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Mack fireworks set for Sunday

More than 40,000 people are expected to oooh and ahh over the Grosse Pointe Woods fireworks display in the area of Parcels Middle School and Mason Elementary School on Sunday, June 27.

The festivities kick off when the Teen Angels return to the Parcels playground at 7 p.m. The Grosse Pointe Soccer Association will hold field games for youngsters on the Mason playground.

Food and drink will be provided by National Coney Island on the Parcels field and by the Grosse Pointe Woods-

Shores Little League on the Parcels and Mason fields.

Woods resident Mike Slomski returns to emcee the event for his second year. Slomski, whose voice has become well-known in the community as an announcer for Grosse Pointe North High School football games and Woods-Shores Little League baseball games.

This year's fireworks will also honor Slomski's predecessor, Mark "Doc" Andrews, who succumbed to colon cancer in February.

The fireworks display begins at

approximately 10:15 p.m. and will last about 35 minutes.

The fireworks are sponsored by the Woods in conjunction with the Grosse Pointe Professional and Business Association of Mack Avenue, the Lochmoor Club and St. John Hospital and Medical Center. The Grosse Pointe News, Ahee Jewelers, Backer Landscaping, Lochmoor Chrysler Plymouth, Sine & Monaghan GMAC Real Estate, University Liggett School and many other businesses and organizations are also sponsors of the event, which is free to the public.



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Tickets can be obtained by calling Eyes on Design at (313) 824 EYES (3937), or may be purchased online at: www.acteva.com/go/eyeson.

— Richard A. Wright



Go Pistons!

Children at the Blue Streak sports camp ongoing at The Grosse Pointe Academy were all decked out in Piston colors following the Detroit NBA team's championship on Tuesday, April 15. Blue Streak allows children to participate in all sports without the limitations of competitive leagues. The camp runs through Aug. 20. For more information, call (800) 871-2287. The Grosse Pointe News is proud to be a Blue Streak sponsor.

Blue Devils get 7.5 times the wattage

By Chris Waldmeir
 Special Writer

The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council saw the light.

In a meeting on Monday, June 21, the council voted 5-2 to grant more than seven times more usage of the lights on Grosse Pointe South's athletic field.

Voting against the issue were Mayor James Farquhar Jr. and Councilman Doug Roby. The council also voted to reassess the situation every three years.

When the lights were erected in the mid-1990s, the council allowed the school to use the lights up to six times per year. This week the council bumped the number up to 45 times over the course of one school year.

"I think the council did what is best for the kids, as well as the residents. It will be great for the student athletes at South," said Matt Outlaw, South assistant principal and athletic director. Outlaw originally pushed for 60 games per year under the lights.

"I think they could save it for the special occasions," said Robin Albrecht, a resi-

dent of the City of Grosse Pointe and a strong opponent of the lights. "I don't think every team needs to play under the lights."

Albrecht claimed that the noise and light emitted from these games ruin the evening "serenity" for many residents in the area.

Nearly 100 people attended the meeting, which lasted almost three hours.

The lights were not the main issue of the night; noise was.

"It's not about the lights," said Mayor Pro Tem Terry Davis. "The lights aren't what bothers the community; it's the sound. Noise is the absolute critical element."

To this point the city had no noise ordinance that it could enforce for the sporting events at the school. However, that was remedied by the council, which now ultimately has the power to shut down the public address system if it feels privileges are being abused.

Other amendments covered parking, security and litter control.

The council has ordered

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G.P. Woods 'rat'ifies rodent 'nonproblem'

By Bonnie Caprara
 Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council took quick action in adopting two new ordinances which speak to rodent control — particularly rats — at its Monday, June 21, meeting.

The new ordinances primarily focus on the proper storage of firewood, coal, pipes, boxes, building materials and similar materials and restrictions on feeding birds, all of which have led to recent rat sightings in the Woods.

"This is the administration's effort to localize control over this issue," city attorney Chip Berschback said. "It gives our code some teeth to require residents to store their firewood and other materials properly. Normally these problems are caused by storage in the backyards, not in the streets."

The new ordinance also calls for the city to take quick and immediate action to eradicate a rat problem if a resident does not respond to a notice to come into compliance with the ordinance within 10 days.

Councilwoman Vicki Granger took issue that residents would not be issued a ticket before the city would take action to clean up his or her property.

While the rat population is not considered a crisis situation by Berschback and building inspector Gene Tutag, Berschback pressed for the council to approve an immediate

adoption of the ordinance citing the possible risk of infestation with the likelihood of drier weather. Berschback also cited that many residents have expressed concerns over rodent control.

Tutag could not give a specific number of rat complaints his department has investigated but said, "A Wayne County inspector has been out here, and he's assured us that there is not an infestation problem. We usually find that a problem is the result of someone feeding birds. In most cases, people cooperate with us (in rectifying the problem)."

Berschback said the Woods has mailed about 100 brochures published by Wayne County that deal with rodent control to area residents.

Both ordinances were approved after only a first reading backed by findings of fact which included resident concerns over rodent control, that the current ordinance regarding animals only addresses domestic animals, concern over dry weather that is expected and concerns for the health, safety and welfare of city residents.

The new ordinances are posted in 18 locations throughout the city and on the city's Web site (www.ci.grosse-pointe-woods.mi) and will be published in the July 1 issue of the Grosse Pointe News.

POINTER OF INTEREST

Carrie Howe

Home: Grosse Pointe Farms
Age: 23
Family: Single; dog, Cooper
Claim to fame: Carrie and her team are traveling to Athens to help prepare the Denmark sailing team for the Olympics.
Quote: "We were asked by the Danish Federation to sail with their boat that is going to the Olympics; we are going to help them do the best that they can."
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Carrie Howe

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yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ A stray dog is shot and killed by the City of Grosse Pointe policeman it bit. The animal's head is sent to Herman Kiefer Hospital to determine if it is infected with rabies.

The incident prompts Chief Thomas Trombly to order henceforth that any dog found at large which bites anyone will be shot and its head sent to the hospital for examination.

■ John Huettman Jr. is appointed to the Grosse Pointe Shores board of trustees.

Huettman will complete the unexpired term of Jack Williams, who in the last election was voted president, succeeding Ernest Putnam.

Huettman, owner of a Detroit food products and dairy concern, has been a member of the planning commission for more than a year.

■ Lars Anderson, 12-year-old pitching ace of the Grosse Pointe Woods Little

League Red Sox, chalks up a perfect, no-hit, no-run, 8-0 victory over the Yankees in Ghesquiere Park.

Only 18 Yankees face Anderson in the regulation six-inning game.

The only blot on Anderson's performance is an error that allows a Yankee batter to reach first base. He is erased when the next batter hits into a double play.

25 years ago this week

■ Angry members of the Board of Education vote to pull out of the Youth Service Division, ending a year of bickering over financing the community-wide juvenile crime unit.

The "final straw," according to Superintendent William Coats, is removing a YSD detective from North High with two weeks of classes remaining.

The action was taken at "one of the most critical times during the school year," Coats says. "It was done without notifying the

school administration and points up a concern we have had about depending upon a service over which we have no authority."

■ Employees of a construction company say it will take 10 to 12 weeks to restore a fire-damaged home in the 700 block of Berkshire in Grosse Pointe Park.

The flaming 3 1/2-story Tudor home required three alarms and 45 minutes to be put under control. The cause is under investigation but is believed to have started in a bedroom.

■ University Liggett School wins its first state championship in baseball.

The Knights beat Manistee Catholic and Frankfort in the final doubleheader of the Class D tournament.

10 years ago this week

■ Grosse Pointe school officials vote to establish a district library agreement between the Pointes and Harper Woods.

Passage of Proposal A in March prompted the move because school districts are no longer allowed to levy separate taxes to support a library.

■ This year's Mack Avenue USA Fireworks show will go on as planned this weekend at Parcels Field in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Organizers worried there wouldn't be enough money donated to stage the popular annual event.

■ Grosse Pointe Park sells municipal property located at the corner of Jefferson and Pemberton across from city hall.

A developer pays \$42,000 for the lot and plans to erect a 6,000-square-foot office building.

5 years ago this week

■ High bacteria levels

50 years ago this week



Farms lifeguards wait for business

With construction still going on at Grosse Pointe Farms park and swimming banned until about July 3, lifeguards find little to do except enforce the no swimming rule. From left are Bill Carruthers, Paul Geist, John Chase and Dan Reaume. Work is progressing rapidly on the big expansion at the park. Paving the old pier top was to be started this week. Sand is being hauled in for the new beach area. Most of the facility should be available by the July Fourth weekend. (From the June 2, 1954 Grosse Pointe News. Photo by Fred Runnells.)

once again cause the closing of Pier Park beach in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Heavy rains two weeks ago flushed upper sections of the lake with overflowed sewer water, resulting in harmful levels of E.coli bacteria heading downstream to the Pointes.

■ Members of the Grosse Pointe school board ask principals at Grosse Pointe North and South high schools to examine the prospect of closed campuses during lunch hours.

The request is made two weeks after a pair of three-car crashes occur after school on Vernier a short distance off North property.

■ Beverly Leinweber

receives the first-ever Jerry Valente Village Visionary Award from the Grosse Pointe Village Association.

Leinweber is honored for 20 years of service to the Village business community.

The award is established by the Village Association board of directors as a memorial to Jerald Valente, who died last year.

— Brad Lindberg

Lights

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that the school supply more security in and around the stadium before, during and after all sporting events. Also, the school is in charge of cleanup, and if it does not clean up properly, the city will hire someone to clean the surrounding area and bill the school.

These are just a few of the major amendments that the school has put in place for the up-and-coming athletic seasons at South.

The agreement has to be approved by the school board before it goes into effect.

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The City of Grosse Pointe Woods in conjunction with the Grosse Pointe Public School System, The Grosse Pointe Business & Professional Association of Mack Avenue, Lochmoor Club & St. John Hospital & Medical Center will once again be hosting the annual Grosse Pointe Woods Fireworks on Sunday, June 27, 2004, offering enjoyment to residents and those of our neighboring communities. Beginning at dusk, the fireworks display can be viewed from Mason Elementary or Parcels Middle School fields, located at Mack and Vernier. Come early to enjoy the fun and entertainment.

Returning sponsors include Backer Landscaping, Big Boy Restaurant, City of Grosse Pointe Park, Comerica, edmund t. AHEE jewelers, Farmer Jack Food Emporium, Frank Rewold and Son, Inc., Grosse Pointe Business & Professional Association of Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe District Foundation/Public Library, Grosse Pointe News, the little Blue Book, Lochmoor Chrysler Plymouth Jeep, Inc., Lochmoor Club, Mr. C's Car Wash, Radar Industries, St. John Hospital & Medical Center, Standard Federal Bank Mack/Vernier Branch, Sine & Monaghan GMAC Real Estate, Sunrise Assisted Living of Grosse Pointe Woods, and University Liggett School.




Wireless coverage hits the waters

Patrick Beard and Garrett Myers, principals in the Grosse Pointe-based Gateway Group consulting firm, boat owners and members of the Grosse Pointe and Detroit yacht clubs are making it possible for themselves and thousands of fellow boaters to spend more time on their boats.

Last summer, Myers organized an effort at the Detroit Yacht Club to set up WiFi coverage for the club's 380 boats, motivated primarily by wanting to spend more time on his boat and at the club.

"We learned two things," Myers said. "The first is that many boating and non-boating members were able to spend more time at the club by staying in touch using their computers and cell phones. The second is that it isn't easy. Even with good technical help, it was more of an effort to provide reliable WiFi coverage over such a large area than we imagined, and some users require a great deal of technical support."

His research turned up several companies specializing in marina WiFi, including Coastal Wave in Port Clinton, Ohio.

"Coastal Wave, while basically a father and son family business, is one of the most experienced in the U.S. with three years of marina WiFi experience and forty marinas covered in Ohio," Meyers said. "They had already solved many of the problems that we were encountering, and they had the experience and support team that we lacked. Tom Whitted has over 30 years of RF (radio frequency) experience with marine and public two-way radio, is an advanced ham radio technician and a boater. His son Matt adds the critical Internet and complex network management experience."

The DYC selected Coastal Wave because of its experience, competitive rates, their proximity to Detroit and because Coastal Wave

subscribers at the DYC could "roam" to any other Coastal Wave equipped harbor for no additional cost.

Myers' business partner Pat Beard, a director at the Grosse Pointe Yacht club, had been interested in getting WiFi for the GPYC's 350-boat marina and suggested that their Gateway Group team up with Coastal Wave to develop a network of Coastal Wave harbors in Michigan and beyond. They quickly signed up over a dozen large clubs and marinas from Detroit to Charlevoix for the 2004 boating season.

"There are over a million registered boats in this state, with probably tens of thousands of boaters who can do business from their boats if they have high performance Internet and a cell phone," Beard said. "It's a short boating season here. WiFi in harbors lets boaters take four and five day weekends and take advantage of all the great harbors that we have here on the Great

Lakes. It's easier to take the kids too if they can IM (Instant Message) and play on-line games with their friends."

Coastal Wave will have over 50 harbors covered for the 2004 boating season from Cleveland, Ohio, to Charlevoix. New Coastal Wave harbors this season in the Detroit-Lake St. Clair area include the DYC, Keans, Harbor Hill, GPYC, Emerald City and Belle Maer, providing coverage to over 3,000 yachts. Service at the GPYC also extends into the Grosse Pointe Shores municipal marina. In Northern Michigan, the four marinas in Harbor Springs and the Irish and northwest marinas in Charlevoix will be operational by the Fourth of July.

Coastal Wave rates are similar to DSL or cable Internet, except there is no set-up fee and no contract. Each of the transmission cells, or antennae, placed in the marinas have a reach of about 100 yards.



Photo by Bonnie Caprara

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Dennis Andrus was the first member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club to subscribe to WiFi service provided by the Grosse Pointe-based Gateway Group and the Port Clinton, Ohio-based Coastal Wave. "Most of my work as a residential real estate broker is done on line, on the phone and by fax, so the Coastal Wave service means I can work from my boat most of the summer," Andrus said.

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Dennis Andrus was the first to sign-up at the GPYC. Andrus and his wife Nikki keep a 1979 Hatteras 43-foot motor yacht at the club, which he calls his "east side office."

"Talk about location!" Andrus said. "As an early riser, I watch the sun come up over Lake St. Clair; there are cool breezes in the afternoon; the club has every amenity that I could ask for; and many of my friends, clients and business associates spend time here. Most of my work as a residential real estate broker is done on line, on the phone and by fax, so the Coastal Wave service means I can work from my boat most of the summer."

Tom Trainor, DYC's general manager, likes the WiFi

because it helps attract members and business to the club.

"People are so busy today that it's hard for them to spend much time at a private club or on their boats," Trainor said. "The WiFi helps us attract new members and transient boaters, and they spend more time at the club which helps support the many functions and facilities that we offer. Business clients are asking our catering staff for Internet broadband for meetings too. During the Gold Cup hydroplane races, our members and guests can follow the action live while getting an audio feed and stats over the Internet, which make that popular event even more interesting."

Business People

Three of the five attorneys from Dykema Gossett PLLC recognized by Chambers USA, America's Leading Business Attorneys 2004-05, as leading business attorneys in the state of Michigan hail from the Grosse-Pointes.

Lloyd A. Semple of Grosse Pointe Farms ranked No. 1 in the corporate/M&A area. Semple has practiced general corporate law, including acquisitions, divestitures, mergers and financings for more than 39 years. He served chairman and CEO of Dykema Gossett from September 1995 through April 2002.

Paul R. Rentenbach of Grosse Pointe Park ranked No. 3 in the corporate/M&A area. He has more than 25 years of experience in corporate and municipal finance, mergers and acquisitions and capital raising for clients in a wide variety of industries, including automotive suppliers, retailers, technology providers and business services providers. From 1994 to 2002, he served as practice group leader or co-leader of the firm's corporate finance practice group. From 1980 to 1986, he was head of the firm's municipal finance group, serving as bond counsel for a variety of state and local governmental issuers of municipal debt. He currently heads the firm's investment management team, which counsels numerous registered investment advisers and serves as fund counsel and counsel to independent fund directors for several mutual fund groups. He is also listed in "The Best Lawyers in America."

Joseph A. Ritok of the Park, who is currently the Detroit Office Managing Member, ranked No. 2 in the Employment: Mainly Defendant category. He specializes in the defense of employment matters before federal and state agencies and courts. Annually since 1997, Mr. Ritok has been selected for "The Best Lawyers in America."



Chylinski

The Advocates Rights Council awarded Grosse Pointe Woods resident **Patricia Chylinski** the First Friend Award at its 53rd annual Legacy Awards program on Friday, May 21.

Chylinski was recognized for her outstanding accessibility and support to people with developmental disabilities. She was the former interim director of the Detroit-Wayne County Mental Health Agency.

Michael Karwowski of Grosse Pointe Woods was named corporate vice president and corporate treasurer of ThyssenKrupp Budd Co. He most recently served as director of operational controlling. He joined the company as an accountant in 1976 and has held numerous positions, including controller of the Detroit plant and vice president and controller of ThyssenKrupp Budd Systems.

John Boladian of the City of Grosse Pointe, **Matthew Lemerond** of Grosse Pointe Farms and **Michael Arioli** of Grosse Pointe Woods all received DTE Energy Alex

Dow Awards, which recognize and encourage outstanding employee achievement related to company operations and humanitarian activities in the community.

Boladian was honored for his personal leadership as manager of major accounts-billing, which involved guiding the residential and commercial billing group through a culture change that transformed the performance of the group and improved overall employee commitment and satisfaction.

Lemerond, an engineering technician at Detroit Edison's St. Clair power plant, developed a unique metal polishing method that is used to identify microscopic metallurgical voids.

Arioli was on a team that devised a new method to make natural gas line repairs. The new method involves creating a pavement opening of only 12 to 18 inches in diameter, which has saved \$240,000 with more savings to be realized.

Kenneth A. Flaska, formerly of Kasiborski, Royayne & Flaska, has joined the Bloomfield Hills law firm Dawdt, Mann, Mulcahy & Sadler PLC as a member.

Flaska concentrates his practice in the areas of complex commercial litigation, business law with a focus on financial institutions, and bankruptcy law. He also serves as a mediator in Wayne County Circuit Court and is a resident of Grosse Pointe Park.



Flaska

Kathleen Hatke Aro of Grosse Pointe Park has been appointed president for the Volunteer Accounting Service Team of Michigan (VAST of Michigan), a nonprofit agency which provides management and financial expertise to low-income families and nonprofit organizations in Michigan, by its Board of Directors.

Roland L. Olzark and **Malcolm J. Sutherland** of the City of Grosse Pointe, **Robert R. Helfenstein** and **Dean E. Richardson** of Grosse Pointe Farms, **Michael Kranson** and **Philip J. Mabarak** of Grosse Pointe Park, **Clifford L. Sadler** of Grosse Pointe Shores, and **James L. Conley** of Grosse Pointe Woods were recognized by the State Bar of Michigan as 50-year honorees at a reception at the Dearborn Inn on Friday, May 21.

Debra Frantz returns to Bank One to manage the Metro East district, which includes 11 branches in Macomb County, Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe Farms. Most recently, she was executive officer in charge of retail and business development at a local credit union. She worked for Bank One and its predecessor, NBD Bank, for 16 years in mortgage, commercial and small business banking.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident **John P. Jacobs** of John P. Jacobs PC in Detroit has been selected to receive the 12th annual Excellence in Defense Award by the Michigan Defense Trial Counsel's annual summer conference Friday, June 18, and Saturday, June 19, in Mount Pleasant.

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Nathalie Richter of the City of Grosse Pointe was one of 800 muggles who attended a special screening of the Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban on Saturday, June 5, at the Uptown Palladium 12 in Birmingham hosted by The Private Bank.

The guests adorned character attire and were entertained by "wizards."

The Private Bank, whose bank divisions and subsidiaries include The Bank of Bloomfield Hills, The Bank of Grosse Pointe, The Bank of Rochester and The Private Bank Mortgage Company, hosted the screening for employees and clients.



Photo by Bonnie Caprara

To the Summit of Diamond Head

The staff of Summit Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery in Grosse Pointe Woods held a luau for referring dentists and their staff during lunch on Tuesday, June 15. In addition to the island music and food, guests toured the facility, which opened in the 20800 block of Mack just over a year ago.

Letter gets Ficano's attention for crosswalk



Photo by Bonnie Caprara

Grosse Pointe Park resident Kenneth Van Dellen was one of several residents who complained of the inadequate number of crosswalks in the business and civic district of Jefferson in the Park. "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 on that stretch," wrote Kenneth Van Dellen in a letter to the Editor in the Grosse Pointe News that got the attention of Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

When Grosse Pointe Park set up a boulevard to divide and beautify Jefferson between Somerset and Maryland, it created a handicap: pedestrian accessibility.

"I've been fretting about this for a couple of years," said Kenneth Van Dellen, a Park resident who lives one block south of Jefferson on Nottingham. "I used to be able to cross the street to go to the pharmacy or the dry cleaner. Now it's been one barrier after another."

Van Dellen gets around his neighborhood by foot or on his bike. At 66, his arthritic knees flare up in cold weather. Mounds of plowed snow are another obstacle to crossing Jefferson at Nottingham.

Van Dellen had some concerns from comments made by Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, Wayne County Roads Director Pat Hogan, and Wayne County corporate counsel and Park Councilman Samuel Nouhan at a town meeting held for area residents at Trombly Elementary School on April 8. Van Dellen, who was not at the meeting, was surprised to see the three

men quoted in the Grosse Pointe News saying it was the county's policy not to put handicap ramps and crosswalks at all corners on main streets but only at the corners with traffic signals. They cited concerns about safety for all pedestrians.

"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 on that stretch," Van Dellen wrote in a letter to the editor published in the Grosse Pointe News on April 21.

Van Dellen sent a copy of the letter to Ficano and

received a response a month later.

In a letter dated May 20, Ficano told Van Dellen that he asked the Roads Division to investigate the request for a crosswalk and said, "In this instance, the Roads Division investigation concluded that a crosswalk could be reestablished at Nottingham and E. Jefferson Avenue without adversely affecting the safety of pedestrians."

Pat Hogan, Wayne County director of roads, said the county had received a number of complaints about inadequate crossings in the business and civic area of Jefferson in the Park. He

said consideration was given for a crosswalk because people were crossing at a number of unsafe locations and that there had previously been a light and a crosswalk at that intersection.

The Park will cut out curb cuts, and the county will put up crosswalk signs and markings on the road when road painting commences.

Van Dellen is certain that he will not be the only resident to benefit from a curb cut and marked crosswalk.

"With the new library opening, there will be other people who might want to walk across the street at Jefferson," Van Dellen said.

County blocks grant for City's 'smart crosswalks'

Plans have been canceled to install a crosswalk system near a City of Grosse Pointe elementary school that featured lights that automatically warn motorists when pedestrians step into the roadway.

The "smart crosswalks" were intended for intersections near Maire School on Cadieux, just off the heavily trafficked Village commercial district.

As proposed in January, City officials planned to make the nearly \$58,400 expenditure from federal Community Development Block Grants, which are allocated through Wayne County.

"Since that time, Wayne County has determined that

this project is not eligible for CDBG funding," said Brian Vick, assistant city administrator.

To be eligible, the project must target lower income groups.

Cynthia Cooper Vails, the county's deputy director of community development, made the ruling.

"Your application states that the activity benefits the elderly and disabled who are presumed low- to moderate-income groups," Vails wrote. "Nevertheless, because the benefits of the visual pedestrian crossing signage and signals extend beyond those groups and benefits all pedestrians, the project becomes an area-wide bene-

fit. Because the proposed locations are not income-eligible areas, the project is not eligible."

As a result, the grant money has been reallocated toward installation of an audible pedestrian system.

City administrators will seek authorization from the county to place the signals at the intersections of Neff and Charlevoix, and St. Clair and Waterloo.

Blocks grants were used in 2000 to install similar equipment in the Village. Audible signals also have been placed at Mack and Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods, the location of Parcels Middle School.

— Brad Lindberg

Farms fireworks Saturday

Fireworks mark the finale of the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club 2004 Regatta on Saturday, July 3.

Pyrotechnics will be launched from the foot of Harbor Hill. The show can be viewed from Pier Park and all along Lakeshore from Warner to Moross.

This year's regatta features the following activities at the specified times and locations at Pier Park:

• 11 a.m.: Opening Ceremonies, the Stage near the Boat House.

• 11 a.m. to noon: Judging decorated bikes, the inner lot west end, near the concession stand.

• Noon to 2 p.m.: Children's games, with prizes, the open area north of the big Harbor.

• 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.: The Amazing Clark, Puppeteer and More!, the Stage at the Boat House.

• 4 p.m.: A mass kite

launch on the open area north of the Big Harbor

• 4 to 6 p.m.: Judging the "Most Patriotic Table" Decorating (please register near the stage).

• 4 to 6 p.m.: Judging the Boat Decorations, both harbors.

• 4 to 6 p.m.: Michele's Crafts, in the south room of the Boat House; there will be a small fee for materials.

• 5 p.m.: Judging the Best Pie. Jack Boland, chief judge, near the stage.

• 5 to 7 p.m.: "In The Neighborhood," a barber-shop quartet, will stroll and serenade around the picnic area.

• 7 p.m.: Prizes for the Best Decorated Boat, the "Most Patriotic Table," and the Most Delicious Pie will be awarded.

• 8 to 10 p.m.: Concert by Soul Provider, the stage area.

• 10 p.m.: Fireworks.

Funding for the regatta comes from two sources. The city contributes a fixed amount each year. Club members contribute a slightly larger share.

The city pays for the band in the evening and fireworks show. All entertainment, games, contests, and prizes other than that are organized and funded by the Boat Club.

The Club is always ready to welcome new members.

"It's a social group rather than a boat group," said Dale Johnston, Boat Club vice commodore. "You don't need a boat to join."

New members pay a one-time \$25 initiation fee. Annual dues are \$20 for a single membership and \$35 for families.

For information about joining the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club, call Vice Commodore Dale Johnston at (313) 882-989.



Photo by Bonnie Caprara

Lightning falls tree in the Woods

Lightning took another toll on a local tree, this time on an American ash in the backyard of a house in the 500 block of South Brys in Grosse Pointe Woods at about 2 a.m. on Thursday, June 10. Homeowner Patricia Cosgrove, who was up at the time of the lightning strike, said, "I thought an earthquake had struck." The Cosgrove's back fence and another tree were damaged by the fallen tree.

Woods library construction begins

After months of anticipation, the construction of the new Grosse Pointe Woods library began on Monday, June 14. The initial project is the new Mack parking lot which they hope to complete before school reopens.

The official ground breaking ceremony will be held on Monday, June 28, at 5:30 p.m. The public is invited to

attend.

The library board of trustees made the decision to keep the Woods branch open during construction for the convenience of patrons. Parking will be in the back Parcels lot with entry through the receiving room. Because of the schedule of the school personnel, library hours will be 9 a.m. to 2:30

p.m. Monday through Friday.

There will not be a drop box available during this time; so patrons are being asked to return items to the Central or Park branches. Also, anyone needing handicapped access should use the Central library during the summer.

City records enter space age

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

NASA's early manned space exploration yielded freeze-dried breakfast drinks and ink pens that wrote while upside down.

Now, satellite photographs of the planet's surface are among space-age spinoffs to reach practical purpose back on Earth.

Black and white images taken from orbit will help City of Grosse Pointe officials map and catalog municipal infrastructure.

By using overhead images to create a geographic information system, city records can be consolidated, coordinated and updated with a few strikes of a computer keyboard.

"Prior to high speed, affordable computers, map and data information was segregated by departments, and updating was laborious," said Brian Vick, assistant city manager. There isn't a department in the city that can't benefit from this, especially public works."

Underground assets such as sewer lines will be incorporated into computer software and overlaid onto bird's-eye images having a six-inch resolution.

"It's pretty detailed," said Larry Frank, of Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, low-bidder to install the system. "You can get down into someone's back yard."

The system will cost \$18,000. Grosse Pointe Woods has a similar system provided by its engineering consultants.

An annual maintenance fee is expected to cost between \$400 and \$500. The fee includes software upgrades, issued currently every nine months.

Vick said the public will be allowed access to most of the information, but not all. For security reasons, the locations of crucial infrastructure, such as key valves regulating the flow of drinking water, will be kept under wraps.

Using Westland's mapping system as an example,

Frank revealed a color-coded rendering of underground water mains, sanitary pipes and sewer lines.

A corresponding database indicated pipe diameters, length and installation dates. Pipe breaks can be registered, including man-power needed for repairs

and materials used. Such records will indicate trouble spots and equipment that might need replacing.

"I want to track all breaks and sewer cleanings," said Mike Overton, city manager.

The system should be installed within eight weeks, Frank said.

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Grosse Pointe women will sail in Athens

By Chris Waldmeir
Special Writer

In the eyes of some she has failed in her campaign to reach the Olympics. For many others she has succeeded. For her, the journey has just begun.

Carrie Howe, 22, has been a part of the Grosse Pointe sailing community for nearly 14 years and has shared the dream of many others in this nautical arena — sailing in the Olympics.

In November 2002 that goal was set, and her campaign to compete for the gold medal in Athens had begun. She and her team of Sally Barkow and Debbie Capozzi had a long road ahead of them.

Howe competed at the national level in college. She sailed for Boston College, which is also where she met Barkow and Capozzi, who sailed for Old Dominican University, and both were competitors of Howe's.

"One day they just e-

mailed me asking me to join them in their Olympic campaign, and the journey had begun," Howe said.

Since the girls were not sponsored, they had to raise funds to support their challenge. So they held fund raisers in their home towns and had managed to raise \$150,000. That was enough to send them to Europe to compete for the chance to sail in the Olympics.

The team lost the qualifying race, shattering their dreams to go to Athens. But things began to look up again when the Denmark Olympic team asked the girls to join them.

"We were asked by the Danish Federation to sail with their boat that is going to the Olympics; we are going to help them do the best that they can. In return, we are going to become better sailors because of them, and we will learn a lot from them," Howe said.

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She added, "They are one of the teams with the most sponsorship; so they are able to sail with the most hi-tech equipment and the best of everything on their boat. We will learn a lot from them. Not only that, but also they will be paying for everything while we are in Athens."

Because of sailing competitively, Howe has become a world traveler.

"The traveling and the life lessons have been incredible," she said. "We have to make so much happen. It's really difficult, traveling around the world: The planning and the organizing, worrying about transportation and boat shipping. Most people wouldn't have a clue as to whom to call to get a boat to Europe. The business side of it, that's more me."

Howe graduated from the Wallace E. Carroll School of

Management at Boston College in May of 2003.

While at BC, Howe was a member of the varsity sailing team and was named team captain in her fourth year.

While on the team at BC Howe achieved the honors of all-American in 2001-2002, most valuable woman sailor in 2002, and the leadership award in 2001 and 2002.

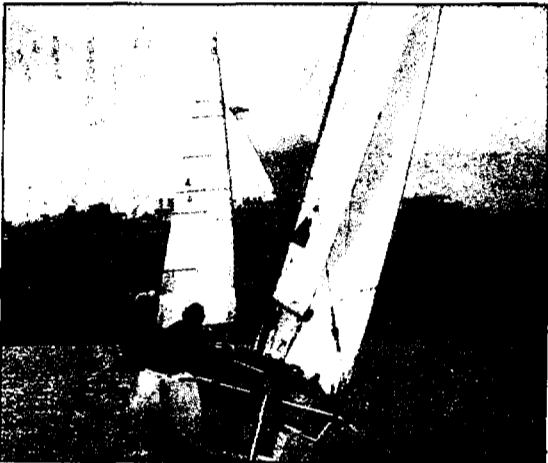
Howe has had a lot of experience teaching sailing. She was head sailing instructor at Crescent Sail Yacht Club and also the head coach of the 420 race team in the summers of 2000 and 2002.

In the summer of 2001, Howe was the head coach of the Bermudan National Optimist Team in Hamilton, Bermuda.

While coaching in Bermuda she was chosen to



Carrie Howe, seated at the left, has been sailing for 14 years. Howe, Deborah Capozzi and Sally Barkow take time to pose for a picture while practicing.



The women are shown testing the sails before a big race.

travel with six students for 18 days to represent Bermuda at the Optimist Worlds in Mexico.

The ladies recently won the ISAF Women's Match Race Worlds in Annapolis, Maryland, and are on their way to the top.

"Winning the match race would mean a lot to me."

Everything she has done because it has made us much better sailors. Every event that we go to now, we're that much better because we spent so much time, effort, and money, and we really did everything right," Howe said.

At this point the future of the young team is undetermined. With many doors opening at one time and many to open in the future, it is too early to tell if they will make a run at the 2008 Olympics in China.

"I really look forward to the rewards that come from being so dedicated to something. I'm excited for what's next. The opportunities after this are crazy," said Howe. "We were so close; we are confident that we are really good; we work really well together, and we have fun."

"When you put a goal in front of us and we don't reach it, that just makes us want to win the next event that much more."

Growing up as a sailor and belonging to the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club sailing

program has really meant a lot to Howe.

"The GPYC sailing program shaped our summers when I was a kid," she said.

"It was my life in the summer — having a group of people everyday, all day and making the summer so much fun with sailing as the driver for all of our fun."

"She continues to do it because she continues to do well," said Carrie's dad, Mike Howe. "I think if she weren't winning so much she would be doing something else and winning at that."

"She's the kind of person who always does very well. She's got that kind of attitude that she is always interested in doing well."

One of the only kinks left for the team to work out is sponsorship. With money, Howe feels that there is nothing that can hold her team back.

"We beat all the teams that are fully sponsored and we do it without any money. They have five star accommodations, cooks, and masseuses and doctors and all we have is 1,000 granola bars, and that's how we get by. We beat those people and that is the most fulfilling thing," Howe said. "The United States doesn't do a very good job with funding and sponsorship and everything, and that's a really big problem. It's really frustrating."

"I attribute most of our team's success to the determination of our coaches, families and us as individuals," she said. "All of our families had the goal that we did, and our coaches had more of a vision for us than we could ever have imagined."

"They certainly are putting themselves in great position to be the front runners going into the 2008 Olympic trials," Mike Howe said.

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Stocks range bound awaiting Fed action next week

Last week, the Dow meandered down, then up, within a 75-point range, closing up only 6 points from its starting gate. The Nasdaq also did nothing, losing 13 points, or 6/10 of 1 percent.

Volume was also disappointing, averaging 1.3 billion shares per day. In the early 1950s, when LTS started working at NBD, midweek summer days often failed to ring the closing bell at 1 million shares per day.

Last week's NYSE volume was so slow that Barron's (June 18) commented, "There was a heck of a lot more action out at Shinnecock (U.S. Open golf tournament) than on Wall Street late last week!"

Barron's mid-year Roundtable

These legendary Roundtable investors expect the market to rally as summer unfolds. As for the election, neither party plans to

Let's talk... STOCKS

By Joseph Mengden



offend investors. Is there enough worry to go around? Start with:
1) oil prices will rise;
2) China can't cool its overheated economy;
3) terrorists will spread terror; and U.S. deficits —

both trade and domestic budget — will continue to increase! So what do these investment managers like for the next six months? You can't condense eight pages of fine print into one paragraph,

but here are a handful of knights of the Roundtable and their picks:

- 1) Abby Joseph Cohen: American International Group (AIG, about 72.17 last Friday);
- 2) Mario Gabelli: Deere & Co. (DE, about 69.17);
- 3) Bill Gross: iShares Lehman TIPS Bond Fund (TIP, about 101.30, yield 1.9 percent plus CPI) listed on NYSE;
- 4) Archie MacAllister: Frontier Oil (FTO, about 19.80); and
- 5) Felix Zulauf, the bear: Phelps Dodge (PD, about 71.68).

For more information about these stocks, rush over to your news vendor to pick up the latest copy of Barron's, June 21.

Can you see me now?

In Los Angeles, they call it, "smog." Behind a Detroit city bus, we call it, "soot" — that black plume belching from the exhaust tail pipe now located on the roof of the bus.

On June 11, ArvinMeritor (ARM, about 20.16) held a two-day Clean Air Solutions Conference at its Troy headquarters at which it announced new commercial vehicle technologies to meet or beat upcoming diesel emissions standards in 2005 and through the end of this decade.

These Buck Rogers-type technologies include a diesel oxidation catalyst, selective catalytic reduction, thermal regeneration and a plasma fuel reformer. ARM has exclusive rights to an innovation pioneered by the Plasma Science and Fusion Center at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and currently holds 15 patents for the Plasma Fuel Reformer, either patented by ARM or licensed from MIT.

Can you see me now? Not now, but maybe by 2005 or 2007; hopefully by 2010. Never heard of ArvinMeritor? Look underneath your car. Maybe some of those parts under there were made by ARM in one of their 150+ plants in 27 worldwide countries.

Thanks to Vince Kruse, vice president of Oppenheimer on the Hill, for passing along to LTS Richard Hilgert's "Company Update" report on ARM. Hilgert is OP's auto analyst who covers this stock.

More best buys

This week's Best Buys

Stock Market at a Glance	
Friday Close, 6/18/04	
Dow Jones Ind.	10,416
Nasdaq Comp.	1,987
S&P 500 Index	1,135
\$ in euros	1,2140
Crude Oil (Bbl.)	38.75
Gold (Oz.)	395.10
3-Mo. T-Bills	1.26%
30-Yr. T-Bonds	5.38%

column writer Michael Sivy, feature writer for Money magazine (July 2004). Subscribers to Money also have Internet access to additional Sivy information at money.com/sivy.

Every Monday and Thursday, the "Sivy on Stocks," an e-mail newsletter, is available, as is the "Sivy 70," his list of America's best stocks, plus Sivy's "Guide to Growth," with tips on stock picking and portfolio building. Sivy's three stocks this month are:

- 1) Anadarko Pete (APC, about 58.06, up 0.58 last week, P/E 12x, and yields 1 percent);
- 2) J.P. Morgan Chase (JPM, about 37.23, off 0.57, P/E 11x, and yields 3.7 percent). Watch Bank One change its signs to Chase this summer; and
- 3) Union Pacific, the largest U.S. railroad (UNP, about 57.61, off 0.59, P/E 11, and yields 2.1 percent).

Another Money magazine feature is "Stockwatch" by Stephen Gandel. Have you ever heard of EOG Resources?

(EOG, about 58.16, +3.49, P/E 17x, and yields 0.7 percent). The price up tick was probably thanks to this article.

EOG was once a subsidiary of bad boy Enron, still in bankruptcy, but now it's an independent Big Board company, sporting a country club price!

As an oil and gas driller in the southwest, EOG doesn't have an energy options desk, but analyst, Jeff Mobley of Raymond James, said it trades at a discount from its rivals, based on its natural gas reserves.

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Compounding interest in the Web

Sometimes the easiest questions I get are the hardest to answer — at least in common, everyday English. Try these.

What is the Internet? How does it work? Who owns it?

The Internet is a global network of computer networks enabling computers of all kinds to directly and transparently communicate and share services throughout much of the world. (Yes, I did say a network of networks.)

Directly and transparently means information goes directly to its target computer in either direction without stopping. If it stopped anywhere, it could be read by anyone with computer smarts. Messages are also broken up into packets, not sent in one stream, another privacy safeguard.

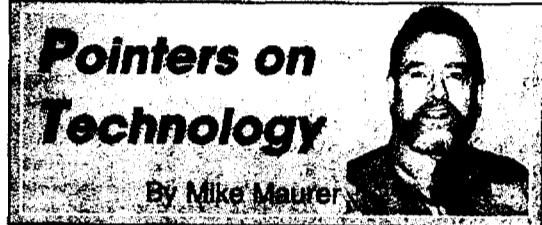
That is the short version. The long version requires a lunch on your dime.

How does the Internet work?

Starting at the top, each country typically has one or more backbone public Internets that are connected to each other through a variety of global arrangements. At the regional and local levels, there are tens of thousands of organizations of every conceivable kind that have built their own enterprise Internets and connected them to national backbones. Think of the whole thing as millions of giant, billion-strand spider webs. Now you also know why it's called the World Wide Web!

How big is the Internet?

As of Feb. 1, 1995, the Internet consisted of more than 50,000 networks in 90 countries. Gateways that allow at least e-mail connectivity extend this reach to 160 countries. Five million computers were indicated as actually reachable,



with an estimated total of 20 million to 40 million users.

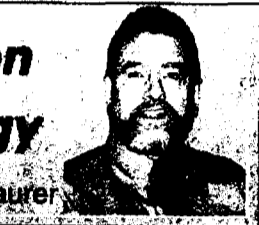
Network growth has been around 10 percent per month. That's per month, not per year.

Now predictions assert that Internet traffic will increase 93-folds between 2000 and 2005, and that Internet growth will surpass voice traffic in 2002, increasing to more than eight times that of voice-traffic levels by 2005. Voice traffic refers to "talking on the phone." By the way, that "93 folds" with an "s" is not a typo. Each one is a doubling of previous doubling. The result is...umm...a big number.

How many times have I been asked about legitimate health and medical information? Never! But that hasn't stopped me before, or now.

The head librarian at the University of Michigan's Dentistry Library has co-written a three-volume book called "The Medical Library Association Encyclopedic Guide to Searching and Finding Health Information on the Web" (And you thought I was verbose!)

Patricia Anderson teaches courses on using the Internet to find health-related information, and collaborated on the book with Nancy Allee, director of the university's Public Health Library and Informatics. The two met as part of their work on "HealthWeb, a project of the health sciences libraries of



the Greater Midwest Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine." (Is there an editor in the house?)

Anderson said doctors and patients approach health topics differently. While the doctor might be concerned about symptoms, diagnosis and treatment, patients often want to know if they have the best doctor for their ailment and why they got sick.

The pair studied how consumers look for information, as well as best strategies to get what they wanted. They examined questions posed on the Google Answers Web site, talked to individuals and drew on their extensive information-search-and-retrieval experience.

Here are some of their tips.

Use quotation marks to group words as phrases in a search, try different words to describe the same idea and use an advanced search option like the one on Google, to more carefully define what you want.

They say try different strategies.

A patient who wants information about cancer could be overwhelmed with millions of results. Instead, they say, search for "breast cancer treatment" or any other specific type. A patient with a rare condition might need to search

on a broader term for the group of ailments most like their own. Add and subtract words from the search box. More words typically yield fewer results. Read that sentence again! More words typically yield fewer results. That's a good thing. It saves you the time and trouble of going through a zillion Web sites.

Search different sources. For example, try finding information about a common concern like influenza on a trusted health-focused Web site or search engine. Rare or technical issues might get more results from a general search engine, which might either turn up the information you're after or locate a specialized source.

Patient-driven sites, where individuals post messages about their experiences with a health issue, can offer suggestions and moral support, as well.

As usual, at this point, I say there's more information on the topic at www.umich.edu, but it takes a little searching. The whole Web site address is too long and complex to insert here.

Now here is a medical joke from a third-grader. She told me about the man who went to the doctor with a banana stuck up his nose. (The patient, not the doctor.) When he asked the doctor what the problem was, the doctor said, "It's simple. You're not eating properly." Rim shot, please!

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



Photo by Bonnie Caprara

Somewhere on Mack

Somewhere in Time is one of Grosse Pointe Woods' newest retailers. Gallery owner, John Vovak, who opened the gallery in May, specializes in popular American artists and custom framing. The gallery is located at 21211 Mack.

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Cafe DaEdoardo to open on the Hill

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A coffee shop and then some is being planned to open toward late summer on the Hill.

Cafe DaEdoardo, the latest venture by restaurateur Edward Barbieri Jr., will have an expanded menu offering sandwiches, soups and salads.

"It's going to be beautiful," Barbieri said.

The cafe will replace a former coffee shop and hair salon in a two-story building being renovated next to the Grosse Pointe News on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"It's going to be a cool building," said Chris Blake, of Blake Company builders.

"They're doing a fine job of renovating, with French windows in front, sconces and coach lamps," Barbieri said.

Barbieri owns DaEdoardo restaurant on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods, the Foxtown Grill downtown near the Fox Theatre and a restaurant in Grand Blanc.

Blake said the facade has been designed in a traditional Georgian style with a lot of glass.

"The facade is glass with



Photo by Brad Lindberg

Cafe DaEdoardo, a coffee shop offering sandwiches and similar food, will occupy the first floor of a building being renovated on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms.

traditional panes and doors," he said.

On the second story, French doors will open to a traditional balcony with railing.

Blake said the facade will resemble an "English conservatory."

A private investor owns the building and will have offices on the second floor.

Farms cedes to South boosters

Giving in to sports boosters' pressure, the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council granted Grosse Pointe South High School the privilege of having seven times as many nighttime sporting events "under the lights."

Ten years ago, South sports boosters approached the Farms for permission to have a few trial games under temporary lights. Later, the school was granted permission to have six night games with lights.

At the time, there was strong opposition by neighbors of South, who objected to the light and noise pollution.

A decade later, South athletic boosters now want carte blanche to use their lights. The Farms City Council, however, wisely held reservations about unlimited use of the lights at

Opinion

South. The council requested that South come up with specific dates and times of proposed lights usage.

At Monday night's standing-room-only city council meeting, impassioned pleas were presented from residents on both sides of the issue. Parents argued that if the council did not approve more night games, their son or daughter would never get a chance to play under the lights.

We fail to see why it is a good thing to play under lights, but the parents apparently think it is important. We were also shocked to hear one booster calling the city council's deliberation of the lights issue "an outrage." We think anything that affects other people and their property values is a legitimate public concern.

City of Grosse Pointe residents, of

whom too few were properly informed of the proposed increase in night games, were most concerned about traffic. Farms residents who spoke in opposition were largely critical of the noise pollution presented by the PA system at games.

In approving a motion to allow South to have 45 events during the school year under the lights, the Farms council also added provisions where the city could shut down noise if it is found to be a nuisance.

That is a plus. The school district has promised to work with the neighbors on the noise problem. In attendance at the meeting were new school board members Ahmed Ismail and Angela Kennedy, along with current board member Lisa Vreede. We hope they will see that South keeps its

promises. We have and still do oppose any night events at South. We maintain that given proper scheduling, sporting events could be held during the day. But if not, then we think some sports need to be eliminated. Education remains the No. 1 role of the schools, not sports.

We commend Mayor James Farquhar and Councilman Doug Roby for voting against the nearly eight-fold increase in night games. Too bad the other council members did not share their courage.

Mayor Farquhar told the Grosse Pointe News that he did agree that more night games should be allowed so more parents could attend games after work, but he thought 45 was excessive. He also wanted the new agreement to be for two years instead of three.

He said one positive thing to come out of the lights debate is the fact that the city has more control over the noise issue.

Let's hope South boosters heard the city council's warnings over the din.

The school board has yet to agree to the council's provisions.

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Reunions, remembrances, renewal — and eating crow

To tell the truth, I wasn't looking forward to the trip. The occasion was my husband's 50th college reunion, and we had attended the 35th. At that time, the weather had not cooperated, and we sweltered in the heat. I knew very few people and had taken all the wrong clothes for the occasion. There were good moments, but for the most part, I felt very much an outsider, observing the classic frivolity of such gatherings from the fringe.

As is so often the case before reunions, we tend to concern ourselves with all the surface nonsense of appearances. How many more wrinkles am I showing since last time? Have I lost enough weight? Are my clothes appropriate, hair attractive, etc.? What a colossal waste of time! Our trip was smooth sailing from beginning to end.

We flew to White Plains, N.Y., where the airport is small and easy with no long lines for luggage or car rentals. Within an hour, we were on campus and settling into our hotel rooms, where we were greeted with a tote bag of gifts filled with hats, T-shirts, silk scarves and many fun items all imprinted with the weekend logo.

The men donned their ties and name tags and cruised the hotel lobby in search of familiar faces. There were shouts of joy when recognition dawned. Old nicknames surfaced; tales were told, and there were friendly exchanges about receding hairlines, hearing aides and expanded waistlines. Men became boys in an instant, and the years slipped away in seconds. It was wonderful to witness, and a relaxed wife was immediately caught up in the spirit of the reunion.

The first night, we renewed old friendships and expanded relationships with acquaintances. The second night, we were assigned tables, where we met several fascinating people leading interesting lives.

On the third and last night, four former roommates gathered with their wives to share a delightful and memorable evening. The wives had met many times at previous functions, and the conversation was as easy as well as stimulating. It was a joyous time with promises made to travel to see each other in more intimate settings and hold tight to these precious friendships.

During the course of the weekend, I was aware of the vitality and energy of these men, now in their 70s. Most had yet to retire, and those who had remained active in all aspects of their lives. Many were consultants; some teachers; several held board positions on Fortune 500 companies, and all excelled in communication skills.

The wives were equally interesting. One woman told me about her five biological children and seven foster children and her full-time job as a secretary to a high-ranking government official in her native state. When she asked me what I did, I was rendered speechless.

Our choices of activities were varied, and an ongoing hunger for knowledge was evident by the standing-room-only attendance. Among those with whom I spent a considerable amount of time were a renowned surgeon, a long-time employee of a national magazine who had the cover story this spring, an architect whose edifices are recognized around the world and a former cabinet member of the Reagan and Bush administrations.

Countless topics were addressed as well as conversations concerning the various classes and lectures we had attended. Our personal choices ran the gamut from a talk on Jihadism to the history of swing, both fascinating. We were treated to concerts scanning the spectrum from Mozart to Glee Club offerings. The sounds of men's voices always touch a deep chord within me, and I noticed goose bumps surfacing on many of us.

One of the most poignant moments of the weekend was a memorial service in a beautiful church on campus. A Grosse Pointe native, Sandy Muir, delivered a magnificent eulogy honoring his fellow classmates and laced with inspirational messages for us all. We were truly a bonded family unit for that hour in that sacred venue, each one of us deeply affected.

So this reluctant participant has devoured her dinner of crow and lived to urge anyone with the opportunity to GO to his or her reunion. Don't waste time thinking about the negatives. We are all just humans, with fascinating stories to share, ears to listen, eyes to observe and so very much to offer each other.

— Offering from the loft



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

Condos

To the Editor:

Condominiums are certainly needed in the Grosse Pointes with many "empty nesters" wishing to downsize.

This is a community planning issue. One would hope that good condominium locations would be determined by careful study resulting in a master plan, rather than as a response to developer opportunities.

The proposal for condominiums at 50 and 60 Lakeshore comes from a developer with Grosse Pointe War Memorial backing. As presented, the individual condominiums seem large for people who wish to downsize.

In addition, the three condominium buildings themselves seem large in proportion to the available space and of a higher density than is desirable for such a prime community location.

In our opinion, two or possibly three condominiums per building, and smaller ones than proposed, might be acceptable.

However, serious thought needs to be given to the planning issue as that area has always been a neighborhood of single family residences on both sides of Lakeshore. If an understanding cannot be reached with the neighbors, the project, even in a smaller, altered state, should not be forced on the neighborhood.

The premise on which the War Memorial bases the proposal seems flawed. They say that they have tried to sell the two homes for two years without success. The War Memorial, in paying roughly \$4 million each for

the two homes, may have paid too much.

The next step after breaking the deed restrictions was for the War Memorial to try to get its money back. However, instead of putting the homes on the market at the price paid, they apparently asked \$4.9 million and \$5.2 million for the homes. Of course the homes didn't sell. How could they sell at those prices?

Now the community is told that no buyers are interested in the two houses. We don't pretend to know what the appropriate asking price would be for the houses, but we are certain it's not \$4.9 million and \$5.2 million, and it's probably less than the roughly \$4 million each the War Memorial is reported to have paid.

The next step to get a return on the War Memorial's investment was to propose the three condominium buildings. The fact that the proposed developer sits on the War Memorial board would seem to represent a conflict of interest.

The War Memorial certainly had the right to enter the real estate market. However, this financial wheeling and dealing seems inappropriate for a nonprofit community organization.

We hope the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council will not feel it necessary to create a bailout for the War Memorial. They got themselves into this situation.

Perhaps it will eventually be necessary for them to sell the properties at a loss. That shouldn't be the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council's problem.

Anne and Gilbert Hudson
City of Grosse Pointe

Library contract

To the Editor:

I read with astonishment the comment made by the library board president John Bruce concerning the library union contract negotiations in the May 27 Grosse Pointe News article, "G.P. library unions accept fact-finder's conclusions." His remark, "we have been disappointed with the unwillingness of the union to sit down and bargain a contract" is incredibly misleading.

I am sure he is disappointed that the librarians and support staff refuse to accept the ridiculously meager wage/benefit package offered putting them at the bottom of the scale of salaries and benefits offered by comparable libraries in the metropolitan area.

In any service organization or business, the human resources are the most important assets. Without employees and their commitment to providing the best service possible in a positive environment, there would be no service, and consequently, no library.

The turnover in our system of professional librarians (who have master's degrees) has been 11 of 11.5 positions in the last nine years. How can we possibly attract highly qualified employees if our wage/benefit package is the lowest in the metropolitan area?

Since Mr. Bruce is so concerned about protecting what will best represent the interests of the Grosse Pointe taxpayers, it astounds me that the library

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Sporting events are too loud

To the Editor:

We are all for sports and kids but not loudspeakers. They are not necessary at high school games. We need an ordinance about noise and its invasion of our right to have peace and quiet in our home. We can hear who just ran three yards with our doors and windows shut. Sitting outdoors is not an option.

When we moved here, there were no lights and no hint that there would be. We would not have bought here had we known. It certainly

devalues our property.

We should at least stick to the original agreement, re: number of games.

We complained about the noise to the former athletic director. He said they could direct the noise better. (No improvement if done). Individually, we have traipsed over to the announcer and politely asked him if the volume he was using was really necessary.

In the latter case, he turned the volume up and in the prior case, he rudely told her "tough."

There is definitely a very bad attitude on the part of

those who desire to have the neighborhood deluged with all the minutia on a sporting event that the fans are sitting right there and watching. Can't the fans tell what is going on?

We have a friend who lives at the end of Hillcrest. She can hear the noise when the wind is blowing right. What about the folks in the City who live on Lincoln, Washington, etc.?

Outsiders should not be allowed to rent the field. Only Grosse Pointers should have access to it.

Connie and Bill Tily
Grosse Pointe Farms

Woods makes 0.4 mill school tax correction

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Taxpayers in Grosse Pointe Woods will be seeing something they're not accustomed to seeing on their summer tax bill: a school tax.

Comptroller, Treasurer and Acting City Administrator Clifford Maison told the city council at its Monday, June 7, meeting that the city would be billing its residents for a 0.4 mill oversight from this year's winter tax bill.

Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, said the school board had approved a tax rate of 1.74 mills to cover the district's capital improvement debt bond in June 2003. The district initially sent notices to its ser-

vice cities asking to levy 1.34 mills. The mistake was noted in late August and corrected shortly thereafter.

Maison, however, said the Woods had already printed its tax bills, which were sent out on December 1, 2003.

In correcting the oversight, Maison said, "We told the school district we'd get it to them this summer."

The 0.4 mill will be levied at the 2003-04 taxable value rate. The correction will amount to \$40 for a property with a taxable value of \$100,000.

Harper Woods failed to make the correction on the school tax levy on last winter's tax bills. It will bill the correction to its residents in January, when residents normally pay their school taxes.



Photo by Joan Bartlett

Art Festival

Buyers and sellers who attended The Grosse Pointe Artists Association's annual Festival of the Arts last weekend basked in warm sunshine and mild, breezy weather. The Hill Association's annual Sidewalk Sale and the art festival took place on the Hill, located on Kercheval between Fisher and Muir in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Park seeks to limit liquor licenses

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Park City Council wants to explore a possible opportunity to decrease the number of Class C liquor licenses in its city.

The council voted unanimously to table a request to transfer a Class C license from Nolan's Pub to Thomas VanLokeren of San Francisco at its Monday, June 14, meeting.

The license has been held in escrow since 2001 when Nolan's closed, and its owner declared bankruptcy.

VanLokeren owns the building and is renovating it in hopes of attracting another bar/restaurant owner. He purchased the rights to the license at a public auction for \$40,050 with the hopes of selling it to a new business owner. He does not plan to run or own such a business.

Leading opposition on the council was Councilman Daniel Clark, who said, "It seems we have a surplus of these facilities ... It isn't in our best interest."

Mayor Palmer Heenan

said the Park oversees 14 Class C licenses. He also said if licenses were to be issued by the state by current guidelines set by population, the Park would only be eligible for seven or eight licenses.

Members of the council and administration did not know how or when the state awarded the license to VanLokeren. Typically, those seeking an available Class C license will ask a city council or similar governing body "to be considered above all others" before the Michigan Liquor Commission ultimately grants such a license.

In addition to charging city attorney Harold Deason into finding out how VanLokeren obtained the license, the council asked him to check on the status of the license, whether or not the council can ultimately deny approval of the license, and if it denies approval, to find out what VanLokeren's opportunities are.

VanLokeren was not at the meeting and could not be reached for comment.

Revenues from the state down in the Park

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Cuts in state revenue sharing have hit yet another one of the Grosse Pointes' budgets for the 2004-05 fiscal year.

Expected revenues in Grosse Pointe Park's general fund budget is expected to be down from \$9,303,900 last year to \$9,175,787 for the fiscal year beginning July 1 much in part because of a \$91,361 cut in state aid.

"It does affect us," Treasurer and City Clerk Jane Blahut said. "We cut expenses everywhere."

Unfortunately, an 8 percent increase in taxable value on the Park's housing stock could not restore the next fiscal year's budget. The Park's tax rate was cut from 13.43 mills to 13.41 mills in accordance to the Headlee Amendment, which restricts the increase in property tax revenue to the adjustment in the cost of living or the rate of inflation, whichever is less.

The 2004-05 fiscal year budget and tax rate were approved by the city council at its Monday, June 14, meeting.

Block grants could help study Village

A \$58,400 federal block grant might be used to strengthen the Village shopping district.

City of Grosse Pointe officials want to use the funds to develop an economic development strategy, market study and strategy to attract investment in the vacant Jacobson's building.

The two-story, block-long building accounts for more

than one-third of commercial space in the City's central business district.

The plan is contingent upon approval by Wayne County administrators who allocate block grants.

City officials had planned last year to use the grant to help demolish the Jacobson's building, vacant since the department store closed two years ago due to

bankruptcy. Brian Vick, assistant city administrator, recommended the money be reprogrammed.

"The Village has suffered from the vacancy of over 120,000 square feet of retail space," Vick said.

To address the situation, promote investment and job creation within the Village, City officials recently

retained a national retail consultant to:

- Prepare and implement an economic development strategy,

- Conduct a market study and void analysis for the Village, and

- Develop a strategy to attract a viable use for the Jacobson's building.

Library construction forces precinct move

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods residents living in voting Precinct 3 may miss on the chance to vote in the upcoming primary election if they show up at Parcels Middle School on Aug. 3.

At its Monday, June 21, meeting, the city council approved the polling site for

Precinct 3 be moved from Parcels to First English Evangelical Lutheran Church for the primary, general and any possible special elections to be held in 2004.

The temporary move was approved to accommodate construction of the new Woods branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library on the Parcels property.

A contract with the church may be extended through 2005 after an evaluation of this year's elections.

Registered voters in Precinct 3 will be mailed new voter registration cards within 30 days of the primary election.

The borders of Precinct 3 run along parts of Ridgmont and Anita to the

north, along parts of Wedgewood and Fairway Lane to the east, along parts of South Oxford and Country Club to the South, and along parts of Mack and the west city limits to the west.

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Neff has more than a marina

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Visitors entering Neff Park walk between twin 5 1/2-foot cement eagles, pass through a guard stand and proceed onto a forked concrete path lined by scores of bricks engraved with names of donors to the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation.

The eagles are a vestige from the type of stately mansions for which the Pointes are known nationally.

The guard stand was built with Foundation donations.

The engraved bricks represent park improvements to come that wouldn't be possible without support from a cooperative community.

"The whole park is a close-knit group," said Chris Hardenbrook, City recreation director. "Everybody knows everybody and enjoys everyone."

There's been a lot of news coming out of Neff Park lately.

But the loudest buzz isn't from bees in the ornamental flower beds.

"We have the brand new marina, the nicest marina in the Grosse Pointes, but I'm biased," said Hardenbrook.

Construction took place during the winter. Despite extra-cold weather and thick ice in the harbor, crews finished in time to open May 1.

Neff Park is homebase to the Pointes' most curiously-named swim team, the Norbs.

Contrary to common sense, the Norbs weren't named after Norbert Neff, a city manager from 50 years ago.

Legend has it the Norbs honor a type of penguin, although the name is absent from a list of the world's 17 penguin species.

"The Norbs swim team is very, very competitive," said Hardenbrook. "Families" of Norbs teammates are very involved. Involvement is important."



Chris Hardenbrook has begun his first year as park director in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Hardenbrook spent an afternoon last month waiting for health officials to inspect the park's two swimming pools, including a baby pool outfitted with water canons painted bright red like nozzles on a fireboat.

When the pools opened, swimmers counted on water heated to 81 degrees.

"We have a wonderful bath house with locker rooms," Hardenbrook said.

Among recreation programs, swimming lessons are among the most popular. "We have an overwhelming response," Hardenbrook said.

There are three separate levels of classes for tots through advanced.

Instructors are certified according to Red Cross standards.

"At the end of each session of classes we have a special splash party," said Hardenbrook.

The City has diving lessons, synchronized swimming, kayak safety, free scuba lessons on Saturdays and several water aerobics classes for adults.

"We offer aerobics at different times of the day to cater to the needs of residents," Hardenbrook said.

Adult lap swims began this week. Swim times are 6:30 to 9 a.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 to 9 a.m. on weekends.

Master swimming sessions, reserved for seniors, are Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 7 a.m., and weekends from 7 to 8 a.m.

Neff park is more than swimming pools and boat slips.

"We have an outdoor pavilion and luscious green spaces that are quiet and secluded," Hardenbrook said. "Come down and enjoy a nice evening."

Tennis classes are held at Elworthy Field.

"We have lessons in three sessions for children aged 7 to 9, 8 to 10 and 11-14 years old," Hardenbrook said.

Park hours are 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Farms park has summer fun

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Pier Park during summer has something for every Grosse Pointe Farms resident, as long as he or she is:

- a child fascinated by a splash pad where water canons, oversized fountains designed to look like fish skeletons and hanging buckets combine to provide an opportunity to get drenched at every turn;

- a teenager out for a tan on the main pier separating the harbor and beach; or

- an adult seeking respite in the shade of a lakeside gazebo offering an expansive view of Lake St. Clair.

But most amenities at the only park in the Pointes to offer swimming in the lake can be enjoyed by the whole family.

Anyone can climb the lookout platform to watch freighter traffic. Dozens of grilling stations are great for large birthday parties or casual picnics with a friend.

There are tennis courts, basketball hoops, a sand volleyball court and a marina laid out so non-boat owners can get a close look at the wide variety of sailboats and cruisers.

Pool hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., with the wading pool and splash pad open until 10 p.m. and the beach open from noon to 8 p.m.

Early bird swims run weekdays, 6:30 to 7:30 a.m., through Aug. 27. Sessions are for serious lap swimmers and cost \$35 for the season. Enrollment is limited to 25, but there still might be room.

"We have a ton of people who sign up, but they don't all come," said Michele Eickhorst, pool manager and former lifeguard. "The ones who come are here every day."

Swimming lessons are offered throughout the summer.

Registration is on a walk-in basis at the park office in the boathouse. Classes cost \$35.

Adult water aerobic classes — both afternoon (1 to 2 p.m.) or evening (6:30 to 7:30 p.m.) sessions — are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday through Aug. 27. The cost is \$35 per person.

The swim team is called the Barracudas. Swim Chicks, a synchronized swim team of 8 to 17-year-olds, has begun practicing for a big show July 25.

Free scuba lessons are



Kate, a goose-chasing border collie, has cleaned up Pier Park. She likes tummy rubs from Ken Rowell of the park maintenance staff.

offered to children 12 years and older on Sunday, June 20, from noon to 2 p.m. More extensive scuba classes begin July 5.

Informal coed volleyball games are scheduled on a drop-in basis Monday evenings beginning this week from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

There are tennis classes for youths and adults, plus an adult mixed-doubles tournament.

Additional youth programs include Red Cross lifeguard training, arts and crafts, Pewabic pottery and Red Cross babysitter training.

Ballet and jazz dance classes for children 3 to 8 years old conclude Aug. 11 with a recital at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Family events include: Sailboat races sponsored by the boat club began last Thursday evening and con-

tinued June 17, 24, July 2, Aug. 5, 12, 19 and 26.

• Summer concerts began June 13, with Serieux. The group performed music by the Temptations, Earth Wind & Fire, The Four Tops and more. Additional concerts are scheduled throughout the summer.

The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra practices at the picnic shelter on June 30 and July 14, at 7 p.m.

• Farms Boat Club regatta July 3, including an outdoor concert and lakeside fireworks show.

• Ice Cream Social Aug. 7, featuring games, a magician, clowns and more.

• Farms and City annual Fishing Rodeo, for kids 17 and under, Aug. 14, 9 a.m. sharp.

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

New classes set for Lake Front Park

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

There will never be a dull moment this summer at the Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park.

Instead of the week long lulls between swimming and tennis lessons, the staff at Lake Front Park will offer

an array of new classes which include American Red Cross Programs, water aerobics, reading enrichment, boating safety, off-road vehicle certification, arts and crafts, soccer, volleyball, water games and basketball

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Patterson makes splashy summer debut

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

The forecast for Patterson Park this summer calls for plenty of showers — at the park's new splash pad.

The park's new 2,827-square-foot splash pad opened Memorial Day weekend.

The new water attraction has 14 different water features that spray, splash and dump water.

"It's just great," Parks and Recreation Director Terry Solomon said. "They don't need to be a swimmer, they don't have to wear a bathing suit, and it's for all ages."

The splash pad was a gift from the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation.

Other attractions at Patterson Park include grills, picnic tables, a

playscape, five regulation tennis courts and a backboard, basketball courts, a nature trail, a covered shelter, lake access for non-motorized water craft, a boardwalk, and a reflective fountain.

Picnic permits are available by calling (313) 822-2812, ext. 201.

At Windmill Pointe Park, a new concessionaire, Marty Peters, will offer a new menu that's sure to please the palettes of park goers.

A myriad of classes will be offered at the pool, tennis courts, and the Lavins Activities Center, which observes its first anniversary this spring. Three- to 6-year-olds can sign up to be part of the Knapsackers, a day camp held at the two lakefront parks. Enjoy the

summer at the sand volleyball court, or sign up for the competitive and recreational volleyball leagues at Windmill Pointe Park.

Tournaments come into play for tennis players for kids at Patterson Park on Aug. 14 and for adults at Windmill Pointe Park Aug. 20 to 22. A 3-on-3 basketball tournament will be held at Patterson Park on Aug. 14.

Seniors are invited for bingo at the Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park every second Wednesday of the month through September from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Other summer events at the parks include:

• **June 16:** Moses Madwagon & Songs for Michigan concert at Patterson Park at 7 p.m.

• **June 19:** 51st Annual Fishing Rodeo, Windmill Pointe Park from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

• **July 14:** Randy Volin & the Sonic Blues concert at Patterson Park at 7 p.m.

• **Aug. 7:** Summer Gathering at Patterson Park from 4 to 8 p.m.

• **Aug. 18:** Boogie Woogie Babies concert at Patterson Park at 7 p.m.

Park hours at Windmill Pointe Park are from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Swimming pool hours are from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Mondays. Wading pool hours are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Park hours at Patterson Park are from 7 a.m. to dusk. Splash pad hours are from 10 a.m. to dusk.



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Woman, parent & kid-at-heart

Back in the 1980s, women established their positions in the workplace by wearing business suits styled much like men's suits, only with a skirt. In the 1990s, it was fashionable for women to know their beers and vodkas and smoke cigars. Through those years, it became OK for a woman to ask a man out, and very few people ever assumed someone else's boss was a man.

But in the past few years, I've noticed the trend in women actually celebrating their femininity. Consider the popularity of afternoon tea, "girls night out"

fundraising events, and the growing number of "chick drinks" such as cosmopolitans and chocolate martinis.

The thing that has struck me the most is the trends inspired by one of cable's hottest series, "Sex in the City." Even though the series is now on reruns on another cable network, there's still a proliferation of pearl chokers tied with satin ribbons and silk flower pins on the accessory counters in the department stores. While I can't think of a single journalist (including myself) who can afford the time or cash to do lunch in chi-chi restaurants with her gal pals on a regular basis, it's something I'd like to do — once I can find a way to have the hair and skin of Sarah Jessica Parker, who is my age.

Have women taken a long step backward? Nah. In an upcoming story I'm working on that deals in part with



the renewed popularity in knitting, Grosse Pointe Park resident Karen Kendrick-Hands, who owns City Knits in the Fisher Building, said, "I think women of my generation thought if you looked too domestic, it would compromise your professional image. Now, I think we're a little more secure with ourselves."

I'm sure many women will tip their red hats to Kendrick-Hands.

It's 11 o'clock. Do you know where your parents are?

With just over five years

at the Grosse Pointe News, I'm still appalled at the number of kids who get arrested for drunken driving or for being minors in possession of alcohol at unsupervised open house parties. I'm even more appalled at the number of parents who are not aware that their kids are out drinking. Among the top excuses I've heard from parents are:

• "I want to give my kid adult choices and responsibilities." Do these parents give their kids adult choices and responsibilities all the time? Do their kids pay car loans, car insurance

bills, and make enough money to hire attorneys and pay court fees? Are these kids aware that following laws is one of the more adult responsibilities?

• "I'm afraid my kid will run away from home if I'm too strict with him." How long will most kids survive on the street with no video games, no Internet and no money to go out to lunch with their friends?

• "My kid has a cell phone; I can get ahold of him any time." Can you get ahold of a supervising adult? Do you know any supervising adults (parents)?

• "My kid hangs around good kids." How many parents admit their kids do bad things — even sometimes or rarely?

• "I trust my kid." Good parenting is not about your kids' trustworthiness; it's about your responsibility and accountability. Actually, I'm surprised I

haven't heard from a parent this year who has accused me of "not having the facts right" about a public safety report involving underage drinking. Then again, it's only June.

Want to rid stress? Act like a kid.

Spend a day with a kid — your own, a niece, a nephew or a neighbor. Go to a park and feel how good it is to see who can swing the highest. Go to a pool and try to make the biggest cannonball splash. Forget about the carbohydrates, calories and cholesterol and remind yourself how an ice cream cone tastes. If it's a rainy day, make some popcorn, rent a DVD — preferably a family comedy — and laugh your butt off.

Awwww! I said "butt"! Go ahead and giggle. It feels good.

P.S. Happy 16th birthday, Chris!

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The Op-Ed Page



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Streetwise

Question of the Week:

City of Grosse Pointe Village merchants and employees were asked to name the best things about their commercial district.



Mary Jo Huntington

The combination of family-owned specialty shops and national specialty stores. Also, the loyalty of the community to those businesses.

Mary Jo Huntington Hickey's (Walton Pierce)

Merchants know most of their customers by name. When people shop in the Village, they know they are appreciated.

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Pam Rumon

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Katherine Green

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Carol Casper

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Shep Norton Hickey's (Walton Pierce) and former owner of Picard-Norton

Shep Norton

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

fyi

by Ben Burns

An angel

Mary Jo Lorenger, 51, didn't wear her faith on her sleeve. She professed it happily to anyone who would listen. Sometimes she was rebuffed even by relatives, but it never deterred her from her mission to share God's love.

Confronted by the worst of adversities, Mary Jo's faith lit up her face and brightened her eyes. In spite of troubles that would have paralyzed lesser souls, she had a peace and serenity that confounded people with weaker beliefs.

"She was bold in her faith," said her husband, Mark, 53. "Wherever Mary Jo went, it was never about Mary Jo. It was all about the glory of God."

Rosemary Hockney, who witnessed Mary Jo in action at the Van Elslander Center at St. John Hospital about five months ago, said, "You've got to be an angel, and God put it into your heart to minister here." The pair became inseparable friends, and both worked at easing the fears of others at the cancer center.

Actually it was cancer that took Mary Jo to Van Elslander. It had been no stranger in her life. At age 15, she was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease, and physicians at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann



Mary Jo Lorenger

Arbor blasted it out of her with huge doses of radiation, the only viable treatment at the time. "They saved her life," Mark said.

She recovered. She grew up and got married to Mark after they graduated from Western Michigan University, and they had three talented and attractive children, Jocelyn, Kristin and Todd.

Mary Jo and Mark's faith journey reflected those of thousands of Americans. She was reared in the Catholic Church, Mark in the Lutheran. But they had drifted away from those churches. They were married at Lake Shore Presbyterian where the Rev. Robert McConnell was

"an awesome preacher." "We were there for his personality," Mark said.

When they started a family, they transferred to Grosse Pointe Memorial, which was closer to home, but then as their children got involved in school activities and sports, they fell away from the church.

"We were going to church and didn't know why," Mark said.

Mark coached Little League baseball about that time, and the Rev. Bry Dennison's son David was on the team. Rev. Dennison, an Episcopal priest asked, "Why don't you come to Christ Church?" But they didn't act on the invitation.

Three years passed before Mary Jo one Saturday night asked Mark if he would like to go to church that Sunday. "Sure," he said. They went and were impressed. They found a "welcome and caring parish." "Bry was our conduit," Mark said.

Mary Jo got involved in two Bible study groups. "She would begin her day reading the Bible and end her day reading the Bible," Mark said. "She loved the Bible." Mark got involved in many church activities and is the Junior Warden at Christ Church.

Three years ago, the couple sold the big house with

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Points about the Pointes

The school system budget for 2004-2005... after tonight, you've had your shot!

As most of you know, our State economy is in the dumps, and all of the public schools (including ours) are feeling the pinch big time.

Our school system is facing this reality of this funding shortfall and the rising costs in health care, etc. to the tune of \$5.2 million for the coming year. To lessen the immediate pain, the School Board will take \$2 million out of their savings account. That can happen for another year or so. After that, whatever we have is what-

ever we have, and real cutting the likes of which most of you can't imagine will have to begin in earnest, so be prepared.

I am amazed that, despite our community's professed concern with the spending of the school system, turnout at the six or so public Budget hearings I've been to has been apathetic as best. Well, as my old boss Carl Joyner used to say, after 8PM, "you've had your shot".

Tonight, the School Board will vote on the budget for the coming school year, and what some consider major cuts in programs and staffing that are necessary to make the books balance will be set in place tonight.

This is the easy year for cuts. It is the tip of the iceberg. When the savings account is tapped out, our operating costs have increased 3% per year and income is flat, the real cuts will begin, hopefully first in administration, then in programs.

Our challenge as a community will be to NOT put our heads in the sand, thinking that the worst is over. Whether you want to hear it or not, they are just beginning. Be aware, and get involved!

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

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Real world economics lesson Letters

Economist Thomas Sowell recently criticized his professional colleagues for failing to "confound gross misconceptions of economics in the general public." But sometimes the most penetrating economic insights come from "real people" in the rough-and-tumble world of small business capitalism. This is the story of one such lesson. First, some background.

House Bill 4234 in the Michigan legislature would exempt small businesses from paying the "personal property tax" on the first \$10,000 worth of their tools. This misnamed tax is a levy on the machinery and equipment businesses use to create goods, services and jobs. It is assessed on everything from desk chairs to production lines and is levied in the

same manner as regular real estate property taxes. Think of it as a "tool tax" because it's a tax on the tools of enterprise.

As Nobel Prize-winning economist Milton Friedman has said, "If you encourage something, you get more of it; if you discourage something, you get less of it." It's another impediment to enterprise that makes Michigan an expensive place to do business.

So reducing or eliminating the tool tax should be easy, right? Unfortunately, it is a cash cow that the state and local governments hate to lose. That's why government lobbyists lined up to challenge HB 4234 at a recent hearing. A Department of Treasury official testified that, since the bill would

"only" save a small business \$540 a year, it would not create many jobs. He asked, "How many people does a business hire for \$540?"

An important truth in economics is the law of marginal utility. This holds that "it is on the margin, and not with a view to the big picture, that we make economic decisions," as 19th century Austrian economist Eugen von Böhm-Bawerk put it. Given what economists and economists teach us, there is an answer to the "how many jobs will my community gain?" question: More than it will lose.

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FYI

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its yard and gardens and downsized to a condo in the City of Grosse Pointe. They bought a second home on Sable Island.

They had often vacationed at various shores and always dreamed of having a place at the beach, and the island retreat off the west coast of Florida represented a place of quiet and serenity for them.

In February 2003, Mary Jo was diagnosed with esophageal cancer. She returned to U-M Hospital where renowned surgeon Dr. Mark Orringer, a physician with a remarkably similar sounding name, performed a complicated operation and managed to save Mary Jo's voice box. Everyone was elated with the results.

But in August 2003, when Mary Jo was in for a routine exam, the doctor discovered she had cancer in both breasts. Before she could be operated for that, they found the esophageal cancer had returned and spread to her chest, lymph nodes and liver.

Even an emergency tracheotomy in late 2003 couldn't silence Mary Jo's Christian witness. At a Christmas party in 2003, she sat in a small room off the main party and talked

of her joy and the blessings of her family. She spoke of the Rev. Steven Kelly, of St. John's Episcopal in Detroit, to whom she had become spiritually close.

During the course of her treatment, Mary Jo turned her Van Elslander visits into a ministry, speaking to new cancer patients. "It was uplifting to her. She felt she was doing what the Lord wanted her to do," her sister, Chris Miller, of the Park, said.

When I would cry, she would say, "You've got to stop that," said Miller, who spent hours at her bedside.

Eldest daughter, Jocelyn, 25, had been planning a Sept. 18 wedding. Mary Jo had looked forward to that date, but doctors told Mark the cancer was progressing rapidly. She returned home under hospice care in early June.

Plans were made to have her return from the summer study abroad in Europe, and the family orchestrated a June wedding ceremony.

Chris went into action, and Grosse Pointe restaurants, florists, beauty salons, relatives and friends pitched in to arrange in four days a garden wedding at the Miller home, complete with an archway of flowers.

Saturday, June 12, like

the rest of that week, dawned stormy, rainy and nasty. In early afternoon, the clouds parted and revealed a beautiful, sun-lit, spring day.

At 6:30 p.m., the mother of the bride was brought to the wedding in a wheelchair. The attendants were Kristen, 24 and her cousin, Kathryn Miller, 21. Mary Jo stood for the 25-minute ceremony presided over by Father Kelly, as the couple gave their elder daughter to Colin Padden, 27, in marriage. Mary Jo rested through most of the wedding dinner celebration but took part in the party afterwards.

Mary Jo returned home after the wedding, and with Mark read the 23rd Psalm together as they did every night before she went to sleep in her bed in the dining room and he on the couch in the living room. As he turned out the light, they would wave to each other.

"They were such soul mates," Chris said. Mary Jo died peacefully in her home on the morning of Tuesday, June 15.

"She never wanted anyone to be afraid," Chris said. "She said, 'I know I'm going to a better place.' I can't tell you how important the support of the churches, our friends and the people in the community was to us through these 16 months," Mark said.

"I'm at peace. It's been awesome to live it out through God's grace. If this would have happened seven years ago, we would not be in the same place today. We would have been mad and angry. We are at peace. There's a lot of heartache, but God has given us the strength to deal with this."

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board (one dissenting vote). Laura Bartell approved a donation of \$1,800 to the Woods Municipal 2004 Fireworks Display fund. Whether these donated funds are Foundation, gift, or tax funds, the money should be used for library purposes exclusively and not given away only to have them blown up in a puff of smoke in a matter of minutes.

This, in my view, is a complete misuse of funds. Other questionable uses of funds go to outsourced contractors such as: public relations, \$3,000 per month; fund-raiser, \$80,000+ per year; and consultant to the fund-raiser, \$18,000 per month (\$216,000 annually).

Perhaps the library board should exercise its frugality in the high cost areas such as legal advisers (the board uses three firms) and the outsourced contractors. That appears to be where a large chunk of the tax money is going.

With an annual income of more than \$4 million and approximately \$5 million in fund equity, the library is easily able to pay its employees the salaries and benefits that are more in line with comparable libraries in the metro area.

The compensation packages of our teachers and municipal workers in the Grosse Pointes certainly compare favorably with other local communities and in many instances, rank near the top with comparable workers. This should hold true for our library staff as well.

I strongly urge the library board to make every effort to implement the fact-finder's recommendations so that the library staff may ultimately have a fair and equitable contract and one that is more competitive with comparable public libraries in our area.

Constance Roberts
Grosse Pointe Park

Stand united

To the Editor:

I have heard of nothing but "the horrible treatment of the Iraqi prisoners by American troops." The media have all but accused President Bush of performing these acts himself.

I feel that our president is no more responsible for these acts than the mothers of the soldiers who did them. Allowing for the fact that there are thousands of miles between Iraq and the White House, I don't see how anyone could or would hold our president responsible. Those who do are narrow-minded nitwits.

It is my opinion that the perpetrators committed those acts should be tried and convicted of the crime and punished to the extent of military law. If that means a death penalty then let it be so. Don't we have enough pervers to deal with as it is and it would show that some of us Americans do have morals.

I do, however, feel that the media are slanted and being corrupted by the side that will benefit by such erro-

neous and partisan reports. Quite frankly, I'm sick of ABC, NBC, CBS, Ted Koppel, and all the rest of the "news media" taking cheap shots at the president.

We are all supposed to "stand united" but all I hear these days is criticism.

I hope that there are more Americans who feel as I do and will speak up against those politicians who would use this situation to further their careers rather than show their commitment to this great nation.

M. Petz

Grosse Pointe Woods

Goodfellow fund

To the Editor:

The Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit would like to reassure our many generous contributors among your extensive readership in the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and other communities in southeastern Michigan concerning some "scare" headlines mentioning the "Goodfellows" that appeared in other area media last week.

No one has stolen, embezzled or otherwise illegally converted any donations, grants or other contributions to our annual "No Kidding" fund-raising campaign, now or in the past.

The story that was played prominently in both the Free Press and The Detroit News concerned an alleged theft by the president of an independent Goodfellow organization in Harrison Township in Macomb County. The Harrison Township group is neither a chapter nor a branch of the Detroit Goodfellows.

The original Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund was founded in 1911 in Detroit. Today it is composed of some 230 men and women volunteers from all walks of life who annually raise some \$1.7 million

through major events and individual mail campaigns.

The money is used to pay for Christmas gift packages containing warm clothing, books, candy, toys, dolls and other items for some 40,000 to 42,000 needy school children between the ages of 5 and 13.

In addition, the Detroit Goodfellows spend several thousands of dollars each year to buy new shoes, pay for emergency dental work and provide summer camperships and college scholarships for kids.

For too many of them, the Goodfellows are the only source of Christmas cheer they will have this year.

This year marks the Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit's 90th anniversary. Over the years, as former members moved out to the suburbs and beyond, other groups "borrowed" the name for their Christmas charity campaigns. The name is in the public domain.

In closing, we would like to repeat to our contributors and your readers that the Detroit Goodfellows' impeccable reputation, like that of the independent Grosse Pointe Goodfellows organizations, remains intact. The Detroit Old Newsboys have both federal and state charitable tax waivers. Our books are audited annually

and our 2004 president, Barry Grant, is a partner in a major accounting firm.

The 40,000-plus children we assist each year thank you for helping us clarify this potentially tragic case of mistaken identity.

Peter N. (Pete)

Waldmeir
Grosse Pointe Woods
Executive Board
Member and Past
President,
Old Newsboys'
Goodfellow Fund
of Detroit

Pushing the limits

To the Editor:

It is interesting that outgoing Grosse Pointe School Board member Jack Ryan now finds fault with the state of Michigan for leveling the playing field when it comes to school funding.

The article "Ryan to depart board, three candidates to run," printed in the April 29 issue of the Grosse Pointe News, stated, "One of the biggest changes is the institution of Proposal A, which Ryan believes has taken too much control away from local districts. While the measure has evened out spending between poorer and richer districts, Ryan believes it has had the effect of creating mediocrity."

"It's bad for Michigan and bad for America," Ryan said.

Was it not he, and many of the very same board members, who five years ago sang the praises of an evened "academic" playing field when it came to offering academic challenge to the district's brightest students?

Back then, frustrated Grosse Pointe parents were pressed into service to contact their school board members, attend board meetings, and collect hundreds of signatures begging for the creation of advanced and accelerated sections in science and social studies that would help their academically gifted, but basically unchallenged middle-schoolers.

These parents denounced the injustice of not allowing the district's brightest students the opportunity to learn difficult material and the chance to work hard.

But the 1999 board knew better, didn't they, and mandated only what was best for all by reaffirming that every child's needs could be met through the district's general policy of differentiation.

Ever since then, one might say, that it's been one, very long, very mediocre playing field in the middle schools. The story's the same, only the names have been changed.

Mandated equity and mediocrity will always go hand in hand. Only when the Grosse Pointe School Board and the state of Michigan Legislature understand this, can things start to change for the better.

In the meantime Grosse Pointe voters have an opportunity to elect individuals who have the wisdom and foresight to base their decisions not on "leveling" the field for all, but on pushing the limits everywhere to truly provide high academic challenge for all Grosse Pointe students, yes, even the bright, rich ones.

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Classic cars on display during annual show

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

Johnston Park will host a time warp next Sunday, June 27, when the Harper Woods Dads Club holds its annual classic car and truck show.

More than 150 cars from the 1930s up to the 1980s will be on display between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

In its 17th year, the classic car show serves as a fundraiser for the Dads Club, but also a way for area residents to mingle and show off their prized vehicles.

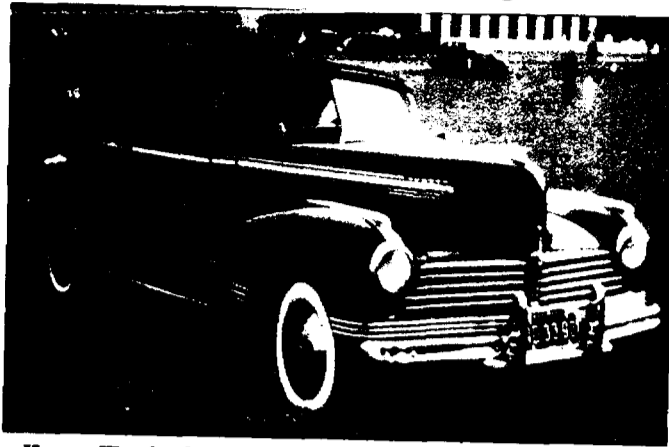
Interest in classic cars is one shared by many community members, some of whom have considered it a hobby all their lives.

Event organizer Tim Former has a 1967 Mercury Cougar he plans to bring to the show.

"I've been a car nut since I was a kid," he said, calling his car a "toy."

Doug Barnes cherishes his 1961 Chevy Impala SS, a restored car he personally selected five years ago.

"I've always been interested in cars since I was a kid," Barnes said. "I decided to get one of my own when I could afford it. I went to restoration shops to find this



Harper Woods Mayor Ken Poynter cherishes his 1942 Hudson convertible. While it is currently in storage, Poynter has seen behind the wheel at numerous community events and car shows.

particular model. It was always one of my favorites."

Barnes takes his Impala to car shows a couple times a month during the summer, including Harper Woods, and is proud of having won the Mayor's Choice Award in 2003.

"Every year I get to pick the car I like the best," Mayor Ken Poynter said, excited for this week-

end. "I look for something that appeals to me — something flashy, but also cars that are kept original."

Poynter is widely known for his fascination for classic cars, more specifically, for Hudsons. His father, Omar, worked for the Hudson Motor Car Co. in Detroit, beginning in 1926.

"It's been a lifelong hobby of mine," Poynter said. "I've grown up with the cars. There has always been a Hudson in the family since that time."

Poynter's 1942 Hudson convertible is currently in storage, but he's been seen behind the wheel in numerous community parades and at car shows.

Like Poynter, Barnes enjoys meeting other car enthusiasts and checking out their rides at the shows.

"I enjoy seeing the different kinds of cars — it's interesting to see the varieties that people like and how much work they put into them," Barnes said.

But what is the appeal of these old automobiles? According to Poynter, classic cars represent a time of simplicity, of getting one's hands dirty, and of nostalgia.

"Cars were designed so differently back then that you could actually tell them apart and you could tinker with them," Poynter said. "You could actually be your own mechanic and work under the hood, tuning it up or developing more horsepower with it."

To many, the cars bring back happy memories of youth.

"There are people like me whose roots can be traced back to a parent or grandparent who worked in the auto industry," Poynter said. "Everybody has their own little story as to why they love these cars. Maybe grandpa had a Ford T-Bird in 1955 and he took me for a ride. It just takes you back."

The car show is produced by United Street Machines, and is open to the public with an entrance fee of \$3. Those wishing to register their car

can do so the morning of the event at a cost of \$15. Trophies and dash plaques will be awarded, in addition to the five-foot tall annual Mayor's Choice award.

Harper Woods Mayor Ken Poynter is widely-known as a Hudson Motor Car Co. enthusiast. His father, Omar, began working for the company in 1926 as a body plant foreman, supervisor and production worker. A Hudson car has always been in the Poynter family ever since. Poynter also has an extensive collection of Hudson memorabilia, which he displays at antique car gatherings, and plans to lend to museums. He writes a classic car column in the White Triangle News and is a founding member of the Hudson-Essex-Terraplane Historical Society.



Pictured above is the ID badge worn by Omar Poynter while employed by the Hudson Motor Car Co. and working at the Naval Ordnance Plant during World War II.



Beacon readers enjoy luxurious morning ride

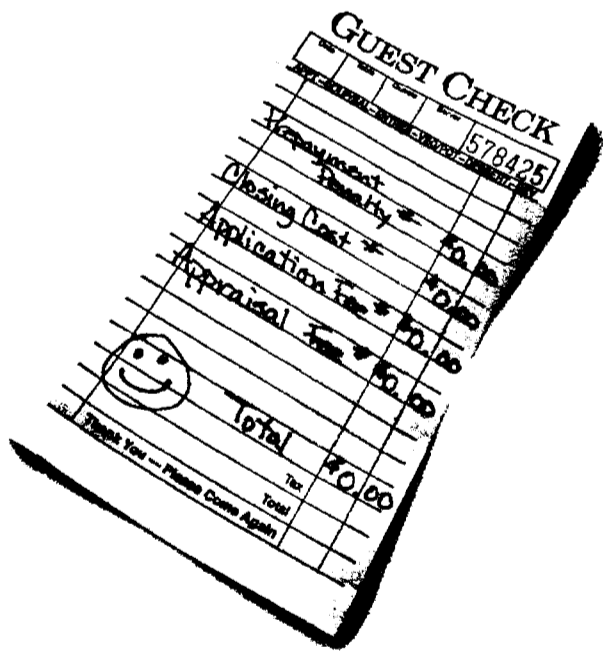
Beacon Elementary students were treated to 15 minutes of luxury on Monday, June 7. Those who took the initiative to do extra reading outside of school were rewarded with a ride around Harper Woods in a limousine, thanks to a generous donation by Big Shot Limo in Fraser.

"This incentive was part of the 'Celebrate Literacy' activities planned for April and May," said Beacon principal Nancy Ozimek, who hoped the rides proved to be an exciting experience for the kids and a way to further encourage reading. Pictured are kindergartners in Sandy Wassmer's class.

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WCCC offers summer courses

Summer enrichment courses are being offered at Lutheran High East Extension, Site of the Wayne County Community College District.

Basketball training camps for girls and boys will offer basketball skills, giving students a competitive edge when they return to school in the fall. Four separate camp sessions are available for boys and girls, ages 9-11, and 12-14. **College for Kids**, ages 9-11, will allow students to explore science, math and computers. **The Bookworm Club** will provide reading classes and activities for children ages 3-7. For kids who love ice-skating, the USFSA Basic Skills Program for students in grades K-12 will give them the chance to learn speed skating, ice hockey or figure skating. This class is being offered at the Grosse Pointe Community Arena, and will be taught by certified instructors. For students with a passion for foreign language, Spanish Summer Camp is available for those in grades K-3.

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Outstanding choir singer

Katherine Sullivan is the winner of the Dr. Leonard Riccinto Outstanding Musician Award for the Grosse Pointe South Choir.

Sullivan is above accepting the award from Riccinto. Sullivan sang a classical musical selection and sightread as well as answered musical questions from three judges, Riccinto, Mandy Scott and Jed Scott, to be selected as the outstanding musician from the senior choir class at South.

Sullivan was president of the South Choir and was known for her performance as Reno in South's 2004 production of Cole Porter's "Anything Goes." She is an honor student and a member of the National Honor Society, Tri M International Music Honorary and Pointe Players Thespian Group No. 49.

She will attend the University of Michigan in the fall. Riccinto has a doctorate in Music from Michigan State University and is currently professor of choral music and music education at Eastern Michigan University. He was the music director at South and Pierce Middle School in the 1970s and has conducted at Carnegie Hall in New York City. "It is an honor to have Dr. Riccinto return to South and name the outstanding musician from each class," choir director Ellen Bowen said.



Photo courtesy of Ellen Bowen

Choir achiever

Nadia Harris is the winner of the Gertrude Meyer Carey Interlochen Scholarship for 2004.

Above, Cheryl Meyer of Grosse Pointe Park presents the plaque representing the \$1,000 award presented to Harris.

Gertrude Meyer Carey, a loyal South Choir Booster member for many years, began the tradition of giving annually \$1,000 for choir costumes and uniforms and \$1,000 for a talented student from the South choir to attend the Interlochen Summer Music Program. After Meyer's passing, her daughters Cheryl Meyer and Marilyn Meyer DiLoreto both graduates of Grosse Pointe High, continued the scholarship, in the name of their mother.

Harris, mezzo soprano, will attend Interlochen Arts Academy's eight-week summer session. She will study voice and sing in the choirs and will perform in the Pointe Singers in the fall.

Harris is the daughter of Harry and Christine Harris of Grosse Pointe City.

Contract of successful South girls hockey coach may not be renewed

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

It takes motivational ability, drive, humanity, knowledge and the skill to develop and nurture talent to be a great coach, and Grosse Pointe South Girls Hockey coach Bill Fox has all of these qualities, players say. Unfortunately, some of these elements in Fox's persona, in particular a strong drive, has caused problems on the hockey team.

Due to complaints, the Grosse Pointe Public School System has stated in a letter to hockey parents that they want to go in a different direction from Fox's coaching.

Fox was informed on Friday, June 4, by Matt Outlaw, assistant principal for athletics at South, and Larry Lobert, director of human resources for the district, that they will seek a new coach for the coming year. They asked Fox to resign, and he said he wouldn't.

Fox has many supporters, and they let it be known at a Monday, June 14 school board meeting that they want the district to recon-

sider its position. A great bulk of the team and parents who favor Fox were at the meeting, and they all voiced how many contributions Fox has made to the hockey program at South.

In phone interviews, team members described how Fox helped them grow as hockey players and as young women.

"I think he teaches us a lot," said team member Shami Entenman. "I've learned more from him than any other hockey coach."

"He helped with development on and off the ice. He helped me as a student in school. He's great," said team member Megan McCaughey.

Lauren Stanek, the team captain for the 2003-04 year, said her team's coaching staff is the best she knows of. She said Fox's style could sometimes be tough, but this manner was all part of his successful method, one that garnered state titles in five of the last seven years.

"The coach is meant to be a coach, not a friend, not a dad," she said.

Stanek said she supports

Fox but also does not want to blame the girls who made complaints. She wants to salvage the unity of the team.

Team member Amelia Altavena echoed Stanek's sentiments that Fox could sometimes show a hard side, but that this quality is part of his coaching way.

"I don't think what he has done has been anything other than coaching. He's never attacked any of the girls personally. A lot of it is to become a better hockey player," she said.

Team members said they have heard there might be a closed meeting held between parents, girls and the school board to discuss the issue. Superintendent Suzanne Klein, who will ultimately, decide this issue, was not available for comment. Fox also did not comment.

The crux of the issue seems to be whether Fox's numerous plusses as a coach outweigh the disension on the team as a result of the complaints.

Lobert said the district would like to bring in a new person to repair the existing rift.

North junior to attend FTE Leaders program

John Bremer, a junior at Grosse Pointe North High School, has been selected to participate in the FTE Leaders program being conducted at the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio, from June 27 to July 4, 2004.

Bremer is one of 30 students from around the country who is honored by being accepted into the Wooster FTE Leaders program, which is sponsored by the Foundation for Teaching Economics, a Davis, California nonprofit foundation. All of the students have been selected because they have demonstrated leadership potential.

The week-long course combines leadership training and economics. During the week, students learn an economic way of thinking about human behavior and experience the interaction of different leadership styles within a group.

Students attending the FTE Leaders programs in prior years have called it the experience of a lifetime.

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North freshmen examine Mars via photograph

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe North High School students have gone where no one has before.

Freshmen in Ardis Maciolek's Earth science class are one of 140 schools nationwide to receive a photograph of a portion of Mars from NASA that was heretofore unseen. They examined the qualities of the planet via the photograph and made a report that will be published in an online science journal out of Arizona State University.

"We got to see Mars up close. You see it in movies, but you're finally seeing it in real life," said student Robbie Fisher.

The photograph, which students called Donald and Mickey because parts of it look like a duck, reveals many fascinating features of Mars. A large tear drop

island resides in the upper half of the picture that was formed from a flow of water. The right portion of it has a distinct, sharp outline where water did not reach the surface of the planet. Smaller, softer hills are in the bottom right side of the photograph. These hills were soaked in water giving them a smooth appearance.

Students learned how water on Mars probably originated from the melting of ice from the planet's inner cores. The planet has since cooled down with frozen water strewn across the varied landscape. Geologists don't know why Mars warmed up, but they believe life forms could exist within ice on the surface of the planet.

Another feature of Mars shown in the photograph is craters. There appear to be about a half dozen craters in the sliver of

Mars the students examined. Mars is known to have a crater, not pictured in the photograph, larger than the Earth's Grand Canyon.

"It's really interesting," said student Kate Zemenick.

Students learned the valuable benefits of teamwork in their examination of the photograph. They created four teams: one, to identify features; two, to perform a geological study investigation to answer questions like where water flow originated; three, to look at the craters on the planet; and lastly, to measure the characteristics of the planet.

During their focused study, they participated in a conference call with a scientist named Barnaby Watson from Arizona State University.

Students credit Maciolek for making the project pos-



Photo by NASA
Grosse Pointe North High School freshmen in Ardis Maciolek's Earth science class examined a photograph of a portion of Mars, pictured above. They looked at how the flow of water shaped the surface of the planet.

sible.

"She's one of the best teachers I've ever had. She knows what she's talking about," Zemenick said.

While Maciolek's expertise and enthusiasm were essential, students in the Earth science class still had to prove to NASA that they were skilled enough to look at the photograph. They had to answer questions submitted to them

from NASA, and Fisher and fellow student Kate Jurcak sent the space organization findings of labs they undertook examining issues such as the absorption of light and the heating of water.

Engaging in projects and performing like real scientists accelerates learning and is a lot of fun, students and Maciolek said.

"It wasn't just sitting in

a class room with (Maciolek) telling us what to write down," Jurcak said.

Some of the students in the project want to continue their study of astronomy. The originality of the Mars photograph project is something they will cherish.

"How many times can you look at Mars and be published?" said Jurcak.



South Mother's Club awards scholarships

The Mother's Club of Grosse Pointe South High School awarded 52 scholarships to graduating seniors at a special awards ceremony Thursday, May 13. Some of the winners of scholarships are pictured above.

The Mother's Club raises fund through various events throughout the year. The profits support scholarship, enrichment and preservation at South.

The Mother's Club presented scholarships to: Kelsey Collins, Melissa Love-ly, Brett Taylor Reed, Megan Zaranek, Sara Swenson, Lucas Coffman, Christina Jacovides, Kelly Jennings, Grace Muhaj, Allison Ambroz, Michael Mullinger, Rose Urbiel, Kirk Willmarth, Nicholas Andrew, Kristin Inger, Matthew Johnson, Meredith Schelwe, Megan Van Camp, Ben Jenzen, Waseem Ksehati, Katherine Moran, Ryan Wagner, Molly Burns, Emma Kellezi, Alexandra Plonka, Sarah Scully, Patrick Burke, Scott Jarboe, Anne MacKenzie, Julia Opie, Tim Muer, Hayley Soltesz, Richard Zuidema, Derek Alderman and Blerta Jakupi.

The Mother's Club is honored that the following Grosse Pointe community organizations participate in the annual scholarship program:

Alpha Delta Kappa, teaching sorority presented a scholarship to Emily Bassett.

Michael Snook was the recipient of the American Legion Post No. 303 Scholarship.

The Assistance League to the Northeast Guidance Center Volunteer Award was presented to Harrison Galac.

Two Athletic Booster Scholarships were awarded to Megan Switalski and Douglas Bliske.

The Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors awarded a scholarship to Olga Filipova.

Delta Kappa Gamma teaching sorority awarded a scholarship to Rachel Johnson.

The Grosse Pointe Women's Club Achievement Award was presented to Kelsey Feucht.

The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary presented scholarships to Mallory Miller and Bradley Johnson.

The following students received memorial scholarships:

The Alice Kelly McKee Scholarships were presented to Lindsey Vickers.

Two scholarships in memory of Jeffrey Halso were awarded to Sarah Shook and Marcos Bonafede, and Casey Scavone and Alexander Boikow were awarded scholarships in memory of Eric Rentenbach.

Julianna Burrows was awarded the Margaret Pankhurst Memorial Art Scholarship and Elsida Konakciu was the recipient of the Robert R. Rathbun Memorial Art Scholarship.



University Liggett School graduation

On Tuesday, June 8, University Liggett School held commencement ceremonies for the Class of 2004. It was a humid but lovely night as 61 graduates graced the stage and inspired onlookers. The class is pictured above. The commencement, coming at the close of the school's 125th year, boasted many students receiving special honors and inspiring remarks. The class received \$1,760,000 in merit scholarships.

An invocation was made by Daniel LaLonde while remarks were given by valedictorian Leanne Lawwell and elected speaker Joanna Miller. The benediction was made by Katherine Andreovich.

The tunes woven throughout the ceremony were "Pomp and Circumstance," "Summertime," "Fields of Gold," "If I Could Change the World," and "Trumpet Tune."

Grosse Pointe Youth Summit cultivates student leaders

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Youth Summit believes a leader resides in every child.

The group, spearheaded by a Grosse Pointe Youth Leadership Subcommittee run by parent Patty Steele, promotes activities that will cultivate leaders and nurture mutual respect among students.

The group has existed for six years and fluctuates between 10 and 15 members every year. It meets the first Monday of every month at Barnes Elementary School.

"I really think we are making a difference," said Caitlin Kefgen, a recent Grosse Pointe South High School graduate, group member and daughter of Steele. "We're laying the ground work for kids to be really cool and be leaders themselves."

The group has been involved with four main activities.

First, it began a program called STAND, or Students

taking a New Direction, which promotes fun activities that don't involve drugs or alcohol. STAND plans parties and events where students will have a good experience. The Youth Summit instituted a pilot program of STAND at Brownell Middle School.

Second, the group runs a bully prevention program for elementary students. Kefgen thinks this is one of the most important activities the group sponsors; reaching kids at this age-level will thwart disrespectful attitudes before they can solidify in later years.

As part of an anti-bullying message, it organized a play based on the Wizard of Oz that underscored tolerance, and group members visit elementary students three Mondays in a row where they talk about treating fellow students with dignity.

"We try and help them, and say it's not normal to get bullied," said Kefgen.

A third aim is to assist in grant writing for different

groups within the schools. Summit members teach groups how to present themselves in a favorable fashion when they apply for money.

Lastly, the group has participated in a National Team Leadership Conference that has occurred all over the country. Two years ago, it was at Detroit's Renaissance Center. The conference looks at building leaders one child at a time.

Steele, who has contributed much to the group, will retire at the end of this year, and the entity is looking for another leader to keep it alive.

Assisting students to act in a responsible, ethical manner is a great function of the group in Kefgen's opinion. It is a reason all members of the school community should be interested in preserving the Youth Summit.

To find out more about the group or to inquire about leading it, call Patty Steele or Caitlin Kefgen at (313) 343-0221.



Photo by Kath Ustala

Cheerful bicycling

Dozens of Our Lady Star of the Sea students woke up a bit earlier to bicycle to school on Wednesday, June 2. The good weather spurred bicycle smiles. From the left are first-grader Sarah Schervish, her second-grade sister Samantha and second-grade classmate Mackenzie Nadeau. They added their wheels to the sea of bikes outside of the Grosse Pointe Woods school.

District takes next step toward new bond issue

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

Perhaps the third time will prove to be the charm. The Harper Woods Board of Education reviewed the report of the Facility Advisory Committee at its meeting on Tuesday, June 15, and took its first step toward pursuing a bond issue in the amount of \$34.5 million.

For the third time in three years, the district will be asking voters to approve the funding of major renovations to the school buildings. But this time, members of the committee insist it'll have a different ending.

This new bond issue calls for just over \$3 million in improvements to Beacon and Tyrone elementary schools and the construction of a new high school. This would result in a millage increase of 3.83.

While the FAC recognized that in previous elections, voters did not support the demolition and reconstruction of all school buildings, members still see it necessary to do so at the high school.

"There are so many options, and we've debated

them all to find what is the best course of action," said FAC representative David Kien. "The high school needs a fair amount of work. Just putting a Band Aid on a 50-year-old building won't correct the problems. There would still be so many things untouched that are likely to cause problems in the future. The school building as it sits is well behind its times. So many repairs need to be done that it doesn't make sense to put more than \$10 million into that school. It would only cover the basic repairs and a few improvements, but would do very little to improve the overall building and its major structural problems."

Initially, the committee was hoping to present options to the voters with three levels of millage rates and subsequent improvements to the schools. But Kien said state law would not allow for this kind of election.

"We wanted to present options to the voters but the law firm which creates the ballot language told us that is not an option," Kien said. "You cannot give choices, because what if all three

were to get yes votes. Each option has to stand completely on its own. This is what we agreed upon. We think it's the right thing to do."

The school board agreed and is in the process of filing a preapplication with the Department of Treasurer, which would mean an election will be held in the fall.

Administrators are also hopeful voters will support this bond, because have been long searching for funds to make these necessary improvements.

If the district does not comply with regulations by the Office of Civil Rights by December, state funding will be withheld. Several months ago, the OCR issued hundreds of citations to the district, each of which is being addressed in this bond proposal.

"I'm very pleased with the recommendations of the committee," said Superintendent Dan Danosky. "I know it's going to be a big job of the schools and the supporters of this to convince the community."

This committee is unique because it is comprised of 26 community members young

and old. Not one school district employee was a part of this committee.

"It's a very powerful citizens group that came to this conclusion — it recognizes this is the right thing to do," Danosky said. "They are trying to be good stewards of the community's money."

Danosky also pointed out that many of the committee members were adamantly opposed to the previously bond issues. Through careful analysis of the district's problems, they have come around and given their support.

"Those people who were so avidly against it have sat on this committee, and they

now understand," Danosky said. "Some have turned around 180 degrees. I think that is very powerful, and we have a better shot at this time."

Kien was one of those individuals.

"I walked into this thing thinking the last thing that I would recommend would be to build a new school," he said. "But looking at cost and impact, I really think it's the best way to go."

Kien added that the committee did discuss the option of acquiring the building which housed Lutheran High School East, but it would be too complicated. Without funds up front, it

would be difficult for the district to purchase the building, which might not even be available until late fall.

"It seems like a simple solution but it could go bad real quick," Kien said.

Kien insists that the recommendation created by the FAC is the best option for the district.

"We took our time coming up with the recommendation," he said. The committee held weekly meetings with an architect since its formation in February. "We understand that it will be difficult to present this bond proposal to the community; however, we truly feel that it is the best choice."

Shortfall forces district to dip into fund equity

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

School districts in Michigan are singing a familiar song as they once again prepare budgets without an increase in state funding. In Harper Woods, administrators are hoping this is the last year of an ongoing budgetary crisis.

"The budget we put together this year is reflective that this is the third year in a row that the state is not giving us more money," said Superintendent Dan Danosky after the district's board of education approved the budget for the 2004-05 school year.

While state funding remained stagnant this year, retirement and health insurance costs are continuing to increase. According to Joan Deaton, the district's director of adminis-

trative services, Harper Woods is facing a \$300,000 shortfall next year.

With total revenues of \$11.3 million and total expenditures of \$11.7 million, the district was in crisis mode. Knowing that the least desirable option is to cut programming, the district has decided to dip into its fund equity, which is quickly depleting as the difficult years continue.

"We still had to make cuts," Danosky said, explaining that several positions were combined to allow for cuts in staffing. The two elementary art teacher positions were merged into one traveling position, as was the elementary physical education position.

"We're trying as much as possible not to cut classroom staff, but we might have to do that which will increase class sizes,"

Danosky said. "We want to (impose) the least impact on the least number of kids."

"The last thing we want to do is affect the programs," Deaton agreed. "Because Harper Woods is so small, we don't have a lot of fluff. There's no middle management or aids. There isn't anywhere else to cut, and it becomes very difficult. We're trying very hard to look elsewhere."

Deaton said it comes down to the district learning to get along with less money. With two years of inflation, a diminishing fund equity, and no increase in state funding in sight, these are difficult times to say the least.

"It's been a tough budget the last few years, and we have no reason to believe we won't see the same thing next year as well."

POLICE AND FIRE BRIEFS

Auto theft

A silver 1992 Plymouth Acclaim was stolen from a driveway sometime between Wednesday, June 15, at 9:30 p.m. and Thursday, June 16, at 6 a.m.

Possession of a stolen motor vehicle

A 16-year old Detroit female was arrested on Wednesday, June 16, at 1:05 p.m. for possession of a stolen motor vehicle.

Police were notified of a suspicious vehicle by neighbors, who noticed the 2004 black Dodge Durango pull up and remain idle outside a home on Woodland. Two occupants later exited the vehicle and walked southbound on Crestland.

When police approached the Durango, an officer observed the ignition lying on the passenger side floor board and a butter knife sitting in the center console. Upon further investigation, police discovered the vehicle had been reported stolen out of Detroit. The driver, a juvenile, was arrested.

Attempted auto thefts

A Harper Woods resident was concerned on Friday, June 18, at 7:40 a.m. when he noticed two teenagers in the driveway of his home in the 19600 block of Woodland.

The teens said they were at the wrong house, but the man was not convinced and went inside. His wife reported that she had heard hammering sounds a few minutes before. Upon further investigation, the man discovered his wife's 2002 Chrysler Voyager had minor damage to its ignition, and a brick was lying on the front seat of the passenger side.

The man tried to follow the suspects southbound on Beaconsfield to no avail. One was on foot, and the other was riding a bike.

Harper Woods police were flagged down on Wednesday, June 16 at 1:15 a.m. by a resident reporting an attempted auto theft in the 19100 block of Woodcrest. The ignition of his 2002 Chrysler van was punched and lying on the floor of the car. Nothing was missing.

Auto larceny

Two air bags were stolen from a blue 2001 Ford F-150 on Monday, June 14, between 6:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. The truck, parked in a lot in the 19300 block of Vernier, had damage to the passenger side door lock.

A red 1982 Buick Regal was parked in a lot for two hours in the afternoon on Monday, June 14, when someone broke in. The trunk lock was punched, and the car radio was missing. The perpetrator gained access to the vehicle by pushing down the back seat.

A purse containing credit

cards and a passport was stolen from a green 2002 Chevrolet S-10 on Thursday, June 17, between 3:30 and 4:40 p.m. in the 19100 block of Vernier. There was damage to the passenger side door lock.

Tires and rims were stolen from a Jeep between Monday, June 14, at 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday, June 15, at 7:45 a.m. in the 20300 block of Beaconsfield. Two car jacks were left behind.

Stolen bikes

A black bike with white sparkles was stolen from an open garage in the 19500 block of Woodmont sometime between Sunday, June 13, and Tuesday, June 15, at 6:25 p.m. The bike is registered with the City of Harper Woods.

A bike was stolen from the backyard of the 19400 block of Washtenaw on Thursday, June 17, between 6:15 and 6:45 p.m.

A bike parked on the side of a house in the 20800 block of Fleetwood was stolen on Thursday, June 17, between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. The side gate was left open.

Larceny

Outdoor lighting and plants were stolen from a home in the 20800 block of Beaufait on Thursday, June 17, between 8 a.m. and 8:50 p.m. The homeowner reported 10 stainless steel solar landscape lights and three potted plants were missing.

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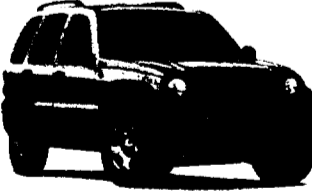
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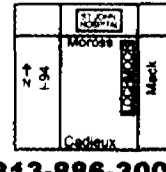
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There is something for everyone in Nissan Quest

The Nissan Quest is completely redesigned for 2004 and built at Nissan's new \$1.43 billion manufacturing facility in Canton, Miss.

True to Nissan's current reputation for out-of-the-box styling, the Quest is swoopy and futuristic, both on the outside and in interior features like the instrument pod in the center of the traditional instrument panel.

It seems Nissan is taking the "mini" out of mini-van. The new Quest is bigger than the earlier model and boasts one of the largest interiors among front-drive vehicles in its class. It has bragging rights to the widest opening side doors — 33.8 inches — in the mini-van family.

You'll sense that inside spaciousness as soon as you enter. There's head room, elbow room and leg room. The two captain-style second row seats can be tipped forward to allow those in the third row to enter and exit gracefully. The third-row seats will fold flat and those in the second row do fold forward but not into the floor.

Fear not. The Quest maxes out with 211.9 cubic feet of cargo space, which ought to be more than enough room for all those household improvement items that may be headed for a long rest in your basement. Or that attractive cafe table and chairs we saw advertised in a recent flier, with some assembly required noted in tiny type.

Nissan says that third row of seats folds and rotates into a storage well in the floor behind it.

The rear door opens itself when the handle is squeezed. It does not have an obstacle alert; so don't stand in front of it, or the door will gently push you away as it opens from the bottom. The owner does



have to grab a handle and pull that door down to shut it, which takes some effort. But once it is nearly closed, the power system takes over and completes the closing and latching of the door.

On a recent afternoon, Tony Williams, the verger at Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills and a long-time car nut, helped us reconfigure seats and play with some of the Quest gadgetry. We didn't get that third row to disappear, but we were impressed with the three fold-down video screens, the wireless headsets, the temperature and audio controls for rear seat folks and the many juice and cupholders.

Tony pointed out the little sun screens that can be pulled across sky lights in the back. The power sunroof opening is huge, extending over the legs of second row passengers. Its notched control allows the driver to open it in preset stages, taking distracting guesswork out of sunroof operation.

The Quest has a mind of its own. It is preset to accommodate driver and passengers in ways including power doors sliding side doors that open and close themselves and an entertainment system that offers not one but three flip-down screens for viewing your favorite DVDs. Sorry, the first of them is behind the front row seats; so driver

and front-seat passenger must concentrate on the road.

The driver's side mirror on the vehicle we were driving automatically tilted down when the vehicle was in reverse. This model included a backup warning system that beeped to alert the driver of obstacles immediately behind the mini-van.

The driver's seat moved forward, closer to the steering wheel, when the ignition was turned on, and it moved back at the end of a trip. One could easily get used to this kind of service!

A note about all the power-assisted doors. Nissan spokesman Fred Standish said that while they are standard on the upscale SE model and standard/available on the SL, the power functions can be shut off via a switch above the instrument pod.

He said he turns off the power and operates the rear door or lift gate manually because his garage has a low door.

The power doors do continue to operate on their own if they are activated by the key fob. Turning the system off via the button in the van only affects them when they are manually opened and shut.

We almost prefer opening and closing the sliding side doors by hand. They move easily. If they are in the power mode, using a button

on the B-pillar to both open and close them is preferable to giving their handles a yank.

The power lift gate is very neat, opening with only a squeeze of the handle or by punching the correct button on the key fob. It is awkward to close.

With a reasonably economical 3.5-liter V-6 (around 25 miles per gallon highway), the Quest offers a smooth and pleasant drive. Pretty much what you would expect. The selling points on a mini-van are less likely to be its highway and around-town performance and more about its utilitarian and comfort features.

In the latter, the Quest excels or even exceeds expectations.

One note about the driving experience. We felt an honest-to-goodness *deja vu* behind the wheel.

Anyone who drove the first Chevy Lumina APV back around 1990 thought the experience must be like piloting a space ship. The huge, steeply raked windshield; the enormous horizontal space atop the instru-

ment panel; the not knowing exactly or even approximately where the front end of the mini-van really was.

It's kind of like that in the Quest. You aren't lost in space, but again that feeling of openness takes over. And in a utilitarian vehicle like this, that's likely desirable. Put those kids, or those friends of any age, in the back seats, pop in their video of choice and off you all go. For a sense of true luxury for up to three in the third row seat, fold the second seats forward and stretch those legs during the movie.

As with other light trucks, driver's visibility is an issue. The combination of shoulder belts on rear seat safety seats, high head restraints and the various pillars holding the room in place combine in a small forest of rearview obstructions.

Let the driver beware.

This model also had what seemed like an unnecessary number of storage bins and drawers. There was one on top of the instrument panel ahead of the steering wheel. There were mini-bins under the instrument panel, door-

mounted bins, etc. A colleague who is a safety engineer at Ford Motor Company commented that unsecured items in open bins are likely to fly around if the vehicle is in a crash.

Trying to guess the price of a test vehicle is always a great contest. Usually we are off by several thousand dollars; that is, we seriously underestimate its sticker. With the Nissan Quest, we were wrong in the other direction. According to the Automotive News 2004 Market Data Book, a well-equipped Quest SE with antilock brakes and sunroof runs \$33,530. You can get into a base model Quest for \$25,130.

Entertainment (DVD) systems can add up to \$1,900, depending on how many screens you choose.

The navigation system, with seven-inch color display atop the instrument panel, runs another \$2,000. The second-row captain's chairs and fold-flat third seating row added \$750 to the cost of the test vehicle.



Nissan went all-out with the Quest in an effort to get away from the boxy appearance that characterizes many competing products.

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St. Pauls' pillow creation makes goodness grow

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

The kids sewed to show their gratitude and affection.

Some 49 students of fifth-grade St. Paul Catholic School teacher Betty Zaranek made pillows for their parents for mother's and father's day. Zaranek guided them through the project as part of her instruction on language arts and religion.

Zaranek helped students practice words related to design and fashion. They learned the word serger, which means sewing, and studied the words fabric and ironing board. She talked about designers such as Calvin Klein and Ralph Lauren.

Perhaps more essential than learning the elements of fashion and its language, students learned the importance of honoring their parents. This principle of love is called for in the 10 Commandments and is a lesson Zaranek wants to impart to her students.

She said that having her students respect their parents evokes within her the love she has for her own parents.

"My parents are deceased. If they honor their parents, it's a way I can honor mine," she said.

A glorious array of pillows was made by the students. Some told their mom and dad they loved them. Students drew flowers and pictures of their parents.

One child made a pillow in remembrance of a god mother who passed away from cancer. The pillow, which the student gave to her uncle, the god mother's husband, said, "We will always remember our family angel."

Another pillow expressed praise and sympathy for good and bad hair days respectively.

The students made 135 pillows altogether over a course of two to three days during class. They used a muslin front, decorated with crayoned messages of good feelings.

Zaranek helped stitch the creations together and provided all the fabric from JoAnn Fabrics. The project was very much student-authored, however.

"I liked that they got to plan, design and make pillows themselves," Zaranek said.

Zaranek additionally introduced pillow-making to her daughter Amy's girl scout troop at Monteith Elementary. Some 19 girls made 20 pillows.

For both sets of children, Zaranek hopes the project will open up doors of creativity. It might spur children to pursue some future artistic endeavor. And besides, it is an exciting way to explore emotions and learning away from mainstream instruction.

Parents were very appreciative of Zaranek's efforts, being glad that they will have a memento from their children's youth.

"I got a lot of nice notes from parents saying this is a treasure, a keepsake," Zaranek said.



Photo by Carrie Cunningham

Betty Zaranek, a fifth-grade teacher at St. Paul Catholic School, started a pillow making project for her students. Most of the pillows limned decorations expressing love for parents.

Notoriety from Zaranek's pillow-making exercise was so widespread that she entered pillow instruction as part of the St. Paul's auction. The emotions expressed on the pillows, creating an interlinked but freeing chain of love, is something Zaranek is proud of. "It's nice," she said.



A Celebration of Hawaii

Kindergartners at Monteith Elementary School celebrated a Hawaiian outdoor day on Monday, June 7. Parents and families were invited for a day of chalk drawing, face painting and creation of Hawaiian decorations.

Left at the festivities are parent Aline Riachi and her daughter Luciana.

Monteith community members feasted on pizza, Rice Krispie treats and drinks from coconut containers. Tropical decorations like a palm tree graced the scenery.



Pointer joins Teach for America

Kari Stander, a former Grosse Pointe Woods resident and 1999 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School, has joined Teach for America's 2004 corps. Stander, who recently graduated from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in economics, will teach in Baltimore as part of the national movement to eliminate educational inequity.

Stander joins the 2004 corps along with nearly 1,750 other recent college graduates, chosen from 13,500 Teach for America applicants. Those selected were required to demonstrate leadership abilities, a sense of personal

responsibility, strong critical thinking skills, the ability to influence and motivate others, and strong organizational ability.

"This is an amazing opportunity for me," said Stander. "I feel so fortunate to have received a wonderful education from Grosse Pointe North and U-M. I have truly benefited from the hard work of several dedicated teachers, as well as the unconditional support given by my family. I realize, however, that not all children are presented with these circumstances; it has become my goal to change that."

Before heading to Baltimore with her fellow

2004 corps members, Stander will participate in Teach for America's intensive five-week summer training institute in New York City. She will learn the overarching approach utilized by successful teachers in low-income communities, teach in a summer school program, work with a faculty of experienced educators and participate in numerous professional development activities. Once in Baltimore, Stander will continue her professional development and have access to Teach for America's local training and support resources.

Teach for America is the national corps of outstanding college graduates who commit two years to teach in low-income urban and rural communities and become lifelong advocates to expand opportunity for children. Corps members go above and beyond traditional expectations to impact the lives of children growing up in low-income communities. Beyond their two years, corps members take their insight and added commitment to assume leadership roles from inside education and from every other sector — and work toward the fundamental changes necessary to provide more equal opportunities for all children in our nation.

For more information on Teach for America, go to www.teachforamerica.org.



Maire and the March of Dimes

In March, the students at Maire Elementary read books as a fundraiser for the March of Dimes. The awards ceremony, announcing how much money was raised and how many books were read, was held on Wednesday, May 26. This year, the students read over 8,000 books and raised over \$8,100 for the March of Dimes.

The top readers are top from left to right: Matthew Kennedy, Patrick TomHon, Carly Reno, Ted Berkowski, Katie Leigh Barbour and Avan Arora (not pictured).

The top earners are below from the left: Mateja Kopcak, Zack Sparrow, Jacob Malbouef, Noah Balamucki, William TomHon and Kevin Dietz.

This is the seventh consecutive year that Maire has participated in the March of Dimes Reading Champions. Since 1988, Maire has raised almost \$48,000 for the organization.

The mission of the March of Dimes is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality. Triplets Grace, Hannah and Jacob Caton helped celebrate Maire's contribution to the March of Dimes by attending the assembly. These triplets were born prematurely on May 6, 2001, and were saved thanks to the March of Dimes.



Photo courtesy of David Cleveland

North and South June jazz

On Thursday, June 3, members of The Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South Jazz Band performed the opening concert for the summer music series, "Music on the Plaza." The event, which runs through August 5 and features different musical bands, is sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Village Association.

The bands played many jazz classics and featured some solos by students Angela Theis, John Buda and James Abud.

At the culmination of the night North and South musicians played the song, "The St. Louis Blues" together. They are pictured above with instructor David Cleveland conducting.

"I can't remember a year they've been so polished and so deep with talent," said Cleveland. "Both high schools are just outstanding."

Cleveland said the event was one of the high points of the season.

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Grosse Pointer **Donald Badaczewski** graduated from the University of Virginia with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics. He will attend the University of Michigan Law School in the fall.

Wellesley W. Baun of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, an organization that recognizes first- and second-year undergraduate students who excel academically, at **George Washington University**.

Anna Benson, daughter of Bruce and Lauren Benson of the City of Grosse Pointe, graduated from Hope

College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology.

Colin G. Utley of Grosse Pointe Woods was named to the dean's list for the winter quarter of the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences at Northwestern University.

Several local students presented original research or creative projects during Albion College's annual Elkin R. Isaac Research Symposium held in April. **Shawn Maurer**, daughter of John Maurer of Lake Orion and Susan Maurer of the City of Grosse Pointe, presented a project titled "Electrochemical Tuning of Inorganic Semiconductor/Conjugated Doped Polymer Interfaces." Maurer, who graduated last month, was also elected to the college's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi, a national honorary society recognizing students with outstanding research poten-

tial. **Amy Radgowski**, daughter of Lawrence and Laura Radgowski of the City of Grosse Pointe, presented a project titled "Molecular Sexing of Black-Capped Chickadees." She graduated in May with a major in biology and religious studies. She was also elected to Sigma Xi.

Elizabeth Vogel, daughter of William Vogel of the City of Grosse Pointe, presented a project titled, "Hardenberg and Heine: Two Views of Napoleonic Influence on Prussian Society." She also graduated in May with a major in history.

Two local students were honored at Albion College's annual Honors Convocation. **Christina Anderson**, daughter of Dennis and Nancy Anderson of the City of Grosse Pointe, was recognized for academic excellence. **Lisa Leverenz**,

daughter of John and Catherine Leverenz of the City of Grosse Pointe, was inducted into Mortar Board, a national honorary society for students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, scholarship and service.

Alexander Heinen of Grosse Pointe Park was named to the Academic Honor Society at Lynn University.

Maureen Ryan, daughter of Elaine and Jack Ryan of Grosse Pointe Park, a teacher of Spanish at St. Catherine School, received a Fulbright Teachers Exchange Scholarship for study in Pachuca Hidalgo, Mexico, last fall. She exchanged teaching jobs with **Sylvia Hernandez**, a teacher from Mexico. Ryan earned her Bachelor of Arts degree and M.E. degree from the University of Notre Dame.



McLeod

Jenna Kathleen McLeod of the City of Grosse Pointe was inducted in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars at

Central Michigan University. She is majoring in special education.

Margaret Zeller of Grosse Pointe Farms participated in the annual Christ College Freshman Production at Vaiparaiso

University last November. Zeller is a freshman communications major. She's the daughter of Michael and Marie Zeller.

Kathryn Leigh Thomas of Grosse Pointe Woods graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a Bachelor of Science degree in education.

Cara Creager of Grosse Pointe Woods earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from McGill University in Montreal, Quebec. She is the daughter of Ellen Creager and Christopher Mengel.

Babies

Julianna Danielle Tague

Elizabeth and Brian Tague of the City of Grosse Pointe are the parents of a daughter, Julianna Danielle Tague, born March 31, 2004. Grandparents are Dr. Jean Mijal-Puleo and Peppino Puleo of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Restum, born May 17, 2004. Maternal grandparents are David and Marian Kingwill of St. Clair Shores, formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms. Paternal grandparents are Al and Jill Restum of Harrison Township, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Benjamin Martin Pentecost

Charles S. Pentecost III and Simona Pentecost of Grosse Pointe Farms are the parents of a son, Benjamin Martin Pentecost, born April 19, 2004.

Maternal grandparents are Marino and Giuliana Biordi of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Paternal grandmother is Judith Pentecost of Grosse Pointe Park. Great-grandparents are Martin and Edna McKee of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Abigail Elise Walker

Paul and Beth Walker of Clarkston are the parents of a daughter, Abigail Elise Walker, born May 13, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Randall and Arbutus Heller of Coldwater.

Paternal grandparents are Walter and Joyce Walker of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Caroline McCall Peabody

Kathryn and Robert Peabody Jr. of Grosse Pointe Farms are the parents of a daughter, Caroline McCall Peabody, born May 7, 2004.

Maternal grandparents are Karyn Weir of the City of Grosse Pointe, Debbie French of Rapid River and the late John French III.

Paternal grandparents are Carole Peabody of Grosse Pointe Woods and the late Robert Peabody.

Lillie Kaye Harwood

Julie and Chris Harwood of Highland Heights, Ky., are the parents of a daughter, Lillie Kaye Harwood, born May 11, 2004.

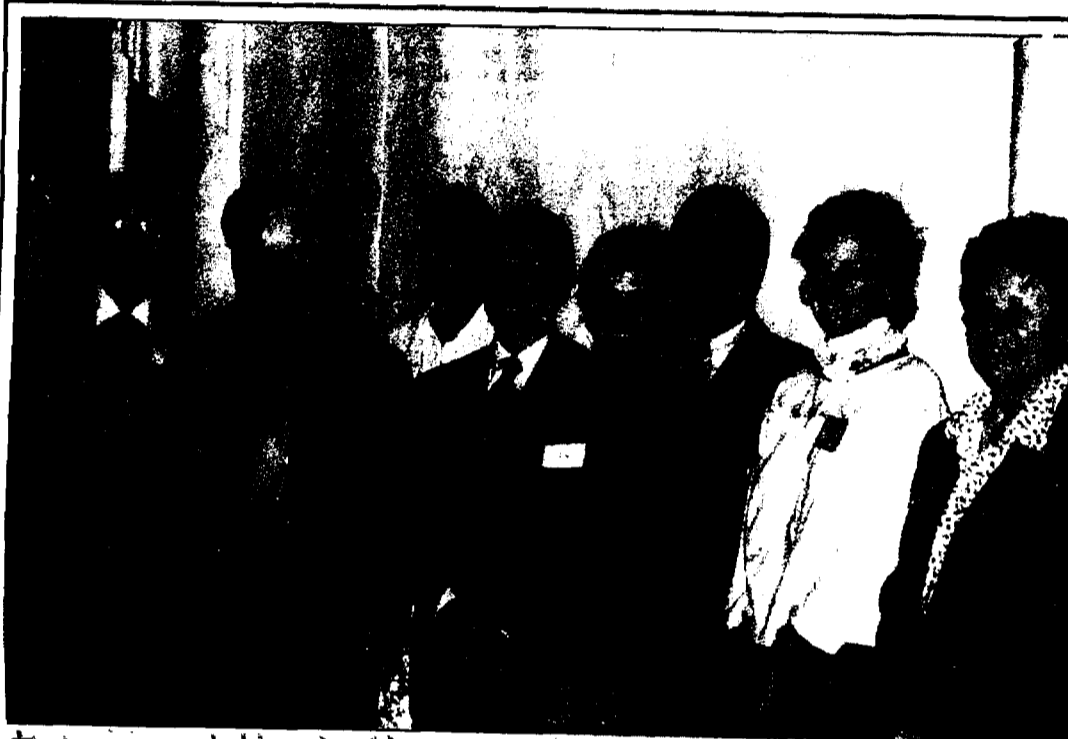
Maternal grandparents are Wendy and Jack Krauss of Liberty Township, Ohio, and Bill and Angie Pauly of Cincinnati.

Paternal grandparents are Jack and Tudi Harwood of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Jack Simon Restum

Brad and Jane Restum of Grosse Pointe Woods are parents of a son, Jack Simon

Great-grandmother is Mary Maas Harwood of Grosse Pointe Farms.



Friends of the G.P. Library

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library elected three new members on May 24 at its annual reception and meeting at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. New members are Kelly Boll, Howard Hill and Elsie Onychuk.

In the back row, from left, are Robert Bradley, William Salot, Kelly Boll and Howard Hill. In the front, from left are Mary Beth Smith, president; Robert Hudson, vice president; Kelly Fordan; Anna Dalby, secretary; and Elsie Onychuk. Not shown are Carol Gove, treasurer; John Ferracane; and Karen French.

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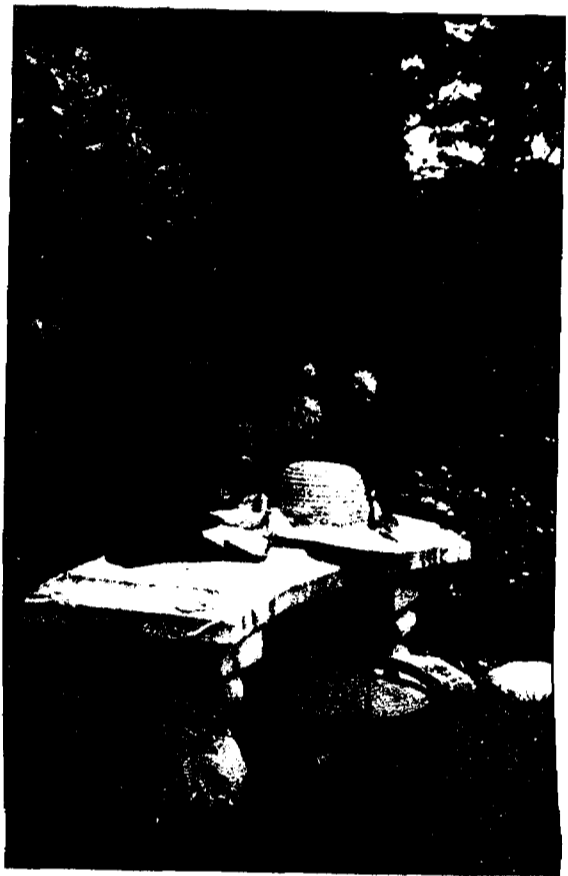
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The Augustine garden, at the left, is the cared for and tended by Terrie and Hal Augustine.

The Martin-Rahaim garden, below, is tended by Kelly Martin-Rahaim. She often visits other gardens and other gardeners for ideas and advice.

The Boyle garden, below left, is grassless. Anne and Francis Boyle planted pachysandra and annuals.

Tickets for the annual Grosse Pointe Garden Center summer garden tour are \$12 in advance, \$15 on tour days.



By Kathleen Peabody
 Special Writer

The definition of a gardener, says Webster, is a person who works in or tends a garden for pleasure or profit. During the Grosse Pointe Garden Center's 13th annual Summer Garden Tour, visitors can see the results of the work done by the gardeners in 14 separate gardens. On Saturday and Sunday, June 26 and 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., you can meet and share ideas with those who work in their gardens for fun.

"We're the crew. We work it, fertilize it, tend it," said Theresa Selvaggio, owner of one of the gardens featured on the tour. She said her pruning is restorative. "I have a very busy job during the day and being in the garden is therapeutic," she said.

A good amount of Selvaggio's time is taken by the roses she tends each day in her front yard. The round beds containing Stella d'Oro lilies, boxwood, Siberian iris and roses were designed by Selvaggio with a rounded edge to offset the square lines of the house found in Grosse Pointe Farms.

In the back yard, two sections are divided by iron gates. A pool is on one side, and a formal garden, perfect for entertaining, is on the other.

Along one side is her favorite part of the yard — a wooden swing, shady at any time of day.

Brick paths separate the various gardens from the entertaining areas. At the back of the yard a 75-year old fountain, picked up by the owners during a recent antique jaunt, is surrounded by an attractive hyacinth bean pole with purple beans and sweet-pea-type flowers.

The Augustine Garden in Grosse Pointe Park beautifully shows the toil put in by its tenders. Terrie and Hal Augustine originally had their garden designed by a landscape architect who argued with them about what should be planted in their very wet yard.

"He didn't want us to add tall grasses, but we did it anyway," Terrie Augustine said. When a large number of their yews died, the Augustines did their own research on what would work in a wet environment. What they ended up with is a variety of plants, trees and sculptures which are pleasing and entice visitors to stay for a while.

They also lost a number of trees during a "tornado" a few years ago.

Now the Augustines spend most evenings and weekends working in their lovely retreat, and it shows.

Another of Terrie's favorite places is under the umbrella or in the green chairs just looking over her favorite dappled willow and the beauty that they can claim as their own work.

Hal enjoys the new perennial garden, complete with turtle sculptures and rocks

from a Connecticut relative.

"If we don't like the look of something, we change it," Terrie said. It was spoken like a true gardener. Their roses are in their third location.

Visit the Augustine garden and watch for the blue-eyed grass, the Annabelle hydrangea, the newly planted weeping serpentine birch or the tri-color beech, both lovely now and bound to be beauties as they mature. You'll sense the pride and satisfaction the Augustines exude in caring for their own garden.

There's not a blade of grass to be found in the Boyle Garden in the City of Grosse Pointe. Anne and Francis Boyle, who also keep their own garden, have a small retreat with cutouts where pachysandra and annuals flourish.

"I like to relax, put my feet up and read a book," said Anne Boyle as she explains the favorite part of her garden.

The Boyles have lived in the same location for 12 years and have done most of the planting. They also added the niceties found in a more mature setting. A large mosaic created by their son hangs on the back of the garage.

"The large trees were here," Francis Boyle said. He also enjoys gardening. They have added trees such as a climbing euonymus and flowering plums which offer shade and cool the yard from the noonday sun.

Check out the Martin-Rahaim Garden in Grosse Pointe Woods for a look at a variety of perennials and what you can do with a smaller yard. Owner Kelly Martin-Rahaim plans her garden for seasonal color. A plant called bear's breeches shows its purple flowers well. Martin-Rahaim's favorite plants are the red-hot poker and the bright red lilies found on the garden's east side.

When asked how long she's been gardening, Martin-Rahaim said she started slowly. "I read lots of books, watching for the height and time of blooming period for continual color," she said. "That's why I also add annuals."

Martin-Rahaim also adds that she visits other gardens and seeks ideas from other gardeners. A nice collection of garden art, as well as a vegetable garden, found its way into this inviting, delicate garden.

The Zada Garden on Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores is known to many locals as the house with the spectacular Christmas display of lights and herald angels. The same crew that sets up the light display also does the gardening.

Standing on the home's front porch and looking out onto Lake St. Clair, visitors see a frame of roses and New Guinea impatiens. Rose standards add to the look of the rose garden in the front yard.

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A stitch in time saves staples, glue

Whenever anybody who knows me asks me to sew, I first count slowly to 10 and think back to a day in the late 1990s, when my daughter received her first Brownie badge, called a "Try-it." I did what any modern woman would do: I congratulated her and then flipped it over to find the adhesive strip so I could attach it onto her uniform sash.

"Mommy, what are you doing?" my daughter said. "You have to sew it on."

"Sew it? At first I thought she was kidding. Real panic set in when I realized she wasn't."

Let me just say that I am the type of person whose sewing kit contains a bunch of dull pins, some dental floss and a stapler. I acquired my only domestic training in the home economics class that I was forced to take in high school — because the art classes were full.

I spent the entire semester trying to thread the sewing machine, and the one time I managed to turn it on, it trapped my sleeves and stitched a seam up my right arm before I could pull the cord out of the wall with my foot.

I had a feeling I was wasting everybody's time, especially the teacher's. According to her, I had absolutely no eye for detail; my stitches were too big; and my fine motor skills were equivalent to that of an inebriated monkey.

And that comment, she implied to my mother, was sugar-coating it.

Flash forward to today, and I still haven't figured out how to make those tiny, even stitches. In fact, the last time I saw our sewing machine it was holding up the back end of my husband's car, while he changed the tire.

If anything, that's

because of my battle with the Brownie patch. I was determined to sew on my daughter's badge, and so I spit on my fingertips, closed one eye and threaded the needle. I concentrated and tried to remember how to make a stitch. Any stitch. After several tries I realized that I wasn't dealing with just ordinary embroidered fabric. It was obviously special material made from bulletproof vests.

And the name "try-it" didn't stand for encouragement at all. It was more of a dare aimed at the mothers, as in "you will never be able to sew this onto your daughter's Brownie sash no matter what you do. Go ahead, sucker; try-it."

About an hour later my eyes were watering, and all of my important fingers were wrapped in Band-Aids, but I had finally attached the patch securely onto the sash. The embroidered triangle was a masterpiece proving beyond all doubts that I was an involved, caring mother. I proudly offered my labor of love to my daughter.

"Mom," she said. "It's upside down."

At first I was just surprised she could make out the design through all the stitches. But, when the meaning of her words finally sank in, I did what any intelligent, enlightened mother would do: I denied it.

When she received three more "Try-its" at her next meeting, I clenched my teeth into a smile and tried to look excited. Then I opened a bottle of glue and slathered it onto the sash.

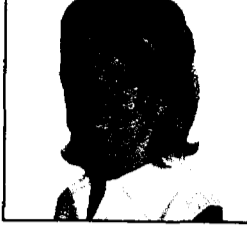
"What are you doing, Mommy?" my daughter asked.

"Sewing on your patches," I said.

I was impressed with

Family Daze

By Debbie Farmer



my ingenuity, until the patches started curling up at the corners and falling off. I knew that just as soon as my daughter wore her uniform in public, the word would be out on the street that I was severely domestically challenged, and it was truly a miracle I'd made it as far along in the world as I had.

At the next Brownie meeting, I was stunned to find out most of the mothers apparently had the same kind of home economics training as I did. One mother had stapled the patches to her daughter's sash while another had used a set of diaper pins.

My friend Linda, whom I've always looked upon as a perfect mother, had traced her daughter's patches onto the sash with washable laundry pens.

Suddenly, I knew everything would be OK. I didn't even mind when my daughter brought home five new "Try-its" that day. I just did what I still do. After counting to 10, I happily accept the sewing challenge and then go into the garage to find the duct tape.

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Detroit Yacht Club launches aggressive membership drive

The Detroit Yacht Club launched an aggressive membership drive as the second phase of its long-range strategic plan. A goal of 1,300 members by May 2005 has been set.

DYC members recently held a reception for prospective members, where they showcased the 81-year-old clubhouse and amenities, along with more than 40 committees and social groups. A special \$100 initiation fee for Active General (social) memberships is offered, which is a \$900 savings.

"The Detroit Yacht Club has been a part of Detroit's history for over 135 years. We are proud to announce the plans for our continued success to our community," said DYC Commodore Robert Hommel.

After more than three years of planning, the DYC is ready to move forward as

the premier yacht club in the country. Components of the long-range strategic plan include increased membership levels, increased and enhanced activities for members and refurbishment of the DYC clubhouse and grounds.

The DYC Strategic Planning Committee consulted with two other Detroit-based private clubs that went through similar processes: the Detroit Athletic Club and the Detroit Golf Club.

"The Strategic Planning Committee has met for more than 3,000 hours over the last three years reviewing our strengths, weaknesses and opportunities. In order for the DYC to grow and thrive, we need to increase our membership rolls, restore our beautiful clubhouse, improve the overall member experience and enhance our already busy

social calendar," said Garrett Myers, chairman of the DYC's Strategic Planning Committee.

Myers said, "Our members are the most important part of our club. We cannot continue without them, and we have determined that 1,300 members is a healthy and attainable number for us to reach."

Ultimately, we hope to reach 2,500 members in 10 years. The focus of our growth is on non-boaters, particularly families who will find the DYC attractive because of the wide range of activities and the unique social and business networking opportunities."

Information may be obtained by contacting membership director Rosemary Tokatlian at (313) 824-1200, extension 233, or by e-mail at membership@dyc.com.

Check the rating on video games

(NAPSI) — Almost every computer and video game sold today is independently rated by the Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB).

Game ratings have two parts: rating symbols, which suggest what age group the game is best for and content descriptors, which tell consumers about content elements that may be of interest or concern and help explain why a game received a particular rating.

There are five rating symbols, which are always found on the front of the game box:

- EC (Early Childhood) means the game may be suitable for children ages 3 and older.
- E (Everyone) means the game may be right for kids 6 and over.
- T (Teen) is for 13 and up.
- M (Mature) means the game is intended for mature

audiences and may be appropriate for players 17 and older.

Finally, an AO (Adults Only) rating means the game is not appropriate for children or teens and is intended only for audiences 18 and older.

These rating categories provide quick insight into the age-appropriateness of individual games. But to take full advantage of the rating system, the ESRB recommends that parents turn the box over and examine the content descriptors — the short, standardized phrases printed on the back.

Content descriptors provide detailed information about what's in the game and fall into several categories including educational content, violence, sexual themes, and bad language.

The ESRB recently changed the way content

descriptors are displayed on game boxes to increase their visibility and ensure that consumers can't miss the important information they convey.

Now, content descriptors appear alongside the rating symbol on the back of the game box, illustrating how rating symbols and content descriptors work together to help parents and other consumers.

"The best advice for parents is to check both the rating symbol and the content descriptors every time they're shopping for computer and video games," says Patricia Vance, president of the Entertainment Software Rating Board.

The ESRB has created an interactive Web site at esrb.org where parents can check the ratings of specific game titles before they go shopping.

St. John Health launches Six Sigma, a new management philosophy

St. John Health (SJH) is taking steps to come close to near perfection with the launch of Six Sigma, a management philosophy and process that employs rapid, evidence-based decision-making that pursues 99.99966 percent effectiveness. The central idea behind Six Sigma is that if you can measure how many defects you have in a process, you can systematically figure out how to eliminate them and get as close to zero defects as possible.

St. John Health is the first health system in the state and one of only a few health systems in the country to embark on the revolu-

tionary process. Coached by experts from General Electric (GE) whose CEO Jack Welch championed the philosophy during his tenure as head of the company, St. John Health leaders and staff are embracing the process and tools to achieve sustainable and measurable change in improving patient care and performance.

Some of the key commitments St. John Health has made in adopting Six Sigma include: pursuit of perfection in patient care delivery; measuring everything that is done; tying together cost, quality and service — committing to all of these, every time; the customer (patient)

dictates quality; senior management is intimately involved in the quality of care and its improvement.

Six Sigma permeates everything that is done, from one-on-one discussions with employees to building new facilities.

"Our vision is to be the preferred health care provider in southeast Michigan by consistently providing the highest quality patient care experience in all that we do," said Elliot Joseph, president and CEO of St. John Health. "We are investing significant financial and human resources in Six Sigma to achieve our vision."

Dr. James Tucci, chief medical officer for St. John Health and a key member of the Six Sigma project team says Six Sigma, which has been used with great success in other industries, is based on a scientific process of decision-making that is driven by data, not by guesses or anecdotes.

"The Six Sigma process improvement relies on hearing the voice of the customer to first understand the customer is critical to quality (CTQ) expectations. This is being done through customer telephone and written surveys, interviews and observation," he said.

"For example, we know that on average, hospitals across the country take up to nine hours for a patient to be seen from the triage area where they are evaluated to admission to the hospital," Tucci said. "A critical part of Six Sigma is to ask our customers their expectations for a particular process. If the customer says that the time should take no more than six hours, our goal and process for achieving success will be six hours."

Six Sigma methodology teaches that the most effective way to improve complex processes is to accurately focus on one aspect of the

problem where there is the greatest opportunity for improvement, Tucci said. To that end, St. John Health is launching four projects at Providence Hospital and Medical Center and St. John Hospital and Medical Center to reduce average wait times and to decrease variation in wait times for the emergency departments, operating room and patient discharge.

During the next fiscal year, the remaining St. John Health Hospitals will identi-

fy people trained as facilitators to lead process improvements.

"Six Sigma will be the way we work at St. John Health, not an add-on to existing work," Joseph said. "The process will allow us to establish a consistent, disciplined approach to process improvement across our health system which will increase speed and confidence in decision-making and provide the highest quality patient care experience for our customers."

G.P. Park to hold classes for training lifeguards

Lifeguard training and lifeguard training instructor courses will be offered at the Windmill Pointe Park pool beginning Monday, June 28.

The lifeguard training course will prepare students to lifeguard and become certified in lifeguard training, CPR-PR, AED and first aid. Students must be at least 15 years old and be able to pass the prerequisite swimming skills test. The cost is \$135, which includes the book.

The lifeguard training instructor course is intended for those at least 17 years

old with their lifeguard certificates who would like to be lifeguard training instructors.

The cost is \$50, which includes the book.

Classes meet Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, June 28 to July 15. The lifeguard training course runs from 6 to 9 p.m. and the lifeguard training instructor course runs from 6 to 9:30 p.m.

Registration will be taken at the Windmill Pointe Park pool and recreation offices.

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Tickets for the annual Garden Tour are available for \$12 at local florists and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Tickets are \$15

on tour days. Call the Center at (313) 881-4594 for more information or tickets.

Find the Garden Center's Garden Shoppe at the Selvaggio Garden and at the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook in Grosse Pointe Woods.

A Michigan State University Master Gardener information booth will be located at the Augustine Garden. The Grosse Pointe

Garden Center is a nonprofit organization that promotes education, beautification, horticulture and conservation in our community. Proceeds from the Garden Tour help fund grants made to schools and other community organizations.

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

Stratford's 'Guys 'n' Dolls' is Runyonesque fun

A rollicking piece of urban folklore is taking the Stratford stage by storm this summer. For the second time in its 52 years, the Festival is presenting Frank Loesser's uniquely American musical, "Guys and Dolls."

It peoples the arena stage with Damon Runyon's unforgettable collection of gamblers, their girlfriends and Salvation Army missionaries as they follow their respective callings in the bright lights and shadowy corners of New York's Broadway.

On the one hand, it is a glittering reminder of the greatest era of musical comedy with song, dance, high humor and love interest woven slickly into an evening of entertainment that leaves you without a worry in the world. On the other hand, it captures the lifestyle of our native crapshooter culture of the mid-20th century in the piquant caricatures drawn by Runyon in his stories of the era.

And this production makes it all come true.

The opening sets the tone in a dance sequence that

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By Alex Suczek

explodes on stage with a full array of characters from the New York streets who people Runyon's world. The vitality of their choreography whets the appetite for the story that is about to unfold. A quartet of Stratford stars leads the parade, with comparably outstanding performers in supporting roles.

Geordie Johnson is the notorious Nathan Detroit, who runs "the only established, permanent, floating crap game in New York." His rugged good looks do double duty as he connives to arrange new locations for the game to avoid the vice squad inspector, and cajoles his doll, Miss Adelaide, into extending their so-called

engagement for 14 years.

In the doll role, Sheila McCarthy captures the style of the brash night club entertainer and gambler's girl with a convincing and amusing facsimile of a Brooklyn accent and lots of body English. Her vain efforts to bring Nathan Detroit to the altar amount to one of the central themes of the plot.

Since her plans include getting him to give up gambling, they also give rise to a great question that highlights the relationship: "Why is it that as soon as you find a guy you like, you want to take him in for alterations?"

Bringing on the second love interest are Cynthia Dale as Sarah Brown, and the suave, self-assured Scott Wentworth as master gambler and confirmed bachelor Sky Masterson. Dale brings to the sweet personality we have seen in other roles, a grit and determination suitable for her character's identity. She is a Sergeant in the Salvation Army, seeking to save souls among the Broadway sinners.

She and Wentworth pro-

ject the inevitable attraction of extreme opposites that is the basis for much entertainment as their relationship passes through repeated crises before love conquers all. Dale makes Sarah grimly self-controlled. Wentworth makes Masterson confidently sure of himself until he realizes he is in love.

In her famous scene in Cuba, Dale makes Sarah's discovery of the other side of life an enchanting fantasy. She conveys a wide-eyed sense of wonder over the exotic floor show at a Havana club and achieves a convincing portrayal of the naive missionary experiencing for the first time the effects of rum in what she thinks is an exceptionally tasty milk shake.

As the drink relaxes her inhibitions, her jealousy is obvious when Sky Masterson is drawn onto the floor by an exotic dancer. The resulting competition between the women is one of the hugely funny bits and outstanding dance numbers in the show.

Meanwhile, Wentworth maintains a gentlemanly aplomb and control of the situation that perfectly suits Masterson's growing respect and affection for Sergeant Sarah. He is, in fact, the perfect gentleman gambler.

There is little time to sit back and savor the fun, however. The pace of the show sweeps you from one memorable scene to the next without pause and provides loads of moments for other cast member talents

to shine.

The crew of crapshooting clients waiting for Nathan Detroit to reveal the next location for the game is a great Runyonesque rogues' gallery. Bruce Dow as Nicely-Nicely Johnson is a perfect caricature of a gambler who never forgot the manners his mother taught him, while Nigel Hamer is a garrulous Harry the Horse.

Towering above them all in brute forcefulness of personality, as well as seven-foot stature, is Grant Linneberg as Big Jule.

On the other side, Douglas Chamberlain is Army member Arvide Abernathy, Sarah's grandfather and helpful adviser. For both Sarah and the audience, he is a link to good sense and reality.

In a show with immensely clever sets that allow seamless scene changes, one of the swiftest and most impressive is the move down a manhole to the game's new location under the streets of New York. Down there, an absolutely spectacular dance sequence leads to a pivotal scene of the show. Acrobatic dancing brothers Jason and Julius Sermonia stand out in the large company with breathtaking performances.

In the scene that follows, Linneberg renders a grim demonstration of Big Jule's heavy-handed gambling style followed by the more genteel persuasive power of Sky Masterson. His goal is not cash winnings, however. He needs to make good on his marker to Sergeant

Sarah, promising a group of sinners at her next prayer meeting.

Those are the stakes for his next throw of the dice, which is preceded by a high-energy rendition of one of the show's best-remembered songs, "Luck Be a Lady Tonight."

That is not the only one, however. Memories come back quickly with, "I Love You, a Bushel and a Peck," "Take Back Your Mink" and "Sue Me," for example.

Another big winner comes at the prayer meeting where the gamblers, having lost their bet to Masterson's dice, all show up. When it is Nicely-Nicely's turn to "testify" to his own reform, Bruce Dow steals the show with a barn-burning rendition of "Sit down, You're Rockin' the Boat."

At that point, it's all over but the resolution of the two crap-game-crossed love stories. To describe that whimsical ending would be too much. It is enough to know that "Guys and Dolls" will be presented at the Festival Theatre, probably to sellout houses, through Sunday, Nov. 7. Call (800) 567-1600.

'Wing it' at your next backyard barbecue

Chicken wings have become very popular in the appetizer world. Hot wings, barbecued wings, and breaded wing-dings are just a few. The wing craze really started with the Buffalo wing (named for the city where it was created), finished in hot sauce and traditionally served with celery hearts and blue cheese dressing for dipping.

This week's recipe offers yet another way to prepare and enjoy chicken wings using only the drumette portion of the wing (the part attached to the bird.) I found this Asian-inspired recipe in Cuisine at Home magazine. It reminded me of the wings I enjoy at a favorite Thai restaurant. The lollipop look of these tasty wings comes from pushing the meat of the drumette up and away from the bone.

It's slightly time consuming, but well worth the effort.

Chinese Chicken Lollipops

- 3 lbs. chicken drumettes (Perdue)
- 2 cups panko crumbs (Japanese bread crumbs)
- 2 tablespoons sesame seeds
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 teaspoon kosher or sea salt
- 1/4 cup toasted (preferably) sesame oil
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon chili garlic sauce

Hold each wing (one at a time) by the bone with one hand, and using kitchen shears, with the other hand cut the tendons around the top of the drumette. Use a paring knife to push the meat down to the base of the drumette. It should look like a lollipop.

Preheat oven to 425 degrees with oven racks positioned in the lower third of the oven. Coat



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two baking sheets with nonstick spray and set aside.

In a medium bowl, combine the panko crumbs with the sesame seeds, butter, salt, sesame oil and cayenne. Set aside.

In a small bowl, whisk together the eggs with the mayonnaise and the chili garlic sauce. Dip each drumette into the egg mixture and then dredge in the crumb mixture and place on the prepared baking sheet.

Bake the wings for 40 minutes at 425 degrees, turning them after 20 minutes. (I also rotated the baking sheets after 20 minutes.) The drumettes should be golden and crisp all the way around.

There's more. Don't be overwhelmed. Choose one or both of the easy dipping sauces to complement your delicious wings.

Asian Remoulade Sauce

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup chopped scallions

- 1/4 cup chopped red bell pepper (or roasted pepper)
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard

Combine all ingredients in a mixing bowl. This sauce can be made several days before serving. Store covered in the refrigerator until ready to serve.

Sweet Chili Dipping sauce

- 3/4 cup water
- 1/2 cup rice vinegar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce
- 3 tablespoons minced garlic
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes

Combine ingredients in a small saucepan and simmer over medium heat until reduced by one half, about 20 minutes. Serve at room temperature.

You'll find panko crumbs at the Sprout House in Grosse Pointe Park. Look for chili garlic sauce and rice vinegar in the Asian aisle at the grocery store.

These flavorful chicken "lollipop" wings will be a hit at your next backyard get-together. They certainly were at mine.

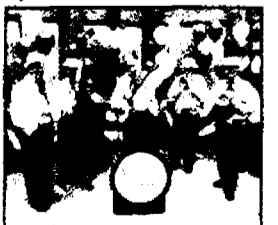
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A listening presence

By the Rev. Fred Harms

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

My thoughts focused on a longtime friend one morning last week. When this thought process happens, it is usually not a coincidence. I have often found important ministry outreach taking place and have heeded those gentle nudges of the Holy Spirit.

This friend, who also happens to be a pastor, has been close to me for more than 30 years. We went through seminary together, were roommates, stood up in each other's weddings and have attended many of the same workshops and seminars over the years. Gary is the kind of person you can pick up the phone and converse with and immediately resume the close ties of friendship even though regular communication may have lapsed for some months.

My friend has experienced many hardships: the death of a 21-year-old son in a car accident, health issues requiring numerous surgeries and some difficult parish issues. When his son died, we spent many long hours on the phone and in personal contact.

I did not presume to have answers for him in such a devastating tragedy, but I was a listening, caring presence for him. Gary knew that he could share his anger, his grief, his doubts and his hopes with me in a confidential, nonjudgmental way. I have always tried to be there for him and he has done the same for me.

This particular phone contact one morning last week revealed some new crises in his life. He shared that he was going through some additional traumas. His life was beginning to resemble the biblical character of Job.

"It's got to get better; things have got to turn around for me at some point," he said.

Gary needed a listening presence and the reassurance of a faithful prayer partner who would not desert him in his time of need. For my friend, I wanted to assure him that I would be there for him, as I have in the past.

This is important ministry that God calls us to be attentive to in life. We all have a friend like Gary who needs our caring, listening presence. We are not called on to give answers to life's troubling dilemmas, but we can provide emotional and spiritual support.

Perhaps we are the ones who need to be ministered to. God does care for us right where we are and wants to help us, to carry us over the rough terrain.

God identifies with us, and when we hurt, God hurts, too. God wants us to receive support, healing and hope.

Is the Spirit tapping you on the shoulder, placing the name of a friend in your thoughts, and nudging you to make a contact with someone who needs your listening, caring presence?

Ask the doctor: Questions and answers

By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

Q. Lately whenever I take a walk, I get such pain in my calves that I have to stop until it goes away. Is this a muscle problem or arthritis?
— M.S.

A. Most likely it is a circulation problem — peripheral vascular disease. "Peripheral" indicates that arteries in the body's periphery — arms and legs — are partially blocked by a buildup of plaque. Plaque is a mound of cholesterol, fat and blood proteins clinging to the artery wall. It's a problem that comes with growing old. About one in six people older than 55 suffers from it.

Calf pain while walking is a hallmark symptom. The calf muscles require more blood, but the plaque on artery walls obstructs the needed extra blood flow to the muscles. Muscles, lacking the oxygen and fuel brought by blood, cry out in pain. Pain can also be felt in the thighs or buttocks if arteries to those muscles are filled with plaque.

A person can tell, almost to the inch, the distance at which pain will develop. Resting relieves the pain, and the walking can continue until the next onset of pain.

A doctor can confirm the diagnosis by taking the blood pressure in the arms and comparing it with the blood pressure in the ankle region. The two should be similar. In peripheral vascular disease, the ankle pressure will be lower than the arm pressure.

Don't take a nonchalant attitude about this. Peripheral vascular disease is often a tip-off that arteries supplying the heart and brain are also partially blocked, and blockages there are a prelude to a heart attack or stroke.

Treatment for obstructed arteries entails lowering blood cholesterol to stop plaque enlargement. A supervised exercise program is most important.

Medicines such as aspirin, Pletal and Plavix can enhance blood flow through involved arteries. Opening the arteries by squashing the plaque with an inflated balloon or bypassing the obstructed segment with a graft also works — two procedures borrowed from

treatment of blocked heart arteries.

The peripheral vascular disease pamphlet answers the unanswered questions you most likely have about this common disease. To order a copy, write: Dr. Donohue — No. 109W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order or \$4.50 along with the recipient's printed name and address. Allow four weeks for delivery.

Q. My doctor tells me I have the beginning of macular degeneration. I am completely depressed by this. My mother had it, and her last years were not happy ones. If I go blind, I don't know what I will do. I live alone and have no one to help me. Is there any treatment?
— G.K.

A. The retina is the layer of cells covering the back of the eye. It transmits incoming visual information to the brain, where that information is processed into sight. In the center of the retina lies the macula, a structure whose diameter is only about 1/50th of an inch. It is responsible for fine vision, the kind that permits reading newspapers, threading needles, driving a car and recognizing faces.

When a doctor looks into the eye with a scope, he or she can see the retina and macula clearly. There are a few changes that can provide a rough prediction that macular degeneration might occur in the future. They do not carry a sentence of mandatory degeneration. Further, no sign provides information on how rapidly macular degeneration will progress, if it progresses at all.

There is no cure for the dry kind of macular degeneration — your kind, and the more common kind. While a combination of vitamins and minerals might slow its progression, this combination does not act as a preventive for the condition.

Five hundred milligrams of vitamin C, 400 IU of vitamin E, 15 milligrams of beta carotene, 80 milligrams of zinc and 2 milligrams of copper might be able to retard the advance of macular degeneration once it has started. These doses of vita-

mins and minerals are many times greater than their recommended daily allowances. People should not begin this therapy on their own. They must get an approval from their doctors. Copper is in the mix because high doses of zinc interfere with copper absorption, and that can give rise to an anemia.

The facts on macular degeneration are outlined in the pamphlet with that name. Readers can obtain a copy by writing to: Dr. Donohue — No. 701W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order for \$4.50 with the recipient's printed name and address. Allow four weeks for delivery.

Q. I was recently diagnosed with lupus. My medical dictionary doesn't give me answers to my questions. Could you address this illness? My joints are always painful.
— S.M.

A. Although the cause of lupus has not been identified, evidence points to the immune system coupled with hormones and genes as being integral to its onset, which is usually between the ages of 16 and 55.

Lupus erythematosus, its official name, is remotely related to rheumatoid arthritis. Both target joints. Lupus, however, affects many other organs: skin, lungs, heart, kidneys, red and white blood cells, the brain and nerves.

Signs and symptoms correspond to which organs are involved. Frequently a red rash appears on the cheeks, and it crosses the bridge of the nose to connect the cheek rashes. It looks something like the silhouette of a butterfly. Hair can thin, and bald patches can appear on the scalp. The kidneys might fail. Red blood cell numbers drop, and that produces anemia. White blood cells also take a dip that leaves the person vulnerable to infections. Fever and fatigue engulf patients. Of course, joints are painful and often swollen.

Strange antibodies, products of the immune system, are found in the blood, and they serve as lab markers of the disease.

Serious as the diagnosis of lupus is, modern treatment can generally control it and

allow patients a long and active life.

Many lupus patients must protect themselves from prolonged exposure to sunlight, since it can worsen symptoms.

Anti-inflammatory drugs such as indomethacin are prescribed for mild involvement. For others, hydroxychloroquine or prednisone can often control symptoms.

Readers who would like more information on lupus (and rheumatoid arthritis) can order the pamphlet on those illnesses by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 301W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order for \$4.50 with the recipient's printed name and address. Allow four weeks for delivery.

Q. I have heartburn or acid reflux, whatever you want to call it. Doctors want me to take Prevacid or something similar to it. I simply can't take it. I must be allergic to it. What is left for me?
— E.L.

A. Prevacid is one of the so-called proton pump inhibitors. These drugs stop the production of stomach acid. Other drugs of different families are available. Doctors treated acid reflux successfully before the advent of proton pump inhibitors.

Cimetidine, ranitidine and nizatidine slow acid production and are not related to the Prevacid drug family. You might try one of those; Or a program of antacids taken one and three hours after meals and again at bedtime can work. It was standard treatment for eons.

Readers may write Dr. Donohue or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

Do you remember?

This week's question: It in the 1960s or 1970s, I must drop off some items for repair.

I will go to a narrow stairwell between Moir's gas station and the old Schettler Drugstore. What is my mission?

Answer: I am having my shoes resoled by Jake at the shoe repair shop at the bottom of the stairs.

This week's question: When I was a small girl in the late 1940s, I used to take a bus to the corner of Mack and Cook to pursue my favorite sport. Where was I going and what was my sport?

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Weddings/Engagements

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Weigandt-Macy

Millicent Marie Weigandt, daughter of Jan Yurkovich of Trenton and John Weigandt of Trenton, married J. Ryan Macy, son of Hildreth Macy of the City of Grosse Pointe and Jay Macy of Pauma Valley, Calif., on April 12, 2004, at sunset on Kaanapali Beach, Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii.

The Rev. Pia Aluli officiated at the ceremony. The couple will host a cocktail reception in late

August at the Island House on Mackinac Island.

The bride wore a floor-length strapless ivory organza gown decorated with floral appliques. Her hair was adorned with fresh, miniature orchids and both the bride and groom wore fresh orchid leis.

The bride earned a bachelor's degree in Spanish from Michigan State University. She is a teachers assistant for special education children at Trombly Elementary School and also works at Champs restaurant.

The groom earned a bach-



Mr. and Mrs. J. Ryan Macy

elor's degree in business management from Western Michigan University. He is the human resources manager at the Island House on Mackinac Island.

The couple vacationed on Maui. They live in Harper Woods and Mackinac Island.

Patterson-Pedigo

Erica Anne Patterson, daughter of Kathleen Patterson of Grosse Pointe Farms and the late Richard Patterson, married Michael Christopher Pedigo, son of Donna Hoffmann of Grosse Pointe Woods and Christopher Pedigo of Stuart, Fla., on June 14, 2003, at Christ the King Lutheran Church.

The Rev. Randy Boelter officiated at the 2 p.m. cere-

mony, which was followed by a reception in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The bride wore a strapless matte satin gown that featured a full skirt with box pleats. The bodice and hem of the skirt were decorated with rhinestones, bugle beads and pearls. She carried a bouquet of pink roses and hydrangeas wrapped in white satin ribbon.

The maid of honor was Meghan Welsh of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Bridesmaids were Kristine Otway of Chicago, Jennifer Cox of Grosse Pointe Woods and Silke Jergic of Oberhausen, Germany.

Attendants wore navy crepe sleeveless tops with matching satin A-line skirts. They carried bouquets of pink hydrangeas tied with navy ribbons.

The best man was Peter

Morgan of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Groomsmen were Victor Hurd and Patrick McCarthy, both of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The mother of the bride wore a two-piece fuchsia silk chiffon dress and a corsage of pink primroses and alstromeria.

The groom's mother wore a two-piece blue satin dress with a satin A-line skirt and a corsage of pink roses and alstromeria.

Megan Boik of Eastpointe was the soloist. Readers were Marilyn Burke of Marysville and Richard Bash of Powell, Tenn.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in marketing and German from Michigan State University. She is an international marketing manager for Daimler Chrysler.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration from Central Michigan University. He is a senior process specialist with Blue Cross Blue Shield.

The couple traveled to the Hawaiian Islands. They live in St. Clair Shores.

Martin-Thompson

Maureen Martin of Grosse Pointe Woods has announced the engagement of her daughter, Laura Martin, to Joseph Thompson, son of James and Bernadette Thompson of Grosse Pointe Woods.



Joseph Thompson and Laura Martin

Martin is also the daughter of the late David V. Martin. An August wedding is planned.

Martin earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan and is pursuing a Master of Arts degree in teaching from the University of Michigan Dearborn. She will be a student teacher at Grosse Pointe North High School in the fall.

Thompson earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Wayne State University. He is an automotive engineer with Visteon.



Jeffery Dale Nyenhuis and Kimberly Lynn Wyniemko

Wyniemko-Nyenhuis

Lawrence and Lois Wyniemko of Clinton Township have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Lynn Wyniemko, to Jeffery Dale Nyenhuis, son of Kenneth and Beverly Nyenhuis of Grosse Pointe Park. An August wedding is planned.

Wyniemko earned a bachelor's degree in education and a Master of Arts degree in curriculum and teaching, both from Michigan State University. She is an eighth grade English teacher in the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools.

Nyenhuis earned a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Michigan and a teachers certificate from Wayne State University. He is a teacher in the Grosse Pointe Schools.

St. Michael's plans organ recital

A free organ recital will be offered at 8 p.m. on Sunday, June 27, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park.

The church is within walking distance of the annual fireworks display scheduled to start at about 10:15 p.m. at Parcels Middle School's athletic field.

Michael Brooks, St. Michael's organist and choir director, will present a recital, "Frankly Franck: The Music of Franck, Vierne, Widor and Scusa."

In case of rain, the recital will be rescheduled for the same rain date as the fireworks.

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Soothe the mind, body, and soul with music therapy

By Andrew Stewart
Special Writer

If you were to take a few moments to reflect back on the best times of your life, chances are you'll find there is some type of music that pervades those happy memories. Maybe it's a favorite tune that blared from your radio as you cruised Woodward in your beloved first jalopy. Maybe it's the love song that sweetly evokes memories of your first grand passion or the perfection of your wedding day.

In fact, music pervades every part of our lives. It weaves throughout our consciousness and our dreams, and underscores the moments of our lives that are both joyous and somber, uplifting and heart-breaking. And it has the power to speak volumes, or as English novelist and essayist Aldous Huxley wrote, "After silence, that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible, is music."

It should come as no surprise, then, that music therapy can be a powerful tool in the health care environment. An allied health profession similar to occupational therapy and physical therapy, music therapy is used everywhere from hospitals and outpatient clinics, to mental health centers and hospice programs.

Studies have shown that music therapy can be beneficial for children, adults and elderly people with a multitude of physical and emotional conditions, including chronic pain, cancer, physical or developmental disabilities, AIDS, brain injuries and Alzheimer's disease.

Before you start thinking that music therapy is a throwback to the "flowers-love-peace" days of the '60s, or if it brings to mind the image of a guy in Birkenstocks singing "Kumbaya" and worshipping the sun god Ra, let me assure you that music therapy is a viable profession.

Educational institutions like Michigan State University (which established the first music therapy program in the nation in 1944) give music therapy students clinical, experiential and theoretical training. The therapeutic benefits of music therapy are even recognized by the American Medical Association, and there's a substantial body of literature and research to support its effectiveness.

Perhaps the easiest way to understand how music therapy fits into a traditional medical environment is to compare it to complementary therapies like herbal medications, Reiki and massage, all of which nurture the mind and soul as well as the body.

More and more health care providers, including the Van Elslander Cancer Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, are offering these types of alternative care because of their soothing qualities, as well as for their ability to help reduce pain, alleviate symptoms, lower blood pressure and lift depression.

In short, music therapy can enrich and improve a person's quality of life, and as such, it's also beneficial for healthy people (think stress relief for busy executives and relaxation for laboring mothers-to-be).

One reason why music therapy works so well is because it is empowering. A person who can move one finger can make the same sound on a portable keyboard as a concert pianist who plays the same note. Better still, there is no illness in music — you are capable of putting music in the air even if you're 85 years old with advanced cancer, or if you're 3 years old and have congenital birth defects.

Research has shown that music therapy is particularly effective in helping cancer patients deal with acute pain and the discomfort from treatments like chemotherapy.

For instance, there's evidence that music therapy can prolong the onset and reduce the duration of nausea in patients receiving high doses of chemotherapy.

As a practicing music therapist, I have personally witnessed how soothing music can be during procedures ranging from needle-guided breast biopsies and bone marrow aspirations to spinal taps.

What exactly do music therapists do? First, they design music sessions based on a person's individual needs. For instance, a person who is undergoing the pain of bone marrow aspiration may benefit from the soothing sounds of an ocean drum or a soft melody that suggests wide-open spaces. Conversely, therapists may leave the music making to the patient, allowing him or her to drum or to tap out a tune on a portable keyboard, or they may play in concert with the patient.

Finally, therapists participate in the ongoing treatment of patients, and for this reason can be found in the operating room, in the treatment room, or at the bedside — anywhere music can weave its magic spell.

Not every hospital or health care facility has a music therapist on staff. For more information about the music therapy services offered at St. John Hospital and the Van Elslander Cancer Center, call (313) 647-3005.

Andrew Stewart, MTBC, is a board-certified music therapist on staff in St. John Hospital and Medical Center's Van Elslander Cancer Center, and a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Alcohol, diabetes can be fatal combination

Tom was 9 years old when he was diagnosed with diabetes, 10 when he began drinking alcohol, and 34 when he died from diabetes complications aggravated by daily alcohol use.

Alcoholism and diabetes are both chronic illnesses. When not managed, either one can be fatal. When both develop in the same person, risks of complications and early death increase.

In a person with diabetes, the pancreas doesn't produce enough insulin, or the body doesn't use insulin that is produced. Insulin is a hormone that regulates levels of glucose in the blood. Glucose, a form of sugar, supplies the body with energy.

Alcoholism — the compulsive use of alcohol despite negative consequences — creates obstacles to diabetes management.

"Tom couldn't hold a job because of his drinking, and he'd spend the money for his medical needs (insulin injections) on booze," said Tom's sister. "He tried to regulate his insulin with how much alcohol he was going to drink."

This strategy ignores human metabolism. Normally the liver helps to raise blood sugar levels by releasing glucose. This does

not happen when alcohol is in the system because the liver's first priority is to get rid of alcohol. So, alcohol lowers blood sugar levels. This puts people with diabetes at risk for hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) if they have not eaten for a while.

"We recommend that people with diabetes use alcohol only when their blood glucose is under good control," said Nancy Cooper, a diabetes nutrition specialist at the International Diabetes Center in St. Louis Park, Minn. "We also recommend that they limit their quantity of alcohol and regularly test their blood-glucose levels."

Limiting alcohol means following the guidelines for moderate drinking: no more than two servings of alcohol per day for men and one serving per day for women. One serving is:

- 12 ounces of beer, or
- 5 ounces of wine, or
- a single shot of liquor (one-and-a-half ounces).

Anyone, even the person without diabetes, who depends on alcohol as a major source of calories will see a decline in his or her health, said Cooper. This is especially true for the person with diabetes, who relies heavily on proper diet

to control blood sugar levels. Alcohol has virtually no nutritious value and is considered a fat in the food-exchange diet of people with diabetes.

Tom was treated for alcoholism several times. He was also hospitalized often for his poorly managed diabetes. His sister believes he denied his diabetes and used alcohol to help him forget about it.

Denial can be a problem for both alcoholics and people with diabetes. And that's just one similarity between the two diseases. In a recent review of the medical literature, Thomas McLellan of the Treatment Research Institute in Philadelphia and his colleagues listed others.

One is that both illnesses require lifelong care. For alcoholics, this means getting treatment and abstaining from alcohol. For people with diabetes, it means changes in diet, exercise and other behaviors.

Also, both diseases are marked by relapse. About 40 to 60 percent of recovering alcoholics are still abstinent one year after treatment. Similarly, 30 to 50 percent of adults with Type 1 diabetes require additional medical care each year to reduce their symptoms.

Living well with either alcoholism or diabetes means following an individually designed treatment plan.

If you have diabetes, talk to your doctor or a diabetes specialist about how to safely consume alcohol. Remember that some people with diabetes should not

drink any alcohol. This includes people who take Glucophage (metformin), a diabetes medication that can cause liver complications when combined with alcohol.

Also remember a further parallel between diabetes and alcoholism: You can gain strength and hope by meeting other people with the same illness.

Alcoholics can join Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). For more information, write AA at Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 459, New York, NY 10163, or access the AA Web site at www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.

People with diabetes can locate support groups through the American Diabetes Association (ADA). Call (800) 342-2383 or access the ADA Web site at www.diabetes.org. The International Diabetes Center offers publications about diabetes management. Call (888) 637-2675 for more information or access www.idcdiabetes.org.

This health column offers information needed to help prevent substance abuse problems and address such problems. It is provided by Hazelden, a nonprofit agency based in Center City, Minn., that offers a wide range of information and services on addiction and recovery. For more resources, call Hazelden at (800) 257-7800 or check its Web site at www.hazelden.org. Direct your inquiries to mduda@hazelden.org.

SOC has medical equipment available for those in need

If illness or recent hospitalization requires the use of durable medical equipment such as wheelchairs, four-

prong canes or shower benches, or incontinence supplies, Services for Older Citizens has a lending closet. Call (313) 882-9600, ext. 247.

SOC tea will be June 29

"Wisdom for your Waistline and Music for your Soul" is the theme for Services for Older Citizens' monthly ladies afternoon tea on Tuesday, June 29, from 2 to 3:15 p.m.

A student string quartet from Grosse Pointe South High School, the Vivace Quartet, will provide the music. Diane Bezy, a local Weight Watchers counselor, will give sound advice for successful summer weight management.

Reservations are required. For reservations or information, call SOC at (313) 882-9600, ext. 247.

Long-term planning talk

Services for Older Citizens will present a speaker, Dick Keller, at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, June 30, at the Neighborhood Club. Keller will discuss the benefits of long-term planning and how to protect family and assets from the risk of paying for long-term care.

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Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



With the arrival of warmer weather it is nice to get outside and enjoy the sunshine. Ant that means it is time to put on the sunscreen because, while avoiding the sun entirely is the best way to guard against skin cancer, for most that is an unacceptable option.

With few exceptions, whether younger or older, everyone should use sunscreens when going outdoors. Even on a cloudy day, 80 percent of the sun's rays will get through. For children, start applying sunscreen at the age of 6 months (children under 6 months should avoid the sun altogether). Luckily, there are lots of options when it

comes to sunscreens. Today they are available in lotions, gels, oil-free formulas, in moisturizers, make-up and in other specialty forms for outdoor activities and water sports.

The "best" sunscreens block both UVA and UVB and should have an SPF of at least 15. Apply sunscreens liberally 20-30 minutes before going outside, and reapply after 2 hours, especially when active.

Using sunscreen should be as routine as brushing your teeth. To learn more about sunscreens and their use, contact your dermatologist or call us at Eastside Dermatology. Dr. Lisa A. Manz-Dulac and Associates with offices in Grosse Pointe and New Baltimore. You can reach them at (313) 884-3380.

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Regina wins state Division I softball championship

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

BATTLE CREEK — Regina's softball team captured its first state championship since 1989 last weekend, beating Portage Northern 5-2 in the Division I title game.

"This group of girls was very focused on not just playing well in each game, but getting to the finals and winning," head coach Diane Laffey said. "They didn't want to settle for anything but a state championship, and they knew they could do it if they played well, which

they did."

Sophomore Nikki Nemitz (26-0 overall) kept the hard-hitting Huskies off-balance for most of the game, giving up only two earned runs on six hits, and she struck out four.

"Portage Northern was the best hitting team we have faced this season," Laffey said. "They were taking Nikki's outside pitches to right field early in the game, but Nikki started pitching inside, and it gave Northern's hitters fits."

The Saddlelites scored a run in the top of the second

inning when Meghan Sweeney reached base on an error by the third baseman.

Sweeney advanced to third on a double by Andrea Ligotti and scored on a passed ball.

The Huskies tied it up with a run in the bottom of the second inning, but the Saddlelites took the lead for good with two runs in the top of the third.

Rosi Wagner led-off with a single and went to second on a Nemitz single. Phelan Dinverno pinch-ran for Nemitz and scored right behind Wagner on a two-run single by Rachael Sabol.

Laffey's squad added single runs in the fourth and fifth innings to put the Huskies in a hole they never recovered from.

"Both teams made some errors early in the game, but Northern's hurt them more because we turned those mistakes into runs," Laffey said.

Other finals standouts were seniors Jamie Harbison, Melanie Dupont, Erica Mazur, Shayna Czech, Angela Pinelli, junior Emily Blair and sophomore Lindsay Toman.

"All of our girls made contributions to this title run," Laffey said. "We had a strong team of girls who were focused on winning."

Nemitz single-handedly lifted the Saddlelites to the title game, pitching a perfect game in a 1-0 win over East Kentwood in the semifinals.

"East Kentwood was a very good team, but we were able to make one run stand up," Laffey said. "Nikki and East Kentwood's pitcher (Ali

Petit) did an outstanding job in a game dominated by pitching and defense."

Nemitz struck out 11, while Petit struck out 13.

The Saddlelites scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning when Andrea Adams led-off with a single and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Mazur.

Blair's single scored Adams with the winning run, but it didn't come without dramatics.

The home plate umpire called Adams out, but the first and third base umpires both called her safe after the catcher lost control of the ball.

"The three umpires got together and talked it over," Laffey said. "After a minute or so, the home plate umpire called Andrea safe, and we won the game."

Regina advanced to its first Final Four since the late 1990s, beating league rival Farmington Hills Mercy 2-0 in 10 innings.

"It didn't look so good for us, but we were able to pull out a win," Laffey said. "Our pitching and defense were the difference in the game."

Mercy had a chance to take an early 1-0 lead, but Sabol tagged out a runner at the plate in the bottom of the first inning.

The Marlins got the lead-off runner on base against Nemitz, and she worked her way to second base.

She advanced to third on an error and was on her way home when Sabol fielded the errant throw by the catcher and tagged out the runner at the plate.

Then again in the bottom of the eighth inning, Adams, a defensive replacement, threw out a runner at home plate to preserve the scoreless tie.

"Rachael and Andrea made two of the biggest plays of the year for us against Mercy," Laffey said. "We would have lost the game if it weren't for their heads up defensive plays."

Nemitz, who had a shaky first inning, settled down to strike out nine and scatter

six hits in 10 innings. She was the winning pitcher and had three hits at the plate.

"Nikki was very nervous early on, which is expected of a sophomore playing in the state quarterfinals," Laffey said. "She buckled down and pitched very well for us since we didn't hit much for her."

The Saddlelites' two runs were unearned and came on a throwing error by Mercy

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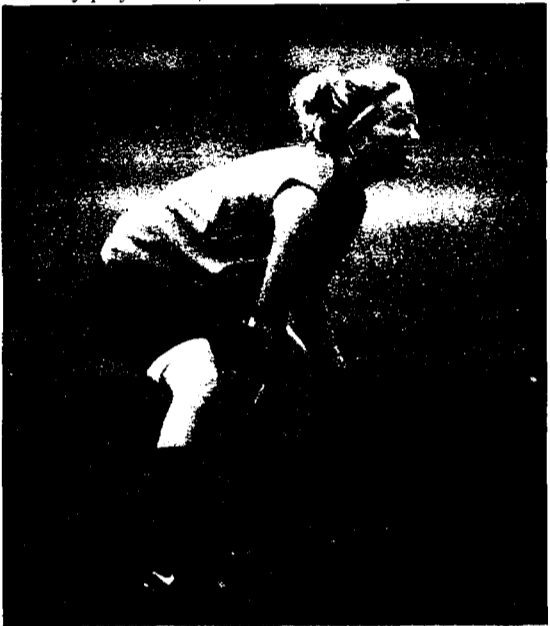
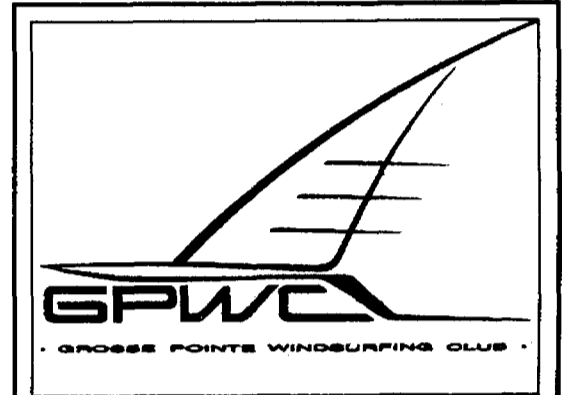


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Senior shortstop Rachael Sabol, above, tagged out a runner at home in the bottom of the first, which was a huge play in Regina's 2-0 10-inning quarterfinal win over Farmington Hills Mercy.



New logo

The Grosse Pointe Windsurfing Club has a new logo that was designed by Bruce Williams of Grosse Pointe Park. The club will hold its fifth annual regatta on Saturday at Patterson Park, beginning at 10 a.m. This will be the third year that the Windsurfing Club will incorporate its windsurfing events into the annual Detroit Boat Club Regatta. Windsurfing events will include four fleets of board races, demonstrations, refreshments and raffles. Admission is free but there is a \$30 registration fee for participants. Red Bull energy drink and Colasco are sponsoring refreshments and Buscemi's in the Park is providing pizza for the racers.

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Top area prep basketball players have success in AAU tourneys

The boys high school basketball season has been over for several weeks, but many of the top prep players in the area are continuing to hone their skills.

They are playing for the 17-and-under Eastside Renegades, which won three tournaments this spring and has qualified for the Youth Basketball Organization of America (YBOA) national championships next month in Atlanta, Ga.

The Renegades won the Just Play Ball Championship Series at Saginaw Valley State University, and followed that with first-place trophies at the YBOA state championships in East Lansing and the Camp Darryl Memorial Classic in Kalamazoo.

In the Kalamazoo tournament, the Renegades won both of their pool games, including a win over the Michigan Panthers, to move on to the semifinals where they beat the West Michigan Lakers 72-60.

"They were big," said Renegades coach Maurice Taylor. "Their front line was 6-8, 6-7 and 6-4, but with David (Klein) and Michael (Bramos) we don't have rebounding problems, and they very rarely got second shots. We were more athletic and skilled."

Bramos finished with 26 points, 16 rebounds, four blocks and four steals. Justin Popov scored 23 points with a combination of jump shots, drives to the basket and post-up moves.

The Renegades also dominated the championship game with a 77-66 victory over Big Eekay Sports of Lansing.

"It was a great weekend because we really played unselfish and like a team," Taylor said.

Bramos, who played with the Renegades last season but moved on to a Reebok-sponsored AAU team called the Michigan Hurricanes this spring, rejoined his old squad in Kalamazoo.

"Michael came back and didn't miss a beat," Taylor said of the Grosse Pointe North junior. "I have seen a lot of great high school basketball players but the one thing that really sets him apart is that I've never been around a player as good as he is who is as humble and well-grounded as Michael."

The only negative was that Dan Harris sprained his ankle again.

"It really hurts because Dan was really have a very good AAU season and was opening a lot of college coaches' eyes after having season-ending injuries dur-

ing his sophomore and junior years," Taylor said.

Popov and Bramos were both named to the six-man all-tournament team.

"Michael is a lot better than he was during the season," Taylor said. "He has been lifting weights and he looks a lot stronger, quicker and more athletic. And it looks like he has grown."

"Justin played phenomenal again and he averaged about 25 points-per-game for the tournament. Justin's body control is incredible. Every time he goes to the basket he demands to be fouled — and he wants the basket, too. I really think that if Popov works on his game over the summer he could become a mid-major recruit."

The Renegades also had impressive performances from Jerome Douglas, Klein and Javon Mosley.

"Jerome always checks the (opponent's) best offensive player, and plays extremely hard," Taylor said. "Jerome is the glue to our team because he doesn't have to score a lot of points to have a major impact on a game."

"David is very critical to our team's success. He rebounds the ball well, clogs

the middle so teams don't get easy layups and is very low maintenance. He doesn't demand the ball. David is active regardless of how many touches he gets, and that is a tribute to him.

"Javon played a good floor game. When teams tried to press us we were mostly getting layups because everybody can handle the basketball. Javon is only a sophomore playing 17-and-under and doing very well so next year I see him dominating."

The Renegades won four of their six games at the YBOA state championships, including an 81-71 victory over the Detroit Rock Hounds, which was made up of several players from the Detroit Rogers High School team that won back-to-back state titles.

The Renegades trailed by eight points at halftime. In the second half, Taylor made a major change in his lineup.

"I started the Grosse Pointe North kids to inject some life into us, plus they play the game so unselfishly," Taylor said.

The move didn't play immediate dividends as the Renegades fell behind by 13 points.

"But then they gave us the boost we needed and cut the

lead to six with four minutes left in the third quarter," Taylor said.

"The fourth quarter is where we really picked up the tempo defensively and started getting some stops, led by David Klein. Then, as always, when a team is working hard on defense, the offense starts to wake up."

The Renegades made eight of 11 three-point attempts in the fourth quarter. Harris made three straight from long range to tie the game at 58-all with about five minutes left.

Popov scored 11 points down the stretch and Klein made four straight free throws in the final minute to give the Renegades the 10-point victory.

Popov finished with 27 points and was named the MVP of the 17-and-under division. Harris and Klein also made the all-tournament first team.

Other standouts were Douglas, Mosley and Andy Bennett.

"Jerome had all three assists on Dan's big threes to seize the momentum," Taylor said. "Javon guarded bigger players and never complains. (Bennett) is always thinking, never

forces anything, makes great decisions and plays hard."

The Renegades beat Lansing Aim High 78-70 in the semifinals in a rematch of a game the Renegades lost in pool play. They also defeated the Lansing Lightning 73-61 to qualify for the national tournament, and in early-round action the Renegades beat Dayton (Ohio) Parkside.

Members of the Renegades are Bennett, Alex Sultan, Klein, Henry McCain and David Sheill of Grosse Pointe North; Douglas, Popov and Harris of Harper Woods; Jonathon Wright of University Liggett School; Mosley of Warren Lincoln; and Tom Pallisco of Marine City Cardinal Mooney.

The Renegades were formed last year. They played in seven tournament and won one and finished

second twice.

"I started the Eastside Renegades to have a place where my son Maurice would have a place to get a fair chance to play," the elder Taylor said.

Members of that team were Taylor (ULS), Bruce Mosley (Harper Woods), Bramos, Seth Quaranta (Notre Dame), Joe Bradacs (Lakeview), Douglas, Harris, Sheill, Popov, Mike Meinhardt (Lutheran East), Rob Carlisle (Lutheran East), Bryan Bennett (Grosse Pointe North) and Scott Rutter (Fraser).


The Renegades also participated in a varsity fall league at the Joe Dumars Fieldhouse and finished 9-1 and won the playoff championship.

Members of that team were Taylor, Bramos, Bradacs, Bryan Bennett, Klein, Eddie Barclay (Grosse Pointe South), Jake Krystoforski (North) and Marcell Maxwell (North).



The Eastside Renegades basketball team has won three tournaments this season. In front, from left, are Jonathon Wright, Alex Sultan, Jordan Savage and Andy Bennett. In back, from left, are Jerome Douglas, Tom Pallisco, Dan Harris, Javon Mosley, Justin Popov, Henry McCain, David Klein and coach Maurice Taylor.

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pitcher Dana Frantz.

Blair led-off the 10th inning with a single and scored on a throwing error.


The Saddlelites scored an insurance run on a Frantz wild pitch.

"Those are two uncharacteristic errors by Frantz, but we will take them," Laffey said. "We have played some tough games that we lost to Mercy, but now we beat them and are going to the Final Four."

The Saddlelites lost to Mercy in the last two state quarterfinal games.

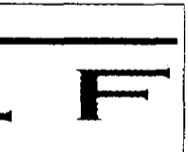
The Regina softball team ended its championship season 38-2 overall, and its junior varsity squad was 25-2, giving them a combined 63-4 mark.

"We lose 11 key seniors to this team, but it's great because they were able to end their high school careers on top," Laffey said. "We have a good group coming back for next season, but our girls who will come up from the junior varsity team will have to adapt to playing at the varsity level."



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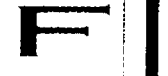
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Get In The Game

From Paco to Hollywood, Carlisle Boxing is a one-two punch

By Chris Waldmeir
Special Writer

Team Carlisle is on a roll. The Detroit area's most promising group of pro boxers, managed by Grosse Pointe John Carlisle, swept all four matches they took part in last weekend at the Great Lakes Sports Arena in Fraser.

Not only that, but two of the bouts ended in knockouts — one a first-round iced by Carlisle's up-and-coming super-middleweight, Ruben "Hollywood" Williams, who decked Warren Moore at 2:37 of the first round. With the knockout, Williams, now 24-1, captured the North American Boxing Council's super middleweight Intercontinental title.

Defending champion Moore had a 17-5 won-lost record going into the title match. He went down for an eight count after several sharp blows to the body by

Williams, and the referee stopped the fight on a TKO. Team Carlisle's other victories were:

Robert Davis (29-6), from Akron, OH, who KO'd Paul "Rocky" Phillips (21-11), from Dayton, OH, at 1:24 of the second round; Undefeated Rydell Booker (22-0), from Detroit, who won a split decision over Tipton Walker (13-7), from Benton Harbor; and 20-year old unbeaten lightweight Marlon Davis (9-0), from Cleveland, OH, who decided "Bad Chad" Lawshe (7-3), from Mobile, AL.

Since Carlisle put his team together in recent months, his top three fighters have compiled a surprising successful won-lost record of 68-1.

"I'm proud of all of them," said Carlisle, whose fight stable so far has been led by Leo "Paco" Nolan. Nolan did not fight on the Fraser card.

Williams' victory over Moore set the young fighter up for a future fight date on cable television's Showtime channel, perhaps in the early fall. Showtime would like to see the fight in Las Vegas, but manager Carlisle says he'd prefer to have Detroit get the opportunity for the national exposure.

"The whole purpose of these promotions is to have local fights at a world class level," Carlisle explained. "What the fans saw in Fraser is what you'd normally have to travel to Las Vegas or New York to see."

The colorful Williams entered the ring wearing black trunks trimmed in brown, with shoes to match. Both the trunks and the shoes were leather. Both fighters got it on from the opening bell, but it was clear from the outset that Williams was the stronger puncher as he knocked

Moore down for a short count and then slammed his opponent into the ropes.

Another flurry of punches sent Moore to the canvas for a second time, and he lay there, motionless. Despite the fact that he got to his feet by the count of eight, however, the referee figured he'd had enough and called the match.

"We always wait 'til eight to get up on the eight count, and that's what I did, and I jumped up on the eight, and when I got up he was on nine, and he said (It's over)," Moore said.

"Either way it'd go, if he would have got up he still would have got knocked out. He went down once, and I hadn't even hit him with my best shot. It was just a matter of time," Williams said.

Although, it did look as though Moore wanted to be anywhere but in the ring with Hollywood, he had a different excuse for going down in the first round.

"My hat is off to him (Williams), but it's down on the ref, for being inexperienced and being in the ring in a championship fight."

Williams replied, "Having a passion for this sport, being a fighter, a fighter's gonna give excuses every time. You never get in that ring just to give up a fight. He came and put on his best game plan. If he could have won this fight he would have made tons of more money. So, you want to put out your best effort every time you fight; that's just a reflex response to him losing."

When asked if Moore wanted a rematch he said, "He's (Williams) too big. I got to go down a weight. He's too big; he's too strong."

As Moore was leaving the

arena with his entourage of helpers, he stopped, got my attention and yelled, "He still don't make more money than me! Put that in the paper. He still don't make more money than me! I make more money than anyone on this card!"

As for the other seven fights on the ticket that evening, Carlisle had his hand in three. He won them all.

The first of Carlisle's fighters, Robert Davis (29-6), knocked out Paul "Rocky" Phillips (21-11), at 1:24 in the second round.

Next for Carlisle Boxing was Rydell Booker (22-0), who disappointed Carlisle by coming in over weight. If he had weighed in at 200 pounds, as he was supposed to, he would have been fighting for a championship belt.

"He came in 20 pounds over, and I went through the roof," Carlisle said. "I told him he's not going to fight again until he comes into my office and gets on a scale and weighs 200 pounds; only then will I decide when he fights next."

Booker went all ten rounds against a much leaner Tipton Walker (13-7). The fight ended with a split decision going in favor of Booker.

"I know the fight was a little close, you know, but I got decision so that's what count," Booker said. "My weight is an out-of-shape Rydell, and it's not just like an in-shape Rydell that just weigh 230. It's a out-of-shape Rydell."

Being at 22-0 is big for Booker. The pressure is strong, and he may not know how to take a loss.

"It feel good. It put pressure on me, to let me know I got to wake up and do what

I got to do to be a champion or to be a good Rydell Booker instead of an average boxer."

As for Carlisle's youngest competitor of the evening, 20 year old, Lightweight Marlon Davis (9-0), stepped into the ring with "Bad" Chad Lawshe (7-3).

At first things did not look good for Davis. "Chad can really kick some tail. Davis is really taking a chance with his 8-0 record," Carlisle said while watching the fight from ringside.

Davis won on a split decision, one that could have gone either way.

"It was a close fight. Basically, I worked the jab more; that's where I basically scored most the points," Davis said. "I'm going back to the gym and train harder, more harder running."

"I'm excited every time I see him (Marlon Davis)," said Carlisle. "There was no defense; they just keep hitting each other, and that's a wonderful fight to watch. I think the world of Marlon. Two or three years from now, he's going to be in a championship fight."

Local boxing is at a pivotal point in its history. Carlisle doesn't think that Detroit is a boxing city but is going to do his best to make it one.

"There is no question, at this point, that I have at least four guys who are going to fight for world championships. So, as far as the boxing program itself, I am sure that it is going to be a success. As far as continuing the growth locally, it's out of my hands. It's up to the local community and the fans because prize fighters have got to get a prize."



Rydell Booker pauses as his opponent, Tipton Walker, comes after him. Booker won decision in the fight to move his unbeaten record to 22-0.

'Run the Pointe' is a success

The second annual Grosse Pointe South "Run the Pointe" Booster Club run was a success.

A total of 208 runners participated in three different running events each beginning and ending on the South High School track and following a course through

the Grosse Pointe Farms community.

Winning the 10K male race was Luke Williams, the 10K female race went to Lynne MacArthur, the 5K male race went to Bill Monnett, the 5K female race went to Julie Austin, the 2 mile male walk/run winner

was Paul Murphy and the 2 mile walk/run female winner was Lynn Dugan.

The event will be held next year on May 14, 2005.

Major event sponsors were Big Boy Restaurants, Lochmoor Chrysler Jeep, Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers, Toyota Motor Sales USA, and the Grosse Pointe News.

They were joined by several general sponsors, including Allemon's Garden Center, American Speedy Printers, Beth Pressler/Higbie Maxon, Bon Secours Health Services, Borders Books, City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Einstein Bagels, Everfresh-LaCroix Beverages, Genesis Marketing, Greco Title, Grosse Pointe Public Schools, James R. Fikany Real Estate, JP's Hallmark Shop, Mr. C's car Wash, New Center Stamping, Panera Bread, Pointe fitness, TCBY, and Verheyden Funeral Directors.



Swift sisters

The DeLuw sisters, of Harper Woods, have run away with multiple records.

Jennifer, left, a junior at Grosse Pointe North, and her sister Kelly, an 8th grader at St. Clair of Montefalco, have at least one thing in common: speed.

Jennifer recently won her third straight 400-meter title at the MAC championship meet. Soon after qualifying for three events at the Grosse Pointe South regional meet, she was part of a school record 3200-meter relay team that broke the school record by five seconds.

Kelly won her third straight 400-meter championship with a school record 61.9 seconds, in all, she was part of three winning events at the CYO championship held at Grosse Pointe South. Kelly ended her career at St. Clair of Montefalco with nine gold medals and three team championships.



Rubin "Hollywood" Williams poses with John Carlisle after winning the NABC Intercontinental Championship with a first round TKO in Friday night's main event.

GPSA house league results, highlights

UNDER-7

Hawks 4, Dragons 1

Goals: Davis Cummings, Max Yoshida 2, Thomas Peracchio (Hawks); Eric Simoes (Dragons).

Assist: Peracchio (Hawks).
Comments: Yoshida scored both of his goals in the second quarter after Cummings had given the Hawks an early lead with a "chip shot" goal. Peracchio's goal, which came on a high kick over the Dragons players' heads, gave his team a 4-0 lead.

Tornadoes 7, Raiders 5

Goals: Mia Hall, Emily Richner, Ian Sutherland, Ellie Wood 2, Joshua Garrison 2 (Tornadoes).

Comments: The Tornadoes' passing and teamwork helped overcome the Raiders' early 2-0 lead.

Tornadoes 2, Panthers 1

Goals: Ian Sutherland, Aidan Peterson (Tornadoes).

Comments: The Panthers loaned the Tornadoes three of their players for the start of the game in a fine display of sportsmanship.

Tornadoes 6, Cougars 3

Comments: The Tornadoes completed an undefeated season through the hard work of Emily Richner, Maya Hall, Alison Matthews, Bradley Miller, Ian Sutherland, Olivia Lang, Joshua Garrison, Ellie Wood, Aidan Peterson and Bhavna Guduguntla. The team was coached by Michele McAdow and Andrew Richner.

UNDER-8

Warriors 2, Lightning 1

Goals: Claire Rundquist, Sam Beckus (Warriors); Blake Glinn (Lightning).

Comments: Rundquist scored off a corner kick, and Beckus scored on a strong kick from midfield. Glinn played a strong all-around game for the Lightning. Wade Penman and Kate Van Pelt each had several shots for the Warriors but the Lightning held its ground with excellent goalkeeping and defense.

Knights 3, Wildcats 2

Goals: Franny Weber, J.T. Mestdagh, Conrad Schaitberger (Knights).

Assists: Brian L'Heureux, Lily Pandy (Knights).

Comments: The Wildcats' second-half comeback fell just short. Point-blank saves by goalies Mestdagh and L'Heureux preserved the lead.

Knights 3, Hurricanes 1

Goals: Franny Weber, Conrad Schaitberger, Jennifer Vermet (Knights); Jess Ajlo (Hurricanes).

Assists: Schaitberger, Vermet, Anne Gutwald (Knights).

UNDER-9

Sidekicks 5, Blasters 2

Goals: Nicholas Lupul 2 (Blasters).

Assist: Christy Flom (Blasters).

Blasters 2, Steamers 0

Goals: Ingrid Shirar, Nicholas Lupul (Blasters).

Assists: Lupul (Blasters).

Dragons 1, GPSA Two 0

Goal: Alison Alexsy (Dragons).

Blasters 6, Kickers 2

Goals: Marcus Maniscalco 4, Christy Flom, Kate Wacker (Blasters); Eric Ewing 2 (Kickers).

Assists: Nicholas Lupul, Maniscalco, Ingrid Shirar, Flom, Wacker, Ellie Chambers (Blasters).

Blasters 3, Sockers 2

Goals: Ellie Chambers, Marcus Maniscalco, Ingrid Shirar (Blasters); Maurice Edwards, Andrew Hart (Sockers).

Assist: Kate Wacker (Blasters).

UNDER-12

Wild Kiwis 6, GPSA Three 2

Goals: Bobby Cleary 4, Cameron Brown, Alex Carron (Wild Kiwis); Brian Hunt 2 (GPSA 3).

Assists: Sam Saravolatz 2, Charlotte Ford, Carron, Alexa Cleary (Wild Kiwis).

Comments: The Kiwis' defense of sweeper Natalie Peracchio, defenders Emily Ubik, Annalisa Provenzano, James Shepar and Nic Howard and goalkeeper Robbie Squiers consistently thwarted GPSA 3's offense. Hayley Altshuler and Louie Saravolatz were outstanding at midfield.

GPSA 3's Justin Elliott did a fine job at keeper as he turned away several shots.

'04 Civic EX gives smiles at the pump

By Greg Zyla
This week, we test drive the 2004 Honda Civic EX four-door, a vehicle you'll appreciate more and more each time you pass a gas station. The legendary Civic — at 32 mpg city, 37 mpg highway — remains one of the best compact vehicles in the market and throws in some new looks for good measure with the 2004 model.

Our EX tester represents Civic's top-of-the-line offering. The EX model starts at a mere \$13,910, with the LX beginning at a reasonable \$15,360. At these prices, it's hard to go wrong if this is the vehicle class you're shopping.

New for 2004 is a redesigned front end that includes new headlights, bumpers and grille. The

Civic also features 15-inch alloy wheels, dual body-colored power door mirrors, body-colored door handles and side molding, and green-tinted glass. It adds up to a stylish look that belies the Civic's inexpensive nature.

However, there's more to talk about than looks, as the Civic earns a five-star frontal-crash test rating from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The safety list is mindful of a more expensive sedan, with dual front air bags, side-impact door beams, front and rear crumple zones and anti-lock brakes all standard. Also, the Civic's bumpers conform to federal performance standards when tested at 5 mph. The view of the road is excel-

lent, as are all instrumentation and control switches. Under the hood, a 1.7-liter, 16-valve VTEC four-cylinder engine mated to a standard five-speed manual transmission powers the Civic. The small engine produces an impressive 127 horsepower and has good throttle response. The engine in the EX produces 12 more horsepower than the lesser priced LX and DX models, the latter relying on a different valve-train setup.

As for the cabin, again, don't think cheap car, simply think Honda. The Civic is built right, with air conditioning with filtration; AM/FM/CD stereo with anti-theft feature and four speakers; adjustable-height driver's seat; a front center console that includes an arm-

rest and storage; cruise control; power windows and door locks; 60-40 split, fold-down rear seatback with lock; map lights and cargo area light; front and rear beverage holders; 12-volt accessory socket; rear-window defroster with timer; and power moonroof with tilt. Whew!

Important numbers include a 103.1-inch wheelbase, 12.9 cubic feet of cargo room, 2,612-pound curb weight, and a 13.2-gallon fuel tank (that's small, but at peak mileage, it's still good for almost 500 miles).

The Civic remains one of the best small cars on the road. On a two-hour round trip, we forgot we were in a small, inexpensive car. It was a smooth, effortless, comfortable ride in a quality



'04 Honda Civic EX

We rate the Civic an 8.5 on a scale of 1 to 10. Likes: A \$17,000 car (or even \$13,000) with a moonroof standard and no scheduled tune-up for the first 110,000 miles. Dislikes: Exterior design still lacking compared with some competing models.

— King Features Syndicate

Specialized rims are today's newest fashion accessories

(NAPSI) — Today's wheels are the ultimate fashion accessory. They used to be humble pieces of steel that attached the tires to a car. If wheels were dressed up at all, they were fitted with dog dish-shaped hubcaps and maybe, if an owner had a true sense of style, a chromed trim ring around the outer rim.

Wheels can dress a vehicle up or down; be polished, chrome-plated or painted; be delicately styled for agile road use or beefed up to withstand off-road punishment. No matter what vehicle you own and how you drive, there's a set of wheels out there that will fit your needs — and style — like a well-tailored suit.

The number of wheel choices available these days is mind-boggling. Visit any dealership and the car of your dreams is most likely offered with several different wheel types and sizes.

Voice-activated, hands-free car phones

(NAPSI) — Voice-activated, hands-free wireless phones are increasing in popularity. Perhaps nowhere is this technology more useful than in automobiles, where they can be a less distracting alternative to using a hand-held cell phone while driving.

Industry analysts project that more than 50 percent of vehicles sold worldwide will be equipped with in-vehicle communications — or telematics — systems and services by decade's end, with the number approaching 70 percent of new vehicles sales in North America.

Analysts also expect that the integration of voice-activated, hands-free cellular services will become increasingly important in telematics applications.

There are 150 million wireless users in the United States, and research shows that 50 to 80 percent of cel-

lular phone use occurs in automobiles.

One example of this trend toward voice-activated, hands-free phone technology is the expansion of OnStar Personal Calling, whose usage tripled in 2002 over the previous year. Just two years after taking its hands-free embedded cellular personal calling service nationwide, OnStar has now sold more than 230 million wireless minutes.

A voice-activated, hands-free phone that is fully integrated into an automobile has the advantage of not being misplaced or forgotten, or having the battery wear down.

It also gives motorists greater flexibility when traveling in areas where the use of hand-held phones is restricted while driving, such as the state of New York and a number of municipalities across the

Average driving cost: 56.2 cents a mile

owners. AAA estimates vehicle owners will pay about \$975 per year for fuel.

Routine maintenance — including the manufacturer's recommended maintenance operations and tire expense — is estimated to cost \$915 per year. AAA calculates typical finance charges are \$741 per year based on a five-year loan at 6 percent interest with a 10 percent down payment.

The IRS tax allowance for business mileage has never allowed full reimbursement of all expenses associated with automobile ownership and use.

AAA's cost figures are based on a composite national average of three domestically built 2004 cars: subcompact Chevrolet Cavalier LS, a mid-size Ford Taurus SEL Deluxe, and a full-size Mercury Grand Marquis LS.

These similarly equipped vehicles include air conditioning, automatic transmis-

sion, power steering, AM/FM stereo, dual air bags, antilock brakes, cruise control, tilt steering wheel, tinted glass and a rear-window defogger.

AAA's annual driving cost estimates are as follows:
2004*, per year, \$8,431; per mile, 56.2 cents.
2003, per year, \$7,754; per mile, 51.7 cents.
2002, per year, \$7,533; per mile, 50.2 cents.
2001, per year, \$7,654; per mile, 51.0 cents.
2000, per year, \$7,363; per mile, 49.1 cents.
1999, per year, \$7,050; per mile, 47.0 cents.
1998, per year, \$6,908; per mile, 46.1 cents.
1997, per year, \$6,723; per mile, 44.8 cents.
1996, per year, \$6,389; per mile, 42.6 cents.
1995, per year, \$6,185; per mile, 41.2 cents.
1994, per year, \$5,916; per mile, 39.4 cents.

*Methodology revised by AAA.

wheels. Yet the factory offerings barely scratch the surface of wheel choices. Truly specialized and outrageous custom wheels are churned out every year by dozens of specialty wheel makers.

Parts and accessories to modify cars and trucks were a \$27 billion industry in this country in 2002, and consumers spent roughly \$3 billion on wheels alone, according to the Specialty Equipment Market Association SEMA, that represents the automotive specialty aftermarket.

At SEMA's 2003 trade show in Las Vegas, the group estimated that of the 1,500 vehicles on display, barely a dozen were sitting on their factory wheels — if that. That translates to nearly 6,000 custom wheels and around 30,000 lug nuts. That number doesn't even include the hundreds of wheels that were on display at the show.

The trend in wheels is plus-sizing. The 14- or 15-inch wheel diameters that were standard a few years ago look little compared to the 16-, 17- and 18-inch wheels now available for most cars. The proportions of SUVs allow wheel designers an almost "sky's the limit" envelope for wheel diameters, going up from 20 to as much as 24 or 26 inches.

Size isn't the only fashion aspect of wheels these days, either. A kaleidoscopic array of finishes is available thanks to modern polishing, plating and painting techniques, so you no longer have to opt just for mirror-like chrome.

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wheel isn't dazzling enough, your wheels can look like they're spinning even when they're stopped.

All this doesn't mean that wheel trends have lost their functionality, however. At the other end of the spectrum from 24-inch spinners are those wheels built for competition purposes, like lightweight racing wheels made from forged aluminum or exotic composite materials.

Among off-road enthusiasts,

competitive rock crawling is the hottest sport going, no matter how contradictory that sounds. Rock racers routinely climb impassable cliffs, stone faces and waterfalls, and to do so they need sturdy wheels that won't crumble under high-torque punishment. So crawlers (and their fans) use steel wheels on their rigs, and then literally bolt them to their knobby tires with what are called bead locks — rings fitted with bolts that run through the tire's bead.

What does this new generation of wheels cost? Traditional performance wheels in 16- to 18-inch sizes run anywhere from \$150 to \$400, depending on wheel type and construction. Step up to 18- to 20-inch rims, and prices go from several hundred to nearly a thousand dollars. Go over 20 inches and add spinners and you're well over \$1,000. Per wheel.

Many drivers are not very courteous on the road. Lately, it seems that aggressive driving is a frequent occurrence.

Unfortunately, men and women can drive and act aggressively if in the wrong mood or circumstances, says the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety.

The following principles, courtesy of the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, can help you escape the road rage of other drivers:

- Don't offend — A few specific behaviors consistently enrage other drivers.
- Cutting off — When you merge into traffic, use the turn signal to show your intentions before making a move. If you accidentally cut someone off, apologize to the other driver using an appropriate hand gesture. If another driver cuts you off, be courteous and allow the merge.
- Tailgating — Drivers

Proper washing, waxing add value

(NAPSI) — More than one-third of car owners use damaging non-automotive products when washing their cars — products that could contain harmful detergents, abrasives and additives. And almost half of motorists don't ever wax their vehicles.

"Waxing at least twice a year is recommended for maximum protection, yet surveys show that 48 percent of motorists don't wax their vehicles at all," said Jeffrey Webb, director of retail marketing at Turtle Wax Inc. "That's leaving money on the table at trade-in time, as a clean, well-maintained car can be worth up to 50 percent more than one in 'fair' condition, according to the Kelley Blue Book."

Motorists should avoid dish detergent, which contains harsh chemicals that, intended to cut through grease, will strip away the wax finish on your car. Some are hard to rinse off and leave streaks. For best results, a formulated automotive wash is recommended.

Washing an automobile on a regular basis protects it from the natural elements that harm the finish. The

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Outdoor display blossoms

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A touch of the corner groceries of Greenwich Village and SoHo has blossomed in the heart of the Pointes.

Owners of the Farms Market have started presenting their bucolic wares outdoors.

The sidewalk display of fresh fruits, watermelons, vegetables and flowers

began this spring.

"It's only going to get better," said Larry Najjar. He owns the family business with his brother.

City of Grosse Pointe officials approved Najjar's outdoor sales contingent upon displays not interfering with pedestrian traffic.

"It will enhance the store and the street," Najjar said. "I believe this will give a

great feeling of a small town market while beautifying the community."

Umbrellas are sometimes set up to prevent direct sunlight from overheating colorfully crisp offerings of corn, melons, flowers and the occasional pumpkin.

"We take everything in at night," he said.

The display extends the market's front facade and four feet onto the sidewalk.

"The outdoor sales area complies with the provisions of the city code referring to an open-air business," said Paul Weitzel, head of public works.

Najjar agreed to limitations recommended by City planners:

- Five feet of sidewalk space will remain open to foot traffic.
- Outdoor merchandise much be kept in neat fashion.

- Delivery boxes can't be stacked on the sidewalk.
- A raised flower planter on private property in front of the market shall be made permanent or removed.

"The objective of the city would be to keep it clean, and that's what we would be doing," Najjar said.



Photo by Brad Lindberg
Larry Najjar of the Farms Market said outdoor sales of flowers, fruits and vegetables have been a success. "It's only going to get better," he said.



Photo by Bonnie Capra

Splashy debut

Sophie Nickel, 21 months, of Grosse Pointe Park was out to catch some sunshine and water on Monday, June 7, the opening day of the new splash pad at Patterson Park. Warm, dry weather lured hundreds of kids to the 2,877-square foot fresh water splash pad filled with various fountains, sprayers and buckets. May's record rainfalls prevented workers from completing the last phase of construction of the splash pad and delayed the planned opening during the Memorial Day weekend.

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