second and then thought about our kids.

"Nah," we said. "It's not

worth it."

A few years later, I was going through a divorce and looking for a house or apartment to rent. Some properties weren't fit for animals, let alone humans. Some properties were impossibly expensive. Some properties were so desirable, they were rented out to someone else before I could sleep on it.

The next time, I promised myself, I wouldn't let a good one get away.

One night after work, I arranged to meet a landlord at a flat he had to rent in Grosse Pointe Park. It was

charming; it had a big front porch, hardwood floors and a deep claw foot tub.

"I'll take it," I told the landlord as soon as he got done walking me through the house.

"Are you sure you don't want to think about it?" he asked.

"No," I said. "How much do I write the check out for?"

I moved in a few weeks later, spent my first night alone and woke up to the sound of big squealing brakes and the labored churn of a diesel engine coming to a stop — at 5 a.m.

It never occurred to me to read a sign in front of my next door neighbor's house which read: "Bus Stop." It turned out the block I lived on was a cut-through for not only one but two bus lines that originated downtown on Jefferson and split off onto Kercheval and Charlevoix in the Park.

A few nights later, I was awakened by the urgent

cries of a siren at 2:30 a.m. How could I have missed that great big public safety garage at the end of my street?

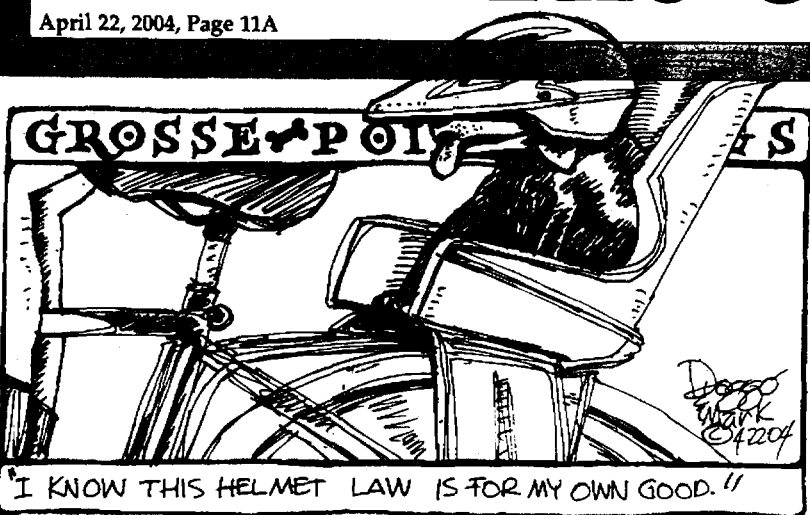
Over time, I got used to the sounds of the buses, fire trucks, police cars and ambulances on my street. One time, I didn't realize a house on the next block was totally engulfed in flames until I smelled the smoke wafting through my screens. I never heard the emergency vehicles that had come from at least three cities.

There were also times there were advantages to living on a street that handled two bus routes and a fire route. At times when I couldn't drive my car, I wished the bus service was more frequent and reliable — I had door-to-door service between home and work. And the time an electric transformer blew in the alley behind my house, a public safety officer was out there before I was.

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# The Op-Ed Page



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## Streetwise

### Question of the Week:

Who is your favorite professional athlete in Detroit of all time?



Bill Blaess

"Brendan Shanahan. He has always been my favorite. He plays his heart out, and I love hearing the Irish Jig when he scores."

**Bill Blaess**  
City of Grosse Pointe



Steve Gayman

"Barry Sanders. He dominates."

**Steve Gayman**  
City of Grosse Pointe



Brian Steele

"Isiah Thomas. Oh Isiah."

**Brian Steele**  
City of Grosse Pointe



Nick Arrigo

"Darren McCarty. Although he's had a lot of his own problems, he still finds the time to help other people out with theirs."

**Nick Arrigo**  
City of Grosse Pointe



Kristen White

"Cecil Fielder or Kirk Gibson because they lived in Grosse Pointe. Or Mark 'The Bird' Fidrych because he always talked to the ball."

**Kristen White**  
Grosse Pointe Park



Jason Trombley

"Joe Louis. The guy's got his own arena."

**Jason Trombley**  
Grosse Pointe Woods

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

## fyi

by Ben Burns

### Style points

Pete Waldmeir the elder, that irascible Detroit News columnist with a heart of gold, went out in style last Friday after half a century in journalism by announcing his resignation on WJR's Paul W. Smith show.

But Pete didn't initiate the appearance. Apparently one of Paul W.'s sources got tipped off about the impending retirement by one of Waldmeir's close friends. WJR tracked him down in Arizona and asked him to call.

Waldmeir reportedly said that the Gannettoids who run what was once the sixth largest metro daily in the nation had sent him a signal by moving his column off the local front to back near the obituaries. It is a signal that the owners of The News have been trying to send for some time for they never understood the Woods resident's iconic status in Michigan journalism.

For generations, Waldmeir was Detroit, first on the sports pages and then as a general news columnist. His role was to shine a bright, unwavering light on the doings of government and ask the tough questions of politicians. He ably represented the thousands of lunch-bucket line

workers at the auto plants even as he hobnobbed with the upper crust, the rich and the would-be famous.

When politicians pontificated or posers held forth, he would mercilessly prick their balloons and expose them to his blue-collar readers. Working class folks love Waldmeir to this day.

He can write with bite, even though in real life he is a softy who campaigns through the Goodfellows for clothes and essentials for Detroit kids and should be the envy of George W.'s "no child left behind" motto. Waldmeir also delivers meals on wheels on the east side in his spare time and has been involved in a half dozen other charitable or fundraising campaigns.

The folks out in Macomb were so appreciative of his work on behalf of a school millage in one district that they named a football field after him.

No matter how many awards he received, including election to Michigan's Journalism Hall of Fame, Waldmeir never forgot his roots. He was born on Mark Twain near Wayne State in Detroit. His mother raised him and his siblings in tough times. That probably helps explain his dedication to the Goodfellows program.

Pete did a stint in the Marines and returned to

The News and a checkered career as a Wayne State student, where he never finished but was still named its outstanding journalism alum a couple years back.

The admiration and respect I have for Waldmeir started more than four decades ago when he took time out in the Michigan State press box to help a tall, skinny journalistic neophyte get the story right. Pete and I are still friends.

And just because he hung up his News hat, don't count him out of the writing craft or being on the cutting edge of the news. Unlike old soldiers, old Marines don't fade away.

### Error

I referred to Dr. Paul Zavell, of the Knights of Malta, as a pediatric surgeon when in fact he spent his career as a pediatrician. My apologies. But, of course, it doesn't make him any less a hero for his lifetime of work in caring for and saving the lives of babies.

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## Points about the Pointes

### Hollywood's Frank Capra and our Ted Colborn...how are they connected?

This past Monday, our School Board invited the applicants for the three available Library Board seats (one each from the Shores, the Woods and the Park) to the televised portion of the School Board meeting. All of the applicants (including those who couldn't make it Monday) deserve our thanks for caring enough about making our community better to apply for the three openings.

All of the applicants fit the expected profile for a Library Board member. They are talented professionals with a love of books, children and/or a strong desire to give back to our community.

When one particular applicant spoke, for a few brief moments, I felt as though I was on a movie set watching a resurrected Frank Capra film his new movie, "Mr. Smith Goes to Grosse Pointe." This applicant (who I am proud to say is from the Woods) not only 'talks the talk' but also literally 'walks the walk'. His name is Ted Colborn.

Let me preface my comments by saying that they are not being made as the result of an old friendship, as I only just met Ted a few years ago while volunteering at Ferry School. Instead, these comments are being made out of profound admiration for a parent who is practicing what we

all preach, day in and day out.

If you ever drive Mack Avenue near Vernier when the kids are coming in or out of Parcels, you've met Ted and probably didn't know it. You've enjoyed his help and his smile. Come rain or shine, he is the ever patient crossing guard, watching over our kids and seniors as they negotiate this dangerous intersection. He's the smiling man giving a helping hand with school papers being blown away in the wind, the dropped Library book, or the walker caught in a crack in the asphalt just as the light is switching.

If you're bookworms like me and the rest of my family, Ted has helped you find that obscure magazine or book during his hours at the 7-Mack Barnes & Noble. He's the man who helped your mom get to her car when the walks were icy.

For me, Ted is a throw back to a rare breed of Pointers from my past, the likes of Ed Hickey, Bill Wood, and my mentor, Carl Joyner. Like these role models, it's second nature for him to share his gifts of honesty, sincerity and humility. What better skills could watch our libraries?

.....Ahmed Ismail ([ahmed.ismail@comcast.net](mailto:ahmed.ismail@comcast.net))

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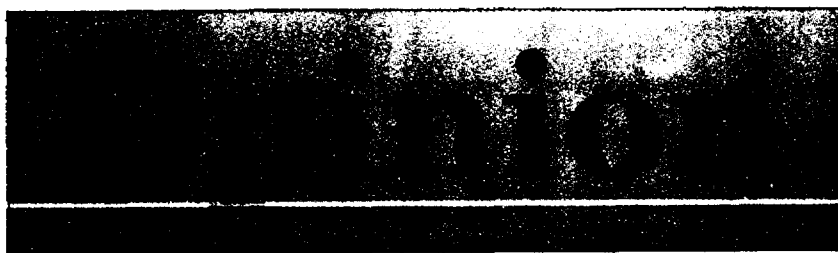
Where have you gone, upscale Jacobson's?

A City turns its lonely eyes to you (ooo ooo ooo).  
What's that you say, Mrs. Grosse Pointer?

Old Jake's has left and gone away (hey hey hey, hey hey hey).

Those sentiments, taken from the lyrics of the Simon and Garfunkel song, may best represent those who spoke at Monday night's presentation of plans for the old Jacobson's property in the Village shopping district.

The City of Grosse Pointe council held its regular monthly meeting this week at the War Memorial to accommodate a large crowd of those curious to find out what is going in Jake's old site. The council was not disappointed, at least, with the number of those attending. An estimated crowd of 220



to 250 interested spectators attended. What they heard disappointed many.

First, the old Jacobson's, a conglomeration of more than a half dozen old store fronts, will be razed, and a new building would be erected. While the first floor will be designated retail, no stores of Jacobson's former status have been recruited. Rather, developer Velmeir Cos.' list of clients include CVS Pharmacy, which bought the Jake's property along with Velmeir, Staples and BlockBuster Video.

Some in the audience derisively referred to Velmeir clients as "middle-income" stores.

Velmeir is proposing a four-story building, with the first floor retail and the top three floors upscale condo-

miniums for independent-living, active seniors. The condos would be in the \$400,000 and up range.

While everyone in Grosse Pointe acknowledges that our population is aging and that we need housing for seniors — independent and otherwise — some questioned whether the heart of our largest shopping district is the proper place for it.

Another problem would be that the proposed building would encroach on the city's parking structure, eliminating some 200 parking spaces. That could pose a problem.

Most disturbing, though, were Beverly Leinweber's dire comments on the future of the Village. Coming from a former Village promoter, her sentiments are alarming.

She believes that whereas retailers used to line up to get in the Village, they are no longer interested. She did not explain why retailers are no longer covetous of Grosse Pointe shoppers.

There are consumers here who do want upscale stores in our midst. Those speaking at Monday's meeting said they hate driving 40 miles to go to Somerset for decent stores.

If that is the case, why are Sak's, Nordstrom's, Macy's and others not interested in the Village? Perhaps it is because we do not have the population, the critical mass, to make such stores a success.

That is ironic since we were always led to believe that Jacobson's Grosse Pointe store was a money-maker. Can't others make money here, too?

It is also ironic that Jacobson's most loyal customers, the blue-haired matrons of Grosse Pointe, may very well be living where they once shopped.

Where have you gone, Jacobson's? We sure could use another store like you (ooo ooo ooo).

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# Bike path along Lakeshore?

Andrew Richner, a Grosse Pointe Park resident who has represented the Pointes at local, county and state levels, has proposed a bicycling path along Jefferson and Lakeshore.

As a biker, Richner knows firsthand the dangers of riding along the narrow lanes of Jefferson and Lakeshore.

His idea is not new. It has been floated many times for the scenic boulevard on the shores of Lake St. Clair. But, alas, the idea sounds good but probably is not doable.

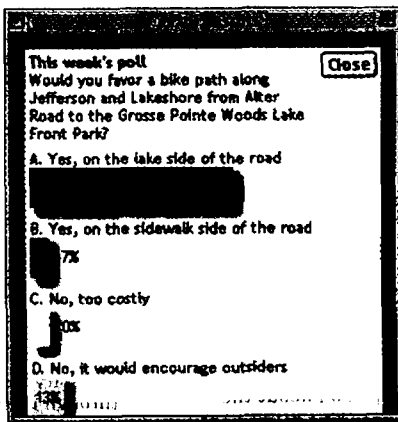
As Dr. James Cooper, president of the Grosse Pointe Shores Village Council, points out, the land between the county road and the breakwall is owned by Lakeshore residents. They surely would not want to give up their green space and share it with hordes of bicyclers, hikers, walkers, joggers, Rollerbladers and skateboarders.

That sounds snobbish, but the Lakeshore residents have history on their side.

In the pre-automobile days, Lakeshore was closed to the public at Fisher Road. That was due to picnickers and revelers who used to come up the coastal road by horseback and carriage to enjoy the water's edge. But the intruders would get out of hand with drinking, boisterousness and other rude behavior.

The same thing would happen today. If people were allowed to loiter along the lake, boom boxes, partying and rowdiness would not be far behind.

However, according to our Internet poll last week, 80 percent of those responding favored a bike path on the lakeside of Jefferson and Lakeshore from Alter Road to Grosse Pointe



Woods' Lakefront Park. Another 7 percent favored a bike path on the sidewalk side of the boulevard.

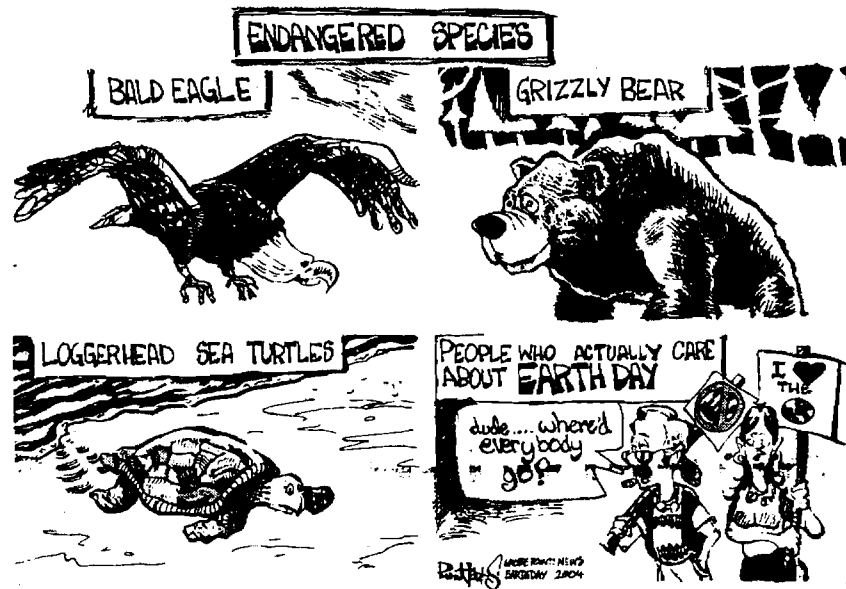
Thirteen percent did not favor a bike path because it would invite outsiders and, hence, the aforementioned problems. No one objected to the bike path due to cost.

In fact, Richner points out that we are paying a 1-mill tax for county parks. It would be nice to get some of our money back in the form of a bicycle path here.

Perhaps we could make it happen by continuing to enforce the no-loitering laws along the lake.

On nice days — and even not so nice days — it is a pleasure to see so many residents walking, jogging and biking along Lakeshore. Sometimes it gets downright crowded!

Is there a way we can incorporate a bike path along the lake and still respect the property rights of those along the lake? Perhaps.



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

# Letters

## CVS' drug plan for seniors?

To the Editor:

Excellent maneuvering on the part of CVS. With the objective in mind of gaining a virtually captive customer base of somewhere between 80 and 160 heavy users of prescription medications and medical supplies, first go through the pantomime of wooing a department store as an anchor for retail, then hotel tenants and finally, as a "last" resort, go with senior housing units.

But make sure it doesn't become too obvious that the original possibilities may have been doable. And make sure that retail possibilities are limited so as to maximize the number of seniors.

This may be a harsh judgment, but who knows? As someone pointed out at Monday's meeting, the search for other possibilities was probably hampered considerably by the fact that we were in a recession when the

"search" was going on.

With the recovery well under way, a two-story retail plan, with a centralized atrium (a la Watertower Place in Chicago), a hotel and convention area on the third and fourth floors and a nice restaurant on the ground floor with an outdoor dining piazza on the St. Clair side would seem to be a salable, and, based on the reaction of most attendees at Monday's meeting, a much more appealing idea.

If parking was a problem for a hotel/retail plan, why did the Grosse Pointe City Council not offer to use eminent domain and purchase additional space?

Joseph N. Gormley  
City of Grosse Pointe

## Ease the walk

To the Editor:

When I moved to the 1000 block of Nottingham in 1969, I could easily walk across Jefferson to go to Park Pharmacy and other businesses on the south side

of the street. The area had a friendly, neighborly, almost small town, feel. I liked that. However, over the years accessibility in the area has been gradually decreased.

Several years later, Dr. Hessburg and associates built their eye clinic at the end of our block, putting an end to most of the fast traffic that used to speed by on Nottingham. (Now the only fast traffic is the occasional driver who misses the two large "No Outlet" signs at St. Paul, and makes a return trip twice as fast as the trip in.) Pedestrian access to Jefferson was maintained, however.

Next, the berm dividing Jefferson was installed. It was a great idea, but it has a couple of design flaws. One flaw is the height of the berm. With shrubbery on top, it is a hazard at cross streets. For example, when turning left from eastbound Jefferson onto Lakepointe, where the new Park Branch of the Grosse Pointe Library is going up, it is difficult to

get a clear view of west-bound traffic. A slight curve in the road and berm compound the problem. A second flaw, in my opinion, is that there is no break in the berm at Nottingham.

Following the construction of the Pointe Park Condominiums, the crosswalk on the north side of Jefferson at Beaconsfield was replaced with sod. I pointed this out to Dale Krajniak, our congenial city manager, and noted also that at other crossings there was no safe area for pedestrians to stand while in the cuts in the berm. He had someone from public safety take a walk with me to discuss this, and soon there was a crosswalk again at Beaconsfield and concrete pads in the berm cuts.

With the repaving of Jefferson last summer, the crosswalks at Beaconsfield and Lakepointe, and the traffic signal and pedestrian crossing signals at Beaconsfield, were removed. (The signals had been turned off since the Pointe Park Condominiums were built across Beaconsfield north of Jefferson.) I had heard that these changes were made in an attempt to force people to cross Jefferson at traffic lights, and the story, "County exec Ficano visits the Pointes" (Grosse Pointe News, April 15), confirmed that.

The story reported, "Members of Ficano's staff also eased concerns about curb cuts that were not replaced during the repaving of Jefferson..." The logic is intriguing. Pat Hogan, director of roads, reportedly said, "Where there is a traffic signal and a sidewalk, then we'll put in a curb cut. If there is no pedestrian signal, we will not do anything." Sam

Nouhan, county corporation counsel and Park councilman, reportedly stated, "The county sought to protect pedestrians. There were so many cuts, it was becoming unsafe for pedestrians."

One needs only to visit the area after a snowfall to see how ineffective this approach has been. People cross at any cross street, anyway. And, instead of making crossing safer for pedestrians, it is more dangerous. Now, pedestrians have to walk through snow or wet grass at times to cross from the sidewalk to the street. People commonly take the route over the berm to get across Jefferson at Nottingham to go to One Hour Martinizing, Beacon Pointe Pharmacy, or the Coffee Shop, and others cross at Beaconsfield to go to the Village Wine Shop or other businesses.

Tracks in the snow confirm there are frequent crossings at both places, as well as at Lakepointe, and one can see where they have "skied" down the steep slope of the berm after crossing the crest. Someday someone will ski right into the path of traffic. That will be a good lesson that it's best to cross at a light! Maybe if Wayne County puts up a wall with razor wire on top they'll get folks to cross where they're "supposed to."

Last fall I saw a senior gentleman cross Jefferson at Lakepointe on an adult tricycle. He was going south, but at the crossing had to go east down the curb cut, then across, and then back west up the curb cut to get back on the sidewalk, instead of going straight across. Of course, with no legal pedestrian crossings between Maryland and Somerset/Westchester, there are no markings on the

street to warn drivers that pedestrians may be crossing anywhere in that stretch.

I'm 66 years old and have arthritic knees, but I prefer to walk the short distance to the cleaners, pharmacy, and other businesses on my neighborhood commercial strip. This has benefits — I don't use a scarce parking space or contribute to congestion on the street, and I get some exercise. However, I don't appreciate having to go through an obstacle course to do so.

My knees don't keep me from riding my bicycle and engaging in other healthful activities, but when they get stiff with the cold, I feel insecure going through snow-covered grass to reach Jefferson and walking on sometimes icy sidewalks along Jefferson.

I'm sure others feel the same way, and, instead of walking, will drive several blocks to go the short distance across Jefferson, or just keep going to another shopping area, as long as they're in the car, anyway.

I have a dream that someday people in the condos and on the streets north of Jefferson will be able to cross to the businesses on the south side on a pleasant summer afternoon, or on a snowy winter morning.

Maybe someday it will be easier for people south of Jefferson to walk or bicycle to the new Park Branch Library, too, instead of having to be driven. What a beautiful dream.

Ken Van Dellen  
Grosse Pointe Park

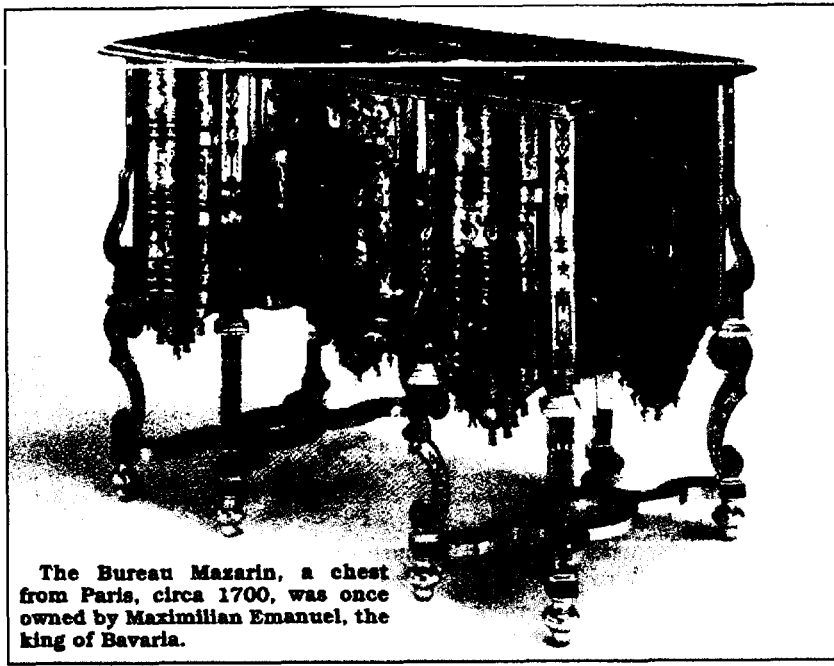
More letters next week

## Getty curator comes to DIA

Finely crafted furniture, elegant tapestries and other exquisite furnishings were on the shopping list when curator Gillian Wilson began to assemble the decorative arts collection for the J. Paul Getty Museum (Getty) in Los Angeles. The Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) hosts Wilson, the Getty's former curator emeritus of European decorative arts, on Saturday, April 24, at 2 p.m. for the fifth annual Coleman Mopper Memorial lecture.

During Wilson's 32-year tenure as curator, she went "shopping" many times with J. Paul Getty to acquire the finest collection of French decorative arts in the world. These pieces will be the subject of her lecture, "The Development of the European Decorative Arts Collection at the J. Paul Getty Museum, 1971-2003."

"The Coleman Mopper Memorial lecture is known for hosting people of international acclaim and Wilson certainly qualifies," said Graham W. J. Beal, director of the DIA. "The DIA is honored to have Mrs. Shirley Mopper as one of its most dedicated patrons. She has



The Bureau Mazarin, a chest from Paris, circa 1700, was once owned by Maximilian Emanuel, the king of Bavaria.

supported this lecture series as a memorial to her husband Coleman Mopper and a service to art lovers in the metro Detroit area."

Many of the Getty's objects that will be discussed have origins of great historical significance. The Bureau Mazarin, a chest from Paris, circa 1700, for example, was once owned by Maximilian Emanuel, the king of Bavaria. Emanuel's coat of arms is imprinted on the top of the chest and the key has the monogram "ME." Such royalty as King Louis the XIV, Louis the XV and Louis the XVI as well as Napoleon have owned some of the other pieces Wilson

will highlight.

Wilson single-handedly formed the Getty's collection of French decorative art. Much of this collection, which includes furniture, ceramics, tapestries and metalwork, was acquired from the Grosse Pointe home of Anna Thomson Dodge, who was also an avid DIA contributor. Dodge's gifts from the music room of her residence form the nucleus of the DIA's current 18th century French collection.

The Coleman Mopper Memorial Lecture was established in 1997 in honor of Dr. Coleman Mopper, a

devoted and generous patron of the DIA and founding member of the Visiting Committee for European Sculpture and Decorative Arts. As an active collector of European paintings, sculpture and decorative arts, Mopper made numerous gifts to the DIA. Mopper and his wife were recognized with the first lifetime achievement award at the annual meeting of the DIA Founders Society in 1996.

The lecture is sponsored by the Coleman Mopper Memorial Endowment Fund and the Visiting Committee for European Sculpture and Decorative Arts.

## Mayors' Prayer Breakfast May 6

Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land will be the guest speaker at the 18th annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, May 6, at 7:30 a.m. in the main ballroom of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lake Shore in Grosse Pointe Shores.

The breakfast attracts more than 500 people annually to celebrate the National Day of Prayer as proclaimed by the President of the United States. It also recognizes the role that prayer has played in the lives of individual Americans and the nation as a whole.

Robert E. Novitke, mayor of Grosse Pointe Woods, is host of this year's event. The planning committee also includes: Mayor Dale N. Scrace, City of Grosse Pointe; Mayor Palmer T. Heenan, Grosse Pointe Park; Mayor James C. Farquhar Jr., Grosse Pointe Farms; Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter, Harper Woods; and Village President James Cooper, Grosse Pointe Shores.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$15 and are available from any of the five Grosse Pointe or Harper Woods municipal offices. Due to the anticipated large turnout, for best seating attendees are advised to arrive early for the event.

This year's speaker, Terri Lynn Land was elected to serve as Michigan's 41st Secretary of State in November 2002 and took office on Jan. 1, 2003. In this position, she is designated as Michigan's chief motor vehicle administrator, chief election officer, and keeper of the Great Seal. She is second in line of succession to the Governor and acts in that capacity whenever both the Governor and Lieutenant Governor are out of state. She is a member of the State Administrative Board, the National Association of Secretaries of State and the Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission.

As Secretary of State, Land plans to build upon the Department of State's technology base and expand user-friendly programs that would increase the number of Internet users. She is committed to providing the highest level of customer service possible by delivering the most cost-effective and efficient services possi-



Terri Lynn Land

ble. She believes that effective government thinks creatively and is open to exploring alternatives to the standard ways of doing business. A willingness to listen and learn from customers and employees is one of her top priorities.

Land's involvement in politics stretches back to her high school years where she served as a "scatter blitzer" for the Gerald R. Ford for President campaign. A budding politician from Grandville High School, she was one of the youngest attendees at the Republican State Convention in 1978.

Land received a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Hope College, Holland, Mich. Heavy involvement with community organizations is one of her hallmarks. She is active with the Metropolitan Hospital Foundation, Potter's House, Byron Center Fine Arts Foundation, Van Singel Community Fine Arts Council, and the Women's Resource Center, to name just a few. In her spare time, Land enjoys gardening and water-skiing.

Of all her accomplishments, however, Land is most proud of her family. She married Dan Hibma in 1983, and the couple has two children, Jessica and Nicholas.

### Corrections

In the April 15 article, "Women's Spheres of Freedom," Condoleezza Rice was misspelled.

The front-page Wayne County story should have said Ed McNamara held a town hall meeting in Harper Woods in the mid-1990s.

## Jake

From page 1A

Mack in the Woods.

"We are not proposing assisted living at Kercheval Place," said Laura Hester, a development officer for Sunrise. "We're stressing that this is for an active senior."

At Kercheval Place, amenities targeted for seniors would include a central gathering area and optional meal service, although each condo would have a kitchen.

She estimated the typical condo owner would be 65 to 75 years old, well-heeled and looking to downsize. Hester said residents would be fully independent, able to drive and fit in with an active lifestyle represented by the Village's array of specialty stores and coffee shops.

"They will be excellent patrons," Hester said.

She spoke to a somewhat apprehensive crowd, including Village merchants assembled Monday night at a session of the City of Grosse Pointe Council. An estimated 230 people attended the meeting held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial ballroom overlooking Lake St. Clair.

Kercheval Place is conceptual. Nothing has been decided or agreed to.

City Mayor Dale Scrace called the proposal the "tip" of a long process to come. He promised at least three more public hearings on the matter, should it even get that far.

"It may fall apart," Scrace said.

Some members of the audience hoped another swank department store would replace the Jake's they supported for decades. Even as the parent company failed, the Village store maintained a profit.

Velmeir officials said they courted department stores of such quality as Von Maur and Nordstrom. Von Maur opted for Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

"We couldn't close the deal," said John Youngblood, a former City councilman speaking as an attorney representing Velmeir. "The circle from which they want to draw customers is not big enough. We're doing what

the market will allow."

"It was non-interest by department stores," said Sandra Jouhet, Velmeir's general counsel.

"There used to be a time when retailers lined up to come to the Village. That doesn't happen anymore," said Beverly Leinweber, a longtime City resident and member of the Grosse Pointe Village Association.

The 80,000-square-foot former Jacobson building has sat vacant and unused for two years. Yet the structure has been so well maintained it won a City beautification award.

Leinweber called the building an "\$11 million elephant."

Hopes also fell through to fill a portion of the building with a small, up-scale hotel like the likes of the Townsend in downtown Birmingham.

"What drives the profitability of a hotel to a large degree is the ability to generate banquet dollars — wedding receptions and things like that — which need a high level of parking concentration; and weekday rentals at a higher level than weekend rentals," Youngblood said. "Market studies these hotels did could not justify building a hotel."

Finding retail, however, wasn't hard.

"We have had a tremendous amount of interest — apparel, furniture, pharmacy, food boutique," Jouhet said. "We have also been approached by several sit-down restaurants."

She wouldn't name likely retail clients until leases were signed.

Velmeir representatives said the company has developed more than 3 million square feet of retail space for clients in four Midwest states.

"We pride ourselves on being a good corporate citizen," she said.

Many people attending this week's meeting doubted her company's national clients would fit with the Village setting.

Yet two of those retailers — CVS/pharmacy and Blockbuster Video — already do business in the Village. A third, Staples, is located in the City on Mack and St. Clair. A fourth,

Subway, operates seven days per week on Fisher across from Grosse Pointe South High School.

A fifth, Sylvan Learning Center, has offices on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms. A sixth, Fifth Third Bank, will begin construction this spring of a new branch on the Hill.

Youngblood said retail tenants interested in Kercheval Place were "high quality."

As proposed in conceptual renderings, the new facility's residential units would encroach on the municipal parking structure behind the Jacobson's building. The result would be a loss of 200 parking spaces.

After the presentation and dozens of questions from the public, council members had a few comments of their own:

• Mayor Scrace wondered if Velmeir was up to the task.

"They're not there yet," he said.

• John Stevens said, "We have to be realistic. The community needs retail and housing."

• Richard Clarke said, "How do you make up for a net loss of 200 parking spaces in the Village?"

• Joe Jennings addressed

the list of Velmeir's established retail clients.

"There isn't one of these retailers I'd like to see in the Village," Jennings said. "I'm in favor of getting something in the Village that is vibrant."

• Jean Weipert said, "I embrace Sunrise, but is the middle of our downtown the right place for this?"

• John Stempfle wanted retail extended to the second floor. He wanted condominiums targeted for all age groups, not just independent seniors. Stempfle shared concerns about the loss of parking spots.

"This is the most valuable commercial real estate in the City," he said.

• Stephen Sholty was concerned about active seniors who may eventually require Sunrise's assisted living services.

"Can it (Kercheval Place) change from one to the other?" he said.

Mike Overton, city manager, said the administration has confirmed some of the difficulty Velmeir has had trying to attract high-quality department stores and luxury hotels.

"Velmeir does this for a living," Overton said. "They don't make this up. We get the same numbers they do."

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# Grosse Pointe pilgrim bicycles across Spain

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Arthur Mitchell recently plunged into an international adventure.

Mitchell rode his bike 514 miles across Spain in an ancient pilgrimage called the Camino de Santiago. A long-time bike rider, Mitchell heard about the pilgrimage and began investigating its details on-line. Through his research, he found treasures of history, religion and culture — as well as an enticing opportunity to stretch himself physically and spiritually.

The Camino de Santiago has an incredibly rich history. People make the pilgrimage as a tribute to Santiago or St. James, one of Jesus Christ's apostles.

James has a long history with Spain. Jesus sent James to Galicia, a northwestern part of Spain, to preach, but James was unsuccessful and went back to Jerusalem. In the holy city, James was beheaded by Agrippa, a Roman emperor, and his followers placed him in a boat that eventually washed up back in Galicia. His body was subsequently lost.

In the ninth century, a Spanish shepherd had a

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vision of James, which he followed. He eventually discovered James' body covered with scallop shells, a current symbol of the pilgrimage. A shrine was made in the town Santiago de Compostela to James, and people all over Europe came to see his remains. The kodex calixtino was the world's first travel guide, outlining routes to Santiago de Compostela.

James became even more important in Spain when Christians fighting the Moors saw a vision of him in the sky. The Christians ultimately defeated the Moors and made James the country's patron saint.

People have been making the pilgrimage to the Santiago de Compostela for 1,200 years. While 70 percent of pilgrims walk the route, Mitchell decided to ride his bike. He trained a lot before, riding 1,800 miles from January 2003 until the time he went to Spain in September 2003. He would ride 10 to 12 miles a day, three times a week, making treks around Lake St. Clair and to Wyandotte.

The actual pilgrimage was awesome, in Mitchell's opinion. He was able to meet people from different countries and saw a slew of Spanish towns that have important cultural and religious landmarks. He stayed in a town called Burgete, which is a couple of miles west from the starting point in the town of Ronces Valles. Ernest Hemingway stayed in Burgete and depicted traces of its character in the novel, "The Sun Also Rises."

In Ronces Valles, Mitchell took part in a Mass in which priests mentioned the countries of all the pilgrims and asked the travelers to pray for them when they arrived at the Santiago Cathedral in Santiago de Compostela. Each pilgrim gets a compostela, which is like a passport, that is stamped at the arrival of each town along the journey.

Mitchell painted his bike and placed decals on it of Bucephalus, the horse of Alexander the Great.

"This is a modern-day equivalent of a horse," Mitchell said of his bike.



Arthur Mitchell, above, trekked 514 miles across Spain in a pilgrimage known as the Camino de Santiago.

Photos courtesy of Arthur Mitchell

The first part of Mitchell's trip involved traveling across the Pyrenees Mountains. He encountered the Puente la Reina, which is the bridge where different French roads on the pilgrimage meet. Past this point there is only one road on the pilgrimage.

Mitchell stayed in hotels rather than in the hostels, dubbed "refugios" in Spanish, that are designated for pilgrims. He opted out of the refugios because walkers were given bed preference over bikers in these hostels, and Mitchell didn't want to have to travel more after he arrived in a town after a long day of biking.

Along the way, Mitchell met people from Andorra (a small country between France and Spain), Girona, Holland and Germany.

"I was so fortunate to meet these people," Mitchell said.

He had fellow pilgrims sign his bike.

Mitchell went through Irache, which has a famous winery and a storied town called Santo Domingo de la Calzada.

Mitchell saw gorgeous churches like the one in San Martin, which is considered the best Romanesque church in Spain.

In the town of Leon, he stayed in a hotel called a parador, which are old buildings the Spanish government refurbished in the 1920s. Leon's parador used to be a hospital and monastery.

The highest part of the journey is signified by a monument called the Crez de Ferros, or Iron Cross, where travelers place stones as physical reminders of their journey.

A great challenge was the Ocebreiro, which involved a steep bike-riding climb.

"I actually stopped at one point. I've never had a baby, but I think it must be like childbirth. You forget how hard it was," Mitchell said.

For encouragement, the word "ultraya," which means onward, was painted on the road.

The last part of the trip was in the province of Galicia, which is very green and lush as a result of moisture coming from the Atlantic Ocean.

Mitchell encountered a church in the town of Portomarin that had been disassembled and reassembled. Mitchell saw the numbers on the stone of the church from the deconstruction.

Before reaching Santiago de Compostela, Mitchell

observed the Mount of Joy where in olden times before the construction of buildings, one could see the spires of the cathedral.

Once he reached the cathedral, he touched a marble column of the church known as the Tree of Jesse, tapped his head on the bust of the architect of the church and hugged a statue of Santiago.

"It's an incredibly moving experience. When I was about 30 miles away, it really overwhelmed me, and I think part of it is realizing your part of something that's much bigger than you are," Mitchell said. "It's a great feeling."

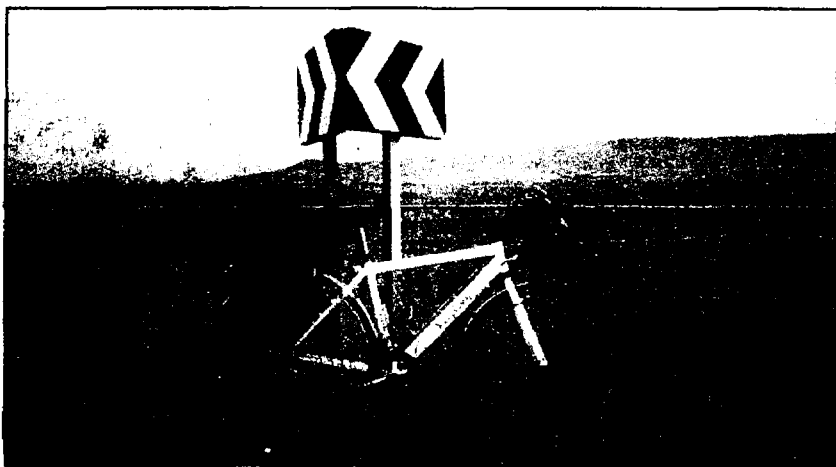
Mitchell has a wife, Jennifer, and a son, Spencer. He is director of Strategic Planning at the Campbell Ewald advertising agency.

The pilgrimage was one of the most rewarding experiences of Mitchell's life.

He recommends anyone interested in the pilgrimage to embark on it.

"It's a great bicycle tour, and you'll meet interesting people from around the world," he said.

For more information on Mitchell's journey, go to his Web site at <http://home-page.mdc.com/verbier7/index.htm>.



Mitchell painted his bike, above, and put a decal of Alexander the Great's horse on it. He also asked everyone he met to sign his bike.

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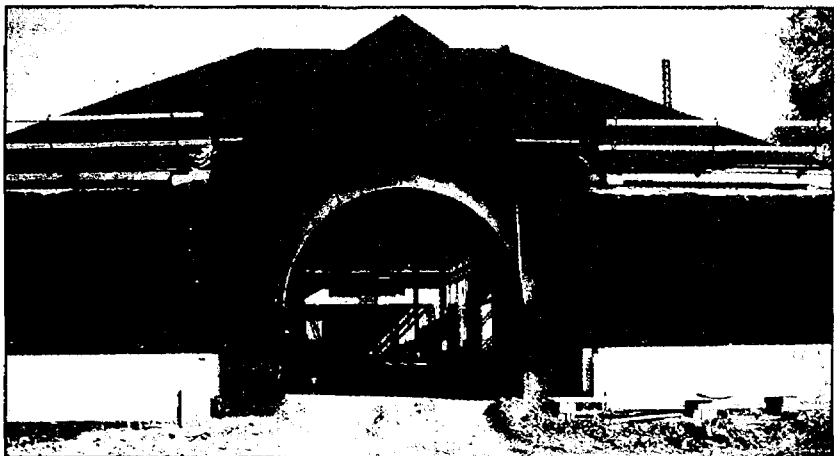


Photo by Carrie Cunningham

The new Grosse Pointe Park library, above, is currently being constructed. It is expected to be open in November.

## Plans for Park and Woods libraries on way to fruition

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

Construction and plans for the new Park and Woods library branches are developing under the guidance of the Grosse Pointe Public Library board and staff.

The construction for the new Grosse Pointe Park library, to be named the Carolyn and Ted Ewald Memorial Library, is progressing magnificently with the framework of the building and its copious windows and rooms being formed.

"It's going to be very, very nice," said library board president John Bruce.

Bricks are now being placed on the skeleton of the building, and construction is expected to be completed by Oct. 29 with an opening date in early November.

In the new building, on Lakepointe and Jefferson, there will be a separate room for story time, two private study rooms with large chairs and tables, a program room that will fit 75 people, a central fireplace where people can sit around and read and outside gardens that can be

viewed from cushioned window seats.

A tower, still to be constructed, will be on the left side of the building and arched windows as well as skylights are scattered throughout the design.

"The idea is to create spaces that will uplift you," said Eric Ward, the architect of the building from the firm David Milling and Associates. "The windows connect you to the wider world."

Furniture has been selected, and fabric has been chosen that will be coordinated with the interior design.

Computers with up-to-date Internet access will be an important part of the new library. Bruce said lending out laptops will be a possibility.

A prime aim for the library is to have it be a place that will draw people for common meeting and learning purposes, Bruce said.

Another goal is to have it be a good place for children to gather.

"This is a community that needs to continue to have appropriate and safe places

for children," Bruce said.

At the same time, it will not be a place where teens should hang out.

"It's for learning; it's not a teen center," Bruce said.

The new Grosse Pointe Woods Public Library will follow the Park library. That building, to be adjacent to Parcels Middle School, will be constructed by Rewold and Associates.

The project faces some complications because it is adjacent to a school site, but problems will be partially ameliorated by having the bulk of the construction happen during summer months.

Bruce said it is essential that the library board, the Woods and the school system work closely together to see the project through.

It is expected to be completed around December of 2005, Bruce said.

With the new plans gradually coming into fruition, Bruce thinks the attractiveness and technologically modern facets of the new libraries will make residents glad to be living in the Pointes.



## Optimal achievers

The Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe recently honored 20 top-quality high school seniors from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South, Harper Woods, Trinity and University Liggett High Schools in a ceremony at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club. They are pictured above. They are from Grosse Pointe North: Allison Corbishdale, Leslie Palombit, Adam Pecar, Michelle Rollins; Grosse Pointe South: Kelsey Feucht, Brian Fox, Kimberly Sutton and Sara Swenson; Harper Woods High: Magan Ache, Joshua Agattas, Rita Ciavino and Frank Pietrangolo; Trinity High School: Amber Justice, Michael McGarry, Mary Moses and Daniel Seaver; and University Liggett: Katherine Andrecovich, Leanne Lawwell, Joanna Miller and Brittany Paquette.

George Kappaz was a longtime member of the Lakeshore Optimist Club who epitomized optimism through his positive attitude and love for people, and he is fondly remembered as the Owner/Manager of the Big Boy Restaurant at Nine Mile and Jefferson several years ago when it was the top performing restaurant in the franchise. In memory of Kappaz, the Optimist Club — in conjunction with Big Boy — awarded \$500 George Kappaz Memorial Scholarships to four students. They are, from left, at the bottom: Michael McGarry from Trinity High School; Leslie Palombit from Grosse Pointe North High School; Allison Corbishdale from Grosse Pointe North High School and Brian Fox from Grosse Pointe South High School.



## Performing with honor

Many students at Our Lady Star of the Sea were named as members of the National Junior Honor Society. Front, from left, are Joe Lucido, Jennifer Berndtson, Kathryn LeVan, Beatrice Tepel, Sara Belluomo, Eva AbuRagi, Jessica Rivard, Stephen DeLorenzo and Anthony Patton. In the middle, from left, are James McCarroll, Alex Dine, Joey Abiragi, Kevin Zak, Karl Supal, Jessica Warfield, Chelsea Frush, Hillary Aggeler, Grace Schneider and Maggie Tignaneili. In the back are Melissa Walter (assistant adviser to the society), Max Steiner, Zachary Kowalczyk, Andrew Hastings, J.J. Lundy, Amanda Amine, Juliana Love, Randy Thomas, Caroline Cueter, Anna Van Egmond and Lucinda Lawrence (adviser to the society).

## Parents awarded volunteer honors

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Schools Board of Education honored eight parents for their volunteer efforts at various area schools at the Monday, April 19 meeting. Five individuals were profiled last week. Additional people who received the Distinguished Volunteer Award are Maureen Bennett, Pat Burke and Bill Warner.

Parent **Maureen Bennett** has served on the Mason PTO as recording secretary, vice president and president. She kept in close contact with principals and teachers and helped organize the people in the group. She has worked on activities such as the book fair.

Bennett has served as a room parent where she suggests activities to teachers and serves as a chaperone on field trips.

Being involved in her own children's lives is a paramount concern of hers, one that fuels her decision to volunteer.

She is flattered that she received an award and humbly asserts that many people are more deserving

than she is.

Parent **Pat Burke** has volunteered at Kerby Elementary for 14 years. For the past seven years, he has been extensively involved with the PTO. He has been co-chair of the Kerby Auction, a large fundraising event that has raised money for computers and a phonic ear system.

He served on the Grosse Pointe PTO, an entity that comprises all of the PTOs in Grosse Pointe public schools, and was a member of a citizens' committee that helped support and pass the \$62.9 million bond issue as well as the sinking fund.

He is a firm believer in education and parent

involvement.

"Informed parents is one of the most important things," he said.

Burke wants to help his children in any way he can, and feels gratitude that his efforts were honored.

Parent **Bill Warner** watches and referees students playing soccer every day at Mason Elementary. He also supervises the Math Pentathlon, a series of math games students work on every Friday.

Warner joins the school community for field trips and activities.

Regarding his award, Warner said he was "flabbergasted" but "thought it was kind of nice."

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# Academy Auction to be a garden of festivities

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Academy Action Auction, one of the largest and most prosperous auctions in the nation, will be held on Wednesday, May 5, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. and on Saturday, May 8, from 5 to 10 p.m. on the school grounds.

The preview auction on May 5 features cocktails, a strolling buffet, a silent auction and a glimpse of Saturday night's items.

Action Auction on Saturday will include cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, a buffet dinner with table seating, a silent auction and a live auction with the DuMouchelle family auctioneers and Paul W. Smith, WJR radio host, as master of ceremonies.

Auction attendees can peruse and buy everything from trips to foreign countries and artwork to luxury cars and jewelry.

"It's going to be really spectacular. It's fun to see it all come together," said Patty French, co-chair of the event with husband Dan.

The theme for this year's event, developed by French and the other co-chairs Kristi and Jim Penman, is "A Time to Grow." The co-chairs conjured up the theme as a way to illuminate how The Academy offers a route for children to grow academically, physically and spiritually.

The cost of admission made in advance for both nights is \$150 per person, or \$75 per person for Wednesday's preview auction.

The corporate sponsors of the event are Ford Motor Co., the Bank of Grosse Pointe, Sine & Monaghan, Display Group and Standard Federal.

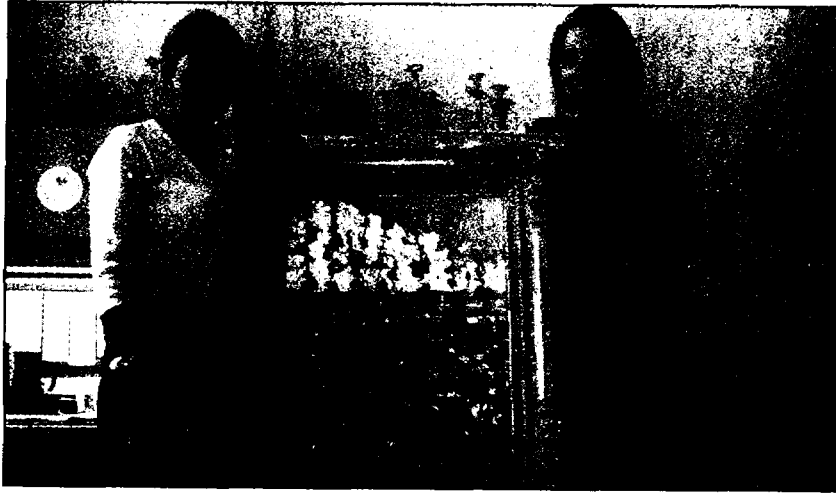


Photo by Carrie Cunningham

Grosse Pointe Academy Action Auction co-chairs Kristi Penman, left, and Patty French stand above with a painting, "A Time to Grow," that will be featured at the auction.

The items up for sale are tantalizing and varied. Some of the items include a 10-day African safari, a diamond necklace, a hand-painted bedroom set, a Jaguar, artwork by artists Trisha Witty and Valerie Thomson, two tickets to the 2006 Super Bowl in Detroit, an amethyst and diamond ring, a trip to the Swiss Alps, a Hunt Club membership and riding lessons, a children's play house and an Aubusson weave rug.

Other neat items to be auctioned include crafts made by students. Students made drawings on pottery, and art teacher Bryan Zink guided eighth-grade students in depicting on posters their experience at The Academy.

"There is definitely something for everyone — Mother's Day gifts and oodles

of goodies to bring home to the kids," French said.

French and Penman hope that both members of The Academy as well as the Grosse Pointe community at large will participate.

"It isn't just an exciting event at our school," French said. "We would encourage anybody to come."

The auction usually draws 1,200 bidders each year. French and Penman sent out 3,000 invitations. The catalog of items, featuring a painting of flowers titled "A Time to Grow" on its cover, will be 198 pages long. The honorary chairs are Patty and Michael Turnbull.

The event will be held in the library, field house and auditorium at the school. French and Penman said these spaces will be aesthetically transformed to give off a festive and fun aura. Some 120 volunteers have helped coordinate the many different

facets of the auction.

"We're excited. It's been a lot of hard work. It's hard to imagine it's here," French said.

Proceeds from the auction will go toward The Academy's operating budget, scholarship aid and preservation of the school's historic campus.

The Grosse Pointe Academy is an award-winning, independent, co-educational elementary school serving children ages 2 and a 1/2 half through eighth grade. The Academy emphasizes academic excellence and encourages the development of strong values within a nurturing community.

To make a reservation for the auction, call (313) 886-1221, extension 182. Reservations can be made at the door for \$175 for Wednesday and Saturday and \$90 for Wednesday only.



## Spring into Reading!

Grosse Pointe Youth Theatre students Becky Foglesong and Emma Kruse practice their storytelling skills with Gaylan Vernan, William and Charles Kruse and Westin Brundage in preparation for Spring into Reading.

The Family Center presents its fourth month of the young child celebration on Sunday, April 25, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside Drive in Grosse Pointe Woods. Admission is \$5 per family.

This year's theme is literacy. Throughout an afternoon of interaction with authors, readers and book characters, preschoolers and young elementary age students will sense the excitement of books and reading.

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods is a nonprofit organization that provides information and support to parents and teachers as they strive to raise healthy children. The agency offers classes, a newsletter, drop-in centers, resource guides and a referral service.

For more information, call Diane Strickler, executive director of the Family Center, at (313) 432-3832.

## Library, school board candidates announced

The candidates for the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board and the Grosse Pointe Public School Board of Education were announced

at a Monday, April 19, meeting of the school board.

For the library board are:

Michelle Powers, Grosse Pointe Park  
Kelly Fannon, Grosse Pointe Park  
Ellen Kulie, Grosse Pointe Park  
Barbara Bosler, Grosse Pointe Park  
Michael Trudel, Grosse Pointe Park  
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John B. Lizza, Grosse Pointe Shores  
Laura Bartell, Grosse Pointe Shores  
Lisa Miller, Grosse Pointe Woods  
Ted Colborn, Grosse Pointe Woods  
David Bergeron, Grosse Pointe Woods

The library board candidates will be selected by the board of education and will be announced in May.

For the school board are:  
Ahmed Ismail  
Angela Kennedy  
Steve Matthews

The school board election for two seats will occur on June 14, 2004.

The candidates will be profiled in a subsequent issue of the Grosse Pointe News.

### Math Counts

On Feb. 12, Brownell Middle School competed with over 30 schools in the regional Math Counts competition. Brownell participants included Eva Dou, Benjamin Schneedecker, Andrew Lamont, Patricia Lawlis, Michael Remenar and Grace Cho.

Brownell placed fifth in the regional competition, with Dou placing third and Remenar placing fifth out of approximately 135 students. Remenar and Dou were invited to participate in the state competition, where Dou placed seventh out of over 100 invited participants.

Caroline Scott is the Brownell Middle School faculty adviser for Math Counts.

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The Board of Education of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Wayne County, Michigan, will receive sealed bids for a district-wide water management/water treatment program.

Specifications and bid forms will be available at a **MANDATORY pre-bid meeting** on Tuesday, May 4, 2004 at 10:00 a.m., in the receiving room of Grosse Pointe North High School, located at 707 Vernier Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Sealed bids will be due Tuesday, May 18, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, 389 St. Clair Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230, at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. This project will not be funded by federal or state monies.

Please direct questions to Wayne Halkides, Manager of Buildings and Grounds, 313-432-3082.

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## Painter displays landscapes, skies at ULS gallery

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

Long time artist Ron Teachworth believes the power of art lies in its mystery, its transcendent way to mean many things to many people in an emotional way.

Teachworth's work is currently on display at the Manoogian Gallery at the University Liggett School, and his artwork of landscapes and abstractions inspires such a mystery, a limitless possibility of meaning that soothes without being in any way solved. He spoke to ULS students about his artwork on Tuesday, April 20.

"I'm interested in talking to students. I like speaking and teaching," he said.

The artwork in the Manoogian Gallery traces Teachworth's evolution from painting beach scenes to beaches with detail in the sky

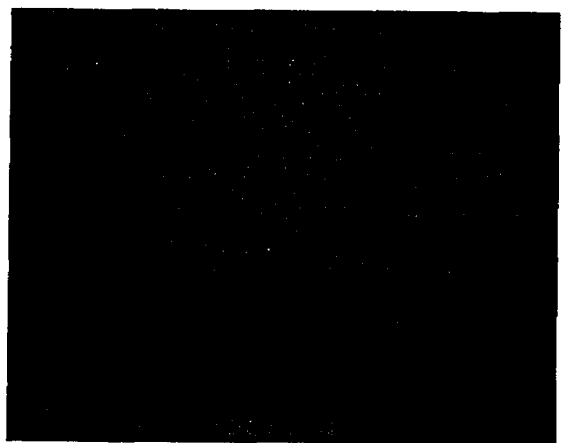
to a various range of abstract patterned paintings of just the sky.

"All the abstractions grew out of the patterns I started to paint in the sky. Now my energy and thought is to paint the abstraction," he said.

Teachworth says the progression of his paintings came from his mind. Although he admires painters like Vermeer and the impressionists and post-impressionists, he said the ideas for his paintings came from inside himself not from other artists.

"It took a lot of hard work to define who I am. I think what happened for me is I followed my own lead," he said.

Teachworth has been painting for more than 35 years. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in art from Central Michigan University and a masters degree in art



Photos by Carrie Cunningham

Ron Teachworth's artwork, on display at ULS's Manoogian Gallery, has evolved from landscapes, left, to abstract paintings with many shapes in the sky.

from Wayne State University. He has three children with his wife Jill: son Julian and daughters Marisol and Analisa.

The majesty of art was revealed to him when he observed the positive reaction of his children to a painting in the living room of his

house. "It provided a visual experience that was pleasing. I think art supports a higher quality of life," he said. "My goal is to bring the viewer back to the painting."

Teachworth is currently an administrator at Utica schools where he is involved in educational television production. In the past, he taught art and art history.

His artwork is on a Web page — go to [www.ronteachworth.com](http://www.ronteachworth.com) — that has grown from a single page five years ago to an extensive site that houses pictures of some 60

painting as well as his film and writing work.

"I'm committed to this type of venue and technology to allow the public to see a large sampling of my work," he said.

With his depictions of infinite skies with various shapes, Teachworth hopes to create a unique aura in his paintings so that the viewer is free to believe and feel what he or she wants.

"It's a mystery of a painting that engages you," he said. "It's different for everyone. It draws on everyone's experience."



Teachworth, above next to one of his abstract paintings, is a school administrator involved in educational television production.

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The Board of Education of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Wayne County, Michigan, will receive sealed bids for locker improvements at Trombly Elementary School.

Specifications and bid forms will be available at a **MANDATORY pre-bid meeting** on Friday, April 23, 2004 at 10:00 a.m., in the receiving room of Trombly Elementary School, located at 820 Beaconsfield, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

Sealed bids will be due Tuesday, April 27 at 1:30 p.m. at the Administration Building of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, 389 St. Clair Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230, at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. This project will not be funded by federal or state monies.

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## ULS students to explore diversity in a 2005 trip to Washington, DC

## Woods girl to attend medical conference

By Carrie Cunningham  
Staff Writer

Students at University Liggett School will be able to experience the richness of the nation's capital next year.

From Wednesday, March 9, 2005, to Sunday, March 13, 2005, ULS tenth graders will travel to Washington to visit and study landmarks in Washington, D.C. The trip is being organized and led by English teacher Walter Butzu, who will run the curriculum portion of the trip, and science teacher and 2007 class dean Shernaz Minwalla, who will coordinate the logistics.

The trip is being underwritten by a deceased gentleman who wanted money allocated to a yearly trip to our nation's capital. Next year's trip will be the first journey in what will become an annual tradition.

"It's a challenge. It will be a nice experience," Minwalla said.

The idea of the trip is to sandwich it between civics instruction in the ninth grade and an American History course in the 11th grade. Ideas studied will be illuminated by traveling to historic sites and museums in Washington, D.C.

Next year's theme will be "Washington: Capital of a Diverse People." Students will read texts relating to themes of places they will visit and will have time for reflection.

"The school has been working on diversity. It's a really nice way to blend it in," Butzu said.

Some of the places the



English teacher Walter Butzu, left, and science teacher and 2007 class dean Shernaz Minwalla are organizing a tenth grade trip to Washington, D.C. in 2005. They visited the nation's capital to get ideas for places to visit next year.

class may visit include the monuments, a Basilica at Catholic University (which has shrines to Mary and different countries), the National Cathedral, the Museum for Women in the Arts, the Folger Shakespeare library, the African American Civil War Museum, the Japanese Art Museum, the Hirschorn Museum and the Japanese Intermuseum.

Other teachers who will help chaperone the trip are history instructor Elizabeth Jamett, history instructor Alec McCandless, math instructor Mark Myavec and sci-

ence instructor Brian Wright.

The teachers spearheading the trip got a taste of what will occur next year when they recently visited Washington, D.C. by themselves. They got to see some of the sites and discussed ideas and experiences related to those sites.

"We had a lot of fun. (The trip) helped our confidence," Butzu said.

The teachers hope students will swap stories with each other in the same fashion as the instructors did from their short journey.

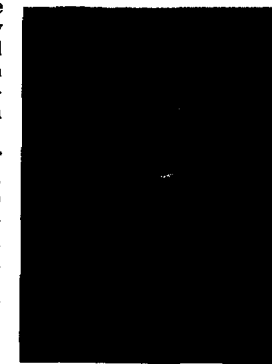
The idyllic and historic sites of Washington D.C.

Lauren Leto of Grosse Pointe Woods recently enrolled in the National Youth Leadership Forum in Medicine (NYLF/MED), taking place in Los Angeles from June 27 to July 26, 2004.

Leto will join 350 other high school students from around the country who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership potential and an interest in a career in medicine.

Throughout the 10-day forum, NYLF/MED will introduce Leto to a variety of concepts in public health, medical ethics, research and general practice, and will include site visits to medical facilities and clinics. Students will engage in a simulation using problem-based learning, an educational method in which students will be presented a fictional patient's case history and must diagnose and develop a treatment plan for the patient.

"The National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine creates a virtual classroom out of hospitals, clinical facilities and health care professionals," said Donna Snyder, executive director of NYLF. "By shadowing key personnel, students like Lauren Leto will have a great opportunity to gain a behind-the-scenes perspective on a career in medicine. This is a critical time for these students to be exploring their future career paths, just



Lauren Leto

prior to immersing themselves in course work once they are in college."

In addition to visits to cutting-edge medical schools and clinical facilities, Leto will have the opportunity to hear from and interact with leaders within their medical field. Students have up-close and personal contact with physicians, surgeons, researchers, scientists and medical educators as they go behind the scenes to view these professionals at work.

NYLF is a nonprofit educational organization that brings various professions to life, empowering outstanding young people with the confidence to make well-informed career choices.

For additional information, go to [www.nylf.org](http://www.nylf.org).

## North and South students achieve at Games of Detroit

Students from Grosse Pointe North High School and Grosse Pointe South High School performed magnificently at the 20th annual Ludi Detroitenses (Games of Detroit) held at Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills.

Students won first place in the women's division in the Classical Costume Contest; a second place trophy for the dramatic presentation of Orpheus and Eurydice and a first place plaque for the Latin Certamen (Quiz Bowl).

Students honored from Grosse Pointe North in dramatic presentation were Kyle Bird, Matthew Doak, Tawney Fuhrmann, Matthew Hermann and Robert Ingalls. Bird, Fuhrmann and Ingalls were also part of the quiz bowl team.

Students honored from Grosse Pointe South were Rachel Dombi for her first place classical costume. Students honored for their roles in dramatic presentation were Christopher Fischer, Brock Jackman, Jane Kellett, Catherine Kelly, Katherine Parker and Alexandra Ploechl. Dombi, Fischer, Jackman, Kelly and Ploechl were also quiz bowl team members.

## MSBOA Stars

Five Grosse Pointe South High School students were nominated for the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) All-State Orchestra.

Joseph Hong, Rebecca Rhee and Rose Urbel were nominated as violinists. Kimberly Sutton received a nomination for the cello. Emily Shipman was honored for the viola and as an all-state soloist.

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The Board of Education of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Wayne County, Michigan, will receive sealed bids for a three floor science building addition at Grosse Pointe North High School.

#### BIDDUE

Sealed bids from pre-qualified general contractors will be due Tuesday, June 15, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. at the Administration Building of Grosse Pointe Board of Education, 389 St. Clair Ave, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230, at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. This project will not be funded by federal or state monies.

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2. May 5, 2004 Deadline for submitting contractor qualification documents. GPPS will notify any contractor who does not meet criteria and from whom it will not accept a bid, within seven (7) days.
  - May 14, 2004 Only bidders who have been pre-qualified may pick up Bidding Documents, Drawings, and Specifications and receive a Request for Proposal (RFP).

#### PRE-BID MEETING

A mandatory pre-bid meeting for pre-qualified contractors will be held on Friday, May 14, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in the Green Room, at Grosse Pointe North High School (check in at office), located at 707 Vernier Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, 313-432-3200. At which time drawings and specifications will be available.

#### SCOPE OF PROJECT

The work includes site improvements, architectural, structural, mechanical, electrical, lab casework for the complete building.

#### QUALIFICATION FORM AND RFP

For additional information and to obtain a Contractor pre-qualification form, contact Wayne Halkides, at Grosse Pointe Public Schools, 313-432-3082.

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## HW Little League celebrates its 50 years

By Jennie Miller  
Staff Writer

When 400 kids come parading down the streets of Harper Woods next weekend, they'll have a lot more to celebrate than just the start of a new season of Little League baseball.

In its 50th year, the league has been hailed as one of the most unifying community events.

"It's one of the main events in Harper Woods and has been for a long time," said the league's vice president, Don Symons. "A lot of people say we've got one of the better programs around. We have over 400 participants, from 5 to 16 years old, plus a lot of parental support and community involvement."

"From May to July, there are games every night; so the league is able to bring the community together," he added. "It's a meeting place for people to come, sit back and enjoy a ball game."

But this year's parade, which kicks off the baseball season, will be unlike that of any other.

"It should be the biggest and the best," Symons said. "Fifty years is a long time to celebrate."

Parade-planner Steve Vassallo, of Grosse Pointe Woods, is thrilled to be involved with the Harper Woods event each year. "I enjoy it quite a bit,"

Vassallo said. "It's fun to create new things and get the crowd responding to different ideas. The purpose of a parade is to bring people together and celebrate, and 50 years is a celebration in itself."

Vassallo has high hopes for the parade. A big fan of mascots, he's enlisted several community favorites for the big event. In past parades, Vassallo has been known to include mascots such as Smokey the Bear, Big Boy and Ronald McDonald.

"I enjoy bringing smiles to people's faces," he said. "It's fun to coordinate these parades — it's just a lot of fun. It brings a lot of happiness, and you meet the nicest people."

Community dignitaries have also been tapped to attend. Vassallo aimed high with the guest list. He's disappointed to report that invitations to President George W. Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney and Gov. Jennifer Granholm were not accepted.

But he's proud to say that former Detroit Tiger Dave Bergman will be attending as the event's Grand Marshal. State Rep. Ed Gaffney, State Sen. Martha Scott, and years of past league presidents will also be in attendance. The Detroit Fire Department Band will be playing "Take

me out to the ball game," and the Clown Corps will entertain the masses.

"They are absolutely hilarious," Vassallo said of the clowns.

The 400 Little Leaguers will begin marching at noon on Saturday, May 1. They will travel down Beaconsfield from Beacon Elementary School to Harper Woods High School.

The parade will not only celebrate the tens of thousands of children who have grown up with the league, but it will also embrace the vast history of community support.

"People put their heart and soul into this organization," Vassallo said, proud to give something back. "They believe in it so much."

"There are a lot of good people involved," Symons added. "This is going to be a great event. Everyone's invited."

Harper Woods Mayor Ken Poynter is equally excited for the event.

"They've provided us with 50 years of summer fun," he said. "I'm sure it will continue for another 50 years."



Harper Woods Little Leaguers have been parading throughout the community for the past 50 years. On Saturday, May 1, the league will celebrate its golden anniversary at noon, marching down Beaconsfield from Beacon Elementary School to Harper Woods High School.

## Tyrone raises money with Tin Can Auction

By Jennie Miller  
Staff Writer

For 11 years, Tyrone Elementary School has been playing host to a community service event which supports the Harper Woods School System and the education it provides.

This year's Tin Can Auction will take place on Friday, April 23, from 5 to 9 p.m. Funds raised from the event will go toward the purchase of computer lap tops for use by students during school hours. Last year's funds supported the purchase of 11 of the computers at a total cost of \$15,000, and the school hopes to acquire more this year.

Maggie Nanni, a Harper Woods resident, parent, substitute teacher and

treasurer for the Teacher Parent Association, has been helping to organize the Tin Can Auction for the last seven years.

"We try to provide teachers with whatever they may need," she said.

The first few Tin Can Auctions were held to raise money for playground equipment, but the event has transformed into a process for acquiring educational tools.

"We want to make it easier for the teachers to do their job," Nanni said.

At the auction, numerous tin cans will be lined up on a table. Attendees can purchase tickets at different price levels and choose which prize they hope to win by dropping tickets in certain tin cans.

"Some prizes require a 25-cent ticket, while others, like the grand prizes, are \$1," Nanni said.

The prizes include boys and girls bicycles, a portable basketball hoop, a television set and DVD player, an MP3 player, and lots of kids stuff, Nanni said.

During the auction, a concession stand will be open, as well as a bake sale.

The auction is one of the school's most important events of the year.

"For one thing, it supports the children in their learning," Nanni said, but that's not all. "This isn't just a fundraising event, although that is the focus. It is also a way to get all of our families together and have some fun."

### Area students honored for work

Harper Woods High School students Josh Agatta, a senior, and Andrew DiGiovanni, a junior, were awarded by "The American Society of Body Engineers" at the Michigan State University Management Education Center on Thursday, April 8. The students were selected from 209 drawings submitted from 22 high schools.

Kristen Toy, a senior majoring in art at Adrian College, received the "Outstanding Senior in Art" award. She graduated in 2000 from Harper Woods High School.

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# Spring recital marks 20 years of dance program

By Jennie Miller  
Staff Writer

A 6-year old girl insists to her mother that she be allowed to put on her leotard three hours before she is set to go to dance class. One hour before, she asks if she can go wait in the car.

By the time dance class starts, the little girl is as happy as a clam. She and many like her are the reasons why Nedra "Nonny" Pasegna loves her job.

The Harper Woods resident has been teaching dance through the Harper Woods Recreation Department since she was in high school.

Now, 20 years later, Pasegna has a talented troop of 85 dancers, spanning the ages from tiny 2-year-olds to senior citizens who will never let go of their passion for dance.

Pasegna and her students will entertain the masses

with a spring recital on Thursday, April 29, at 6:30 p.m. at Harper Woods High School.

"These kids are just adorable," Pasegna said. "They're a great inspiration to me. This program is like my baby. I love it, and I enjoy seeing the students grow and progress throughout the years."

Pasegna began her own training as a child in the home studio of her mother, Nedra Ptak, who shared a love of dance.

She moved on to the Grace Thomas Little Studio of Dance, went to summer workshops at Michigan State University, and joined the Detroit City Ballet Company.

In 1984, when Pasegna was in high school, Ptak founded the Harper Woods Dance Program, recruiting her daughter as an assistant. Three years later, she

turned the program over completely to Pasegna.

"I'm so glad my mother started this program. In hindsight, I realize she was doing it for me," she said, thankful for her mother's gift and the satisfaction she now has from her work.

"It's such a rewarding experience to work with these kids," Pasegna said. "I can honestly say that I love my job. How many people can say that?"

Although she began as the sole instructor in the dance program, Pasegna now gets help from fellow dance instructors Mary Salada and Maeve Gleason.

Salada is skilled in Hawaiian and Tahitian dancing, and has worked with Pasegna in the dance program for the past 11 years. She and her daughter can be seen dancing at Waves restaurant during

the week and takes pride in her handmade colorful costumes.

Gleason, a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, began her dance training with Pasegna when she was 5 years old. Now a senior at University of Detroit Mercy, Gleason has attended classes in New York and learned from nationally-renowned instructors. She studies ballet actively through the Cecchetti Council of America and has also taught at The Turning Point and the Grosse Pointe Community Center.

But while the teachers are highly-skilled, and the lessons demand much dedication, Pasegna insists it's all in good fun.

"It's not a strict program — it's recreation in nature," she said. "The kids are learning and having fun at the same time."

During the course of the program, students learn routines and prepare for the group's annual spring recital.

"We also do some community service events at nursing homes," she said. "We'll get dancers together and put on shows."

The dancers learn everything from ballet to tap and jazz to Hawaiian. Pasegna herself finds the most enjoyment from teaching ballet.

"It is the foundation for all the other forms of dance," she said. "It is so important because it's a stepping stone. It is just so beautiful to watch."

This year's 20th anniversary spring recital will feature three guest performers: Pasegna's mom and two other senior citizens who will perform a tango routine. Pasegna is thrilled that her mother still dances today.

"She's more into the Spanish styles and tap," she said. "But last year she was the runner-up for her dance routine in the Miss Michigan Senior Classic."

Pasegna is also happy her love of dance has been passed down to her two sons, who are also participating in the recital in tap and ballet routines.

"It's neat I'm passing this on to them," she said. "Next year I'm going to be starting up a boys class again. We haven't had one in ten years."

Participation in the dance program is affordable, Pasegna said, and everyone is invited to join. There is no residency requirement.

Tickets to the spring recital are a minimum donation of \$1. The show is expected to be slightly more than an hour long.

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## POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS

### Auto thefts

While gazing out the window on Thursday, April 15, at 9:31 a.m., a man noticed an unidentified subject sitting in the driver's seat of his white 1991 Pontiac Bonneville, which was parked in his driveway in the 21200 block of Brierstone.

The man called Harper Woods police and returned to the window to see the subject driving his car south on Tyrone. He told police that his car had been locked, and the steering wheel secured with a "club."

A white 2002 Chrysler Sebring was stolen from the parking lot of an apartment complex in the 20900 block of Vernier between 10:30 p.m. on Friday, April 16, and 9:50 a.m. on Saturday, April 17. Inside was a baby stroller, car seat and a collection of compact discs.

### Attempted car thefts

A broken driver's side window and ignition damage alerted the owner of a dark gray 2000 Dodge Intrepid to call Harper Woods police. The vehicle's owner checked his wife's car, a maroon 1995 Jeep Cherokee, and noticed similar damage.

The damage occurred on the 18800 block of Roscommon sometime during the night between 9 p.m. on Friday, April 16, and 5:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 17.

Neighbors alerted Harper Woods police on Saturday, April 17, at 1:45 p.m., after noticing a broken window on the driver's side of a light blue 1995 Dodge Spirit in the 20000 block of Roscommon. The vehicle's door was left open, and the interior light was turned on. There was fresh damage to the ignition.

### Auto recovery

While investigating the disappearance of a light blue 2003 Chrysler Sebring in the 19200 block of Vernier on Saturday, April 17, at 5 p.m., Harper Woods police were notified of its recovery by the Detroit Police Department. The vehicle had been impounded and had a damaged door lock and ignition.

### Four arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle

Harper Woods police officers noticed an obstructed license plate on a white 1996 Ford Thunderbird driving northbound on Kelly at 5:02 p.m. on Saturday, April 10.

After discovering the vehicle had been reported stolen, police pulled over and questioned its occupants. The driver refused to reply when asked who owned the vehicle, and an opened bottle of Paul Masson brandy was discovered between the legs of a passenger sitting in the rear of the car behind the driver.

All occupants were arrested for possession of a stolen motor vehicle, and one was cited for open intoxicants.

All were 21 years of age or younger. Two were from Detroit; one was from Fort Gratiot, and the fourth individual, who was later discovered to have given false identification, was from Pontiac.

The vehicle, reported stolen out of St. Clair Shores, was impounded.

### Auto larceny

More than 100 compact discs and a CD player were stolen from an unlocked blue Oldsmobile Cutlass from the 19300 block of Elkhart on Thursday, April 15, between midnight and noon.

The tires and rims were discovered missing from a maroon 2004 Mercury Marauder, parked in the backyard driveway in the 20500 block of Roscommon on Wednesday, April 14, between 3 and 6:45 a.m.

The car stereo, a boom box and an amp booster were reported missing from a light gray 1996 Jeep Cherokee parked in the 19100 block of Woodside on Tuesday, April 13, between midnight and 10:30 a.m. The vehicle had a punched driver's side door lock.

The factory-installed ceiling television was reported missing from a black and

gold 2000 Ford Econoline on Tuesday, April 13, between midnight and 8:30 a.m. in the 19300 block of Kenosha.

The vehicle's right and left rear windows were broken, and glass debris was scattered on the ground.

### Larceny

A gas grill was stolen from the 20800 block of Vernier on Friday, April 16, at 6 p.m. During the larceny, damage was inflicted to the homeowner's lawn by automobile tires.

### Suspicious person

A woman notified Harper Woods police after hearing a man yelling in her back yard and witnessing her two dogs attack him. She watched as he jumped the fence and fled eastbound in the 20900 block of Ridgmont on Friday, April 16, at 11:15 a.m.

### Home invasion; assault with intent to murder

A woman watched as her ex-boyfriend, who had broken into her home in the 20200 block of Woodland, attempted to kill her current boyfriend right before her eyes on Saturday, April 10.

The suspect yelled as he repeatedly stabbed the victim with a kitchen knife in his upper right arm and left forearm. He threatened to kill the woman's 19-year-old daughter who had come in to see what was going on, before lunging at the mother and trying to stab her.

The injured man jumped out the bedroom window in an attempt to escape and ran through back yards to find help. A neighbor refused to answer her door but notified Harper Woods police. A man in the 20400 block of Old Homestead opened his door to offer a towel to the bleeding man, and he, too, called police.

The suspect had escaped by the time police arrived but called the woman's cell phone to say, "I'm not done with you yet." She noticed her garage door opener was missing; the kitchen drawer was opened, and the knife he had used to stab her boyfriend was gone.



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## Show

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As with all auto shows, the event in Geneva featured a fair number of concept vehicles — some that hint at near-term production vehicles, some that are demonstrations of farther-out thinking and still others that are unlikely to ever be produced but may be stripped of some good ideas for features.

Among those that will be on streets soon is BMW's Concept M5. BMW has been without a performance version of its 5 Series since the sedan was redesigned last year. The Concept suggests that the upcoming production version will be lower with a 5-liter V-10 engine that produces about 500 horsepower and is paired with a seven-speed gearbox.

Much of the buzz at the show centered on a Volvo concept that was created by an all-women team of designers, engineers and marketers from the Swedish automaker. Your Concept Car (YCC), as it is called, will make its first U.S. appearance at the New York auto show in April and then travel around the country.

The YCC is a four-seater with two gull-wing doors. Volvo officials said the YCC is unlikely to go into production as is, but its features, including ideas that provide extra storage, minimal maintenance and enhanced safety and visibility, may show up in future production vehicles.

GM's Opel division unveiled a compact concept called the Trixx. The Trixx features durable fold-flat seats for cargo carrying and a jump seat behind the driver's seat that can be folded

out of the way. The other rear seat is hard or can use the on-board compressor to inflate portions of it for passenger comfort. It also has a power sliding roof, luggage racks that pull out like a door, and sliding side doors — the front moves forward, and the back powers rearward for an extra-wide opening.

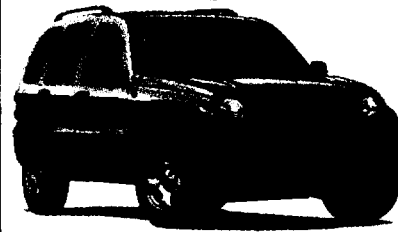
Korean automaker Hyundai showed a hydrogen fuel-cell powertrain installed in its newly introduced Tucson compact sport utility vehicle. (Tucson equipped with gasoline and turbo-diesel engines will be sold in Europe, and they were also on display.) Hyundai also showed a new design direction and new interior styling for small-to-medium-size cars called E3. Its cousin, Kia, showed the Cerato Green (its first diesel-powered car) which was developed in Germany.



A new convertible for the European market unveiled at the Geneva Auto Show was this Opel Astra Cabrio with body by Bertone. Opel is General Motors' German subsidiary.

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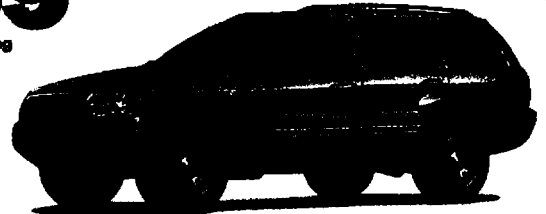
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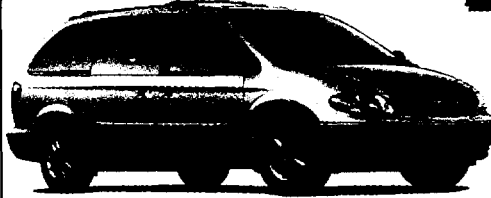


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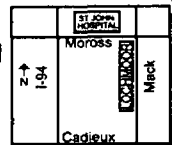
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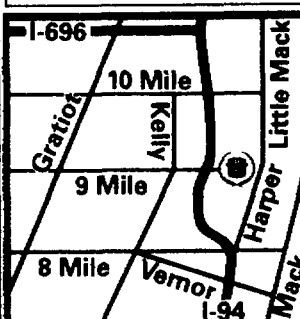
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In Europe, taxes make up a much larger percentage of the cost of gasoline than in the United States. The rising price of oil is what is driving increases here.

The Geneva show reflects the price of gasoline in that it displays far more fuel-efficient vehicles than do American shows. It also provides a hint at trends in the auto industry.

Sport-utility vehicles are gaining in Europe, but are nowhere near their importance in the American new-car market. And pickup trucks used as passenger cars are almost unheard of in Europe.

Because Switzerland no longer has any home-grown auto industry, it is neutral territory where various nationalities get equal floor space and no maker, or group of makers, dominates.

Here, American, Japanese, French, German, Italian and British makers show off their wares without any home-court advantage.

My first impression of the legendary Geneva show was that it is big, huge even, dwarfing any in North America. And it is smoky. For an American used to no-smoking in public places, the scene in Geneva is startling, with clouds of smoke too thick for the ventilation system to handle.

Europeans chain-smoke at the show and often grind their cigarettes out in the carpeting. Over here, they take a dim view of American eating habits. But we can



take a dim view of European breathing habits.

The show took place at Geneva's giant and modern Palexpo Hall near the international airport. The show seemed crowded and it was — the 2004 version of the show drew a record attendance of 729,629 during its 11-day run from March 4 to March 14.

The Geneva show always serves as a forum for makers to unveil the season's newest offerings, and fittingly the temperature in the Alpine valleys was an unseasonable 70 degrees in the afternoon — many were convertibles.

Among drop-tops making their debuts at the 2004 event was the long-anticipated Mini Cooper. It arrives in the United States in April at the New York International Auto Show and goes on sale in August in the States.

The new Mercedes-Benz SLK also made its debut. The new SLK continues to offer the retractable hardtop of the original and adds what Mercedes calls the "Aircarf," a technology that blows warm air at neck level. The SLK will initially go on sale in Europe in the spring. In the United States, the V-6 SLK 350 goes on sale in August, and the V-8 SLK 55 AMG version arrives in October.

General Motors hosted the world premiere of the

2005 Chevrolet Corvette convertible. The coupe, unveiled in Detroit in January, and convertible versions of the sixth-generation Corvette go on sale in the fall. GM says every component has been improved. Horsepower has been bumped from 350 to 400.

BMW also displayed for the first time in Europe its 6 Series convertible, which made its world debut at the Detroit auto show in January.

GM's German operations, Opel, held the world debut of its tiny jewel-like Tigra convertible with retractable hardtop, which goes on sale in the fall. Opel's vehicles are not imported for sale in the United States. It also showed its Astra droptop.

DaimlerChrysler's Smart division, also absent from the U.S. market, showed a new convertible version of its minier-than-mini Smart as well.

Volkswagen unveiled its C concept, a convertible with a folding steel roof.

While the sporty new models attracted most of the media attention, there was also evidence of much technological activity aimed at higher fuel economy.

With the price of gasoline at over \$5 a gallon, it is not surprising that there was a lot of interest in Toyota's 2004 version of the Prius gasoline-electric hybrid.

Lexus unveiled its



Toyota showed its Fine N prototype fuel-cell hybrid car at the Geneva Show. It had introduced it a few months earlier at the Tokyo Motor Show. The most striking characteristic of the car is an increase in the driving range to roughly 300 miles, almost 1.7 times greater than the range of its conventional fuel-cell hybrid vehicle.



The Fiat Panda was named European Car of the Year award by the French L'Automobile Magazine. The Panda is relatively small on the outside but is surprisingly comfortable and refined for its size class. It has low fuel consumption yet is responsive and agile.

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## Liquor store gunman shoots for insanity plea

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

A man caught pulling a shotgun in a liquor store robbery attempt claims he's a victim.

He's mad that a local judge let him ignore his right to be silent. "Do you think that maybe you all took advantage of me that day when, you know

...", Ahmad Muhammad Ashanti said Thursday, April 8, during a pretrial hearing before Judge Russell Ethridge in City of Grosse Pointe Municipal Court.

The "you know" referred to Ashanti's voluntary admissions while being arraigned the previous Saturday on felony counts of armed robbery.

Ethridge had advised Ashanti of his right against self-incrimination. But the 32-year-old Detroit resident told Ethridge and others in the courtroom that trying to rob Alger Party Store on April 2 was a prelude to knocking off a bank.

"I was kind of delirious," Ashanti said, describing his state of mind during the arraignment.

Turning to Ashanti's attorney, Wendy Barnwell, Ethridge said, "I heard your client, notwithstanding my admonitions that he had a right to keep silent when he was here on the arraignment. He was quite expressive."

Ashanti waived his right to Thursday's pretrial. He's been bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court on charges of assault with intent to rob while armed and committing a felony while armed. If guilty, he could be sentenced to life in prison.

Ashanti remains in the Wayne County Jail on \$250,000 cash bond.

The case will resume April 23 before Circuit Judge Timothy M. Kenny in the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice.

"The likelihood of conviction is great," said Gary Bresnehan, a county prosecuting attorney.

Kenny also is scheduled to try Ashanti June 6 on unrelated charges.

"He has a pending case on carrying a concealed weapon and assault and battery," Bresnehan said.

The Alger robbery failed in a standoff when store owner Charles Donaldson drew a .357 Magnum revolver from behind the counter.



Photo by Brad Lindberg

Ahmad Muhammad Ashanti, standing in black leather jacket, faces Russell Ethridge, City of Grosse Pointe municipal judge. At left, Gary Bresnehan, a Wayne County prosecuting attorney, listens as Ashanti waives a pretrial hearing on charges of attempted armed robbery of a City liquor store.

## Farms gets special Arbor Day award

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Arbor Day, April 30, will have special meaning this year in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"This is the first time we've received the Growth Award," said Shane Reeside, city manager.

The award is the National Arbor Day Foundation's way of giving special recognition to a community's successful commitment to the urban forest.

"It's an award the foundation gives to communities that excel or do more than the minimum," said Terry Brennan, head of public works.

"It has a higher level of criteria, not only in terms of what you're doing in tree preservation, but also what you're spending on maintenance and public education," Reeside said.

The Farms has a history of trying to preserve its American elms against Dutch elm disease. As that effort continues, city officials are about to begin their third year of battling the emerald ash borer.

Shortly after the tree-killing borer was identified in the Pointes two years ago, Farms officials took a chance and authorized injecting ash trees with an insecticide.

The gamble paid off. Only six of 537 city-owned ash trees have been infected with the invasive insect.

"We're proud to say we've been able to save our trees, not only with success of the emerald ash program, but before that, success of the Dutch elm program," Reeside said.

Nearly two years ago

when Dr. Dave Roberts, a Michigan State University horticultural extension specialist, visited the Farms to give a presentation on the emerald ash borer, he speculated that the Farms may have the densest elm population in the Midwest.

"We hope 10 years from now Dr. Roberts will say the same thing about our ash population," Reeside said.

The state budget crunch is primarily to blame for Lansing officials not helping fund the Farms' counterattack against ash borers.

Rep. Edward Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms and former mayor, hoped agricultural officials would adopt the Farms as a prototype for other communities to save their ash resource.

Farms officials will beef up this year's round of ash injections.

"We are going to add a nutrient to our ash program," Brennan said.

He also plans to introduce 10 specimens of Valley Forge elm trees. The variety resists Dutch elm.

"They're 98 percent diseases resistant," Brennan said. "They've been around since the early 1960s. They're time-tested. They have the original crown and canopy of American elms. They're very similar in shape."

"We have to nurse them for a while until we can transplant them into the environment," Brennan said.

Last year the Farms was among 523 communities nationwide named a Tree City USA. Until now, the Park was the only Grosse Pointe to earn the Growth Award.

Ashanti reportedly backed out of the store, waiving a loaded, 18-inch barrel, pistol-grip, pump-action shotgun.

Donaldson's mother, sister and son were in the store. No one was injured.

Barnwell said her client is a diagnosed paranoid schizophrenic.

"He needs help," she said. She plans an insanity defense.

"I'm asking for him to be evaluated by a forensic psychologist as to criminal responsibility, not competence," Barnwell said. "Competence is when you don't understand the proceedings."

She said Ashanti understands the charges against him.

"The question is was he criminally responsible at the time the incident occurred," Barnwell said.

Lt. James Fox, a City detective, thinks the strategy will fail.

"He had everything planned," Fox said. "If that store owner hadn't pulled out a gun, someone would have been hurt."

Ashanti stood calmly in court last week, just as he'd done the weekend before during arraignment.

"At the time of arrest he was exactly the same," said Lt. James Chopp of Grosse Pointe Park.

Chopp was one of two officers who arrested Ashanti as he walked on Cadieux in Detroit a few blocks from the liquor store.

"He acted like he'd just walked out of church," Chopp said. "He was lighting a cigarette. When I went to do a pat-down search, I found a shotgun tucked into his pants. It kept coming out and out and out."

Chopp said Ashanti didn't resist.

"He was as calm as can be," Chopp said. "He is a very scary type. He said he heard voices and was told to steal a car, and he wanted to shoot somebody. It was like saying go up to the store and get me a pack of cigarettes."

## Crank jams City 911 lines

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

A City of Grosse Pointe lieutenant with a cracker-jack memory has put an obscene telephone caller out of service.

Actions last week also

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**Rosemary Dean**
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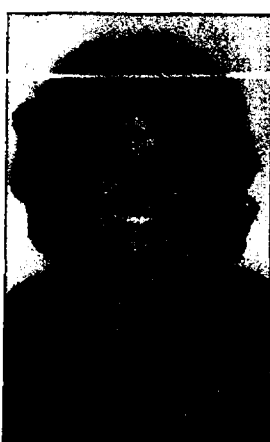
There will be a memorial service for Rosemary Dean on Sunday, May 2, at 2 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross Road, Grosse Pointe Farms.

After the service, family and friends are invited to the church hospitality area for refreshments and a chance to visit.

**Virginia Ann Housey DiLuigi**

Virginia Ann Housey DiLuigi died after a brief and sudden illness, Monday, April 12, 2004, at Bon Secours Hospital, surrounded by her family.

Mrs. DiLuigi was born on April 25, 1924 in Detroit,


**Virginia Ann Housey DiLuigi**

and graduated from Dominican High School in 1942. She went on to graduate from The Juilliard School of Performing Arts in New York and embarked on a successful and exciting operatic career as a mezzo-soprano.

She sang with the Philadelphia Philharmonic Opera and with the Metropolitan Opera under the direction of Leonard Bernstein. She also had the distinction of singing the first opera ever performed at Ford Auditorium.

Even though she retired from her singing career and became a wife, mother of six and later a successful Realtor, music was always her first passion. The day

before becoming ill, she attended a performance at Orchestra Hall.

Her tremendous zest for life and her passionate love for her family will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Mrs. DiLuigi is survived by her children, Laurice (Rick) Azoury-Zakowich, Thom (Anthony D'Angelo) DiLuigi, Renee (Gary) Holme, Joseph (Jill) DiLuigi, Cherie DiLuigi, and James (Krista) DiLuigi; grandchildren, Michael Azoury, Rachel, Sarah, Natalie and Gabriella Holme, Ashli, Arielle and Jacob DiLuigi, Allie and Lilly DiLuigi; sister, Laurice Shehan of Wilton Manors, Fla.; ex-son-in-law, Larry Azoury.

She was predeceased by her husband, Duilio DiLuigi.

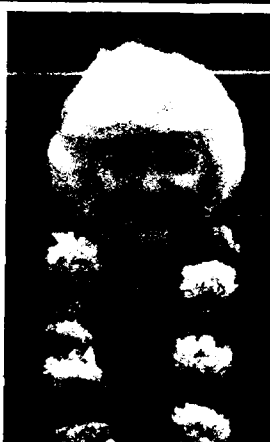
A funeral Mass was celebrated April 17, at St. Bonaventure.

Arrangements were provided by Chas. Verheyden, Inc.

Memorial contributions may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

**Helen Stephanie Krawchuk**

Helen Krawchuk (nee Gaston) of Grosse Pointe Woods died Thursday, April 15, 2004, at Henry Ford Hospital of complications following heart surgery.


**Helen Stephanie Krawchuk**

She was born May 19, and raised in Detroit. Mrs. Krawchuk was employed at Chrysler Corp. for 30 years.

Her hobbies included handicrafts, cooking, boating (former member Detroit Yacht Club), swimming, gardening, puzzles and reading. A world traveler, circling the earth twice, she accumulated over a million miles with the Nomads Travel Club. Always ready to go dancing, she loved music and the fun of a party. Her favorite expression (one of many) was, "I'm not here for a long time, I'm here for a good time!"

Most recently, Mrs. Krawchuk enjoyed friendship and companionship at many social clubs including Grosse Pointe Woods Seniors, Flemish, Belgium and Eagles. Attracting luck, she was a 'winner', with a passion for euchre and pinocle.

She will be remembered for her enthusiasm, kindness, generosity and a thoughtful, happy, optimistic attitude. She had an ability to make people feel special and included. Devoted to family, she also inspired a 'can do' attitude with fearless determination. Mrs. Krawchuk appreciated beauty in the world around her. Never wanting to miss an opportunity, she lived and loved life to the full. Forever young!

Mrs. Krawchuk is survived by her children, Sandra Osborn of Novelty, Ohio, Silvia Boyde of Canton, Sheryl Sandford of Melbourne, Australia, and Stanley Krawchuk; grandchildren, Jonathan and Ian Osborn, Angeline, Wesley and Katherine Boyde, William and Stephanie Sandford, Kristin and Kelli Krawchuk; great-grandchildren, Andrew and Elizabeth Osborn; and her sister, Victoria Marshall.

She was predeceased by her husband, Stanley Krawchuk.

A memorial celebration service will be at 11 a.m., Monday, April 26, at First Bethany United Church of

Christ, 22707 Harmon St., St. Clair Shores (one block west of Harper off 9 Mile Rd.).

Memorial contributions may be made to Senior Nutrition Program, First Bethany United Church of Christ (586) 779-2101.

**Betty Jean Walker**

Betty Jean Walker, 73, of Boca Raton, Fla. died Monday, April 12, 2004, at the Boca Raton Community Hospital.

Mrs. Walker moved from Grosse Pointe Woods to Boca Raton 31 years ago. She worked in the Boca Raton area real estate market for over 20 years, most recently with Coldwell Banker.

Mrs. Walker was an active member of the Garden Club, Boca Raton Community Church and the Country Club at Boca Raton.

She is survived by her children, Lee M. (Annie) Walker and Connie D. Walker, both of Boca Raton; granddaughter, Kimberly Walker; sister, Bernice Kareus; and brother, Bob Palnau.

Mrs. Walker was predeceased by her husband, Lee A. Walker.

A funeral service was held Thursday, April 15, at the Boca Raton Community Church. Interment at the Boca Raton Mausoleum.

Arrangements were provided by Babione Funeral Home, Boca Raton, Fla.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Boca

Michigan State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in communications.

After college she became a Vista Volunteer and worked in Boston's inner city. Later in her career, she earned a master's degree in administration from Central Michigan University and a paralegal certificate from Oakland University.

Mrs. Woodbeck worked for the Motor Vehicles Manufacturers Association where she became the first female manager in the 1980s. She handled state legislative issues and helped coordinate industry efforts that led to the passage of mandatory seat belt laws across the United States.

Most recently, she was manager of advanced technology communications at General Motors. One of her final efforts focused on media relations for GM's fuel cell development activities.

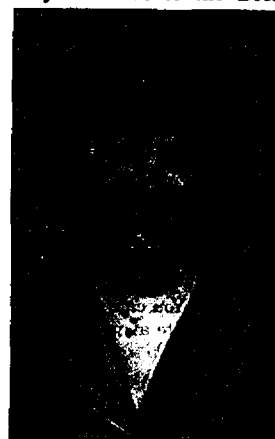
Mrs. Woodbeck will be remembered for her kind and loving spirit. She enjoyed traveling, golfing and going out to dinner and the movies with her husband. She was also an avid reader and enjoyed shopping and lunch with her daughter. She adored her grandchildren and cherished playing and reading with them.

In the midst of her battle with breast cancer, she began volunteering with Pregnancy Aid in Detroit. This became her saving grace during the illness because she truly loved helping others.

Mrs. Woodbeck is survived by her husband, Milford E. Woodbeck, Jr.; daughter, Julianna (Ryan) Allard; stepchildren, Milford E. (Christina) Woodbeck III and Lesley (Todd) Suveges; grandchildren, Brianna Haley Woodbeck, Chloe Elizabeth Woodbeck, Trevor Andrew Suveges and Shelby Kate Suveges; mother, Elizabeth Bice; sister, Kathleen Kups; brothers, Jonathan (Susan) Bice and Thomas Bice.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Monday, April 19, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church.

Memorial contributions, in honor of Mary E. Woodbeck, may be made to Pregnancy Aid, P.O. Box 36935, Detroit, MI 48236.

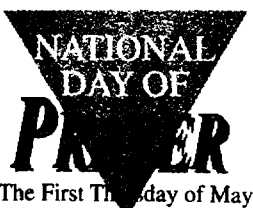

**Mary E. Woodbeck**

Raton Community Church.

**Mary E. Woodbeck**

Grosse Pointe Park resident, Mary E. Woodbeck, 55, died with her family by her side, Thursday, April 15, 2004, at Bon Secours Hospital, after a long, courageous battle with breast cancer.

Mrs. Woodbeck was born June 5, 1948, to Elizabeth and Daniel Bice, in Detroit. She grew up in Center Line and attended St. Clemens Catholic School. Mrs. Woodbeck held several jobs to finance her education at



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People who drop off items that qualify for donation to Habitat for Humanity will receive a receipt for tax purposes.

"It's a tax deductible opportunity," said Shane Reeside, Grosse Pointe Farms city manager.

Tax deductions provide added incentive to participate in the annual recycling program.

This year's free swap meet will be held Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to noon, in the parking lot of Grosse Pointe South High School off Grosse Pointe Boulevard.

This community event is open to all residents of the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

"It's a neat opportunity for residents to clean out their garages and attics," Reeside said.

The event takes place in two stages:

- During part one, scheduled from 9 to 10 p.m., items are dropped off.

- Materials can be picked up from 10 a.m. to noon.

Organizers said the Exchange is an opportunity to put leftover building materials to good use rather than throwing them out.

"Items brought back are often in pristine condition with price tags still attached," Reeside said. "Material that can be used

by Habitat for Humanity can be donated directly to Habitat and go to that worthy cause."

Habitat for Humanity builds homes for deserving, low-income people who earn sweat equity in their dwelling by helping with construction.

Materials accepted on exchange day must be reusable items, such as bricks, insulation, lumber, roofing, doors, windows, plumbing fixtures, fencing, floor tile, shutters, wall-board, screens and gardening equipment.

Latex paint will be

accepted if cans are at least half full.

No oil base paint will be accepted.

There is no swap required during the building exchange.

Residents may drop off what they don't want and take what they need. Items

too big or cumbersome for transport to the exchange site can be posted on a trading board.

For more information about the event, call the Grosse Pointe Farms city clerk's office at (313) 885-6600.

—Brad Lindberg

## 15-year-old arrested in Farms carjacking

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Police have arrested a 15-year-old Detroit criminal prodigy wanted in two armed robberies near Mack and Moross.

Next up is his 14-year-old alleged accomplice.

A crew of Grosse Pointe Farms police took the older suspect into custody last Tuesday at 1 a.m.

"He was in a house on Robson Street (in Detroit) that we were watching earlier in the week," said Detective Mike McCarthy.

The pair are wanted for the April 7 armed carjacking of a Lincoln Aviator from a parking lot at Mack and Kerby.

No one was shot or

injured in the robbery, including the 69-year-old male victim from the Park or nearby witnesses. Police haven't found a .38-caliber revolver the 15-year-old admitted using in the crime.

He told Farms police the pistol belongs to the 14-year-old's uncle. The 14-year-old's mother accused the 15-year-old of stealing the gun.

The 15-year-old is wanted in multiple jurisdictions for what McCarthy called "for sure" cases of three stolen cars, two carjackings, a police pursuit in Hamtramck and a purse snatching in Roseville.

"That's what we know of," McCarthy said. "We've met with police from Roseville,

Hamtramck and Detroit to look into similar complaints about this person."

Murder charges could result.

"(Detroit police) are investigating a recent homicide and requested information and a photograph of our subject," McCarthy said.

The youth was questioned at Farms headquarters. His stepmother was present.

"He admitted to the armed auto theft," McCarthy said. "He gave us a full statement, including his involvement in another armed robbery at a store on Moross near Mack in Detroit) and being involved in a pursuit in Hamtramck with our stolen car," McCarthy said.

Detroit police are looking for the 14-year-old.

"We obtained his name during questioning," McCarthy said. "He's from the same neighborhood as our suspect."

McCarthy said the older teen's stepfather is a truck driver on assignment in western Michigan.

During a 3:35 a.m. cellular telephone conversation with police the morning of the arrest, the stepfather said "he saw his son driving a black SUV a few days ago and feared trouble," McCarthy said.

The arrested suspect is an escapee of Boystown juvenile facility in Monroe, McCarthy said.

The youth has been trans-



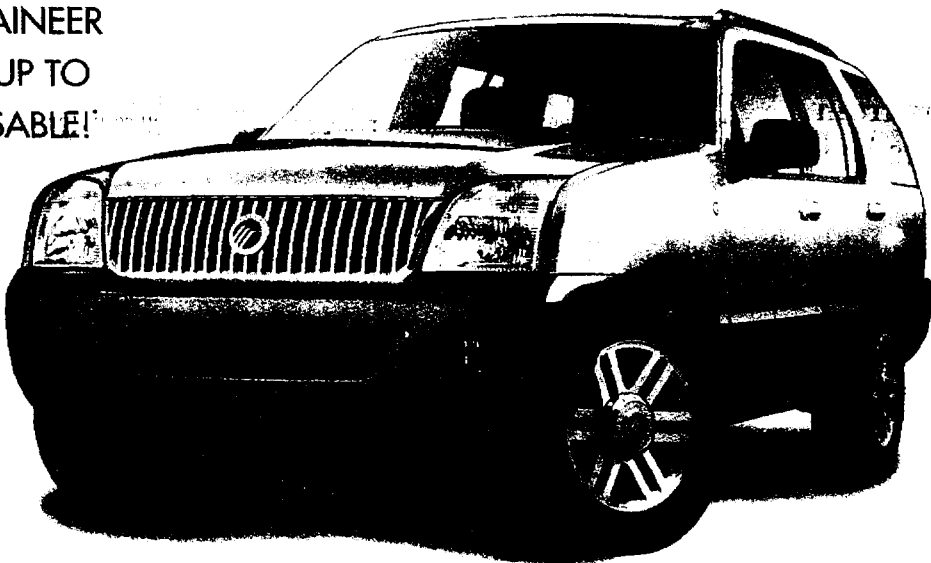
Photo by Brad Lindberg  
**Vincent Buetti of Pointe Towing secures the front bumper of a Lincoln Aviator carjacked in Grosse Pointe Farms.**

ferred to Wayne County juvenile authorities. McCarthy said there's a chance he will be prosecuted as an adult.

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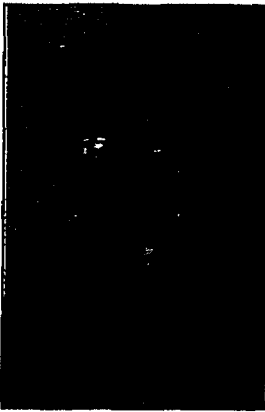
# SOC honors five outstanding volunteers

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) honored five Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods senior volunteers for giving generously of their time, talent and energy to benefit others and thereby enriching the communities in which they live.

The honorees were selected by a committee from a large pool of applicants and were nominated by leaders of their churches, clubs and civic groups.

"Judging was a difficult task, but we are proud of the incredible seniors who have been selected as our 2004 'All Star Volunteers,'" explained SOC executive director Sharon Maier. "Giving comes naturally to them; they are role models for everyone in our community."

The winners were presented an "All Star Volunteer" award at the 14th annual Senior Celebration, a reception held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial on April 4 sponsored by Ahmed and Mary Ann Ismail of Speedi Photo and Imaging Center.

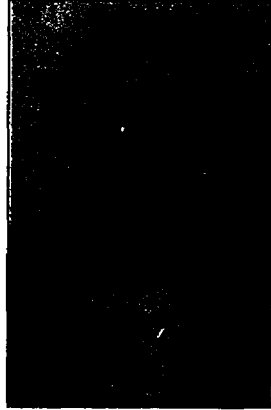


**Bernice Pokorski**

Bernice Pokorski is known as the "Sunshine Person" at the Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Club. She concludes the meetings with a joke because "Laughter is the best medicine." Pokorski demonstrates her caring by keeping in touch, sending cards and reporting back to the group regarding ill club members.

She is a retired teacher and registered nurse and has even volunteered in Guatemala. Bernice currently serves as a

Eucharistic minister for the homebound. She also serves on the Christian Service Commission and is a member of the Rosary Altar Society at Our Lady Star of the Sea. Besides visiting and phoning the homebound, she visits patients and assists them with feeding at St. John Nursing Home.



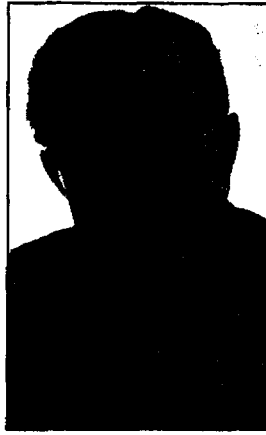
**Joanne Roose**

Joanne Roose of Harper Woods is a firm believer in "seniors helping seniors." As an active member and secretary of the Queen of Peace Senior Action Group, she wants seniors to know that they are not alone and community support is available. Whether it be driving someone to a doctor's appointment or shopping, she is willing to help out when she can.

Roose is a Eucharistic minister at St. John Hospital, volunteers for St. John Hospice and is co-captain for yearly Capuchin retreats. In her pre-retirement years, she worked and taught handicapped, special needs and troubled children.

Louis Perrone is truly a genuine gentleman and community leader, as described by Mayor Palmer Heenan of Grosse Pointe Park. Perrone is on the board of trustees for the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation. He originated the "Taste of the Pointes" and has chaired the event annually.

Perrone is one of the original founders of the "500 Club" and has raised significant funds for people in need. He is past vice president for the Builders Trade Commission and donated



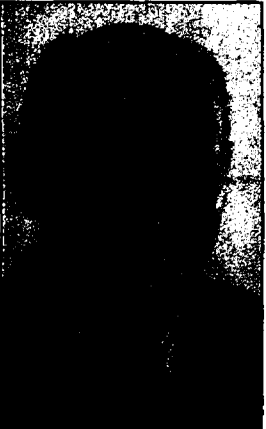
**Louis Perrone**

and helped renovate the Moross House.

At 96 years young, he states, "You can't help aging, but you certainly don't have to grow old." He has two sons, a daughter-in-law and one grandson.

Helping others and taking care of people is what is important to Robert Pytell. Initially he wanted to become an engineer but discovered he was better able to help others through the gift of word. As an attorney, judge for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, member of the Probate Section and Council Member of the State Bar, he helped others through the legal system.

Pytell was nominated by Kim Towar of the Grosse Pointe Rotary of which he is a member. He continues to demonstrate his commitment to others by soliciting thousands of dollars in donations on behalf of SOC. He has also been a very



**Robert Pytell**

active member of the Auction Acquisition Committee. He is married, has three children and eight grandchildren.

Marge Nixon has always been an advocate of linking senior citizens to the community. She worked 10 years for the Grosse Pointe Public School System as coordinator of volunteers to connect seniors to the school children and initiated the Gold Card program. She was also on the SOC board for two terms.

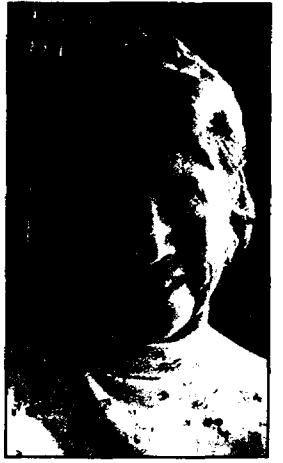
The mother of five grown children, Nixon continues to dedicate her time delivering meals, driving seniors and helping with the annual auction.

She is active with St. James Church and the MOPS program.

"My heart is with SOC and the seniors," she states. Marge always has a smile and brings joy to the seniors.

Services for Older Citizens was founded in 1978 as a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping older citizens in Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods maintain their lives in independence and dignity. SOC provides meals on wheels, minor home repair, tax assistance, durable medical goods and information to seniors and their families.

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



**Marge Nixon**

## The right way to leave money to charity

(ARA) — For many people, an important part of their estate planning includes leaving money to a favorite charity. While you don't have to be wealthy to include charitable giving in your plan, you do need to be sure you make your gift in a way that maximizes the benefits both for the charity and for your estate.

"The very best place to find money to leave to charity is in a qualified plan or IRA," says Lawrence Wiener, CLU, ChFC, director of the National Association of Estate Planners and Councils. One reason IRAs and qualified funds are such a good choice is that the money in these funds is subject to estate taxes; however, when it is donated to a charity, it can be donated tax-free.

If you leave money to a charity in your will, that money will be taxed, which means, in effect, the charity will be receiving less money. It is also important to note that money that is donated through a will needs to go through probate, which involves a time delay as well as a cost to the estate. The average probate can go on for months before the beneficiaries get anything and lawyer's fees and other court costs will be taken out of your assets.

Donating money via an IRA or qualified plan means there is no delay in the charity receiving the funds you

have earmarked. In addition, since no court processes are involved, there is no cost to administer the gift.

When making your gift, remember that the Retirement Equity Act of 1984 requires that the spouse receive at least 50 percent of the value of an IRA; if you plan to donate more than 50 percent of your IRA to charity, your spouse will have to sign a waiver agreeing to that distribution.

Also, when the beneficiary of an IRA or qualified plan is a charity, you will want to include a statement in your will to the effect that if there are not sufficient funds in the IRA or qualified plan to carry out your donation wishes that your executor can step in and supplement or make up the difference from the estate.

Leaving money to charity is not difficult, but you need to ensure that your wishes are carried out by setting up the donation in the most efficient way possible. It may all sound overwhelming at first, but there are many professionals trained and qualified to help you make your estate planning effective.

Check with your state or local bar association for a local Certified Estate Planning attorney, or try the state CPA association. The National Association of Estate Planners and Councils (NAEPC) offers a

list of members who have earned the special designation AEP (Accredited Estate Planner).

For more information on the NAEPC, or to find an Accredited Estate Planner, visit the Web site [naepc.org](http://naepc.org) or call (866) 226-2224.

## Neal Shine to speak to senior men

Former Detroit Free Press publisher Neal Shine will speak to the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial on Tuesday, April 27.

Doors open at 11 a.m. with lunch served at noon followed by a short business meeting and Shine's presentation on "Yesterdays."

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

## SOC presents talk on therapy

Dana Greggs, clinical nurse specialist from Bon Secours Cottage Health System, speaks at Services for Older Citizens at the Neighborhood Club on Wednesday, April 28, at 11:15 a.m. She will speak about the different therapies that are used in medicine today.

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

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## Grosse Pointe walk will help fight arthritis

By Carrie Cunningham  
 Staff Writer

Dawn M. Hafeli's daughter, Melissa, has struggled with joint pain for most of her life. She has rheumatoid arthritis and has undertaken a series of treatments to help her manage the disease. She has taken various drugs to alleviate the sometimes excruciating pain and has had both of her knees and hips replaced. When she was first diagnosed, medical avenues to treat the disease were limited. Initially, a doctor prescribed 16 baby aspirins a day. Last October, she was given Remicade, a biological agent drug that has been developed, and the results were astounding.

"She goes to the hospital and has an infusion, and when she walked out that very first day, she said I haven't felt this good in years," said Hafeli, who in addition to being a mother is vice president for programs of the Arthritis Foundation.

Advances in the treatment of arthritis is one of the many goals of the Arthritis Foundation, and to help raise money to combat the disease, the foundation is sponsoring an Arthritis Walk in Grosse Pointe — as well as other areas in Michigan and around the country —

on Saturday, May 8. Plans to walk can be organized in advance or merely by showing up at 8 a.m. the day of the walk.

Cheryl Cook, who suffers from lupus and rheumatoid arthritis, will help motivate the walkers with a speech before the walk begins.

Walkers can amble along the streets of Grosse Pointe for either one mile or 3.1 miles. The route starts at Richard Elementary School on McKinley and winds through Farms' roads, traveling on Lakeshore along the way. Starbucks will provide coffee while Kroger will supply fresh fruit. Many pharmaceutical companies are sponsoring the walk as well as the Grosse Pointe News.

The two other walks in Michigan are in Ann Arbor, starting at the Gallup Park Canoe Livery and in Birmingham, beginning at the First United Methodist Church.

Teams consisting of five or more people can be built, and walkers can write a check contributing to the walk or have someone sponsor them. Last year, the foundation raised \$127 per person. The foundation hopes walkers will contribute at least \$100 and Mary Sue Lanigan, develop-

ment manager for the foundation, expects the walk will raise \$100,000 across Michigan. The foundation aims for 200-250 people to walk in Grosse Pointe and 700 people total in Michigan.

The Michigan team captain for the walk is Erin O'Dell, a college student at Michigan State University. She is walking in Ann Arbor in honor of Dr. Carol Ragsdale, a pediatric rheumatologist, who recently died of Lou Gehrig's disease.

"Because of her caring nature and encouraging attitude, she helped many children successfully fight against arthritis. She worked up until the day she had to leave to care for her own medical condition," O'Dell said.

Arthritis is the No. 1 cause of disability. There are 106 forms of the disease, the most common being rheumatoid arthritis, lupus and osteoarthritis.

Rheumatoid arthritis involves the inflammation of joint areas and can be treated with anti-inflammatory drugs like Motrin, Celebrex and Aleve. Stronger drugs are Methotrexate and biological agents like Remicade and Enbrel. The replacement of joints like Hafeli's are undertaken in serious cases.

Lupus is the inflammation of organs in the body such as the liver and kidneys. The same drugs used for rheumatoid arthritis can be employed to quell the symptoms of lupus.

Osteoarthritis can occur from sport or traumatic injuries or from overuse. Bone and cartilage are worn down causing pain, which can be alleviated by medication or joint replacement.

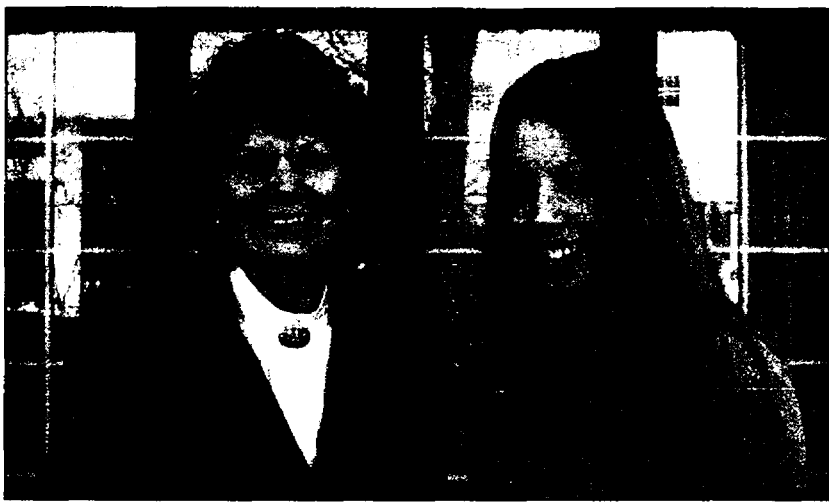


Photo by Carrie Cunningham  
**Dawn Hafeli, left, vice president for programs at the Arthritis Foundation, stands with Kelly Lloyd, a foundation volunteer. Hafeli's daughter, Melissa, has battled the disease for her entire life, but with scientific advancements she has managed her condition.**

This form of arthritis generally does not cause inflammation.

The Arthritis Foundation is a beacon of hope for people dealing with the disease. It is unique in that it directs 85 percent of money raised for research, totaling \$320 million, and quality of life programs, which include land-based and water programs as well as a tai chi class. The average charity funnels 60 percent of its money collected for research and programs.

Many dedicated volunteers assist the organization, like Bloomfield Hills high school student Kelly Lloyd, who is giving up her spring break to work in the foundation's office.

The foundation has a help line called Arthritis Answers, often staffed with empathetic

people afflicted with the disease, to answer questions.

Part of the group's mission is to spread awareness about the gravity of the disease.

Lanigan and Hafeli say they are inspired by the courage of people who are living with the disease. They want people to be cognizant of arthritis' contours, and ultimately the ability to manage it.

"There are some real hero stories," Hafeli said. "Sufferers have always had this spirit, this positive attitude. That's part of our message: to help people understand and take it seriously."

The foundation has many recommendations for people concerned about getting the disease:

- Shed excess weight through exercise and a healthy diet with an ample amount of Vitamin C.

• See a doctor if you have joint pain for more than two weeks and develop a treatment plan with him or her.

• Wear joint braces to minimize the possibility of injury when exercising and consider low-impact exercises like swimming and biking.

• Stop smoking, as cigarettes can lead to osteoporosis and a greater risk of fractures.

With help and hope as their goals, Lanigan and Hafeli expect the walk to be exciting and motivating, one that can chip away at the pain caused by arthritis.

For information about arthritis or the 2004 Arthritis Walk, call the Arthritis Foundation at (800) 968-3030 or visit [www.arthritis.org](http://www.arthritis.org).



**Hafeli and husband Denny's 2003 walking team are pictured from the left: Rita Mazur, Maxine Hafeli, Ed Hafeli, Denny Hafeli, Dawn Hafeli, Phyllis Hafeli and Artie Harris.**

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By the Rev. Gustav Kopka Jr.  
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The last two provide lessons  
During these seven Easter  
Weeks from the Bible's last book,  
The too-often left behind  
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These are the days for hearing  
Apocalyptically  
Three, four, seven, ten and twelve  
In a code, system of words,  
Letters, figures or symbols  
Used to represent others  
For secrecy or brevity.

Disclosure, unveiling or  
Revelation — Johannine.  
The unlovable book is  
Filled with visionary excess.  
Most readers are left behind  
For when all is said and done  
It is singing that endures.

So sings James Russell Lowell:  
"Time makes ancient good uncouth ...  
Yet 'tis truth alone is strong ...  
Though upon the throne be wrong ...  
And, behind the dim unknown,  
Standing 'within the shadow,'  
God keeps 'watch above his own.'"

It is an open book meant  
To bring us to our senses  
When everything in our lives  
Has fallen apart, shattered,  
Then apocalypse of hope.  
Salvation belongs to God.  
We are his world without end.

For over fifty years now  
The Book of Revelation,  
The Apocalypse to John,  
Has shed mysterious light  
On my peripatetic  
Mind and heart ruminations.  
Thank you, ancient Patmos seer!

A poet's book, Revelation  
"doesn't tell, it shows, over and  
over again ... images  
unfolding ... satisfying  
yet unsettling logic of  
a dream," says Kathleen Norris.  
In churches these Easter weeks!

## Assumption Greek Orthodox Church will celebrate its 75th anniversary

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church of St. Clair Shores and Grosse Pointe Woods celebrates its 75th anniversary with special events planned the weekend of Friday, April 23, through Sunday, April 25, at the Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter in St. Clair Shores.

On Saturday, a banquet will be held at the Assumption Cultural Center. The banquet is open to the public and will include dinner, honorary guests, entertainment and a display of historic photos and documents.

The Assumption Greek Orthodox Church has enjoyed a rich history throughout the years. At the turn of the century, Greek immigrants came to many cities and towns in America. In Detroit, they established a thriving community in what became Greektown on several streets surrounding the "mother" church, Annunciation, located on Macomb between St. Antoine and what is now the service drive of the I-75 freeway.

By the early 1920s, the Greek community had grown, and its families moved away from downtown to new residential areas to the east and west.

Eastside Orthodox Christians soon saw a need for a new church, and the parish, which included about 35 families and their beloved priest, began holding church services in 1928 at a building at Hillger and Kercheval in Detroit.

The Assumption parish continued to grow and with help of many fundraising efforts, moved to other locations on the east side of Detroit including Hart Street (in 1931); Beniteau Street (in 1934) where the parish had its first new church constructed; and eventually to Charlevoix (in 1953) where the building still exists and is now a Protestant church.

Eventually the Assumption Church moved to its present location on Marter Road where 10 acres were purchased in the communities of St. Clair Shores



Assumption altar boys gathered for a photo on Easter in the early 1970s. The three priests in the center are, from left, the Rev. George Stathis, the Rev. Demetrios Kavadas and the Rev. Zanos Gougoutas.

## History of the Assumption family

When God and His people blend his forces: A history of the Assumption family:

- 1911 — Establishment of first Greek Orthodox Church in Michigan; Annunciation Church, Detroit.
- 1928 — Initial meeting of the church founders at home on Hillger street in Detroit.
- 1929 — First Greek School established.
- 1929-31 — First priests assigned, the Rev. Christopher Makris and the Rev. John Tsapatsaris led the parish. Ladies Society Socrates forerunner of Assumption Philoptochos.
- 1930 — Feb. 10: Assumption Church established at Hillger and Kercheval, Detroit. May 10: board of trustees votes to name the church, "Koimisis tis Theotokou" meaning "The Dormition of the Virgin Mary." May 25: First Sunday Liturgy.
- 1931 — Assumption Church relocated on Hart Street, Detroit.
- 1931-32 — Third priest, the Rev. Alexander Papastefhanou.
- 1932-33 — Fourth priest, the Rev. John

- Papadopoulos.
- 1933-34 — Fifth and sixth priests, the Rev. Harry Marinos, the Rev. Christopher Danos.
- 1933 — Purchase of lot at Beniteau and Vernor Highway, Detroit; construction begins on new church.
- 1934 — Completion of first church building with 200 seating capacity. Church building remains today.
- 1935-51 — Sixth priest assigned for 16 years, Archmandrite, the Rev. Joachim Doulerakis.
- 1936 — Consecration of church by Bishop Kallistos of San Francisco.
- 1946 — Purchase of land at 11000 Charlevoix, Detroit.
- 1953 — New Charlevoix church is completed with 450 seating capacity. Church building remains today.
- 1951-52 — Seventh priest assigned, the Rev. Artemios Mandakas.
- 1953 — Greek Orthodox camp opens in Rose City.
- 1953-62 — Seventh priest assigned for nine years, the Rev. John Kamelakis.
- 1956 — Assumption

- members vote to build a community center.
- 1959 — Begin interior plastering of the Charlevoix Church.
- 1962 — The eighth priest, the Rev. Demetrios Kavadas arrives on March 1 to begin his 39-year ministry. The church's monthly publication, Assumption Epistle is initiated by the Rev. Demetrios S. Kavadas, with Niki Kalkanis as editor. Diocese of Detroit is organized and the first auxiliary Bishop Germanos Pealidakis is elected.
- 1963 — First trip to Greece is organized. Boy Scout Troop initiated by Menas Georgeson and Frank Gregoriades.
- 1963 — Assumption's radio program created, directed by the Rev. Demetrios S. Kavadas and announced by Dan Poulos. Telecasts of the Greek Orthodox Church followed with the Assumption Choir and Chanters.
- 1964 — Assumption Senior Citizens group organized.
- 1964-68 — the Rev. Panteleimon Eliou served as first associate priest.

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## Movie at Memorial Church

"Sunday Matinee at the Movies" is scheduled at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 25.

Tom Donahoo will present **Parkinson's talk**

Exercise coach Joan Thornon will be the featured speaker at the Eastside Parkinson's Support Group at St. Michael's Church on Thursday, April 29, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

the film "Jean de Florette." Set in a small French village and starring Gerard Depardieu and Yves Montand, the four-star film explores human nature and the price of greed.

Pop and complimentary popcorn will be available. Donahoo, lay Catholic campus minister at Oakland Community College, will host a brief discussion of the movie after the viewing.

For more information, call (313) 882-5330.

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<p><b>Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church</b> "King Lear - The Inner Self" Peter Aronson, New York University Professor, guest speaker 10:30 a.m. Worship &amp; Sunday School <b>17150 MAUMEE 881-0420</b> Rev. John Corrado, Minister</p>	<h1>WORSHIP SERVICES</h1>		<p><b>First English Ev. Lutheran Church</b> Vernier Rd. at Wedgewood Dr. Grosse Pointe Woods 884-5040 8:15 a.m. Traditional Service 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Service 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service  9:30 a.m. Sunday School Dr. Walter A. Schmidt, Pastor Rev. Barton L. Beebe, Associate Pastor Robert Foster, Music Coordinator</p>		
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## Meetings

### AAUW

The Grosse Pointe branch of the American Association of University Women will sponsor a tour of the Junior League of Detroit's Designer Show House on Saturday, May 8.

The day will begin at 11 a.m. in front of the 67-year-old, 15-room Show House at 114 Lothrop in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Anne Ryan of the Grosse Pointe branch will lead a personalized tour that includes a history of the house and the designers' intentions and concepts.

The tour will conclude with lunch in the home's garden cafe.

Cost is \$30. Checks may be made payable to the AAUW GP and sent to Melissa Ryan, 23009 Gaukler, St Clair Shores, MI 48080 by Wednesday, May 5.

For more information, call (586) 823-3214.

### GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association will hold a book-making workshop on Saturday, April 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Artists Association Art Center, 1005 Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park.

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

### Herb Society

The Grosse Pointe unit of Herb Society of America will hold its annual herb sale on Friday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday, May 8, from 8 a.m. to noon, at the Grosse Pointe Municipal Building, 20025 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

More than 40 varieties of herbs will be offered. For more information, call (586) 773-6682.



## Attic Treasure Sale

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association will hold a fundraiser Attic Treasure Sale on Friday, April 30, and Saturday, May 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free and plenty of parking space is available in the city's municipal lots on Maryland. A preview party for the sale will be held Thursday, April 29, from 6:30 to 9:30. Donations are \$10 at the door. For more information, call (313) 821-1848.

## Asthma, emphysema target the lungs

By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

Q. What is the difference between asthma and emphysema?

—A.H. via e-mail.

A. The only thing the two have in common is that their target organ is the lung.

Picture a tree with its leaves. It gives you a rough idea of lung anatomy. The trunk and its branches are similar to airways (bronchi). The leaves are like the lung air sacs, delicate structures through which oxygen passes into the blood and carbon dioxide leaves it.

Asthma is a sudden constriction of airways. An asthma attack makes people

feel as if someone is choking them. By definition, the constriction is reversible. How long it takes for the airways to dilate is unpredictable, and sometimes the constriction is so strong and so protracted that it causes death. Treatment consists of medicines that relax the narrowed airways.

Emphysema is a permanent condition. The air sacs have been dilated and battered. Oxygen cannot get through them to reach the blood. Emphysema patients, therefore, are chronically out of breath. Although the air sac destruction is permanent, emphysema can still

be helped with medicines and supplemental oxygen.

Cigarette smoking is the No. 1 cause of emphysema but is not the only one. Cigarette smoking doesn't cause asthma, but it makes it worse and more difficult to treat.

The facts on emphysema and its twin illness, chronic bronchitis, are handled in the pamphlet on chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Obtain a copy by writing to: Dr. Donohue — No. 601W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order for \$4.50 with the recipient's printed name and address.

## Oldest Worker contest held

Not ready to retire at 65? If you know someone like this you might want to nominate him or her to be named America's Oldest Worker.

Seniors are the fastest growing population in the United States, and more businesses are relying on the experience and expertise of older workers to get the job done. Many employers feel that the positive work ethic, loyalty and dependability of older workers is necessary for the long-term vitality of this nation.

Yet, there are still negative stereotypes and a lack of understanding about the positive contribution made by older workers to this country.

To break down barriers associated with hiring older workers, Experience Works launched the Prime Time Awards Program. In its seventh year, the program recognizes an outstanding older worker from each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, America's Oldest Worker, and top employers of older workers.

In past years, the outstanding older workers have

ranged in age from 66 to 100. Last year, the average age was 78.

All of the past America's Oldest Workers have been over 100 years old and working almost full time at their professions. They include a 102-year-old professor, a 100-year-old architect, a 102-year-old mechanical engineer, a 100-year-old doctor and a 102-year-old manufacturer.

To be considered for a state's outstanding older worker or "America's Oldest Worker," applicants must be currently employed and work a minimum of 20 hours per week in paid employment, plus be over 65 years old. Outstanding older workers will be invited to Washington, D.C., in October 2004 to participate in a week of events.

To receive a nomination form by mail, send a postcard or note to Prime Time Awards, Experience Works, 2200 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 1000, Arlington, VA 22201, or call, toll-free at (866) 397-9757.

Nominations must be submitted by April 30, 2004.

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## Grosse Pointe Symphony will present pops concert

The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra will present a Pops Concert on Sunday, May 2, featuring Erin Bailey, soprano, singing music from "Phantom of the Opera," "Les Miserables" and "Sound of Music." The program will also feature some of Leroy Anderson's popular pieces.

Bailey is a magna cum laude graduate of the University of Michigan's School of Music. She has worked with such artists as Martha Sheil, Blythe Walker, David Morelock and

Marlena Malas. She has also sung in the Dallas Symphony Chorus.

The concert will begin at 8 p.m. in the auditorium at Parcels Middle School. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$15. Seniors will be admitted for \$12. Students are free.

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## Celebrating the celebrity lifestyle

I admit it, I haven't gotten along this far in life without going through a frightening experience or two. And by that I don't just mean things like getting a home perm or the disco dancing or trying on Lycra stretch pants. I mean that, just when you think you've seen and done it all, there you will be, in the kitchen breaking up fights over who had more rainbow sprinkles on his ice cream sundae, and someone will call you up and say, "You're going to be on television next week."

And then, your previously nice calm life will suddenly take a lurch toward the lunatic fringe.

Now, before you start thinking I'm making this up because I'm desperate for good column material, let me explain. My publisher had scheduled me to do a short interview for a national cable television show to promote my new book for Mother's Day. All I had to do was drive an hour to the city, find parking, and then talk coherently into a camera for five minutes. Six, tops. He assured me the hardest part would be the parking.

And, yes, I'd be lying if I didn't say that, for a moment, I pictured myself

sitting with Oprah or Ellen, drinking coffee and chuckling over the idea that the fashion industry is trying to pass off pink as the new black. I'd compliment Oprah's hair and Ellen and I would gush over the new Ben Affleck movie.

Then reality set in. And I don't need to tell you that with reality comes all sorts of rude awakenings. The first was that I wasn't going to be a celebrity on Ellen or Oprah. I was going to have a fleeting moment somewhere in the midst of 1,356 cable channels, or whatever we're up to these days; my little segment would likely be airing somewhere between a weight loss infomercial and an ad for Huggable Hangers.

The second problem was the pressure of having to spontaneously string two consecutive thoughts together to make some kind of point.

Everyone knows that once you have kids most of your brainpower goes to figuring out things like who ate the last chocolate chip cookie. There's not much left over for witty banter and intelligent repartee.

I pictured the interview going something like:

### Family Daze By Debbie Farmer



Interviewer: What is the greatest influence to your writing? Bombeck? Twain? Viorst?

Me: Yep.

Interviewer: Any insightful parenting tips?

Me: Uh, well, no.

Interviewer: Anything you'd like to add?

Me: Er, pink will never be the new black?

Interviewer: Um, thank you. Well, that's all the time we have for today.

So I did the only thing I could think of: I called my friend Julie for some advice.

"I know just what you need to make you less nervous," she said.

"What, an emergency Toastmasters meeting? Hypnotherapy?"

"No, silly. A new outfit."

Which is exactly the sort of answer you can expect from someone with 18

pairs of white shoes.

But, hey, you have to admit that it's sort of comforting to think that some new clothes would make all of the right words magically pop into my head, turning me into a glib and sophisticated parenting expert. That said, you can see why I had no time to actually practice for this interview since I had to go shopping.

And I'd like to say that on the day of my interview I looked into the camera and spouted pearls of parenting wisdom, but I didn't. I managed to get out three whole coherent sentences. Two more than my old record.

But I did have a nice floral green skirt set in the same color as my shoes. On top of that, I got out of the afternoon carpool and validation for an hour of free parking.

You know, a person could really get used to the celebrity lifestyle.

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

## 'Pirates of Penzance' comes to MOT

Following an absence of more than 15 years, Michigan Opera Theatre at 1526 Broadway in Detroit presents the Gilbert and Sullivan masterpiece "The Pirates of Penzance." With an enchanting and familiar score and an electric cast, this tale of love is sure to warm even the coldest hearts.

Show hours are: Saturday, May 8, 8 p.m.; Sunday, May 9, 2 p.m.; Wednesday, May 12, 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, May 14 and 15, 8 p.m.; and Sunday, May 16, 2 p.m.

The 2004 production of the "The Pirates of Penzance" features Michigan Opera Theatre debut performances by

Broadway stars Andrew Varela ("Les Miserables," King David) and David Gagnon ("Les Miserables") as well as Stacey Tappan, Aaron Lazar and Jennifer Joan Joy. Returning to the Detroit Opera House stage will be Joyce Campana, and Lara Teeter.

The "The Pirates of Penzance" is the tale of everlasting love. Frederic is a young apprentice to a band of pirates. He is obligated to serve with them until his 21st birthday, at which point he intends to exterminate them. Having spent his entire life with the pirates, Frederic possesses little knowledge of the fairer sex and is swept, almost instantly, off of his feet by

the beautiful Mabel.

Frederic flees with Mabel, her sisters, and their father Major-General Stanley. He then plans to lead a squad of policemen against his old gang but is duped into believing that he is still obligated to them. Though he rejoins his mates at sea, love soon wins out over duty and the pirates allow him to return to his true treasure, the lovely Mabel.

Performed in English, the lighthearted "The Pirates of Penzance" is a production for opera aficionados and novices alike. Often considered an "ideal introduction" to the art of opera, this Gilbert and Sullivan masterpiece is sure to be great fun for the entire family.

Tickets for the show are made possible by Cadillac and are available at the Detroit Opera House Ticket Office, by phone at (313) 237-7464 or online at the Web site MichiganOpera.org. Tickets are also available at any Ticketmaster outlet or by phone at (248) 645-6666. Tickets range from \$26 to \$113. Inquire about the special discounts for students and families.

## Robert Frost's poetry is topic

Dr. John Whittier-Ferguson, associate professor of English and literature at the University of Michigan, dispels the clichés of the poetry of Robert Frost in his lecture at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 29, in the Grosse Pointe South High School Library.

The lecture is presented by Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library in conjunction with University of Michigan Department of English and Literature

Whittier-Ferguson will reveal the Robert Frost "who gives us some of the twentieth century's most profound meditations on the place of humans in the world, the poet who asks fundamental philosophical questions in poems that nevertheless move so gracefully we scarcely realize the weight each line carries."

Professor Whittier-Ferguson received his BA from Kenyon College and his PhD from Princeton University in 1990. He came to the University of Michigan in 1990 and has been happily teaching and writing there ever since. Having authored a book on James Joyce, Virginia Woolf, T.S. Eliot and Ezra Pound called "Framing Pieces" (Oxford, 1996), Whittier-Ferguson is currently at work on a project concerning modernism, memory, and World War II.

All lectures in the series are free for members of Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library, students and teachers.

Family membership in Friends is \$25 annually. Membership can be purchased at the lecture. The fee for non-members is \$10 per lecture.

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## Preview, auction kick off Designers' Show House

The Junior League of Detroit will host a Preview Cocktail Party and Silent Auction to kick off the opening of its 2004 Designers' Show House on Friday, April 30, at 6 to 9 p.m. at the Designers' Show House, 114 Lothrop in Grosse Pointe Farms.

All proceeds support children's health and welfare causes in the metro Detroit area.

"This year's show house is sure to be a feast for the eyes," said Kathleen Moro Nesi, Junior League of Detroit president. "The designers are hard at work completing wonderful transformations to each room of this beautiful 19,500-plus square foot home. The preview party gives attendees a chance to see the completed house before anyone else while supporting a worthwhile organization that helps children all over the metro Detroit area."

Nearly 100 auction items include a Neiman Marcus day of beauty, lunch for four at Zodiac, Bobbie Brown makeovers, overnight get-away at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, dinner with Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick at the Detroit Beer Factory, an auto-graphed jersey from Detroit Red Wing Darren McCarty and dinner at Opus One.

Tickets for the preview and auction are available by calling the Designers' Show House at (313) 884-1773. Tickets are \$60 per person. The Designers' Show House is open for public tours Saturday, May 1, through Monday, May 31, except for Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Tickets are available at retail outlets throughout the metro area and at the door. Advance tickets are \$15 per person and \$20 after Friday, April 30.

For more information, call the Junior League of Detroit at (313) 881-0040.

**Pewabic sale:** Pewabic Pottery will hold its annual Courtyard Overrun Sale on Friday, April 23, through Sunday, April 25, at 10125 East Jefferson in Detroit.

Field tile in all colors, shapes and styles will be sold at a once-a-year discount rate of 30 percent off.

Friday's sale is open only to Pewabic Society members, from noon to 4 p.m. Members will also be entitled to an additional 5 percent discount on items in

the tented area throughout the weekend.

The sale is open to the public Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

Bring your own packing materials: newspaper, bags and boxes. No strollers are permitted in the tented area.

For more information, call (313) 822-0954, extension 114.

Pewabic Pottery is open to the public year-round and offers tours, classes and workshops to children and adults. The pottery continues to create tile for architectural installations and offers galleries that showcase over 60 ceramic artists and a museum store for purchasing a piece of Pewabic Pottery. Gallery and museum hours are Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free.

**Garden Party:** The St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center is accepting donations to the Garden Party, food and wine tasting, sponsored by Ford Motor Co. and MNP Corp. that bring together 50 Detroit restaurants, as well as 400 wines from around the world.

The event attracts nearly 1,500 guests who patronize the commercial and retail donors.

In 1929, Grosse Pointers Charles T. and Sarah Fisher decided to make a difference for children in need. Understanding that society was facing an ever-increasing issue of providing homes for "forgotten" children, they established the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center in Farmington Hills with a donation of \$750,000, which was an orphanage for children waiting to be adopted. Today the center provides residential treatment to 60 children from southeastern Michigan who have been removed from their homes due to severe abuse and neglect.

By donating a gift certificate or other item to the Garden Party, you will not only help those in need, but also gain invaluable exposure for your business throughout the region.

For more information, call (248) 626-7527, extension 3118.

**MS Walk:** The National Multiple Sclerosis Society—Michigan Chapter is holding its annual MS Walks at

15 locations throughout the state, including Grosse Pointe.

More than 7,000 walkers take to the streets to raise funds toward the support of at least 15,000 individuals diagnosed with MS, providing programs, services and research into the disease. The walks range from two to 12 miles long.

The Grosse Pointe walk will be held Sunday, May 2, at Grosse Pointe North High School. Registration begins at 8 a.m., and the walk begins at 9 a.m.

For more information, call (248) 350-0020 or visit [www.nmssmi.org](http://www.nmssmi.org).

**Act II:** Michigan Opera Theatre's newest venture, The 2nd Act will soon become home to 1428 Broadway Street in Detroit. The Michigan Opera Theatre Volunteer Association (MOTVA) Adagio group, led by Roberta Starkweather, developed The 2nd Act resale shop as a fundraising venture to sponsor opera productions at the Detroit Opera House.

The shop will open for business on every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The 2nd Act will provide quality used personal and household items ranging from clothing to furniture, books and housewares, at a fraction of new costs. A limited number of new items from the Opera House Boutique will also be available. The shop will be staffed by MOTVA members. To date, some 30 people have offered their time to the project.

All proceeds from The 2nd Act benefit Michigan Opera Theatre (MOT).

The 2nd Act picks up where MOT's first resale shop, and more recently the Upscale Garage Sale, left off. The original resale shop was located in the New Center area and operated in the mid to late 1980s with sponsorship from General Motors. It was later moved to the Detroit Opera House where it operated until renovations began. The 2nd Act was facilitated by the recent acquisition of the Opera House Parking Garage.

The store is located on the main floor of the garage, along Broadway.

For more information or to donate, call (313) 965-2460.



### St. Paul wins award

The entry addition at St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms has won the M-Award for Excellence in Masonry Design. Recognition comes from the Masonry Institute of Michigan and the AIA Michigan.

The project was honored for being an "elegant and well thought out" solution that respects the church's original architecture. Other comments included "fantastic entrance detail."

"(The addition) is highly respectful of the church's architectural heritage yet honest unto itself as a contemporary expression of a spiritual building."

Architect for the project was Constantine George Pappas, AIA, Architecture/Planning. St. Paul was among seven other projects to receive the award at the 29th annual Masonry Honor Awards banquet at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

### BSC offers diabetes education program

The Bon Secours Cottage Adult Outpatient Diabetes Education Program was awarded education recognition by the American Diabetes Association and certification by the Michigan Department of Community Health. The award is given to education programs that demonstrate quality through a rigorous

and detailed peer review process.

The diabetes education program is offered to non-pregnant adults who are referred by their physicians. Learn how to eat well while staying on individual meal plans, how to exercise for fun, how to prevent long-term problems, how to control and monitor blood sugar

and recognize signs of high and low blood sugar.

An individual assessment by a nurse and dietitian is required before class. Day and evening programs are offered at the Bon Secours Cottage Bon Brae Center, 22300 Bon Brae, St. Clair Shores. For information about dates and times, call (586) 779-7900.

## History

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• 1966 — Iconography by artist Stellos Maris begins on Charlevoix.

• 1967 — First archon, Fred Nqaz, honored. Helen Zambornis, Louis Vlahantones and Spero Theros are honored subsequently. Summer riots in Detroit. Church offices move to St. Clair shores.

• 1968 — Second associate priest assigned to parish, the Rev. Constantine Palassis.

• 1969 — Marter Road "Burning of the Mortgage" of the Cultural Center. General Assembly approves Master Plan to build a new church, hall, classrooms, offices and a gymnasium.

• 1972 — Purchase of 10 acres of land on Marter in the cities of St. Clair Shores and Grosse Pointe Woods.

• 1976 — May 9: Formal groundbreaking of new Cultural Center by Archbishop Lakovos.

• 1977 — May 1: Final Liturgy at Charlevoix location. Assumption Program of Activities and Assumption Nursery School and Toddler Center initiated at the Cultural Center for the parish and the community.

• 1978 — May 8: Dedication of Assumption Cultural Center by Bishop Lakovos of Apameia. Golden Anniversary Celebration of Assumption Church presided by Archbishop Lakovos.

• 1981 — Dec. 31: Purchase of Eastpointe School in St. Clair Shores and the move of the Assumption Nursery School.

• 1982 — The dream of building a church becomes a reality.

• 1983 — April 3: A magnificent Assumption Church opens its doors to a church with 600 people. Bishop Timothy of Detroit officiated.

• 1985 — the Rev. Constantine Makrinos assigned as third associate priest for 15 years.

• 1988 — Nov. 20: 60th Anniversary Celebration, with Archbishop Iakovos honoring Assumption's senior citizens.

• 1989 — June 17-18: Solemn Consecration of the Assumption Church by His Eminence Archbishop Lakovos with Bishop Timothy of Detroit and the Rev. Demetrios S. Kavadas, Pastor.

• 1990 — "Sacred Beautification of Assumption Church" continues to offer the pure Byzantine mysticism to worshippers and visitors alike by Iconographer, George Papstamatiou.

• 1991 — Father Leo Copacia assigned as an assistant associate priest.

• 1992 — A building endowment fund is established for the church and center.

• 1994 — First all English

Saturday evening Liturgy begins with Father Leo Copacia officiating.

• 1995 — Assumption hosts National Stewardship Leadership Conference.

• 1997 — Church hosts Ecumenical Youth Conference.

• 1999 — Final church mortgage payment is made. Church celebrates "Burning of the Mortgage" gathering for parishioners. "Time Capsule" sealed in church.

• 2001 — the Rev. Demetrios Kavadas retires as pastor of Assumption Church with tribute by entire parish and community: Aug. 15.

• 2001 — the Rev. George Savas joins the parish as the ninth priest.

• 2001 — the Rev. Tom Michalos becomes the fifth associate pastor.

• 2002 — The devastating fire occurs at Assumption Church. Governor's Award of Excellence received for the Assumption Nursery School and Toddler Center.

• 2003 — the Rev. Epiphanius Perialas becomes 10th pastor and honors the parish as he is elevated to Metropolitan of Spain and Portugal.

• 2003 — the Rev. Michael Varlamos joins the parish as the eleventh priest. Assumption family moves back into renovated church after fire.

• 2003-2004 — 75th anniversary celebration.

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## Issues of the uninsured impact all of us

By Mark Taylor  
Special Writer

If you or your spouse — perhaps both of you — are gainfully employed by a large or prosperous company, chances are you have at the very least reasonably good health insurance. These days, health insurance is an important benefit because the health care can take a substantial bite out of your paycheck.



Mark Taylor

Not everyone is lucky enough to have good insurance coverage. As you probably know from recent news reports, nearly 44 million Americans (including 8.5 million children) are without health insurance of any kind.

Of this number, 1.1 million live in Michigan. That's one out of every 10 Michigan residents. Some 500,000 of them reside in the southeastern part of the state.

Even more sobering is the fact that the number of uninsured people is rising. In 2002, the number of people without health coverage increased by more than 2 million, the largest one-year increase in a decade.

You might be surprised to know that these uninsured folks are not necessarily people who are unemployed or who work less than the full-time schedule required to have benefits such as health insurance. Shockingly, eight out of 10 of the uninsured are from working families, work at or own a small businesses, have jobs that do not provide health insurance or are between jobs. Because they often cannot afford the cost of doctors' visits and prescription medications, they tend to live sicker, die younger and use the emergency room frequently as their primary site for health care.

Clearly, something has to be done, particularly since rising health care costs continue to undermine the ability of individuals, business and state governments to purchase health care coverage.

Representatives of St. John Health (of which St. John Hospital and Medical Center is a member) are joining with other health care, business and faith-based leaders throughout Michigan for discussions and other events during the second annual "Cover the Uninsured Week," Monday-Sunday, May 10-16. The

objective of the observance, which is also being observed across the rest of the country, is to make the uninsured the focus of national discussion. It is also hoped that the events of "Cover the Uninsured Week" will elevate the issues of the uninsured positions of prominence on national and local agendas, educate all Americans about the problem, and provide immediate assistance to the uninsured and small-business owners.

Toward that end, a number of activities will be held to call attention to the plight of the uninsured. Small-business seminars, an AFL-CIO uninsured forum, a business-labor luncheon and on-campus forums on the campuses of Wayne State University, the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and other local colleges and universities are among the many activities scheduled locally.

In addition, on Sunday, May 16, a free "Keep Detroit Healthy" health expo co-sponsored by Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick will be held at Ford Field from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The health expo is open to all individuals without health insurance as a way to provide them with important health information.

In addition to learning about different health care options — including MICHild, the affordably priced insurance plan for children — and Wayne County's plan for employers, attendees also can participate in educational sessions on healthy living through diet and nutrition, car seat safety, disease prevention and more. Area health care providers, including St. John Health, will provide complimentary health screenings, including blood pressure and diabetes screenings.

What does all this mean to you if you are fortunate enough to have good insurance and can afford your co-pays and out-of-pocket expenses? Perhaps Elliot Joseph, CEO of St. John Health and honorary co-chairman of "Cover the Uninsured Week," said it best:

"As one of the richest, most powerful countries in the world, the challenge facing each and every one of us is how to make health care coverage universal, continuous and affordable," Joseph said. "This is a problem that won't fix itself."

We all have the power to help fix this problem. I urge you to get involved in the initiative to provide affordable health care coverage to every American through advocacy. Contact your state and national legislators and let them know that every American, young and old, deserves to have access to health care at a price he or she can afford. The benefit for all of us is that taking care of our own will make us a healthier, stronger nation in the long run.

Mark Taylor is president of St. John Hospital and Medical Center and a resident of Grosse Pointe.

## Strangers say the darnedest things

### X-tra Special Advice

for parents of children with special needs

This is part one of a three-part series highlighting the experiences of parents of children with special needs from all over the world who are confronted with stares and comments from strangers, neighbors, family members and friends. Part two will include more parent stories, and part three will focus on advice for dealing with the reactions.

It's not just the staring; it's the glaring. It's people not understanding that it's hard for a child with special needs who is overly stimulated in public to be calmed down.

Let's start with our son, Andrew, for example.

Andrew, after a 45-minute trip to the grocery store, is at the end of his rope. He needs to return to his comfort zone. Soothing is out of the question. Forget the songs, food, pacifier or blanket.

At the checkout, Mary Beth is focusing on helping to bag, paying and getting out of the store quickly. An older woman at the next counter says to the woman in front of her, "Looks like no one's trying to control that boy."

She doesn't realize she was talking to that boy's grandma, who doesn't know what to say.

She'll have to wait until Part III for advice. Meanwhile, read these horror stories in the words of other parents of children with special needs:

"After leading services in our synagogue, we all sing a blessing over the wine. When the room became quiet, all eyes drifted over to my son, who began jumping, flapping and 'eeying' because the whole thing excites him so much. I am not easily embarrassed, but, with everyone staring, I could feel myself becoming humiliated. I thought of the whole Clinton scandal, looked around the room and thought, I am sure many of these people have done, are doing or will do stuff in private, weirder than my son ever will do in public. Amen."

"And with that I took a deep breath, laughed, and we all broke out singing, and I can't tell you how much that thought got me past any remnants of humiliation I might have ever felt since."

"One day, my neighbor made a comment that her daughter looked 'retarded' in a recent school picture. I replied, 'So she looked like my son?' She said, 'No, she looked retarded.' I replied, 'My son is considered mentally retarded. It's a medical term used within the definition of his disability. Are you saying she looked like him?' She became silent. I know she didn't intend to be

cruel, but her comment was one of the cruelest things anyone has ever said to me."

"My father-in-law told my husband and me, 'All that boy needs is to be taken out behind the barn,' which is Texan for all he needs is a spanking and he'll be fine. My husband laments the fact his dad spends hours researching things like straw bale houses and becoming an expert on whatever the topic of the moment is. He wonders why he won't spend any time trying to understand Fragile X and, therefore, his grandson."

"About 12 years ago, my son was 3 years old, and we did not yet have a diagnosis for his delays. We were at our pediatrician's waiting room. My son wanted to play with a baby and his toys. I kept trying to redirect him to stay with me. I apologized to the mother. I said, 'I'm sorry, but he is developmentally delayed.' She said, 'I don't care.' I was speechless. I went to the nurse and said, 'I don't care if you don't have a room, we will wait in the bathroom if need be.'"

"Like many kids with Fragile X, my son and daughter get overstimulated in certain situations that lead to 'uncomfortable' situations. One day my son jumped into a stingray tank at the aquarium at the Mall of America. But the all-time worst was at a Shrine Circus. We sat in an entry area for 35 minutes with people pushing from all sides. It was hot and humid, all the balloons and toys were within sight, but out of reach. Half way through the show, they opened up lines to ride the ponies and elephants. By the time we got down to the floor from the last row, the lines had gotten long. I walked to the front and told them I was promised special arrangements for my special needs kids to make this an enjoyable experience. The guy said, 'These nice people have waited a long time, and their kids want to ride these elephants just as bad as your kids,' and then asked me to step aside. When my kids went ballistic, a few of the nice people near the front offered us their spots. Others weren't so nice. One Shriner invited another to laugh at my son when he became afraid during the elephant ride. When I heard, 'Look at the little pansy,' I lost it. My first instinct was to bash the dope. Instead I began to verbally engage this guy: 'They have Fragile X Syndrome, you fat idiot.' Finally, someone 'in authority' gave me my own personal Shriner to help me through the rest of the show."

"My son has a learning disability that affects him academically, athletically and socially. One day a neighbor asked to talk to me. She had a son in the same middle school who gets good grades and excels athletically and socially. She told me my son was headed in a bad direction. I told her, 'You take care of your son, and I'll take care of mine. Parents like her think if a child doesn't get good

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## Assumption

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and Grosse Pointe Woods.

In 1976, His Eminence Archbishop Lakovos performed a traditional groundbreaking ceremony which marked the beginning of a new Assumption Cultural Center.

Church services were held in the Fellowship Hall until the church was built in 1983.

The Rev. Demetrios Kavadas continued as pastor and had completed almost 40 years at Assumption on the date of his retirement in 2001.

The motto of the ancient Greek philosophers: "A healthy mind resides in a healthy body," became the standard for the classes which included classes in self-improvement, arts and crafts and exercise as well as an opportunity to enjoy catered dining events.

An Assumption Nursery School was established in two classrooms for working parents. The Cultural Center provided a venue for fellowship, ecumenism and outreach; and a family cen-

ter for all ages.

In 1981, Assumption Church purchased an empty elementary school building two blocks from the church. The nursery school was recently honored by the state of Michigan as one of the outstanding preschool educational facilities in the state. The Governor's Award of Excellence was bestowed in 2002. Approximately 400 students attend classes year-round.

In December 2002, the Assumption Church experienced a devastating fire. Several million dollars worth of damage was incurred, destroying the interior along with the church's beautiful iconography. The Assumption family was heartbroken, but the exterior of the church still stood, and they were thankful that there was no loss of life.

On Dec. 21, 2003, almost one year from the date of the fire, the Assumption parish moved back into its old yet "new" church.

Under the present leadership of the Rev. Michael Varlamos and the Rev. Tom Michalos, the Assumption Church continues to flourish with approximately 1,200 families in its parish.

For more information about Assumption's 75th anniversary events, call the church office at (586) 779-6111.

Recycle,  
please

## Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



A skin condition once reserved for the elderly is showing up in younger patients in their late 20's and early 30's.

Actinic Kertoses are pre-cancerous lesions that usually appear in sun-exposed areas, especially on the face. These reddish-brown or yellowish-pink lesions aren't always easy to spot, but they do feel rough to the touch. If untreated, actinic keratoses can evolve into squamous cell carcinoma at least 10% of the time.

Excessive exposure to the sun is the main culprit. Younger people who are fair skinned and do a lot of outdoor work or recreational activities are particularly susceptible to this skin disease and other forms of skin damage.

To learn more about actinic keratoses, contact your dermatologist, or call us at Eastside Dermatology, Dr. Lisa Manz-Dulac and Associates.

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## Consider the environment when fertilizing your lawn

April 22 is Earth Day. First celebrated in 1970, the date is considered the beginning of the environmental movement in this country. Let's use Earth Day as a reason to monitor what is done environmentally in our homes and community.



agement strategies that take advantage of nonchemical options to solve the problem. For further details, contact the MSU Extension offices in Wayne or Macomb counties.

These guidelines were adapted from "Choosing a Lawn Service," by Marty Hair, Detroit Free Press, April 13, 2003.

Something else you may want to watch is what exactly is put on your lawn. By checking the Natural Resources Defense Council's Web site, I found three poisons are still available for use agriculturally. Atrazine is one still under investigation and is the most widely used weed killer in this country.

There are other ways to keep your lawn healthy. Consider the use of an organic fertilizer, which releases the nitrogen slowly. This will help eliminate the growth spurt. Remember that grasses in active growth purify the air, while cutting them forces the release of pollutants.

Do we overfeed our lawns?

Once established, most if not all grasses need little or no fertilization.

Nourishment comes from its own wastes and the nutrients in rain and various creatures passing through. In fact, just leaving the clippings when you mow supplies at least 50 percent of a lawn's nutritional needs.

Augment with a feeding in early spring and one in early fall for cool season grasses and the grass is happy. Add a top dressing of fully aged compost, and

that will do the trick. Check out the products or other Earth-friendly companies.

When mowing low, the leaf surface is reduced, causing less food produced for growth of the grass. Mowing higher, 3 inches for most turf grasses, helps the grass better tolerate unfavorable weather conditions and pests. It also saves on your water bill, and you don't need to mow quite as

The management of our lawns has been oversold in this country and in our area. We spend more on our lawns than on all other forms of plants combined. Many areas of our country have begun to see our lawns as an ecosystem, just like a prairie or forest. Ecosystems are nourished by the sun, rain and its own remains rather than human energy and chemicals.

ple and animals. Consider recognizing Earth Day by paying closer attention to what's done with your lawn. If you hire a service, insist that it meet your needs. Remember, it is a business and will try to sell you the products it uses.

Here are some other suggestions for celebrating Earth Day:

Read a book by Rachel Carson, a marine biologist who brought to light the ill effects of DDT when she wrote "Silent Spring." Her other books include "Under the Sea," "The Sea Around Us" (which was on the New York Times bestseller list for 86 weeks) and "The Edge of the Sea."

Get your kids involved. Plant shrubs or a tree in your yard. Arbor Day is April 30.

Pick up litter on the street or a local park.

Other ideas are available for adults and children by typing in "Earth Day" on Google and checking out the various organizations that come up.

Two separate "green" events occur during April. Celebrating one or both of them is something to do for yourself, your children and your Earth. Take a little time to think about the future of our planet.

Kathleen Peabody is a Master Gardener who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods. Reach her online at [kmaslanka-peabody@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kmaslanka-peabody@sbcglobal.net)

### What's going on?

**Introduction to Gardening (for children):** Saturday, April 24, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. Join Barbara Hayes and me as we inspire kids ages 6 to 10 to look at the world with "green" eyes. Cost is \$12. Call (313) 884-4222 to make reservations.

**Tips and Tricks of Landscape Design:** Wednesday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. Join Detroit

News columnist Nancy Szerlag at Grounds for Gardening at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. \$8. Call (313) 884-4222 for details.

**It's About Time:** This small flower show will be presented by the Garden Club of Michigan from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 29, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Admission is free.

Our communities border Lake St. Clair, and the rest of our state is surrounded by our other Great Lakes. The city of Toronto took the lead by phasing out the use of pesticides there. The term "prudent avoidance of pesticides" was used in the law. It's also noted that pesticides and herbicides contain dioxins, DDT and PCBs along with lead, asbestos and cadmium, which are not good for peo-

often. Mow grass when it's dry, and keep your mower blades sharp to avoid ripping versus cutting the lawn.

### Green envy

Where did we get this green lawn envy in the first place? According to the editors of "The Avant Gardener," a horticultural news service, we can blame our British ancestors. We were in awe of their wonderful gardens in which lots of green enshrined lush estates. However, even in England, the lavish lawn is passe.

## Chamber Music to be offered at the Scarab Club

Chamber Music at the Scarab Club will present Trio Times Two, an eclectic mix of music from around the world on Sunday, May 2, at 7 p.m. at Detroit's historic Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth at the corner of John R, directly behind the DIA.

The first half of the program will be performed by Vancouver's Orchid Ensemble, featuring Lan Tung, erhu, Mei Han, Zheng and Jonathan Bernard, marimba and percussion.

The Orchid Ensemble blends ancient musical instruments and traditions from China and beyond, creating a beautiful new sound that is both creative and distinct.

The ensemble has embraced a variety of musical styles to its repertoire, ranging from the traditional and contemporary music of China, world music and new music to jazz and creative improvisation. The energetic yet endearing performance style of the ensemble consistently intrigues and delights its audiences, receiving countless standing ovations.

Acclaimed as "One of the brightest blossoms on the world music scene" (Georgia Straight), the Orchid Ensemble has been tirelessly developing an innovative musical genre based on the cultural exchange between Western and Asian musicians.

The Orchid Ensemble regularly collaborates with musicians from a wide variety of world cultures and actively commissions new works by Canadian and U.S. composers for its unique instrumentation.

The ensemble performs regularly in concerts across North America, and at prominent world, jazz and folk music festivals. Recent appearances include The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., Canada Day celebrations at the National Gallery in Ottawa, Vancouver International Jazz Festival and at Toronto's Harbourfront Centre.

The second part of the concert showcases The

Woodland Trio, which has been heard throughout the Metropolitan Detroit area since 1999. Kerstin Allvin, principal harp of the Flint Symphony Orchestra, Jeffery Zook, flutist/piccoloist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Caroline Coade, violinist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, comprise the trio. They have been featured at the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Carnegie Center for the Arts in Three Rivers, Henry Ford Mansion, Dearborn, the Flint Institute of Arts, Border's Books and Music Series as well as concerts in the Bruce Peninsula, Canada.

In 2002 the trio toured Morocco, performing at the Printemps Musical des Alizes, a prestigious chamber music festival in the coastal town of Essouira. There, they premiered Images of Mogador composed by James Hartway and commissioned by the Financial Minister to King Hussan VI.

Tickets are \$18 at the door, \$16 in advance. For more information, call (248) 647-0289.

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formers. The series includes performances at Detroit's historic Scarab Club, Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church and the Belian Art Center in Troy.

## X-tra

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grades, has trouble making friends or says the wrong thing in social situations or is annoying, it is the parents' fault. My child has an 'invisible' disability. He looks like everyone else, but struggles. The public school system is for everyone, not just those who are fortunate enough to have everything come easily to them."

"I was at Kinko's making copies, and my son started really crying — loudly. A guy making copies began swearing. I went off about how glad I was his life was perfect, but that mine wasn't. I couldn't keep my son locked in the house. I threw money on the counter and left, later realizing I'd overpaid by 1,000 percent. I cried for a good half hour afterward."

"My son was 2 years old and began running in this office building's long hallways. The OT and I were chasing him, and we finally cornered him by a doorway. This woman said something derogatory about him running and making noise. I shut her up and gave her a FRAXA business card and told her to read it and think next time before she spouts off."

Grosse Pointe residents Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan created this column to share experiences from their journey as parents of a child with Fragile X Syndrome ([fragilex.org](http://fragilex.org)).

Send your questions or comments to [tcoutilish@dmac.wayne.edu](mailto:tcoutilish@dmac.wayne.edu) or [mblangan@hotmail.com](mailto:mblangan@hotmail.com).

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## Good start for North baseball

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's baseball team hasn't been giving its opponents any gifts so far this season.

"Our defense has been good," coach Frank Sumbersa said after the Norsemen swept Birmingham Brother Rice 13-7 and 12-6 in a non-league doubleheader.

"We haven't made many errors. We don't have a strikeout pitching staff — not yet anyway — so it's important to have good defense."

The sweep of previously-unbeaten Brother Rice gave North an 8-2 record against some strong competition.

"I thought we would hit, and we have hit," Sumbersa said. "I'm real happy with our start because we've played some good teams."

North jumped ahead 2-0 in the first inning of the first game against the Warriors. Jon Zalenski and Matt Grassley drove in the runs with back-to-back doubles.

The Norsemen broke the game open with eight runs in the second inning. Zalenski and Lawrence

Briski each hit two-run singles, and Andrew Shanley capped the outburst with a three-run homer.

Zalenski had three hits, including a pair of doubles, and he drove in three runs. Grassley had a single, double and triple and drove in four runs, and Xander Wagner had two hits and scored three runs.

Zac Matthews picked up the win with relief help from Josh Lewis.

North scored early and often in the second game, including a pair of runs in the first inning on RBI singles by Zalenski and Briski.

A three-run second inning featured a two-run single by Adam Miller. Matthews hit a sacrifice fly, and Miller and Zalenski had RBI singles in North's three-run third.

Key hits for the Norsemen in a four-run fifth inning were a two-run homer by Lewis and a two-run single by Brian St. Hilaire.

Shanley was the winning pitcher in relief. "He threw pretty well for his first time out," Sumbersa said of Shanley's four-inning

stint. Zalenski went 4-for-4 with a triple.

North opened the season with a doubleheader sweep of Kalamazoo Central.

In the 5-3 victory in the opener, Matthews scattered five hits and struck out five in six innings.

Miller had a two-run single in North's four-run fourth inning and Briski capped the scoring with an RBI single.

Shawn Patterson and Zalenski each had two hits and an RBI for North.

North won the second game 8-6. A three-run third inning gave the Norsemen a 6-2 lead.

Briski had two hits and drove in a run, while Matthews had a pair of RBIs, and Grassley had a run-scoring double and two walks.

North won the first game of a doubleheader with Warren De La Salle 12-4, but dropped the second game 13-4.

In the opener, Matthews picked up the win with relief help over the last three frames from Lewis.

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Zalenski had three hits, and Lewis had a pair of hits. Miller drove in two runs with a solo homer and a sacrifice fly.

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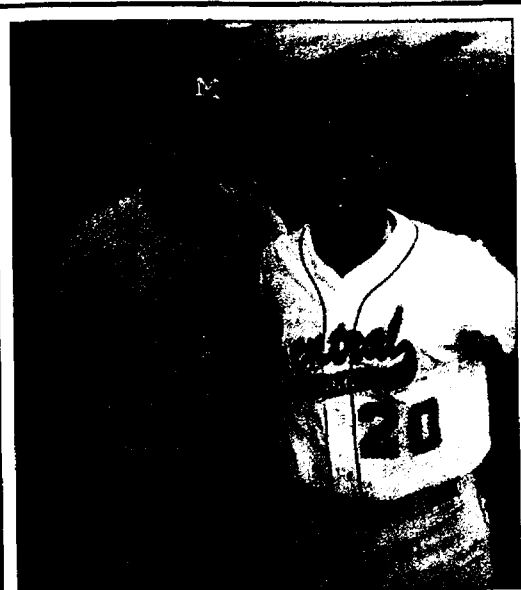
North also split a twinbill with Notre Dame, winning the opener 3-2, and losing the second game 6-4.

Briski broke a 2-2 tie with a run-scoring single in the fifth inning of the opener. He drove in Lewis, who had doubled.

Michael Romanelli went the distance on the mound. He allowed four hits and struck out seven.

North took a 4-1 lead into the sixth inning of the second game, but the Irish scored five runs in the last two innings.

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### Friendly rivals

Two former Grosse Pointe South All-State baseball players are now college rivals. Chris Getz, left, is a sophomore at the University of Michigan, while Dan Griesbaum is a senior at Central Michigan University. The two teams played each other recently in Mount Pleasant and both former Blue Devils had prominent roles in the game which the Wolverines won 14-13. Griesbaum hit a two-run pinch homer in the eighth to give the Chippewas a 12-11 lead. Getz had three hits, including a two-run double, and a walk for Michigan.

## Norsemen win runner-up trophy

Dan Quinn has been telling his track and field athletes at Grosse Pointe North to have fun while competing.

Obviously, the Norsemen are taking their coach's words to heart because they had more fun than ever at last weekend's Grosse Pointe North Invitational.

North finished second to Sterling Heights in the team standings, marking the first time in the 14-year history of the meet that the North boys have won a trophy.

"Lots of medals were earned and we look like we are one step closer to moving to the next level," Quinn said.

Sterling Heights finished with 132 points to take the first place trophy for the fourth straight season and eighth time overall.

North, which was nosed out by a point by Roseville in the battle for the runner-up trophy last year, had 98 points. In 2002, the Norsemen were last with 52 points.

Notre Dame was third with 66 points, followed by East Detroit and Roseville with 55, and Lakeview with 24.

The Norsemen took second place in seven of the track relays and showed significant improvement over last year's times in many of the events.

The 4x1,600-meter relay team of Paul Smith, Casey Fulton, Andy VanEgmond and Andrew Fayad was second in 22:40.96.

North got a second-place finish in the 4x200 relay team of Robert Bailiff, Mike Pokladek, Jamal Doggett and Marcell Maxwell. The time of 1:33.88 bettered last year's time of 1:37.1.

The Norsemen made an even bigger drop in the 4x800 relay, going from last year's 8:56.2 to a second-place time of 8:34.67. Team members were Robbie Fisher, Mario Sexton, Steven Joseph and John Bremer.

The sprint medley relay team of Bailiff (100), DeMar Wilcox (100), Doggett (200) and Sexton (400) was second in 1:42.85. Last year's time in the event was 1:43.3.

North's distance medley relay team of Pokladek (800), Bremer (400), Fisher (1,200) and Joseph (1,600) was second in 11:31.91, improving on last year's time of 12:11.9.

North's other seconds came in the 4x100 relay where the team of Bailiff, DeAndre Henderson, Doggett and Maxwell was clocked in 45.39, and the 4x400 relay with the team of Kevin Kwiatkowski, Bremer, Pokladek and Sexton posting a time of 3:46.37.

The Norsemen finished fourth in three of the relays. The shuttle hurdle relay team of Kwiatkowski, Luke Donahue, Bryan Lefever and Grant Ditznazy had a time of 1:10.02.

The 4x100 field event relay team of Scott Ulrich, Spencer Channel, David Selak and Jake Masinick was fourth in 57.68, and the middle distance relay team of Jacob Sexton (800), Utley (400), Alex Davenport (400) and Nate Loree (800) posted a fourth-place time of 6:33.95.

North also placed in each of the field event relays, winning the pole vault relay when Ulrich cleared 9-feet.

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Photo by Kerry Pytel  
Scott Ulrich took first place in the pole vault competition at last weekend's Grosse Pointe North Invitational.

## Notre Dame takes two from De La Salle

By Bob St. John  
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame baseball team played its best baseball so far this season, taking three of four from Grosse Pointe North and Warren De La Salle last week.

"The guys are starting to believe they can win," head coach Frank Swaney said. "Beating two quality teams really gives us a lot of confidence we didn't have earlier in the season."

The Fightin' Irish split a doubleheader with host North, losing 3-2 and winning 6-4.

In the opener, George Ambrosy suffered the loss, scattering nine hits in six innings of work, while Keith Frank had two hits and an RBI.

Frank had a bases-loaded single to put the Irish ahead in the top of the seventh inning, and Aaron Melucci pitched the final two innings to record the save.

Kevin Marlinga also pitched two innings of relief, while Tom Minaudo and Melucci each had two hits to pace the offense.

Swaney's squad swept a doubleheader from arch rival De La Salle, winning 2-

1 and 5-4.

The host Irish trailed 1-0 until they scored twice in their final at-bat to win the opener.

Rich Lucido threw a no-hitter to earn the win, and Melucci was the winning pitcher in the second game as Mark Foze was 3-for-4 with two doubles and two

## Trinity baseball wins two in league

By Bob St. John  
Sports Writer

The Trinity Catholic boys baseball team split its doubleheader last week, losing to Marine City Cardinal Mooney and beating Detroit Urban Lutheran.

"We didn't play too well against Cardinal Mooney, but the kids played much better against Urban Lutheran," head coach Larry Geromin said.

"It was nice to come back with two wins after dropping the doubleheader to Cardinal Mooney."

The Lancers lost 13-4 and 11-8 to the Cardinals as senior Joe Williams lost the opener as the squad could

only muster three hits.

In game two, sophomore Brock Taylor was the losing pitcher, and the offense only collected three hits for a second straight game.

"We needed to get more offense to win those games," Geromin said.

"Cardinal Mooney is a pretty good team, but we didn't play our best against them."

The Lancers found their offense against Urban Lutheran, winning 15-0 and 18-0 as junior Chris Geromin earned the win in the opener, striking out 11 in the four-inning contest.

Williams was 4-for-4 with four RBIs, and senior Curtis

Division and 5-6 overall.

Next for the Fightin' Irish are doubleheaders on Saturday, April 24, at Detroit Catholic Central; on Monday, April 26, at home against Dearborn Henry Ford; and on Wednesday, April 28, at home against Birmingham Brother Rice.

The Notre Dame baseball team improved to 2-2 in the Catholic League Central

Pettway was 2-for-3 with two RBIs.

In game two, sophomore Adrian Williams struck out 10 to collect his four innings of work and was 2-for-3 at the plate.

Sophomore Tom Ostrowski pitched the fifth inning and struck out each of the three hitters he faced.

Sophomore Joe Cruz had a double and four RBIs to help the Lancers gain the sweep.

The Trinity Catholic baseball team is 2-0 in the Catholic League C-D East Division and 3-2 overall.

Coming up for the Lancers is an away doubleheader on Monday, April 26, against Taylor Light and Life.

## South baseball ends its week on a positive note

**By Chuck Klönke**  
Sports Editor  
Grosse Pointe South's week ended on a positive note, but it certainly didn't start that way.

"It would have been a disastrous week if we hadn't been able to get into the tournament at Kyte Monroe last weekend," said Blue Devils coach Dan Griesbaum.

"I would have hated to go into the league season after playing only one game last week."

South had five games scheduled for its trip to Ohio last week, but rain forced the cancellation of all but one, and the Blue Devils probably wished that one had been washed out, too.

In their only game of the trip, Dublin Coffman beat the Blue Devils 11-1. Lucas Coffman doubled and scored South's only run on a groundout by P.J. Janutol.

The tournament in St. Clair Shores didn't start a whole lot better for the Blue Devils.

They lost their first two games, 7-3 to Fraser and 15-8 to Farmington, but won the last two, beating Lakeview 14-1 and defeating Lake Shore 6-3.

"I think we've started to turn things around again," said Griesbaum, whose team went 3-1 before the spring break.

"We made some defensive mistakes, but we were still

looking at some kids at different positions."

South plays in the Macomb Area Conference White Division, which looks very competitive again this year.

"I think it's a well-balanced league," Griesbaum said. "A lot of teams were young last year so there are some good players coming back."

In South's loss to Fraser, Jeff Stephens had an RBI double in the second inning and a sacrifice fly in the sixth.

Drew Bedan had two hits and drove in a run, while Anthony DeLaura collected a double and a single.

The Blue Devils fell behind 9-0 against

Farmington but battled back to cut the lead to 12-8 before the Falcons added three more runs.

Bedan started South's four-run rally in the fourth with a double, and Janutol, Mitch Pangborn and Nick Andrew followed with RBI singles.

Austin McClung singled and scored on Kyle Humphrey's double in the fifth. South added three more runs in the sixth. Janutol had a bases-loaded walk. Stephens knocked in a run on a fielder's choice, and another run scored on a wild pitch.

South snapped its four-game losing streak against Lakeview as Bedan allowed only two hits, walked one

and struck out seven in four innings. Pangborn pitched the final inning.

DeLaura provided Bedan with all the runs he needed when he hit a three-run double in the first inning. DeLaura finished with three hits, including two doubles, and four RBIs.

Janutol had three hits, including a pair of doubles, and two RBIs. Bedan had three singles and drove in two runs. Chad Murphy had two hits and two RBIs.

McClung turned in a solid performance against Lake Shore. He allowed four hits and struck out eight in six innings. Tom Sawicki pitched the final inning.

"Both of our starters on Saturday threw well," Griesbaum said.

Janutol hit a double and triple and drove in two runs for South, while Pangborn hit a solo home run in the fifth inning, and also hit a double.

## Harper Woods softball takes second place in Lakeview spring break tournament

**By Bob St. John**  
Sports Writer  
Harper Woods' girls softball team lost the Lakeview Tournament championship game 5-0 to Milford last weekend.

"The girls played very well, and it's disappointing to lose the title game, but this kind of competition will get us ready for the tougher league games on our schedule," head coach Carol Arthmire said.

Junior Maria Mahon suffered the loss, which was the first one this season for the Pioneers.

Junior Sally Smolinski had two hits and made the all-tournament team, along with Mahon and senior Meaghan Huot.

"The girls are playing with so much more confidence this season than during the past couple of years," Arthmire said. "The girls are working hard, and they understand what it takes to win."

In the semifinals, the Pioneers beat Sterling Heights Stevenson 4-2 as

Mahon was the winning pitcher and had two hits.

Junior Shaina Biro also had two hits to pace the offense.

In pool play, Arthmire's squad beat Stevenson 6-5, Warren Woods-Tower 12-2 and Birmingham Detroit Country Day 6-5.

The Pioneers trailed Stevenson 4-2 in the seventh inning but scored four runs to win the first game of the tournament.

Mahon struck out 12 and walked only two, while junior Jade King (2-for-3) had two RBIs and Huot doubled home the winning run.

Junior Bridget Wagner was the winning pitcher in the four-inning victory over Woods-Tower. Huot was 2-for-3 to lead the offense.

The Pioneers won the pool in dramatic fashion, coming from behind to score four runs in their final at-bat to edge Country Day.

Mahon was the winning pitcher, while Smolinski was 2-for-2 with three RBIs. Mahon also had two hits to help her own cause.

"We're getting solid pitching and defense, and our offense is scoring some runs," Arthmire said. "We're off to a good start, and that is exactly what this team needed in order to build confidence."

The Harper Woods softball team is 6-1 overall.

Coming up for the Pioneers are Metro Conference games on Friday, April 23, at home against Lutheran Westland and on Monday, April 26, at Macomb Lutheran North.

In addition, the Pioneers will compete in the Dominican Tournament on Saturday, April 24, and will host Marysville on Thursday, April 29.

Baseball

The Harper Woods boys baseball team spent Spring break working on its game, preparing for the upcoming Metro Conference slate.

The Pioneers beat Detroit Cass Technical 10-0 and lost 8-0 to U-D Jesuit.

"We played very well against Cass Tech, but U-D blew us out," head coach DeAndre Cooper said. "We're getting great pitching and solid defense, but we're not getting the timely hits."

In the victory, junior James Slago earned the pitching win, while Alex Curcuru was 3-for-3, and senior Jesus Melendez was 2-for-3.

"We have lost two games this season, and one was in extra innings," Cooper said. "Overall I like the way the guys are performing on the field, but we still have to work harder to get to where we want to be."

The Pioneers finished their spring break schedule by losing 2-1 to Madison Heights Lamphere.

The Harper Woods baseball team is 4-3 overall.

Next for the Pioneers is a home game on Friday, April 23, against Lutheran Westland, followed by away games on Monday, April 26, and Wednesday, April 28, against Macomb Lutheran North and New Haven.

## Knights pick up needed victory

**By Chuck Klönke**  
Sports Editor  
University Liggett School's baseball team got just what it needed last week — an impressive victory.

"This was a game we needed," said coach Dan Cimini after the Knights crushed Southfield-Lathrup 18-3 in a non-league game.

"We've played three bad innings so far. Take those away and our record looks pretty good, but you need some wins to build confidence. I would have hated to see our league games this week against Harper Woods and Lutheran North without winning on Saturday."

The Chargers scored a first-inning run against winning pitcher Alex Amicucci, but ULS answered with eight runs in the bottom of the inning.

Antonio Evangelista led the offensive attack with three doubles and six RBI.

"He would have had at least a couple of home runs if we had fences, because he just crushed those balls," Cimini said.

Jonathan Wright, Mike Posby and Cameron Duccay

each had two hits for the Knights.

Amicucci survived some control problems to record his first varsity win. He was helped by a fine defensive play by second baseman James Hutchinson, who made a diving catch of a line drive with the bases loaded and turned it into a double play.

Earlier, ULS lost 13-2 to Cranbrook Kingswood in a Metro Conference game.

"It was a 4-2 game after three innings, and we had squandered a couple of good scoring chances," Cimini said. "We had the bases loaded twice and they made a couple of nice defensive plays to get out of the innings. Then we had our bad inning and (Cranbrook) scored eight in the fourth."

Wright had two hits for ULS. Freshman Yates Campbell pitched well, allowing only two hits.

"We can't afford to give up walks and make errors," Cimini said. "Nobody can, but we're not good enough yet to be able to overcome those mistakes. When we do, we'll be competitive with anyone we play."

## Knights netters have to hit the road for action

University Liggett School's tennis team had to do some traveling in order to get some action last weekend.

The Knights were scheduled to play in a tournament in Lansing, but rain on Saturday sent the teams scurrying to find Plan B.

"We sat around for three hours waiting for the rain to stop," said ULS coach Chuck Wright.

When it did, there wouldn't have been enough time

for all eight teams to play their scheduled matches, so ULS, Ann Arbor Greenhills, Ann Arbor Pioneer and Saline traveled to Ann Arbor to play their matches.

It was worth the trip because the Knights got five doubles victories.

The No. 2 doubles team of Owen Darr and Peter Spina posted wins over Greenhills, which is ranked No. 1 in Division IV, and Saline.

ULS's No. 3 doubles team of Robbie Baubie and

Michael Stefani also won two matches, while the No. 4 team of Nithin Natwa and Ankur Verma beat a team from Saline.

The Knights' first doubles team of Trevor Stahl and Dan LaLonde played well, but lost some close matches, including a 7-6, 7-6 setback.

"We had some good matches with Saline and Greenhills," Wright said.

"We didn't win any matches in singles, but our singles players fought hard and

they're getting better."

In the Knights' only dual meet last week, they lost 7-1 to Detroit Country Day.

Darr and Spina had the only ULS victory with a 6-3, 6-3 win at No. 2 doubles.

"They played a real smart match," Wright said. "All of our doubles teams were competitive, but we had trouble winning the big point."

Baubie and Stefani lost a three-set match to the Yellowjackets.

## ULS blanks first two soccer rivals

**By Chuck Klönke**  
Sports Editor  
University Liggett School's girls soccer team seems to be adapting well to a new defensive scheme.

The Knights recorded shutouts in two of their first three games, and kept their opponents' shot totals to a minimum.

"We're playing more of a flat-back zonal defense instead of a sweeper," said coach David Backhurst. "There are some adjustments the girls have to make, but they're learning."

Two freshmen, Monique Squiers and Sarah Hughes, have joined juniors Erin Deane and Leeza Kozak on defense.

"We have three freshmen who are going to make an impact this year," Backhurst said. "In addition to Monique and Sarah, who'll make our defense stronger, Elizabeth Palmer will play a lot at forward."

"We lost four seniors from last year's team, and we're a junior-dominated team this year."

ULS opened the season with a 4-0 victory over Memphis.

The Knights dominated the game, outshooting the Yellowjackets 42-3, making it easy for Allison Jones to record the shutout.

Palmer scored ULS's first goal of the season in the first half after taking a crossing pass from Liz Heenan.

The Knights broke the game open in the second half with a goal by Deane from about 35 yards out, and two late goals from Jordan McLroy.

ULS made an overnight trip to the center of the state last weekend and the Knights beat Frankenmuth 1-0 and lost 2-0 to Lansing Christian.

ULS scored the only goal of the Frankenmuth game with 14 minutes remaining. McLroy sent a corner kick to

Chrissie Keersmaekers, who beat the Eagles' goalie.

"Our same back four played very well, and Allison came up big a couple of times in goal," Backhurst said.

The Knights outshot Frankenmuth 17-9.

"That was a tough, physical game, and I think it affected our next game," Backhurst said. "We were tired and it showed. And Lansing Christian is another strong, physical team."

Squiers and Hughes did a good job of marking the Pilgrims' Tiffanie Stives, who led Lansing Christian to the state Class D basketball championship, but Megan Mains scored both of the Pilgrims' goals.

Jones stopped Mains on a breakaway in the first half, but she couldn't do it when the All-State midfielder did it a second time with about 11 minutes left in the first half.

With about four minutes left in the half, a mental mistake by the Knights led to Mains's second goal.

"We carried the play much of the second half, but we couldn't score a goal,"

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If there are any questions, call Karen Ridgway at (313) 884-7769.





## Blue Devils blank Woods-Tower in softball season opening game

Grosse Pointe South's softball team is playing fine — as long as it doesn't have to face a team from Port Huron.

The Blue Devils opened the season with a 10-0 win over Warren Woods-Tower.

Elise Baksis pitched the shutout and recorded eight strikeouts.

Colleen Buckley went 3-for-3, including a triple, and drove in a run. Katherine Buchholz and Jenny Cotzias each hit two-run singles, while Kristin Caretti and Shannon Petz had RBI singles. Kara Peters hit a triple.

Katie Kaselitz pitched a

two-hitter in South's 6-1 win over East Detroit.

Sara Crandall, Buckley and Buchholz each collected three hits for the Blue Devils.

Buckley knocked in two runs and Buchholz drove in one. Caretti hit a triple and Mary Kate Peltz hit a single.

Port Huron Northern swept a doubleheader from

the Blue Devils, winning 9-0 and 12-1.

Buchholz, Buckley and Peltz had singles in the first game, while Crandall and Buckley had singles and Peters hit a double in the second game.

Baksis pitched a four-hitter in a 5-0 loss to Port Huron. Buchholz, Buckley, Peters and Caretti each had a single for South.

## Rochester Adams nips South booters

Grosse Pointe South's girls soccer team is paying the price for a grueling early-season schedule.

The Blue Devils fell to 1-3 this week — their worst start in history — with a 2-1 loss to Rochester Adams in a non-league match.

The victory kept the Highlanders undefeated, despite starting five freshmen and sophomores.

The disappointing result in South's return from spring break was magnified by the loss of a 1-0 lead that the Blue Devils had built in the first half while Adams had the wind advantage on a day in which the gusts were measured up to 40 mph.

South coach Gene Harkins had his team playing a conservative, tight ground passing style, which paid off with 3:30 to go in the first half. Liz Ridgway won a ball at midfield, raced to the goal and booted a 12-foot shot past the onrushing Adams goalkeeper, Krista Hadel.

Although she didn't earn an assist, Jessica Leonard played a key role in Ridgway's goal by rumping parallel to her and splitting

the Highlanders' defense.

Less than eight minutes into the second half, Adams' speedy forwards raced through the South defense, and eluded the challenge out of the goal by the Blue Devils' Anne Dalby to tie the match. Freshman Brittany Boeckel got the goal and Emily Walainis picked up the first of her two assists.

The next 21 minutes provided much back-and-forth action, but South was unable to take advantage of the favorable wind as it suffered from disorganized midfield play.

South's Sarah Stanczyk made two excellent defensive plays to preserve the tie, but with 11:46 to play, Adams sophomore Lauren Sinicola sent an 18-yarder over Dalby for the winning goal.

South was missing four players, including two starters, who didn't return from the break in time to attend class on Monday, which was required to play in the game.

The Blue Devils host Chippewa Valley on Friday at the South stadium in a Macomb Area Conference crossover match, a knockout



The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Spartans won the state Squirt A championship. In front are goalies Joey Davenport, left, and Ian Fish. In the second row, from left, are Craig Pefley, Geoffrey Welsher, Justin Nowak, Brandon Hawkins, J.P. Lucchese, Connor Wiggins and Wesley Cimmarrusti. In the third row, from left, are Mark Yanis, Donovan Bewick, Cam Gibson, Kyle Trombley, Timmy Moore, Cam Heath and Zach Greiner. In back, from left, are coaches Matt Yanis, Tim Moore, Kirk Gibson and Rob McIntyre. Not pictured is coach Matt Lucchese.

## Spartans win state Squirt A title

The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Spartans Squirt A hockey team won the state championship with a 3-1 victory over the USA Eagles.

The road to the state title began with the District 3 championship at the Great Lakes Arena in Fraser.

The Spartans won four of their five games, including a 2-0 win over the Troy Sting in the district championship contest.

Grosse Pointe won all five of its games in the state finals in Traverse City.

The Spartans used strong defense and goaltending as they opened the tournament with a 9-0 shutout of the Port Huron Flags.

Goaltender Joey Davenport turned away all 11 shots he faced.

The Spartans continued to dominate in round-robin play with an 8-2 victory over the Sault Ste. Marie Storm and an 11-0 rout of the Traverse City Northway Knights.

The forward lines of

Connor Wiggins, Cam Gibson, Craig Pefley, Timmy Moore, John Paul Lucchese, Zach Greiner, Brandon Hawkins, Justin Nowak and Geoffrey Welsher each contributed to the balanced scoring attack.

In the semifinals, the Spartans beat the Dearborn Prowlers 3-1 in a defensive struggle.

Dearborn led 1-0 late in the second period, but a shorthanded goal by Hawkins tied the game. Less than a minute later, Matt Yanis scored the game winner during a power play.

Ian Fish played well in goal for the Spartans, and the defensive corps of Donovan Bewick, Wesley Cimmarrusti, Cam Heath, Kyle Trombley and Yanis held the Prowlers to 13 shots on goal.

In the championship game, the Spartans got first period goals from Pefley and Hawkins. Lucchese scored at 6:57 of the third period to make it 3-0.

The Eagles scored their only goal with 3:58 left in the game.

Hawkins led the Spartans with eight goals and two assists. Moore was close behind with four goals and five assists. Yanis and Gibson each had two goals and six assists.

Yanis' strong two-way play earned him the tournament's Most Valuable Player award.

Two days after winning the state championship, the Spartans beat the Kensington Valley Rebels 5-2 in the Little Caesars championship game at Joe Louis Arena.

The Spartans' overall 50-5-10 record included Little Caesars regular season and playoff championships, and regional and International Silver Stick titles.

Kirk Gibson is the head coach, and his assistants are Tim Moore, Matt Lucchese, and team instructor Rob McIntyre. Matt Yanis is the manager.

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Backhurst said. "We need to get our passing down."

"All in all, I don't feel bad about last weekend. We beat one team that has been one of the better teams in Division III. We played well against a good Division IV team, and it might have been different if we had played on fresh legs."

The schedule doesn't get a lot easier for the Knights, who open the Metro Conference season today, April 22, at Hamtramck, and return home to play Lutheran North at 10 a.m. Saturday.

"We have one of the toughest schedules in the state," Backhurst said. "We played (Grosse Pointe) North and South, Cranbrook, last year's Division IV state champion (Kalamazoo Christian) and runner-up (Ann Arbor Greenhills), and Country Day."

"We think we have a strong team and playing teams like this will make us better."

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