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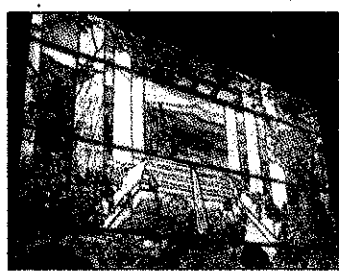
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WEEK AHEAD

Thursday, Feb. 9

The Grosse Pointe Community Blood Council and the American Red Cross hold a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Babysitting will be available upon request. For more information and to make an appointment to donate blood, call (313) 884-5542.

Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library presents the 2006 Classic Books Lecture Series at 7:30 p.m. at Grosse Pointe South's Wicking Library. George Bornstein, the C.A. Patrides chair in Literature at the University of Michigan, discusses Homer's classic, "The Odyssey."

The lecture series is free to members, \$10 per lecture for non-members. For more information or to register, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 6.

The Grosse Pointe Public School System conducts a public hearing and curriculum review of the proposed Adolescent Health Education curriculum from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Brownell Middle School library.

Friday, Feb. 10

The Grand Marais Questers meet at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Betsy Rowe on University in the City of Grosse Pointe. Callie Barrett will present a short talk on the artist Carl Milles. Members are reminded to call the hostess if unable to attend.

Grosse Pointe South High School choirs present European Cathedral Performance at 7:30 p.m. at Pierce Middle School Auditorium.

Main floor seating is \$15 and \$10, \$8 for students and seniors; balcony seating is \$5. For more information, contact Val at viklong@sbccglobal.net.

Lake Front Park in Grosse Pointe Woods hosts the annual Daddy/Daughter Dance from 1 to 3 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 11

Visions to Remember/Eyes on Antiques Show opens at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Sunday, Feb. 12. General admission is \$8.

DuMochelle Art Galleries will provide verbal appraisals of hand-carried small items for \$5 per item from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on both days. For more information on the show, call (313) 824-4710.

"The Secrets Behind the Paintings: Art Collecting in the Early 20th Century"

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Marking Mozart's 250th birthday celebration, the 81-member the Grosse Pointe South European Touring Choir has been invited to Salzburg and Vienna, Austria, and Prague, Czechoslovakia, and will perform a minimum of six concerts from Saturday, Feb. 18, to Friday, Feb. 24. The group, with 10 chaperones, will leave Thursday, Feb. 16, and return Saturday, Feb. 25.

G.P. South choirs ready for European concert

Get a taste of what the Grosse Pointe South-European Touring Choir will be presenting to audiences in Salzburg and Vienna, Austria, and Prague, Czechoslovakia at the choir's Feb. 10 and 11 performances.

In honor of Mozart's 250th birthday celebration in Austria, the 81-member choir has been invited and will be performing a minimum of six concerts from Saturday, Feb. 18, to Friday, Feb. 24. The group, with 10 chaperones, will leave Thursday, Feb. 16, and return Saturday, Feb. 25. There is also a private contingent that will accompany the choir.

"This will give them exposure to Mozart's music and the environment in which he grew up in. This is Grosse Pointe's ambassadorship," said choir booster Gerrie Spezia.

Their schedule includes a Saturday, Feb. 18, concert in a town near Salzburg as part of the 2006 American Celebration of Music in Austria; a morning church service in Salzburg on Sunday, Feb. 19; Monday, Feb. 20, the choir will sing in a Vienna school. Tuesday, Feb. 21, the choir has an evening concert in the Cultural Hall in Vienna and a morn-

ing concert, Thursday, Feb. 23, in a Prague school. The following afternoon, the choir's final performance is slated for St. Nicholas Church in Old Town Square in Prague.

Audiences will hear a variety of music, including Henry van Dyke's "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee," Beethoven's "Ode to Joy," David Kersh's "Goodnight Sweetheart," "Mississippi Mud," "All That Jazz," "Swing, Swing, Swing" and "Dancin' on the Ceiling."

Though students are going on the trip as musicians, there will be time to tour Mirabel Palace and Gardens, Mozart Square, Mozart's birthplace, Melk Abbey, Hapsburg palace, Terezin, Hradcany Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral and Charles Bridge.

Representatives of all four South high school grades and choirs spent weeks training, learning new songs and rehearsing choreography in preparation for this week-long event.

Choir boosters donated enough money to reduce the cost of the trip by \$400 to each student from \$2,600 to \$2,200. No school funds are being used to support this trip, Spezia stressed.

Friday, Feb. 10, at 7:30 p.m. the Grosse Pointe South Choirs present the European Cathedral Performance in the Pierce Middle School Auditorium, 15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park. The cost is \$15 and \$10 for main floor seating, \$8 for students and seniors, and \$5 for balcony seating.

At 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, the South choirs, the Brownell and Pierce Middle schools will be singing a benefit concert in the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Center seating with afterglow is \$25, main floor tickets are \$15 and \$10 and students and seniors tickets are \$8. All balcony seating is \$5.

Tickets for either show are available at Posterity: A Gallery.



The future?

Modern shopping and condo living could be in store for the Village commercial district, but we must act now. See editorial on Page 8A and related graphics on Page 6A.

Public school foundation seeks seed \$

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

The ground has been prepared to plant the Grosse Pointe Educational Foundation, but before a crop of donations can be reaped, the Grosse Pointe Board of Education must approve a substantial amount of "seed money" to fertilize the soil.

The board of education has been asked to fund the foundation up to \$750,000 over three years, beginning with the initial seed amount of \$60,000. During that three years, a projected \$3 million will be raised and given back to the Grosse Pointe School District.

Approval of both forging ahead with the plan and securing a loan was not cut and dried and has been tabled until concerns raised during a lengthy Monday, Feb. 6, meeting were addressed. Board and audience members needed assur-

ance that money raised and foundation board policies would continue the quality educational programs the community has come to expect.

Spelling out by-laws and policy statements to follow the district's stated strategic plans are among the details that need to be worked out down prior to the foundation becoming viable.

The foundation board members would be appointed by the board of education and the foundation board would be autonomous from the board of education. That bothered board member Ahmed Ismail as he is concerned about the loan's repayment.

"This is a no strings attached loan," he said. "I want to know where the \$750,000 is going and how it will be paid back."

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Dr. Scott Dulchavsky

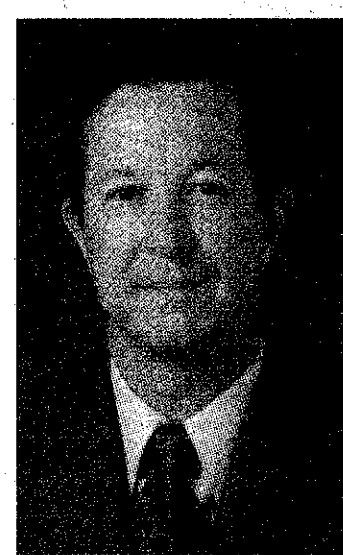
Home: Grosse Pointe Park

Wife, Debbie; children, Alexandria, and Mark

Occupation: Surgeon, invented field device to check for concussions at the Olympics

Quote: "Our goal is to enable someone working in a remote environment to assess and manage an emergency medical condition."

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Dr. Scott Dulchavsky

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Park doctor ready if needed during Winter Olympics

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Park's Dr. Scott Dulchavsky will have one of the best seats in the house at this year's Winter Olympic Games.

He will be in Torino, Italy providing medical attention to the women's hockey team using a portable ultrasound machine capable of diagnosing injuries from fractured bones to collapsed lungs.

"If you see me on television, that will not be a good thing," Dulchavsky said. "That means one of the female hockey players is hurt and I'm using the ultrasound to check the severity of any potential injury."

The 48-year-old surgeon became the center of innovative news when he began teaching those in sports medicine and NASA's astronauts and cosmonauts how to use the device.

"This smaller version of

the ultrasound can be used at sporting events or in space with our astronauts, and it is very helpful because I'm teaching the average-Joe how to use this tool," Dulchavsky said. "It gives us instantaneous results as to the severity of an injury at a hockey game, or if an astronaut is injured in space, we can determine what the injury is in a minute or two."

This technology isn't new, but its usefulness is extending into the everyday realm.

He has been busy touring the United States, giving demonstrations of his ultra-small ultrasound.

His trips have included the NASA facilities in Texas and Florida, and as close to home as Joe Louis Arena, working with the Detroit Red Wings players.

On the ice or in space, the plan for using the device is the same. Either

Dulchavsky or another person trained to use the device will perform the ultrasound on the injured party and alert the home-base hospital a transmission is coming.

An attending physician will prepare the ultrasound transmission and within minutes offer a diagnosis.

Since Dulchavsky is trained to read the ultrasound he can render a diagnosis on the spot.

"In isolated places like the ISS (International Space Station), we don't have the luxury of a radiologist or specialist onboard," Dulchavsky said. "Our goal is to enable someone working in a remote environment to assess and manage an emergency medical condition."

In space, ultrasound can be used to assess a number of injuries, such as trauma to the eye, shoulder or knee, tooth abscesses, broken or

fractured bones, a collapsed lung, hemorrhaging, or muscle and bone atrophy.

It normally takes 200 hours plus yearly updates to learn how to operate a standard ultrasound machine, but Dulchavsky and his team developed a teaching method that cuts the time to two or three hours.

"I can teach anyone how to use the ultrasound machine in an effective manner that would help someone who is injured," Dulchavsky said. "It's amazing, but the technology is there, and we're utilizing it."

After the initial training, ultrasound operators complete a one-hour refresher course developed by Dulchavsky's team, called the Onboard Proficiency Enhancement Program (OPE).

Astronaut Michael Fincke and cosmonaut Gennady Padalka, ISS Expedition 9 crewmembers, completed the OPE program before doing inflight ultrasound scans of the shoulder.

"Our next challenge is to improve the speed and efficiency of diagnosing and treating injury," Dulchavsky said. "We have the opportunity now to expand ultrasound from the medical and hospital setting to include assessment capabilities for sports, emergency medical care and for under-served areas of the world."

Dulchavsky has been interviewed on national networks on the new training of the ultrasound. That access helped him land the duty of assisting NASA, professional sports players and Olympians, such as Harper Woods resident Angela Ruggiero, who is on the woman's ice hockey team.

"It's going to be quite an experience to travel to the Olympics and help out with the women's hockey team,"

POINTER OF INTEREST



Dulchavsky, above, was in Moscow to demonstrate the portable ultrasound machine to Russian doctors and sports trainers.

he said. "It's an opportunity of a lifetime, and I can't wait to go."

Dulchavsky is an avid hockey player and loves the sport, along with his sons Alex and Mark.

"We're a big hockey family; so getting an opportunity to work with the hockey team in Torino is quite an honor," he said. "Hopefully I won't be needed and the U.S. goes on to win the gold."

Dulchavsky grew up in Center Line and graduated from Center Line High School before earning an undergraduate degree in molecular biology from Wayne State University. He also has a PhD, as well as a medical degree from Wayne State.

When he is not in surgery, spending time with his wife, Debbie (a physician's assistant), coaching his son's hockey team or playing on a men's hockey team, Dulchavsky works on stem cell therapy and gene thera-

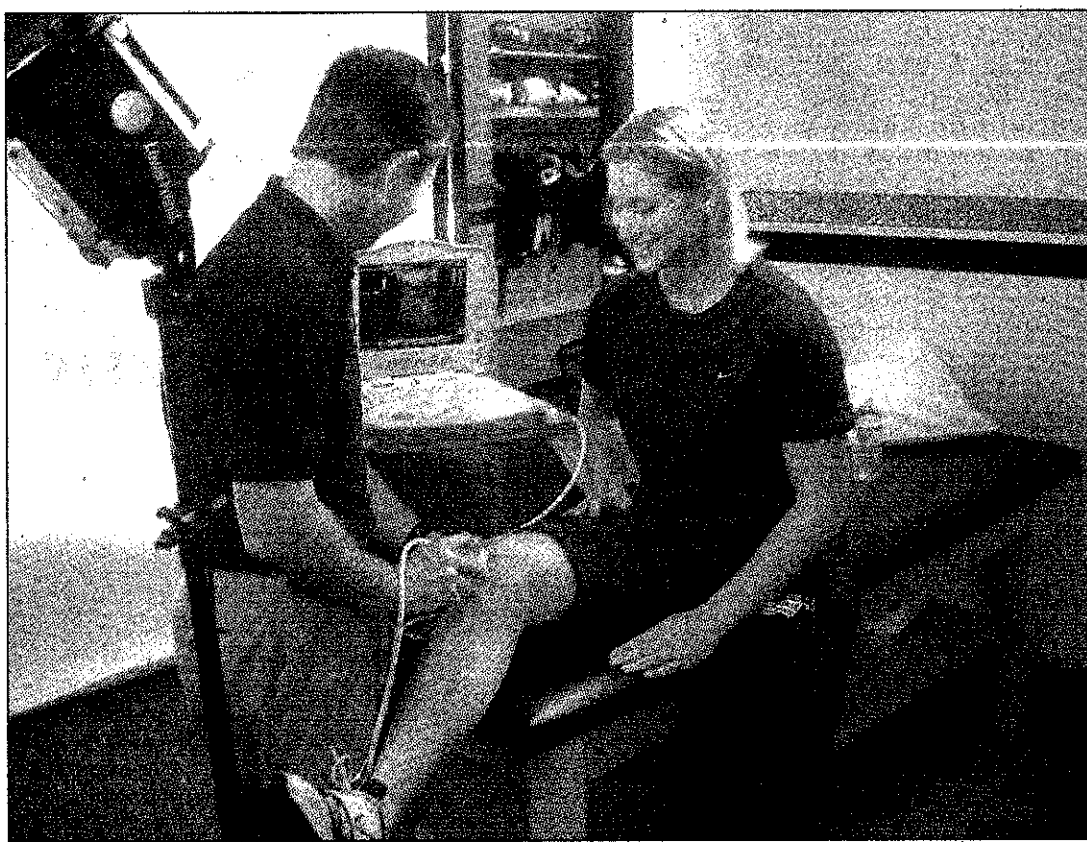
py of wounds. "Molecular biology is the future," he said. "That type of research is helping shape the future of medicine."

He will also spend more time at Johnson Space Center. He will bring along Grosse Pointe South science teacher James Adams to show him the ropes.

"Jim will love the equipment and tests we use to train astronauts," Dulchavsky said. "It will be quite a learning tool for him to bring back and share with his students."

Dulchavsky will give a press conference on Sunday, Feb. 19, showing the world the wonders of the portable ultrasound and how it can be used at the Winter Olympics.

Opening ceremonies for the 2006 Winter Olympics are set for Friday, Feb. 10, and the closing ceremonies are scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 26.



Dr. Scott Dulchavsky, left, demonstrates an ultrasound exam on U.S. Women's Ice Hockey player Angela Ruggiero of Harper Woods.

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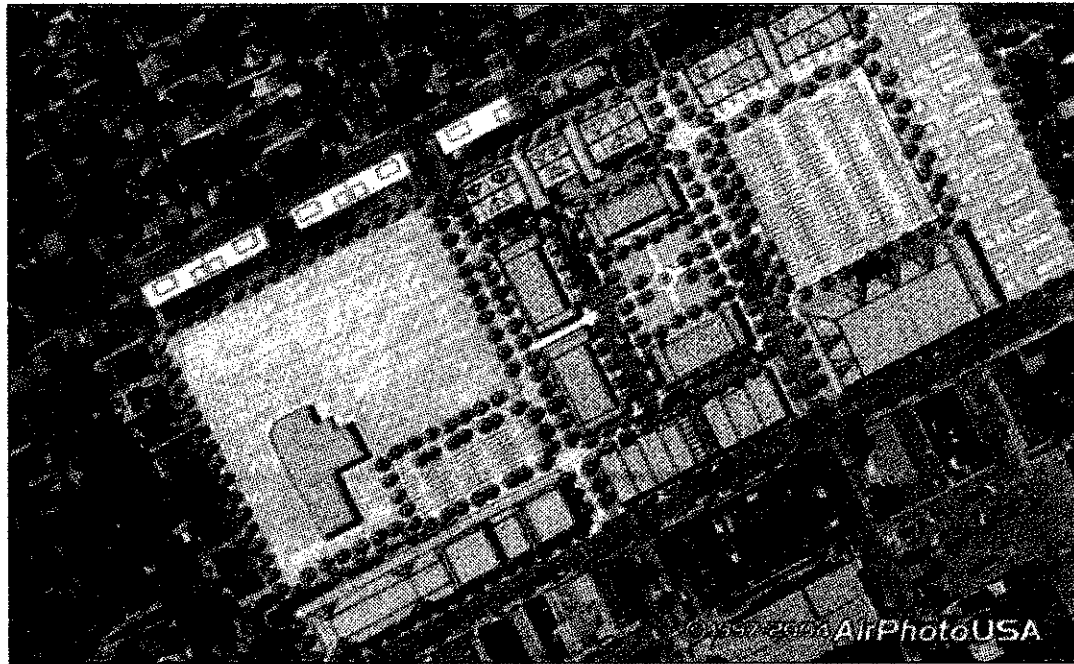
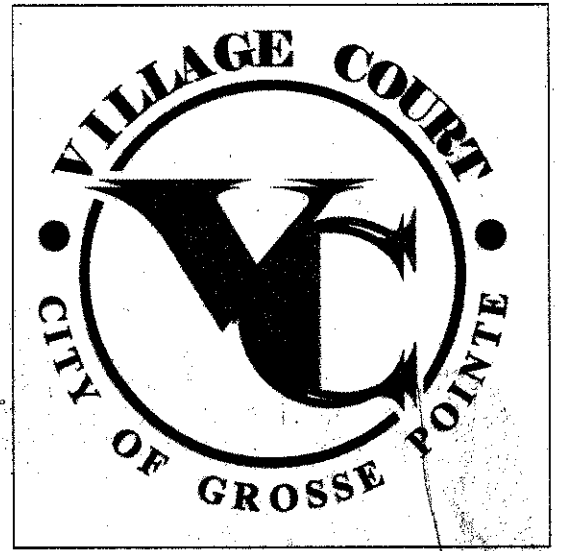
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Supermarket, condos proposed for Village



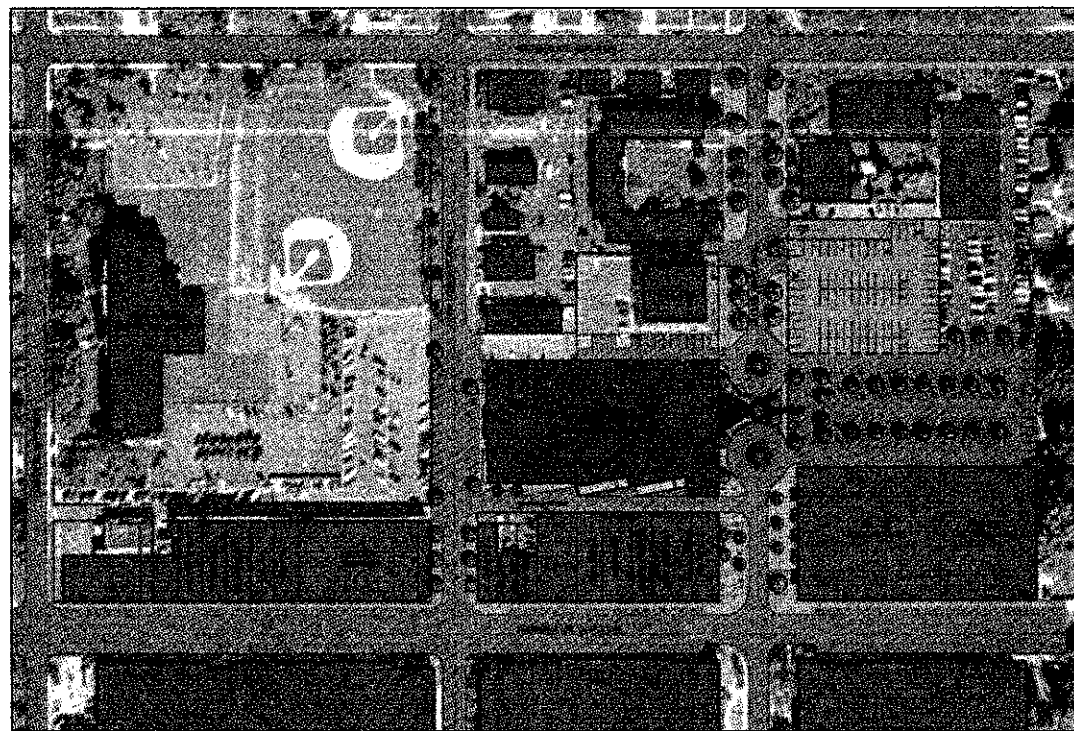
The 2003 Master Plan of the City of Grosse Pointe for the Village commercial district shows 100 percent development of municipal Lot 2, center. Lot 1 is the smaller lot behind Kroger to the left of Lot 2. Lot 1 is owned by Kroger. Lot 3 is to the right of Lot 2 and shows 100 percent parking and no future development. Hence there is no "development opportunity cost" for using Lot 3 for parking.

Reputable Southfield builder Frank Jonna, of Jonna Companies, and Kroger have joined forces to put together an exciting proposal for the Village shopping district in the City of Grosse Pointe.

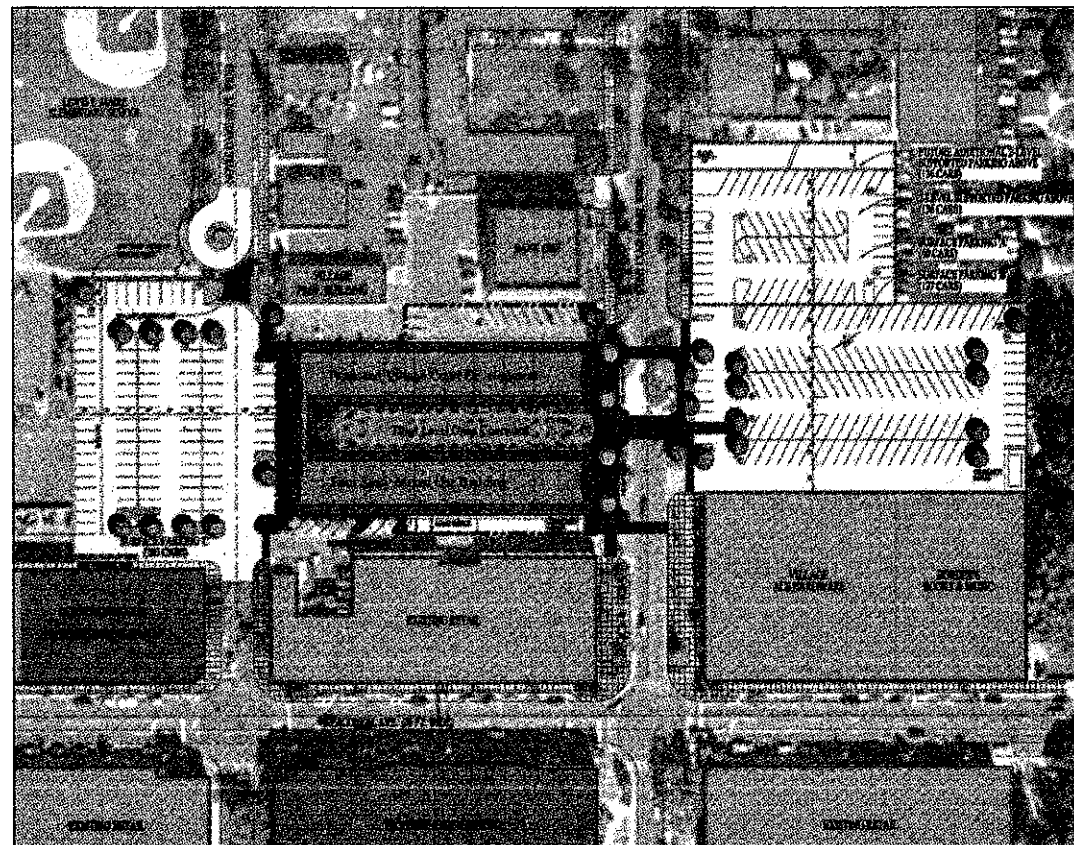
Under the proposal, Kroger would get twice the floorspace in the Village, the City would get 38 new condos and a new parking deck, and Village merchants would get six to seven new storefronts on Kercheval.

If the city council acts quickly, work for the \$25 million mixed-use development could begin this year.

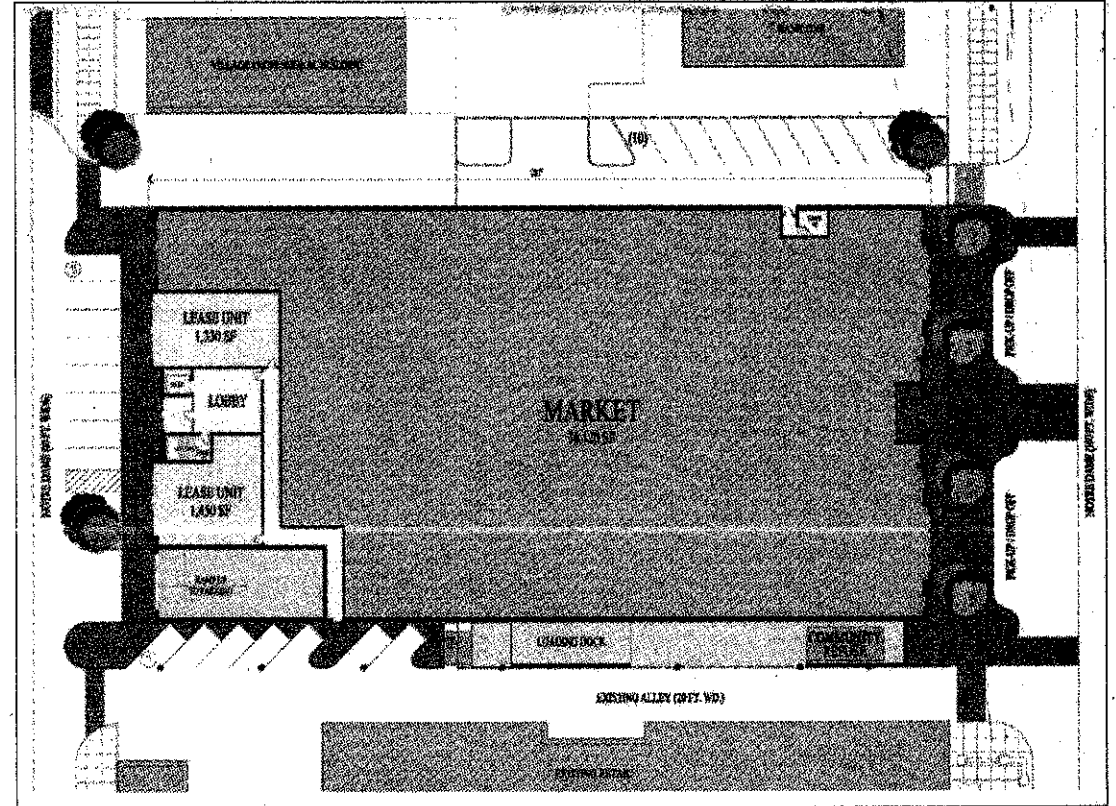
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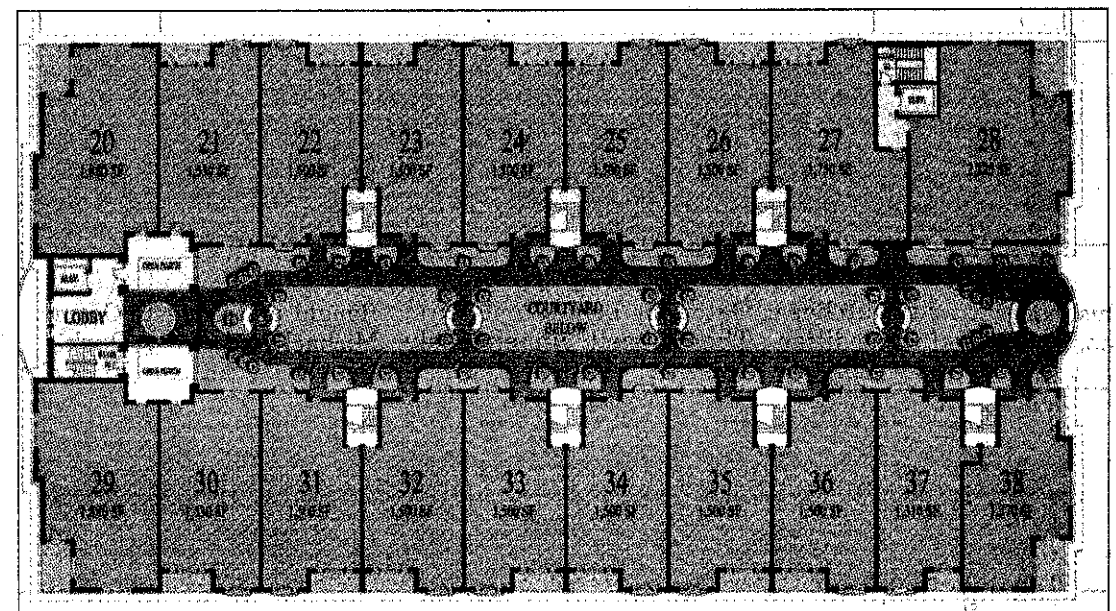
Jonna Companies plans a mixed-use development limited to the Lot 2 parking area. The existing bank, businesses and residential areas between Lot 2 and Waterloo remain. With two entrances, shoppers can use Lots 1 or 3.



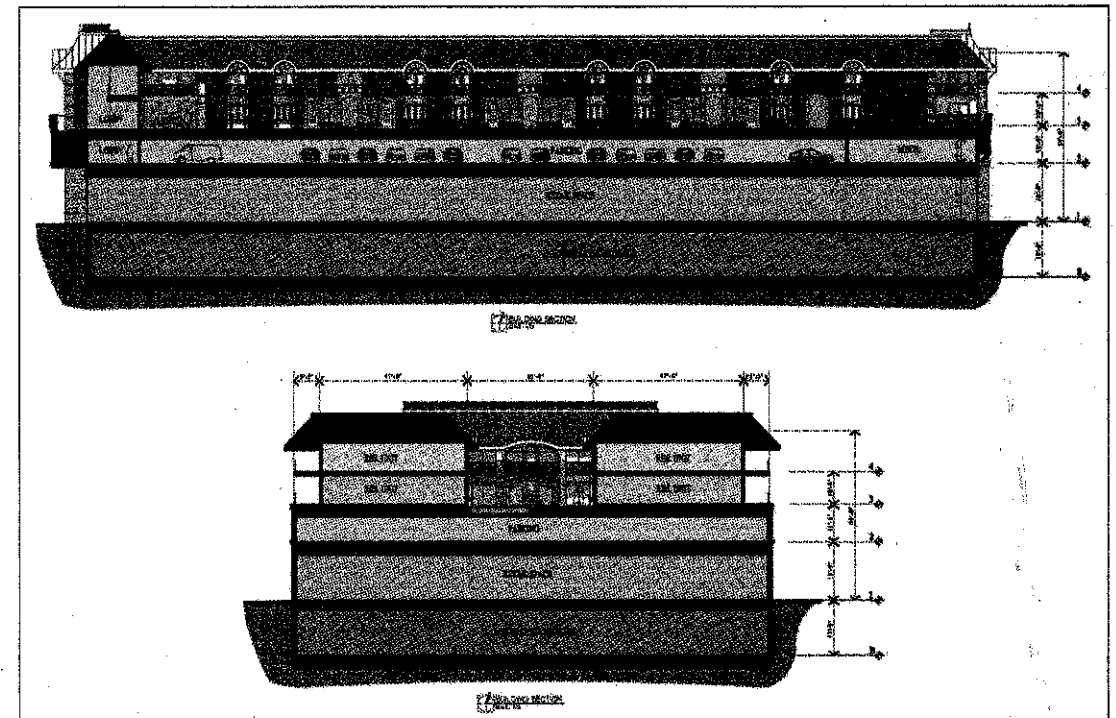
Atop the new grocery store will be a courtyard, condominiums and parking for the condominiums. Jonna Companies will also build, at its own expense, a \$2.3 million, two-level parking structure on the western end of Lot 3. The first level of the parking deck will be open-air, the same as a surface lot. The city will retain ownership of Lot 3 and the Jonna-built structure.



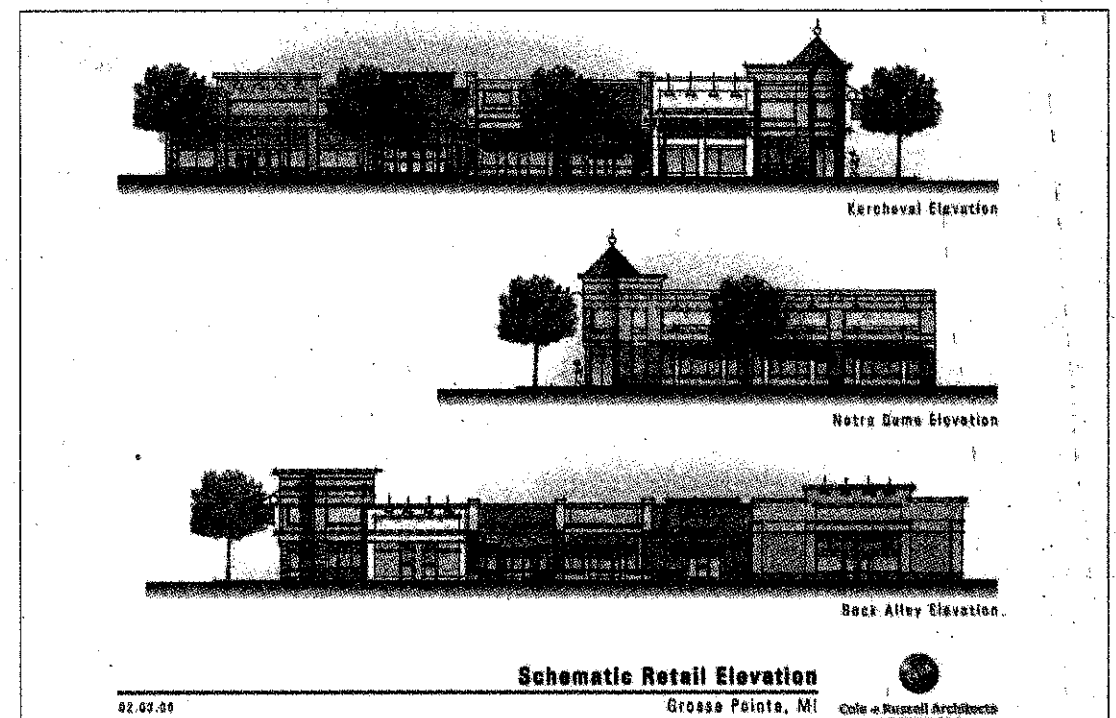
The proposed new, 36,120-square-foot supermarket would be one of Kroger's upscale Fresh Fare stores already popular in Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Rochester. The building will also feature third-party retail stores. Loading docks and refuse points will be accessible via the existing service alley.



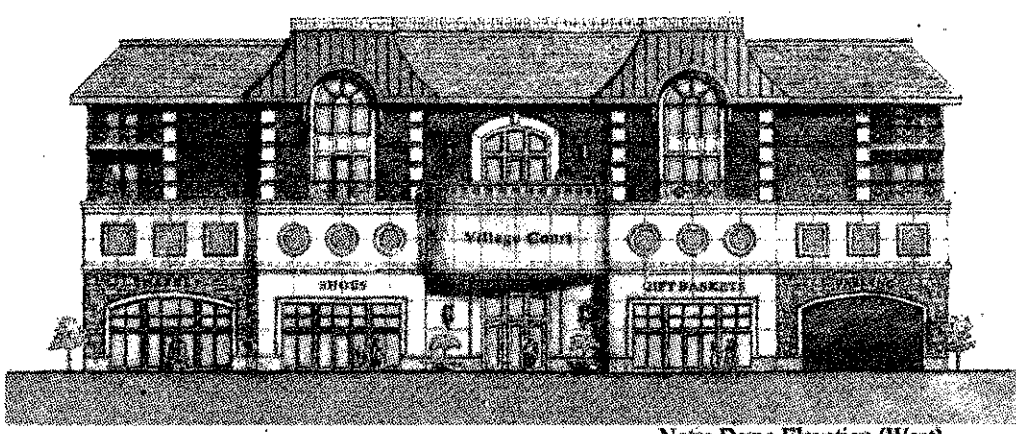
Two stories of single-level condominiums — 38 units in all — will provide a permanent residential presence in the Village. The courtyard will separate the two rows of condos, providing a bucolic, park-like, neighborly setting.



A cross-sectional view shows the condos and condo parking, retail space and underground storage for retail and condo owners.



The coup de grace of the Jonna Companies proposal is what can be done with the 170 feet of Kercheval frontage currently taken up Kroger. Some six to seven new retailers could be accommodated.



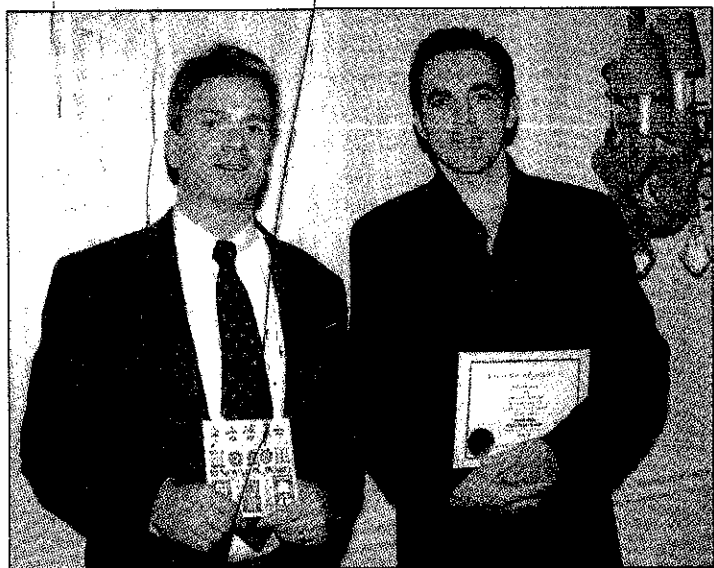
Notre Dame Elevation (West)



Saint Clair Elevation (East)

The Village Court facades will be compatible with City architecture goals and will be a beautiful asset to the community. The first level will house retail, while the second, third and fourth levels will support easy, condo living.

Grosse Pointe Woods announces 2005 Beautification honorees



Business Renovation Award winners were at left, Dr. Rick Ferrari, representing Ferrara Dermatology Clinic, left, and Anton Gjonaj, representing Preva Hair Salon.

The city of Grosse Pointe Woods presented its 2005 Beautification certificates on Wednesday Nov. 9, in a presentation by the Mayor's Beautification Advisory Commission and hosted by Lochmoor Club.

Mayor Robert Novitke; city council members Vicki A. Grange, Allen G. Dickinson, Lisa Pinkos Howle, Dina DeSantis Reynolds, Darryl A. Spicher, and Patricia Kukula Chylinski; Mayor's

Beautification Advisory Commission members Bill Allemon, Pam Barnwell, Angelo DiClemente, Jan Duster, Bonnie Fleming, Lisa Gaglio, Jerry Hilton, Dennis Hyduk, James Kedich, Marge Kingsley, Mary Beth Nicholson, Carol Sauter, Heather Simmet, and Diane Yordy; and Debbie Matthews of the city's Department of Public Works were in attendance.

Beautification certificates were awarded to Bucci



Ristorante, Faircourt Dental — Smile Enhancement Studio, David Secord, DDS & General Funding, Francis X. King (Law Office), George Koueiter & Sons Jewelers, Kusch & Raubolt, DDS, McDonald Financial Group, String Beads, Summit Oral Surgery, Sunrise Assisted Living of Grosse Pointe Woods, Somewhere in Time Gallery, and Uncle Paul's Pizza.

Ferrara Dermatology Clinic, PC, and Preva Hair Salon earned a Business Renovation Award, and Residential Renovation Awards were given to Richard and Corrine Ballew, Matt and Vanessa Crook, and Douglas and Margaret Rahaim.

Residential awards were given to Michael and Jean Alway, Bruce and Pamela Anderson, Christine Briggs and Robert Grobowski, Kenneth and Paula Choike, Jeffrey and Nancy Darnell, Ronald and Judy DeCosmo, Michael and Betty Durkin, Douglas and Diane Friedel, Courtney Hirth and Ronna Gillis, William and Rebecca

Kruas, Judith and Phillip Leo, Randal and Linda Moody, David and Lea Miller, Robert and Linda Retherford, Joseph and Linda Veillon, and Michael and Barbara Welsh. Josef's French Pastry Shop made the cake.

Beautification Certificate Award honorees are left to right Melissa Patterson and Rick Mamudovski, representing Bucci Ristorante; Jody Dickerman and Chris Briggs, representing Sunrise Assisted Living of Grosse Pointe Woods; George Koueiter, representing George Koueiter & Sons Jewelers; Lisa and Jerry Klida, representing String Beads; and Shelly and Francis King, representing Francis X. King Law Office.

GPW council buys three new rides

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods city employees will have three new vehicles at their disposal, thanks to Mayor Robert Novitke and the city council's unanimous vote at Monday's city council meeting.

Mike Makowski, director of public safety, was granted his request for the purchase of one 2006 Ford Expedition 4x4 with funds allocated in the budget.

This vehicle will replace the current 2000 Ford Expedition 4x4.

Makowski said the new Expedition is more mobile during winter storms, able to tow the seed trailer and because of its size, serve as a command post during tactical emergency operations.

The total cost for this vehicle and associated equipment is \$29,130.

The costs are broken down as follows: \$27,176 — vehicle price including all options; \$1,200 — changeover of equipment from the 2000 make to the new Expedition (emergency lights, radio and console, scanner, and electronic weapon locks); \$304 — back

seat protection screen; \$300 — graphics; and \$150 — installation of Mobile Data Computer.

The vehicle will be purchased from Signature Ford, with whom the city has used in the past.

The second vehicle city administrators requested a bid for is a 2006 John Deere HPX High Performance Gator for Lake Front Park. The council unanimously approved the bid from AIS Construction Equipment Corporation for the amount of \$9,857.62.

Joseph Ahee, the city's director of public works, said this vehicle is a smaller version of a pick-up truck and is more advantageous to use in the park.

The price for this vehicle and \$7,595 for a 2006 GMC Sierra Cab and Chassis is in the budget, according to city comptroller Cliff Maison.

The new Sierra replaces the 2000 GMC Sierra 1-Ton dump truck damaged beyond repair by an electrical fire.

The bid price from Red Holman Pontiac is \$26,495. The insurance payoff of \$18,900 leaves a net cost of \$7,595 to purchase it.

32 apply to manage City of Grosse Pte.

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Thirty-two hopefuls have applied for the job of City of Grosse Pointe manager.

The herd will be cut to six or eight in about a week.

With help from the Michigan Municipal League executive search service, the City could hire a new manager in March.

A closed city council meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 17, to review the list of candidates.

"People applying for this job have the right to confidentiality," said Tom Kressbach, former City manager brought back from retirement on a part-time basis.

Kressbach is assisting Interim City Manager Al Fincham during a top-heavy personnel crunch at City Hall. The City is short a city manager and an assistant city manager.

The most promising candidates for city manager will be interviewed by the council.

"It takes about one hour per candidate," Kressbach said.

Subsequent background searches will add another two weeks to the selection process.

"There are organizations that do that during their regular course of business," Fincham said. "I'll be bringing those forward for greater review."

Council members hope to name the winning candidate during the March 20 council meeting.

Fincham and Kressbach have been heading the City administration since the resignation last month of Brian Vick, who accepted the job of city manager of DeWitt.

Vick had been promoted temporarily from assistant city manager to acting city manager upon resignation of Mike Overton.

Overton ended his five-year run with the City by accepting the top administrative post in Cheboygan County.

Fincham was shifted from public safety director to interim city manager. Kressbach retired five years ago after 34 years as city manager.

GPW council fills board vacancies

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Three Grosse Pointe Woods residents were appointed to fill vacancies in the city's Mayor's Mack Avenue Business Study Committee and Board of Review.

Thomas Fahrner and George Koueiter were unanimously appointed by the city council and Mayor Robert Novitke.

Nancy Velek was selected an alternate to sit on the Board of Review.

Velek's choice was also a unanimous council vote.

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Best plan for Village is before us

City of Grosse Pointe officials have before them a rare opportunity to immediately improve the vitality of the Village commercial district, both for shoppers and residents.

The 2003 Master Plan (see drawings on Page 6A) calls for a residential/retail mix on municipal parking Lot 2 west of Kercheval between Notre Dame and St. Clair. Earlier this year, the City sent out a request for proposals for developing Lot 2. Developers were encouraged to be creative.

Of the three proposals received and before the city council, the one presented by the Jonna Companies and Kroger, is by far the best.

It is no secret to Village shoppers that the Kroger store is woefully inadequate as far as floor space. Kroger has longed for more square-footage to serve its customers. With the invitation to develop the City's municipal Lot 2, an opportunity arose.

Jonna is proposing a 36,120-square-foot market along the line of the upscale Fresh Fare stores in Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Rochester. The store would be half the size of a typical Fresh Fare, but more than twice the size of the current Kercheval store. The proposed Village store would also have the equivalent

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square-footage of underground storage space. Loading docks would be along the existing Kercheval service alley.

On top of the store would be one level of condominium parking, topped by two levels of condominiums comprising 38 units. All units would enjoy single-level living. Ten units would be handicapped accessible, while the remainder would have a short set of stairs to their front doors.

An open-air courtyard would rest atop the parking level and between facing rows of condominiums.

Village Court, as the Jonna proposal is dubbed, would be a \$25 million project.

To accommodate customers, the proposed store would have entrances on Notre Dame and St. Clair. Kroger would continue to use the lot it owns, Lot 1, on Notre Dame. Shoppers will also be able to use Lot 3 at the St. Clair entrance.

On paper, Jonna is offering the City \$10 for Lot 2, but that is not all. Along with the \$10, Jonna will also build a parking deck at the west end of Lot 3, adding 136 new parking spaces, as well as make other parking improvements. The city will continue to own Lot 3 and its improvements. Jonna caps its cost in Lot 3 parking

improvements at \$2.3 million.

Rather than looking at Jonna's \$2.3 million in parking improvements as a gift, the City maintains it will have to pay an additional \$2.6 million to rebuild Lots 1 and 3.

How the City arrived at the figure is unknown, but even if it is close to accurate, consider that the other two proposals call for the City to contribute \$1.7 million to \$2.8 million toward their projects. Further, the City would save \$600,000 by not having to bury alleyway utilities under Jonna's plan.

Some are also critical of the Jonna proposal in that it eliminates parking immediately behind the 11 affected stores between Notre Dame and St. Clair. However, the 2003 Master Plan already indicates no parking behind those stores. The master plan actually encourages pedestrian traffic and discourages single-purpose parking. Jonna is merely following the master plan.

Under the Jonna plan, the average distance to a parking deck is one block, compared to two blocks or more in Birmingham and Royal Oak.

Another huge benefit to Jonna's plan is that it already has a qualified tenant. The other plans would be built on speculation. Jonna has a

ready and willing occupant — Kroger, which has been a business and property owner in the Village for 65 years. So committed is the major food grocer that its top regional and Michigan executives are on call to facilitate the project — from the proposal stage through completion.

The Jonna proposal calls for minimal disruption. The parking deck and Lot 3 improvements would be completed first, so there would be no loss of parking. Kroger would remain open for business until its new store is ready for occupancy.

After the store has relocated, the roughly 170 feet of Kercheval frontage can be made into six new retail storefronts.

This is the most exciting plan we have seen come before the City. It fulfills many needs and meets the master plan. It modernizes Village shopping and provides a residential presence.

Other possibilities include working a land swap with the Neighborhood Club, another longtime presence in the City that would like to build a new facility. Also, the Grosse Pointe library board is looking to double the size of the Central Branch. Perhaps Jonna, the Neighborhood Club, the Grosse Pointe Library board and the City can make all their dreams come true.

We think this is a good proposal and needs to be acted on now while the time is right. We urge the city council to accept the Jonna plan above all others and begin working out the details.

What do you think? Write a letter to the editor or to the City.

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High school graduation requirements

The following letter was presented Monday night to the Grosse Pointe Board of Education.

By Dr. V. Collinson

On Wednesday, Feb. 1, the district math committee presented a solid K-8 math curriculum. If it is supported with appropriate instructional activities and resources, it has the potential to significantly improve our elementary and middle school students' abilities in math.

My concern involves math requirements at the high school level, and particularly, their impact on our students' university and career opportunities.

In November, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Michael P. Flanagan recommended four math credits, including Algebra II, for all high school students in Michigan. In December, the State Board of Education unanimously approved a plan including four maths and Algebra II.

More recently, the Michigan House bill proposed four maths with two algebra credits. But on Jan. 9, the administration's proposal to the Grosse Pointe Board of Education included only three math credits and only Algebra I. That is the same recommendation made by a national commission back in 1983.

I'd like to briefly explain why your vote for the higher number and level of math courses is so vital to students' future success.

First, American high school students consistently perform below average on international math tests. Even our advanced students are not proficient by international standards. Research indicates that the major difference is the level and quality of American high school math curricula (e.g., Forgiione, 1998).

Second, the level and quality of high school math — more than any other variable — is the clearest predictor of university success (Adelman, 1999). Last year, professors from Stanford, Berkley, and Wisconsin noted the strong linkages between the level of high school math and university graduation. Of high school students who took only Algebra I, about 8 percent graduated with a bachelor's degree, but that figure rose to 40 percent for students who had taken Algebra II and 80 percent for those who also added calculus (Askey, Milgram, & Wu, 2005).

Third, Grosse Pointe students deserve the very best regarding career

choices and opportunities. A solid high school background in math is necessary for sciences, engineering, research and development, architecture, and economics. Many of the fast-growing jobs and best-paying jobs require a math and science background (Mathematics Equals Opportunity, 1997). More than half of the workers in the highest-paid jobs have completed two or more credits of math at the Algebra II level or higher (Olson, 2003).

Finally, our students need a high level and high quality of math in order to be innovative and competitive in the global Knowledge Society that is already here. Scholars around the globe agree that innovation made this country great in the 20th century and that only organizations capable of innovation will survive in the 21st century. Most innovations come from science and engineering, which cannot be pursued without a strong foundation in high school math.

Judge for yourselves whether high school requirements of the past have served our country well:

- by 2000, 37 percent of Ph.D. scientists and engineers working in the United States were foreign-born because we did not have enough (Wulf, 2005);
- almost half of U.S. patents go to foreign-born inventors and foreign-owned companies in the United States (Broder, 2005);
- one-third of Nobel Prizes in the United States since 1990 were awarded to foreign-born Americans (Wulf, 2005).

Everyone wants the best for our country, our state, and our students. You have the opportunity to help make that a reality.

"Math will rock your world," Baker, S. Jan. 23, Business Week, 54-62.

Vivienne Collinson, of Grosse Pointe Park, earned her doctorate in education and curriculum from Ohio State University. She most recently taught in the graduate program at Michigan State University.

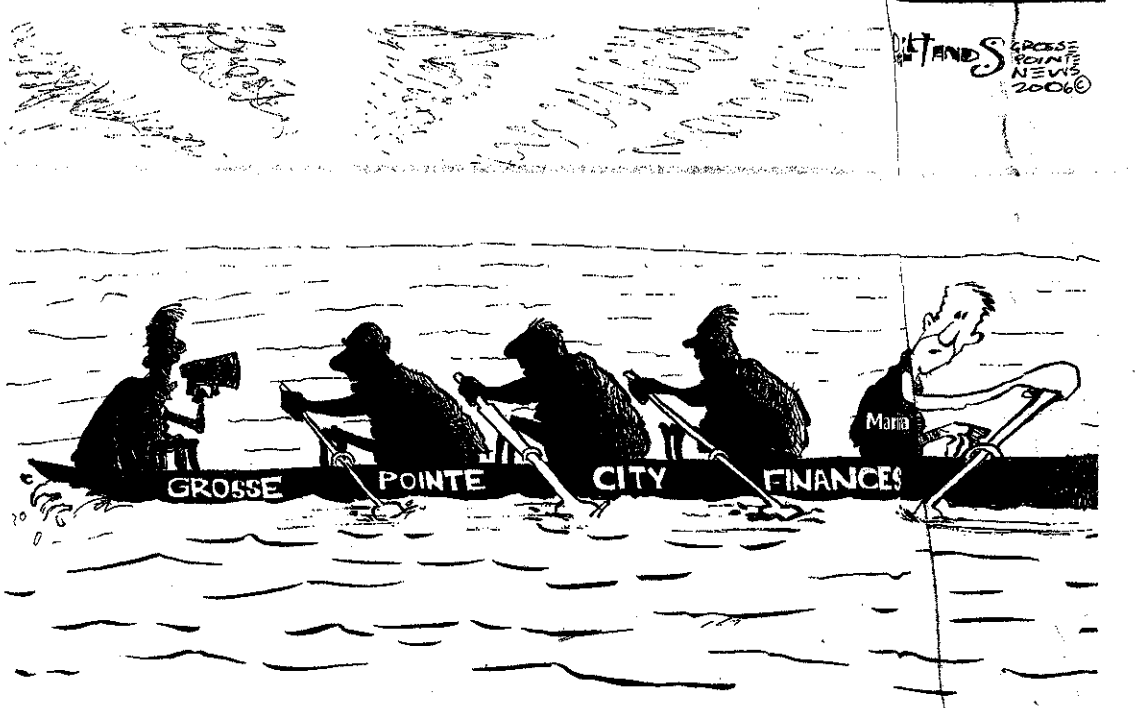
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Letters

Instrumental music

To the Editor:
We would like to express our view on the proposal to change the instrumental music instruction in the Grosse Pointe elementary schools.

I have three children in the Grosse Pointe Public School System: a sophomore, a seventh-grader and a fourth-grader. First and foremost, music should be considered an academic subject, rather than an expendable extracurricular activity that faces the chopping block whenever funds are scarce.

To my children, music and their opportunity to perform in concerts and competitions, is equivalent to the "letter sweater." They not only find great satisfaction in learning a piece, but a sense of accomplishment in performing it with their respective orchestras in school recitals and various competitions.

They all play piano and take private lessons, and each can tell you that mastering the classical pieces that they have to master and memorize for their piano teacher and competitions is as much a challenge and learning experience, if

not more, than as any academic class they have in school.

My son is in the Grosse Pointe South Tri-M which many don't know is the national honor society for high school instrumental and vocal musicians. He is also in DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America), which evolves from the academic environment.

Neither of these groups gets much attention from the general school population, but for the students and staff who are involved, there is great pride and sense of accomplishment. The students also seem to be excited about these activities, which makes middle- and high-school years all the more worthwhile and a great environment for them to succeed.

This January is the anniversary of Mozart's 250th birthday and all three of my children either are playing a piece by Mozart or listening to CDs of great pianists who specifically perform Mozart's work. Much of what they learned about Mozart is either through their piano instructor or in their respective music classes.

Jewels in Detroit, like the Detroit Symphony

Orchestra and The Detroit Institute of Arts, will never survive if the next generations have no music or art exposure in school; an environment where that exposure is most critical, and certainly paves the way for a child's continued interest into adulthood.

I would not have known about any of my children's interest in the violin if it had not been for the ability of them to take an instrument in fourth grade.

I have had the privilege and luxury of seeing a fourth-grader squeaking through a little violin piece, to an accomplished tenth-grader playing in the Grosse Pointe South Symphonic Orchestra and competing in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) Jan. 28 (piano solo and violin solo).

My middle-school daughter competed in the middle school MSBOA on Saturday, Feb. 4, doing a violin solo, piano solo and violin quartet with three other middle-school students.

Both children have practiced many hours in preparation for the competition. And now I listen to my youngest, a fourth-grader, who has just started "bowing" in music class, and who

The three

We in the newsroom have been thinking lately about the qualities of a good employee. Discussion led to what makes a good boss.

The top three people I've worked for, Jim, John and Sheldon, were former military officers.

Jim flew Navy Hellcats off an aircraft carrier against the Japanese during World War II.

A legitimate Ivy Leaguer, not a legacy, Jim cared less about where you came from in life than where you were going. Being a combat veteran with a Pappy Boyington chip on his shoulder, he figured pedigree doesn't matter much on the battle field. He summarized his results-oriented philosophy with an analogy: "I don't care if you train for the race, just finish first."

John commanded an Army artillery battery in Vietnam. I hadn't been

under his leadership long when the staff was having an unproductive day. That brought out John's Prussian roots. He stepped out of his office red faced and, in a voice as thunderous as the report of one of his precious cannons, barked, "What is this? Chapter two of not doing anything today?"

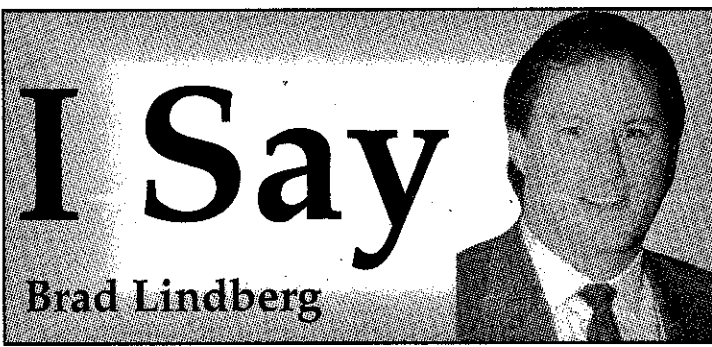
There were wittier things he could have said, but we supported his passion, based on our trust in his ability. John never had to ask us to work late on Fridays. We knew if he wanted it done, it was important. He never made us, to use business school slang, shovel smoke. When working for someone you respect, you don't shirk duty. Under a good leader, duty is opportunity.

Sheldon served in an Air Force radar unit. Sheldon was also the screwiest of the three. (He told of being on duty during UFO sightings over Maine.) Extremely creative, he preached lateral thinking, doing things dif-

ferently just to see what happened and never ignoring opportunity. Sheldon also knew that a manager's ideas and instructions are manifested through actions of the staff. So, when one of his "let's do it different" schemes was executed properly but blew up, he took the rap.

I have a theory why those three guys were so good. In the military you're likely at some time to be in a unit commanded by a dope — the proverbial higher ranking officer, not a superior officer.

Under such short-sighted management, accomplish-



Brad Lindberg

ment and innovation is typically stifled. Ambitious staff members find they have to spend more time outmaneuvering the boss than investing in quality work. The game of cat and mouse is fun for a while, then wears off.

No underling wants to emulate a loser, someone promoted beyond his or her ability. So, based on lost opportunities experienced while reporting to a personification of the Peter Principle, these former military officers dedicated themselves to fashioning a quality unit and getting things

done right. They welcomed the responsibility of leadership and were capable of exercising authority.

When big projects (meaning opportunities) came up, they rallied everyone to attain the objective. Not one of them disappeared when there was something important to be done.

Leaders I've been privileged to benefit from also knew when to command by the book and when to discard convention. They wanted to win, not keep from losing. They thought beyond the next move, recognizing that the nearest opportunity is usually an interim step toward achieving something greater. They had egos, but had no time for yes-men, hirelings or dupes.

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knew that only winners go to Disney World after they've won the championship, not during the game.

"The word testosterone may come to mind," to quote Charles Murray in his September, 2005 article in Commentary magazine.

While we're quoting people, lets dig back to the February 1826 edition of the Edinburgh Review which contains a speech by Thomas Babington Macaulay. He was addressing members of the House of Commons opposed to establishing the University of London.

Macaulay, better known for his "History of England," realized that some people are a lost cause and, therefore, offer no meaningful opposition at all:

"We have no hope of converting them; no wish to revile them. Let them quibble, declaim, sneer, calumniate. Their punishment is to be what they are."

Ben Burns

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The Op-Ed Page



Joel Palombo

Global village

It took **Joel Palombo** a dozen years and thousands of miles of travel around the world before he found himself in the Great Thar Desert of India in a wind storm picking sand out of his video cameras in hellish heat while making his first feature film.

"The film was riddled with problems which often put me into the situation to question whether I should call the film off," said Palombo, an '85 South graduate from the Farms with a fine arts degree from Wayne

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State University.

Before getting to India, Palombo taught art in Germany, Turkey and Japan.

"Although I had been traveling a lot of the years, I had been doing precious little art due to my full-time

teaching position and exotic travels, and I have a wife and two children," he said.

Palombo met his wife, **Anja**, a German, while studying in Italy and both later attended Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff where he earned a degree in teaching English as a second language. Their children, **Sophia**, 6, and **Emilio**, 4, are fluent in German and English and speak Hindi.

Joel's mother, **Elaine**, said he teaches at the American Embassy School in New Delhi, where 52 different nationalities are represented.

"When they have their annual U.N. day, the children don't know which nationality to claim," she said.

A few years back while talking on the phone to his best friend from art school, Detroit artist **Robert Taormina**, he was inspired by his friend's tale of sculptures, shows and other artistic activities.

"I got off the phone and thought to myself, 'What am I doing? I'm living in India and haven't been serious about my art in years.'"

He vowed to spend his free time on creative projects, and that led to his first short film, "Ranger Puja." For that he immersed

an enormous image of the Lone Ranger in the holy Yamuna River in Old Delhi and documented the event.

He made several other art films and shorts before deciding on a feature film, which is called "Milk and Opium." He had only 23 days to shoot the film before being due back at his teaching post.

"Milk and Opium," the story of a 14-year-old Indian boy's journey from the rural desert to the big city, will make its world premiere at the Berlin International Film Festival in Germany this Sunday. Palombo says it is second only to the Cannes Film Festival in prestige. The film will then be shown at the Cinequest Film Festival in San Jose, Calif., from March 1-12 and in Brooklyn, N.Y., in June.

"The film was made out of my pocket," Palombo said. "I produced, directed, wrote the screenplay and did almost everything else by myself, out of necessity. I even did a cameo performance in the film, a Detroit in the Indian desert looking for a non-globalized world."

"I would love for the film to eventually screen at the Detroit Institute of Arts so I can share the film with fellow Detroiters and remi-

nisc about the many times I saw inspiring cinema at the DIA," Palombo wrote.

Palombo's mother, **Elaine**, and father, **Mark**, of the Farms, are immensely proud of their son, who shot his first film when he was 14. It was focused on the "Miss Grosse Pointe Farms" contest, according to Elaine. "His sister, **Angela**, was in it," Elaine said. "But she didn't win. She was Miss Congeniality."

"We are fortunate to live in this age where we can keep track of our family half way around the world," Elaine said. "We have a Web cam on our computer and talk to Joel and his family regularly and we usually see them in the summer."

'Bowl'oney

Super Bowl celebrity watchers passed the rumor to the hyperventilating daily media last week that Paris Hilton had leased a home on Lincoln in the City during the week's festivities, and Hugh Hefner, the aging, pajama-clad Playboy Magazine founder, had located in one on Lochmoor in the Woods, while P Diddy or Diddy supposedly rented Alto Reed's home on Grand Marais in the Park that is on the market for \$3,750,000.

One metro daily reported Paris and sister Nicky were seen drinking at The Hill, a favorite watering hole for the young and the restless generation and that Beyonce was spotted shopping on Kercheval.

The other metro said it

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Streetwise

Question of the Week:

Is the public school system's winter break too long, or much needed?



Cheryl Harris

"Yes, it's too long. No reason they need that much time off."

Cheryl Harris
Grosse Pointe Woods

"Could get rid of it completely and allow them to get out (of the school year) earlier. I think it's a bit much."

Susan Warner
Grosse Pointe Woods



Susan Warner

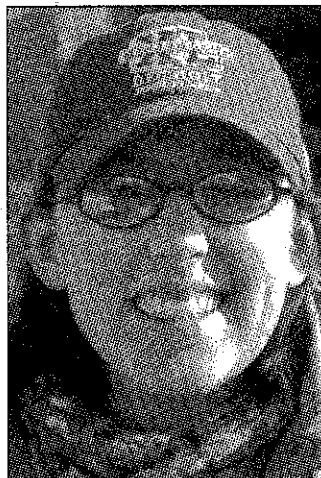
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Grosse Pointe Woods



Marian Annon

"I think it's just about right."
Laura Whitely
St. Clair Shores



Laura Whitely

"It should be shorter."
Denise Isherwood
Grosse Pointe Woods



Denise Isherwood

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Points about the Pointes

Community values, our parents and the Wus... what message do they all have in common?



It's School System Budget time again, and we are again faced with a \$3.5 million shortfall. As it has with every year since I have been a School Board member "junkie", music and/or the fine arts end up on the short list of potential cuts. Every year, the community tells the School Board in no uncertain terms that the fine arts are not an option; they're as much a part of Grosse Pointe as the Village or Lake St. Clair. Somehow, every year some arguably watered down version of the programs survive.

The community sense of concern was taken to a whole new level Monday night when international philanthropists **Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Wu** came to our Board meeting. Their message was much the same as the other concerned parents

at the meeting, but with an international perspective that only someone sitting on the boards of educational institutions around the world can bring to the table.

Their message was load and clear... get your governance house in order when it comes to stewardship of tax dollars and make sure that a world class education in the arts and sciences is provided for before any money is spent after school.

I don't think this is any revealing news to anyone living in the Pointes. We can't have everything anymore. The Wus have offered us invaluable advice on how to best govern our stewardship of tax dollars and how to prepare our children for the world that awaits them. Let's take it.

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

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The state of education

By Edward L. Davis

Like the rest of President George Bush's State of the Union address, the central mandate for education in the United States is to stay the course, with a couple of new biscuits thrown in.

Bush wants to "lead the world in human talent and creativity," a noble goal and a pioneering tradition we established and maintained — until recently.

Though Americans deem improving education as the single greatest domestic issue we face, our leadership in science and technology innovation is in decline. Other countries are finding ways to match and beat our technology, products and services at far less cost. Because we cannot compete on cost, we have to be smarter. It is our only option.

Bush, however, is opting to stay the course. This is a fatal mistake for our nation. We need to produce smarter Americans, but raising the standards in an obsolete system of education is no solution. In fact, 47 states are in various stages of revolt against Bush's primary educational policy, No Child Left Behind, which has been decried as an unfunded mandate that causes states to provide dumbed-down tests to meet federal standards.

What we hear less about is the unseen fallout of this policy, the ethical misconduct in classrooms and rising dropout rates. Nationwide, schools are teaching to the test or actually teaching the test, and students are cheating in order to perform well for Big Brother. It is rampant. Schools want to amp up their ranking in next year's newspaper articles comparing area tests scores, and they want to ensure they receive federal and state assistance tied to those

scores. Tens of thousands of teachers have become cynical in applying a policy they know is taking students away from real learning.

But, students want to avoid stigmatization and get into college. More than ever, education isn't about learning. It is all about test performance.

But are the schools that score well on tests truly better off? By many accounts, in schools with higher scores, students have pursued in-depth learning less, with increasing focus on the skill of passing tests. And though it's hard to get good information on the correlation between standardized testing and drop-out rates — much of the data is fudged or not reported at all — many reports indicate dropout rates are edging upward toward 35 percent overall, and a startling 50 percent for African Americans and Latinos.

Many studies tie the increasing dropout rate to high-stakes testing. Statistically, it makes sense: If half your students drop out, and most troubled students drop out, then test scores will rise.

During his State of the Union address, Bush mentioned a stay-in-school policy. How will he achieve this when his primary educational policy generates dropouts?

And are the Democrats any better? They might even be worse. Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine, who supplied the Democrats' State of the Union response, summed up education policy by saying that we need to "reform the senior year of high school to make it work better."

Huh?
The larger question is: Why is anyone bothering to propose fixes to a system that's obsolete?

Bush said he wants 70,000 new teachers for advanced placement education in math and science. Sounds nice, but the real problem is that our kids are so turned off to these crucial and magical subjects by a learning design that forgets to engage them.

Today's education is something done to young learners. Especially in secondary school, students are chiefly bored. School does not adequately engage their natural curiosity, creativity or initiative, but instead stifles it.

America's pioneering compulsory educational system was born in the early industrial age. The system's design is more than 150 years old and woefully obsolete. We do not teach according to how we know the brain works.

To begin with, we must organize and design around the dynamics of learning rather than the efficiencies of teaching. We are not using technology appropriately. In the world of the Internet and the coming world of learning objectives, students can work with teachers to design a course customized to individual needs, learning pace and style.

Instead of more tests, more money, smaller classrooms and more teachers, a real education president or a real education strategy would focus on putting together a national task force to develop a complete new architecture for public education in the next 10 years. We put a man on the moon in eight. We can do this.

Edward Davis is an education consultant and author of the book "Lessons For Tomorrow, Bringing America's Schools Back From The Brink," Orgone Press, 2006.

Letters

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is at risk of not having the continuity of taking violin all through fifth grade because under the proposal she would need to take a band instrument and vocal instruction. She would lose the continuity of the violin instruction that her older siblings had in the current structure.

My husband and I, of course, won't let that happen, but I am not so sure other parents who are on the fence about music instruction, would have that same persistence.

In a country where athletics are highly valued, there has to be a balance achieved to give subjects like music and art the weight they deserve for the strong academic foundation they provide our students.

It is unfortunate that there is such a small group to lobby against this proposal than there would be if you tried to eliminate a sport.

Monica and John Barbour
City of Grosse Pointe

The new math

To the Editor:

As the Grosse Pointe Public School System faces a financial crunch, the focus seems to be on the middle schools.

Not only has Parcels, Brownell and Pierce middle schools experienced budget cuts, but their seven-period day is now a six-period day.

Oddly enough, the day is not shorter but five minutes longer. The school board extended the class periods 10 minutes. Some kids can't stand 46 minutes as it is, let alone 56.

A sixth-grader at Parcels, says, "I don't like that they made the school day longer, the classes are longer, and that we don't have as many choices for our electives."

The future sixth-graders will now have seven and a half hours of reading language arts a week, instead of 10 hours. That will have a huge impact on English because a lot of kids don't have good grades in reading language arts as it is.

This will not help to improve grades in this critical area. So many students and adults don't like the

idea of the six-hour day because they feel more restricted about choices.

Due to the budget constraints, teaching and administration jobs have been eliminated resulting in a reduction of educational opportunities in Grosse Pointe.

They say everything happens for a reason. I find it interesting that a city that places such high value on education would use the "new math" to offer less.

Danielle Haggerty
Sixth-Grade Student
Parcels Middle School

Gift of music

To the Editor:

I read the Pointers of Interest article, "Park couple passionate about DSO for children" (Jan. 26 Grosse Pointe News), about Dr. Wu's support of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Civic Ensembles with great interest.

I am a junior at Grosse Pointe South High School and I play clarinet both in the school band and orchestra program and the DSO Civic Ensembles. I want to thank Dr. Clyde and Helen Wu for their support and leadership within that program.

Last year I was a member of the Civic Orchestra and this year I play in both the Philharmonia Orchestra and the Dorati Woodwind Quintet, sponsored by The Association of Civic Ensembles. The youth education program at the Pincus Education Wing is remarkable. The staff's professionalism is contagious; they take care of all organizational details to allow the students to concentrate on the music, under the baton of a talented artistic staff.

Classical music aficionados may argue about the best seat in Orchestra Hall, but I've found it — in the middle of the orchestra. There is nothing like hearing a Mahler Symphony or the Bartok Concerto for Orchestra from the center of the action.

I am grateful for the gift this couple has provided to all of the students in the Civic Ensembles.

I began my clarinet studies in a fourth-grade music pullout program in a Connecticut public school. I continued playing at Pierce Middle School when I moved

to Grosse Pointe in the sixth grade. Starting an instrument at age 8 allowed me to develop enough skill to not only participate in Civic Ensembles, but to also garner high marks at the Michigan Band and Orchestra Association Solo and Ensemble Festival and to earn membership in the All-State Band.

Without an early start on the clarinet in the public schools, I would not be able to take part in this exceptional art form at a high level.

For this reason, I, too, am troubled at the prospect of cuts in elementary instrumental music that the school administration proposes.

Our elementary school students deserve the same opportunities I had.

Peter Sabino
Grosse Pointe Park

Kudos

To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe News column "X-tra Special Advice" continues to be an informational, inspiring column.

Mary Beth Langan and Ted Coutilish are bringing such a light of hope to countless families as they feature people, events, and information to help others. Their column reaches teachers, parents, families, and the Grosse Pointe community and beyond who know, love, and work with children with special needs.

I continue my online subscription to the Grosse Pointe News so that I can read their column while living in Arizona.

Kudos to the Grosse Pointe News and the column, "X-tra Special Advice."
Nancy A. Hagener
Scottsdale, Ariz.

FYI

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ping on Kercheval.

The other metro said it was not true that Paris was spotted at The Hill or at Talbot's or at Bill Huntington's Hickey's Walton-Pierce, which was rumored to have shut down to accommodate the pair. It added that Beyonce was not browsing at Moosejaw Mountaineering in the Village, either.

Tapping my usually unreliable sources, I asked one local merchant, who will remain unidentified, whether he had seen Paris Hilton.

He answered: "We have lots of pretty blondes in the Grosse Pointes already, and 'I can't tell one from another.'"

Star singer

When WDIV-TV, Channel 4 announced it was taking part in the national "Oh Say Can You Sing Competition" for folks who felt they could belt out the "Star Spangled Banner," 500 entrants auditioned. Some didn't even know the words, but hoped to win two tickets to the Super Bowl.

Tony Nouhan, of the Park, an '01 South grad, survived all the tests and wound up one of three finalists. The others were a manager from Royal Oak and the cutest, little 11-year-old girl from Grand Blanc. The winner was chosen partially on a call-in popularity poll.

Tony, sporting a T-shirt from his band, "Natives of the New Dawn," did a first-rate job on Saturday afternoon before the television cameras but got aced in the voting by the 11-year-old who also belted out a class rendition.

National sponsors of the contest claim that two-thirds of us don't even know the words to the anthem, far less the tune.

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Grosse Pointe native Roustemis living his dream each day

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Car enthusiasts had an opportunity to view some of the world's most impressive vehicles at this year's North American International Auto Show (NAIAS).

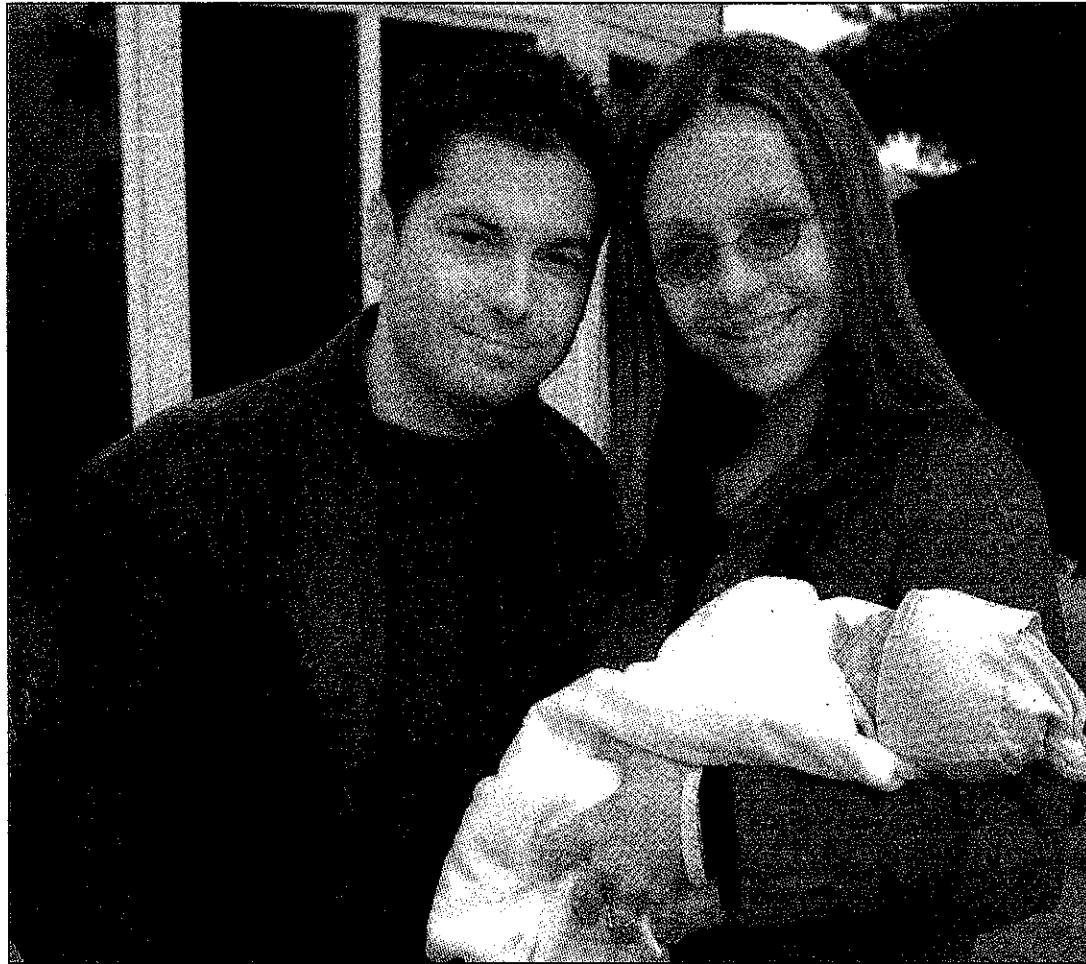
Grosse Pointe Woods native Christos Roustemis played a big part in helping car buffs enjoy their experience, thanks to his role in designing the Camaro's interior.

Roustemis, 36, is a concept car design manager for GM, and some of his talents can be seen in vehicles such as the Nomad, Equinox, Yukon, Tahoe and Escalade.

"I have always been interested in cars ever since I was a little kid working at my dad's car wash in Dearborn," Roustemis said. "I loved looking at each car when I would dry them, and that passion really came together when I was in high school. I'm living my dream each day I go to work."

He attended grade school at Monteith and middle school at Parcels before spending his freshman year of high school at Grosse Pointe North. He spent his final three years at and graduated from Warren DeLaSalle.

"I was fortunate to have a teacher at DeLaSalle who I looked up to, and it helped



Former Grosse Pointe resident Christos Roustemis, left, is next to two of his biggest fans, his wife Pellayia and daughter Panayiota.

Photo by Robert McKean

my passion for industrial design that I majored in college."

Roustemis took several industrial design courses in high school and carried that over to Wayne State

University where he earned a bachelor's and master's degree in industrial design.

In a flash, Roustemis began working for GM, and it has been a perfect match ever since.

"My baby is the Nomad," he said. "I worked hard on that project, and it was great to see it at the 1999 North American International Auto Show."

Roustemis was quoted in

a 1999 NAIAS preview by Paul Eisenstein, "If you put the Blazer and a Corvette in a blender, the Nomad is what you wind up with. You can put anything in there that a small pickup truck would carry, only you've got a hot, sporty car for the weekend."

Roustemis' rise through the design ranks equals the horsepower of a Corvette — fast and furious.

"I thoroughly love my job, and I wouldn't want to do anything else," he said. "I have worked with some very talented men and women during my 15 years at GM, and the talent level gets even better. We have designed some very 'hot' vehicles, and just wait for the future. Those vehicles will be dynamite."

Roustemis is currently designing intricate details of vehicles that consumers will see in 2007 and beyond.

"We're always working toward the future," Roustemis said. "The cool stuff we work on is for the consumer. We want them to enjoy the experience of viewing cars and driving cars we help design."

Five years ago, Roustemis married Pellayia Lazaris and on Dec. 31, the couple enjoyed the birth of their first child, daughter Panayiota, which means the

Virgin Mary in Greek. "We're thrilled to be the proud parents of a beautiful daughter," Roustemis said. "It's been a little hectic, but overall it's a wonderful experience."

Roustemis' parents, Michael and Angeline, and sister Patty, are also happy with how their son and brother has developed.

"We're very proud of Christos and at how successful he has become in his career," Michael said. "Everything is falling right into place for my son, and now he is a father and a wonderful husband for Pellayia."

Despite the hundreds of accolades from the public, his co-workers, and his competitors around the world, Roustemis remains humble.

"I love my job, and I love to design cars," he said. "I also enjoy teaching our new designers what it takes to succeed in this highly competitive market."

Roustemis took a couple of weeks off to help his wife adjust to parenthood, but he is back at work, designing concept cars of the future.

"I am one of the luckiest men in the world," Roustemis said. "I have a great wife and new daughter, and a great family in which I've been able to get support and love from."

Will Feb. be another do-nothing month?

Historically, the stock market in February has been nothing to write home about. Not only is February the shortest month of the year, but it also has the most paid holidays! Productivity will be hurting, but, cheer up, March is only 20 days down the calendar.

GM cash dividend: Cut or no cut?

For years, General Motors (GM), closed 23.15 last Friday) has declared its first quarter common stock cash dividend on the first Tuesday of February, payable March 10. For 2006, this was Feb. 7.

GM has been paying a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per common share since 1997. Wall Street and Main Street were tuned in to CNBC (Channel 38 on Comcast in Grosse Pointe) last Tuesday for the news.

This week's Barron's (Feb. 6) reported, "Directors of beleaguered GM are expected to meet this week and could bow to pressure from Kirk Kerkorian, the company's largest shareholder, and others to slash GM's \$2-a-share annual dividend, which gives the stock an 8.6 percent yield."

Barron's, the business and finance weekly owned by Dow Jones (DJ, closed at 38.70 last Friday) reports only business and investment news. LTS, on the other hand, called each of Greenspan's 14 recent rate

hikes on the money, from the Sunday before each of the Fed's Tuesday rate meetings.

Now, it's Sunday, Feb. 5, and LTS wrote that GM would cut its dividend last Tuesday, Feb. 7.

Natural resources investments

Standard & Poor's, a division of McGraw-Hill Companies (MHP, closed at 51.84 last Friday), some time ago divided its S&P 500 Index companies into nine general sectors, one of which is "Energy." These 500 companies, all U.S. domiciled, represent more than 80 percent of the market capitalization of all U.S. companies. The 29 companies in the Energy sector represent 10.1 percent (market-wise) of the 500 Index.

These 29 companies primarily explore for, develop and produce crude oil and natural gas and provide drilling and other energy-related services. Note that electric and gas public utilities and their transportation services are in the separate Utilities sector.

Some time ago, S&P created trusts for a new series of Exchange Traded Funds (ETF), one trust for each of the nine sectors. Each trust replicates the weighting of each stock in the sector, so that one trust share equals proportional fractional shares of each underlying stock.

S&P called its "family" of sector trusts, SPDRs (pronounced "spiders"). Thus, the SPDR-Energy trust shares trade on the American Stock Exchange under symbol XLE, which closed last Friday at 55.22. These trust shares can be purchased and sold like "ordinary stock" through your local stock broker, on a commission basis which is sometimes discounted. These trust shares can be bought any time during market hours, unlike mutual fund shares which can only be purchased or redeemed after the 4 p.m. close. Daily trading volume averages 20 million shares per day.

Many analysts agree that SPDR-Energy ETF shares provide the ultimate diversification, but the shares are up about 35 percent over the past 12 months, and yield a whisker less than 1 percent. Other analysts prefer direct investments in specific energy stocks, especially the mid-size exploration and development firms, leaving the refining and marketing to other investors. Master limited partnerships have developed an expanding investor-base. These will be the subject of LTS' article March 9.

Confused about taxable income?

By now you should have received the IRS-required tax-information forms from

the various sources of your 2005 income. For many taxpayers, the five most used forms are 1) Form W-2 for wages; 2) Form 1099-INT for interest income; 3) Form 1099-DIV for dividends and distributions; 4) Schedule K-1 for income from trusts, businesses and partnerships and 5) Form 1099-MISC for income from just about all other sources.

Recently a friend asked LTS to review his retirement income sources and give suggestions regarding asset allocation. My friend, like many of us, has been deluged by advertising from unfamiliar advisers offering "estate planning seminars" and a free dinner for two.

Each year the tax forms get more complicated for the do-it-yourself tax-preparer. The W-2s and 1099s have been around awhile, but the IRS last year switched Consumers Power Preferred dividends into taxable bond interest.

Less used is Schedule K-1, which reports income from trusts and certain types of partnership and other business-related sources. These very complicated transactions generally require preparation by professional accountants using very sophisticated computer programs, because alternative minimum tax calculations are involved.

LTS' retired friend had 10 sources of income in 2005:

- 1) Interest-taxable, 2) Interest-tax exempt, 3)

Let's talk... STOCKS

By Joseph Mengden

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Dividends-ordinary, 4) Dividends-qualified, 5) Capital gains-long-term, 6) Capital gains-short term, 7) Pensions-taxable portion, 8) Pensions-nontaxable portion, 9) Annuity-accumulative income and 10) Business income reportable on Schedule K-1.

LTS' income is less complicated than the friend's income, but LTS long ago turned over preparation of all tax-filing documents to

his CPA/attorney, John M. Rickel, whose sponsorship of this article is much appreciated.

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

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Pointers try new Thai restaurants

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Hungry residents will get their taste of a combination of Thai and American food thanks to two new restaurants in Grosse Pointe Woods and the City of Grosse Pointe.

Shin Ly, the owner of Thai Cafe in the Woods, opened his new restaurant just this week.

"We're here to accommodate the public," Ly said. "We have seating for about 30 to 35 people; so we hope to be busy every night. I think we have some great food to offer the people of Grosse Pointe and its surrounding areas."

Ly's menu will serve traditional Thai food, and of course patrons will get an opportunity to have their

dishes served with a spice level to their liking, including with none at all or ultra hot for those brave enough to handle the heat.

T.N. Thai Bistro in the Village shopping district in the City of Grosse Pointe has been open for business since the middle of January, and already business has been on the upswing.

"We have been fairly busy during the week or so that we have been opened, even though we're new," manager Naly Yang said.

Yang also said the restaurant has a traditional Thai menu, catering to those who enjoy hot, spicy food, or those who don't.

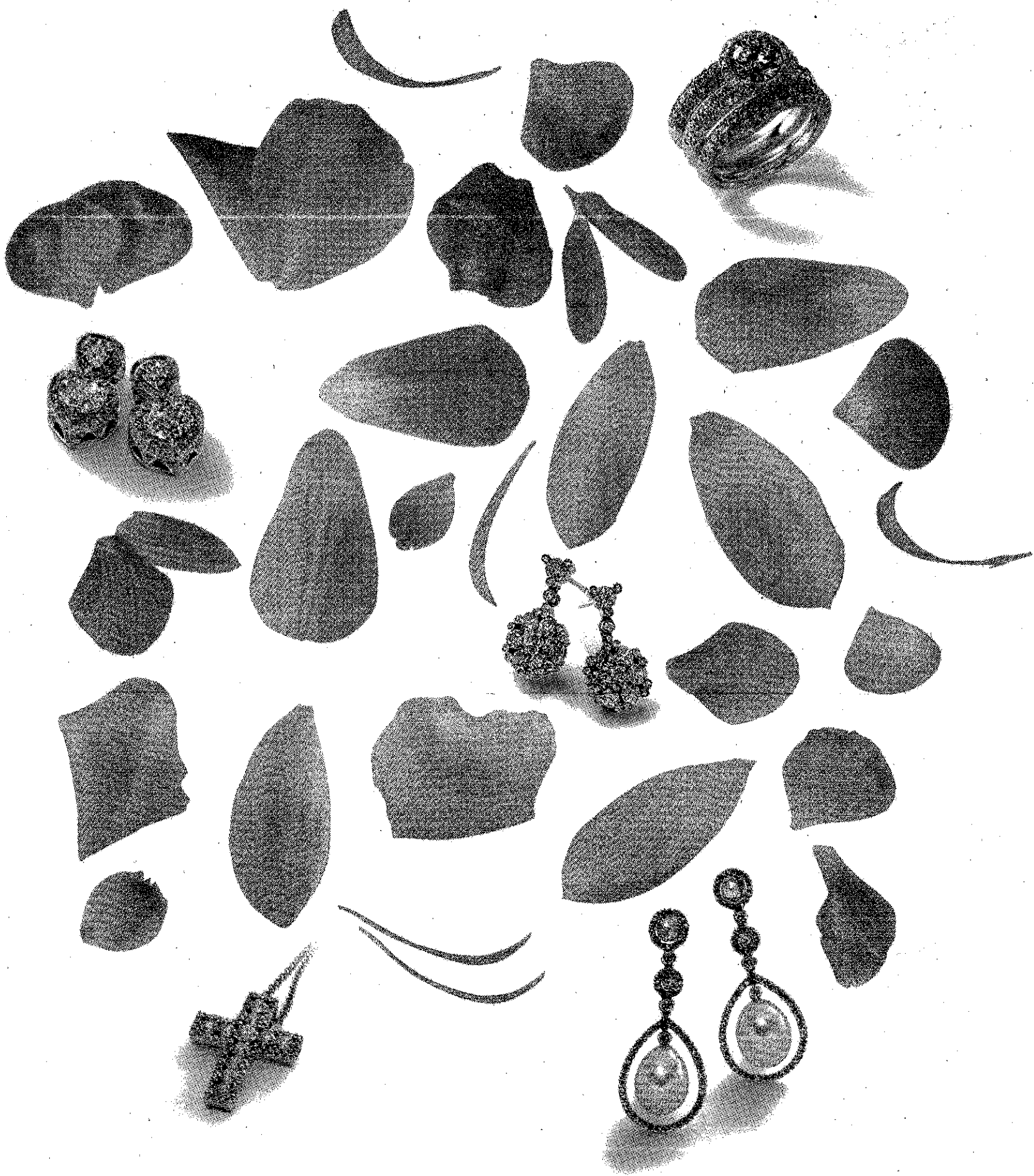
In addition to excellent food, both restaurants offer a traditional Thailand decor that is soothing to the eyes.

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Team work makes dreams work

School children set to work on Habitat House

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Team work makes dreams work.

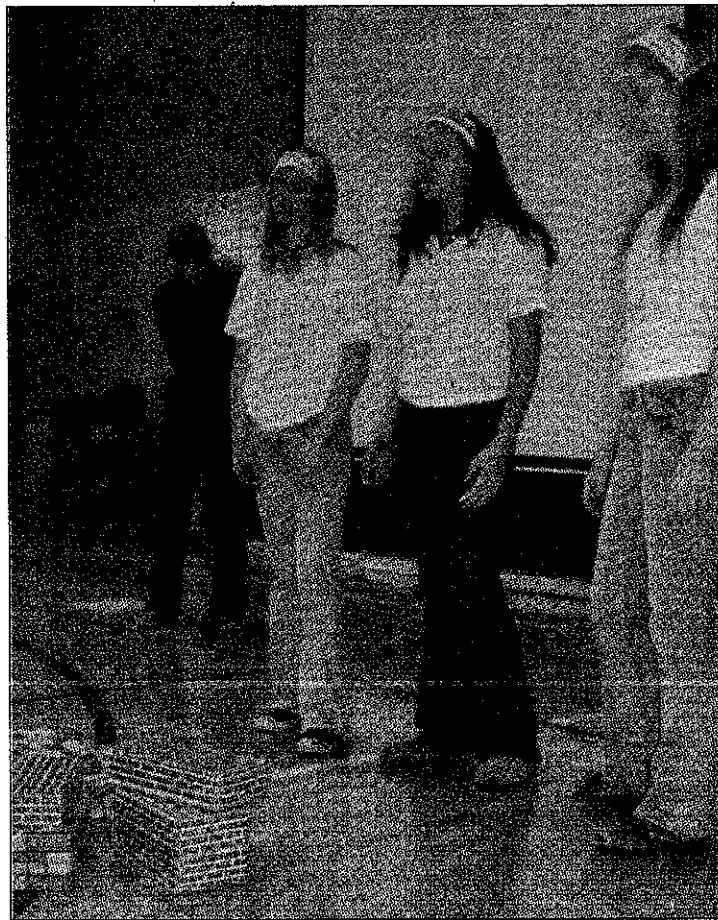
This was the mantra University of Michigan baseball coach Rich Maloney told three groups of Grosse Pointe elementary children during his Thursday, Feb. 2, visit to Grosse Pointe schools.

Maloney's appearance was a personal favor to his friend and Roseville school classmate, Alicia Carlisle, to help kick off the Grosse Pointe Project Welcome Home in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. Carlisle is the organizer of the project.

In an unprecedented partnership with the entire student body and staff of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, The Grosse Pointe Academy, University Liggett School, Our Lady Queen of the Sea, St. Clare of Montefalco, St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School and the community, a goal of \$70,000 has been set to buy one Habitat House kit. The house will be assembled in Detroit and shipped to a family whose home was destroyed by either Hurricane Katrina or Rita in the early fall of 2005.

Carlisle began putting the project together in October and saw to the kick-off assemblies last week with the help of Maloney, Kerby fifth-graders and the Key Club of South High School.

"She called," Maloney said of how he became involved in the Grosse Pointe project. "She knows I have a passion for community service. I always like to speak to kids." Maloney told students

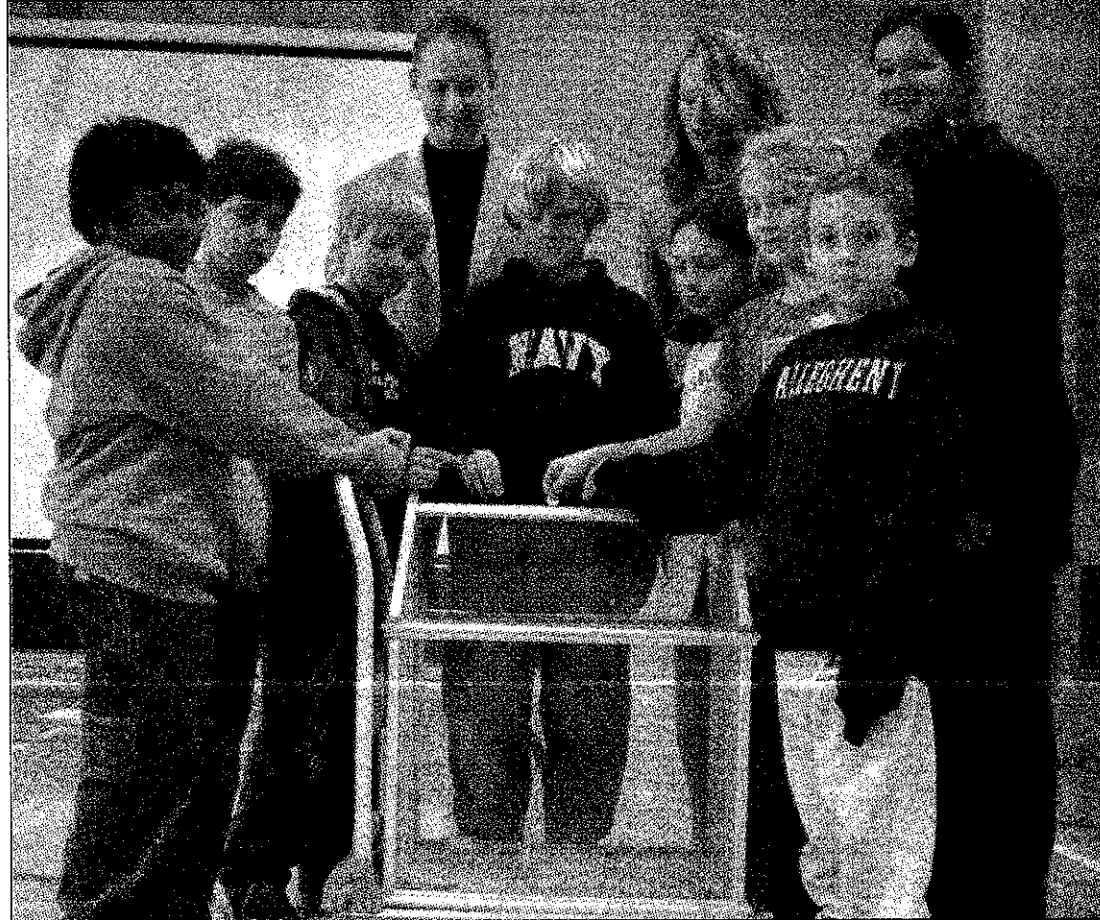


The Big Bad Wolf, left, portrayed by Stephen Repicky and the Three Little Pigs, Shannon Montgomery, Katie Whitney and Bianca Prohaska, all had homes toppled by Hurricane Katrina. In a skit presented to Grosse Pointe's elementary public school children, members of South's Key Club told the tale of how the hurricane devastated areas of Louisiana and Mississippi, as told through a modified "Three Little Pigs" story.

small things accomplished by individuals can be rolled into making a big difference. University of Michigan athlete, he said, performed 11,000 hours of community service. His team of 40 worked a nine-hour day clearing a wooded lot in Ypsilanti in preparation for a Habitat for Humanity house.

"Our responsibility is to help others and make the world a better place," he said.

Students throughout the district will hold fundraisers to buy plumbing fixtures or carpet for the house. Poupard will have a hat day, said Principal Penny Stocks wherein students purchase the right to wear a hat in



Photos by Ann L. Fouty

Being the first to drop coins into Poupard's glass house are from left, Emilio Castronero, Max Googlsby, Ethan Peterson, Devin Palmer, Ann Durbin, Emily Bahr, and Kameron Fekete; in back from left University of Michigan baseball coach Rich Maloney, Poupard Principal Penny Stocks and Habitat for Humanity staffer Kate Kowalski. Poupard's goal is to fill the 2-foot by 2-foot house with change to help build a Habitat for Humanity house that will be shipped to an area ravaged by Hurricane Katrina.

school for a day. Proceeds will go into the "glass house" made by Poupard parent Tony Valentine. The 2-foot by 2-foot house will be on display in the school and students can watch as it fills with coins and paper money.

Students were introduced to the Welcome Home project through a Power Point presentation created and narrated by the Kerby fifth-

grade. It explained that New Orleans was 10 feet below sea level. Its levees were built 288 years ago to withstand a category three hurricane. Hurricane Katrina hit land packing winds of 145 miles an hour and was a category four hurricane. It ultimately kicked up wind speeds of 175 mph becoming a category five, pushing water from the Atlantic and

Lake Pontchartrain and, dropping rain on the city of 364 square miles. It took out electricity, polluted the water and crushed homes and businesses, leaving thousands homeless and without a place to work.

"Who did this," asked the Big Bad Wolf during a presentation of "The Wolf, Three

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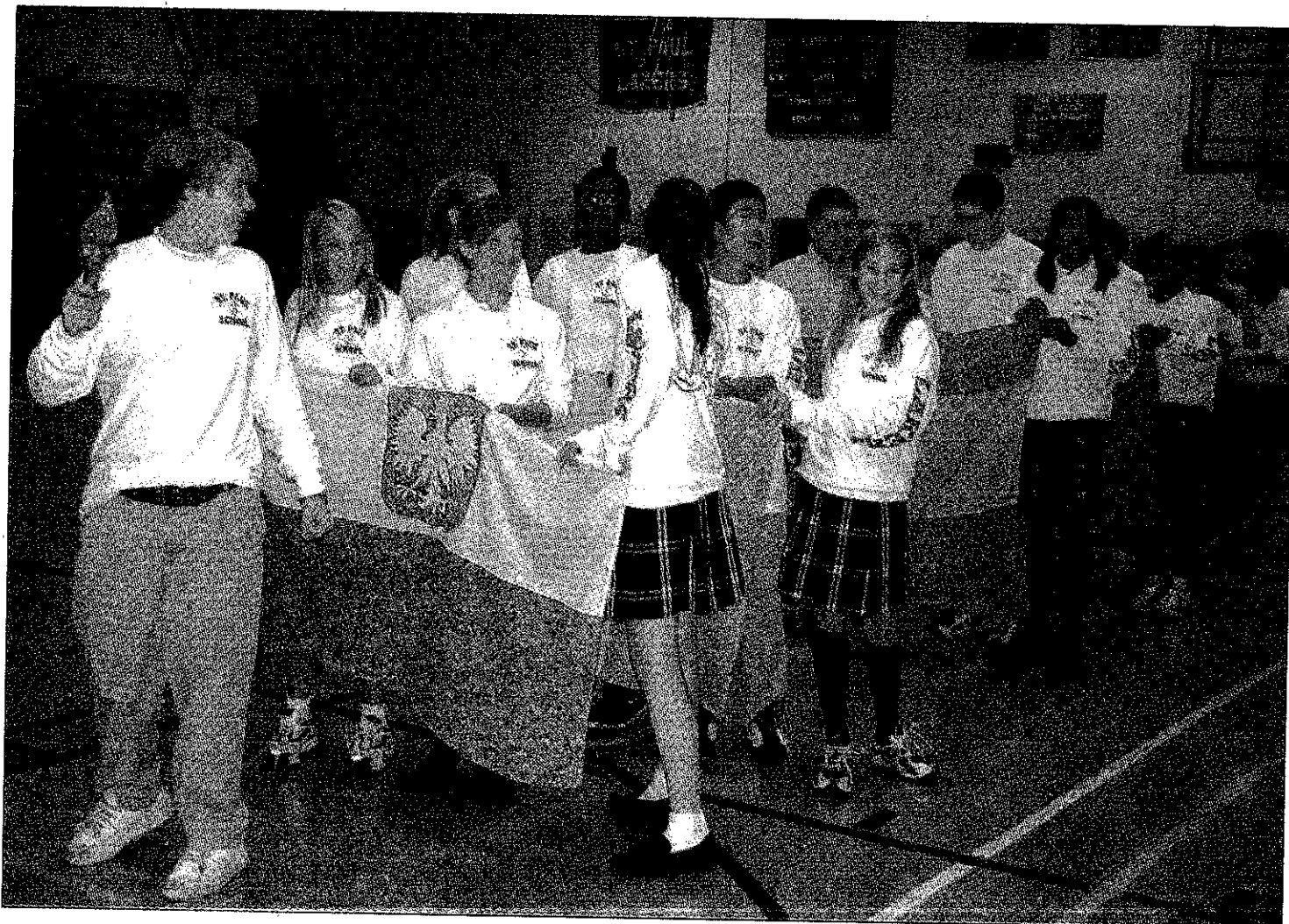
St. Paul students tackle Metric Olympic Challenge

It was a day of pomp, excitement and strength during St. Paul Catholic School Metric Olympic Challenge. It was also a day of drawing on seventh and eighth grade students' acquired knowledge and stretching their mind power.

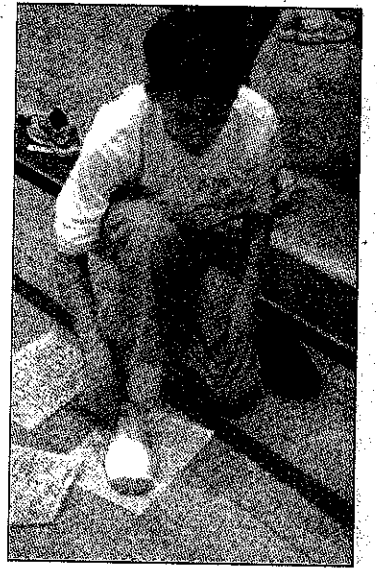
The goal of this first-ever metric challenge gave students a practical, hands-on experience in finding ways to use and easily visualize measuring in a metric system. These activities helped serve as a guide for comparison to the United States system of measurement.

One of the highest forms of strength and challenge is that of a competition of minds, and St. Paul students combined fun, physical and math skills.

Stations were set up around the gym as groups of students rotated through the events in the competition. Throughout the room there would be moments of cheers as one group found



St. Paul Catholic School seventh and eighth-grade students were lead into their gym by torch bearer eighth-grader Teddy Roney. Students were flexing their minds to absorb the metric measuring system in a Metric Olympic Challenge.



Jack Bernard, an eighth-grader at St. Paul, traces his foot to learn what size it would be in the metric language.

use or even estimate in other areas, such as measuring poster board for a school project to converting yardage into metric terms."

Commented eighth-grader Ben VanBerkum, "We are the only major country in the world which doesn't use the metric system of measurement, and if we are in a world economy we had better know how to use it."

"The Metric Olympics were very exciting, and it helped me understand the metric system a lot better," said Andrew Bituin, an eighth-grader.

Opening ceremonies featured students carrying 6-foot flags of various countries into the gym marching to the music of the Olympic theme, lead by Teddy Roney holding an "Olympic torch."

The march turned into a run as the opening event came to a close with loud cheers by students and viewers.

The students, all in tennis shoes, came prepared to compete with their minds.

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success after serious contemplation.

The long jump was one of the events in which the distance jumped was measured using the metric system and compared to the current measuring system.

Officials measured and recorded using the metric system.

They also took part in the paper straw javelin throw, the cotton ball shot put and big foot, in which they measured their feet. All measured were measured in centimeters.

Meters measured how far

students were able to throw a paper plate in the paper plate discus throw.

Students grabbed a handful of marbles in the right-handed marble grab. The marbles were weighed in grams.

The left-handed sponge squeeze measured the water they could squeeze from a wet sponge. The measurement used was millimeters.

Originator of the chal-

lenge and honors math teacher, Betsy Berg, whose education includes a Princeton University fellowship said, "The metric system is worldwide. We are in the middle of a global economy. There are so many ways that these students will be at an advantage to understand the metric system. Some of these uses are as simple as everyday cooking and travel, even to traveling

on highways in our neighboring nation of Canada, let alone European travel. Clearly, there are many career fields that require knowledge of the metric system. This program along with our study in class will hopefully allow the system of metric measure to become more natural to the children.

"The fun they have, measuring how long they jumped, and how far they could throw in metric terms and allowing comparison to their current form of measuring will leave a lasting visual impression to help

Auction to benefit school

St. Paul Catholic School will host its annual "It Takes a Parish to Raise a School" auction on Friday, Feb. 10, at the Roostertail Entertainment Complex on the Detroit River. The auction includes more than 300 items — everything from Steve Yzerman hockey gloves to a New York getaway weekend.

Proceeds will benefit the school. Co-chairs Lynne Williams and Sharon Kuchta say they hope to raise funds to replace math textbooks, update computers and provide enrichment opportunities for students.

"The funds raised afford St. Paul the opportunity to stay current with technological advances in an ever-changing world," Kuchta said.

Items up for auction include art from local and renowned artists, jewelry from Ahee, Pat Scott and other local jewelers and trips to New York, Napa Valley and Toronto. Sports memorabilia, motorized scooters, I-pods, prime Pistons tickets and the chance to be principal for the day or gym teacher for the day will be available to students.

"Putting the auction together is definitely a team



Ready to ride the scooter to the winners of the St. Paul Catholic School auction, are from left, Jonathan Lysik and Charlotte Mooney.

effort," Williams said.

The \$65 price includes cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, a strolling dinner buffet, a silent auction, live auction and 52-card raffle. Tickets are on sale now at St. Paul's School, 170 Grosse Pointe Boulevard, or by calling (313) 885-3430. This is open to the public.

Private school open houses

ULS on Sunday

University Liggett School (ULS) will host an open house on Sunday, Feb. 12, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Prospective parents and others interested in finding out about the ULS educational experience may visit both campuses: 1045 Cook Road (primary school, kindergarten and grades on through five and nine through 12) and 850 Briarcliff Drive (middle school, grades six through eight).

Personalized tours will be available, as will application and financial aid information. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call ULS at (313) 884-4444, ext. 217, or visit www.uls.org.

Academy on Feb. 12

The Grosse Pointe Academy, 171 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, is hosting an open house from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 12.

The academy is an award winning, independent, co-educational elementary school with a certified Montessori Early School for children ages 2 1/2- to five-years old and a lower and middle school for students in first through eighth grade.

Families are invited to tour the school, meet faculty and students and learn about educational opportunities available.

For more information, call the admissions office at (313) 886-1221 or log onto www.gpacademy.org.

St. Joan of Arc

St. Joan of Arc Catholic School holds an open house from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 16, at 22415 Overlake Dr., St. Clair Shores.

Visitors have an opportunity to get a first hand look at St. Joan's educational program, meet teachers, administration and current students. There will be greeters, guided tours and a learning fair with special displays, demonstrations and presentations.

Educational offerings begin with 3- and 4-year-olds in preschool; young 5-year-olds in either full or half day kindergarten programs. The program runs through eighth-grade.

'Annie' dances onto ULS stage

This year's University Liggett School's (ULS) all-school spring musical will be a presentation of "Annie!"

The G-rated production, scheduled for Thursday-Sunday, March 2-5, will feature students from the lower, middle and upper schools. Curtain times are at 7:30 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. for the Sunday matinee.

Tickets, \$4 for general admission and \$5 for reserved seats, are available by contacting Phillip Moss at (313) 884-4444, ext. 271.

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Life after high school

Students with learning challenges have to do more research than their classmates when it comes to choosing a college, university or trade school. They must ask more questions to find out if a school will help or hinder them in pursuing their education. That's why dozens of students with learning challenges from high schools throughout the Detroit area gathered last week to learn about their options during a free "Life After High School" program hosted by Eton Academy in Birmingham. The colleges, universities and other programs represented at the event all provide special resources for students with learning challenges such as ADHD, dyslexia, dysgraphia and processing deficiencies. In the photo, from left, Grosse Pointe South High School student Lauren Johnson and her mother, Ellen Pomante, talk with Mitchell College Representative Carol Brown about special services the school offers to assist students who have learning challenges.

Science teachers honored

Three Grosse Pointe North High School science teachers have been recognized for their innovative projects.

Ardis Herrold is one of six teachers nationally selected for the Spitzer Teacher Program for 2006.

This honor affords Herrold observation time with the Spitzer telescope and will work with a NASA astronomer-mentor to develop a project. Herrold will present the results at both the National Science Teacher Association and American Astronomical Society meetings.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has extended an invitation to Sue Speirs to attend a workshop for learning progressions component of NSF's Instructional Materials Development Grant.

The invitation is extended as a result of a proposal submitted to NSF by Jazlin Ebenezer, an associate professor at Wayne State, and Speirs, and their preliminary proposal has received excellent comments from reviewers. This workshop, along with the reviewers' comments, will help shape revisions to make the proposal competitive for final submission in March. If the proposal is NSF approved, the project will be funded for \$1.2 million.

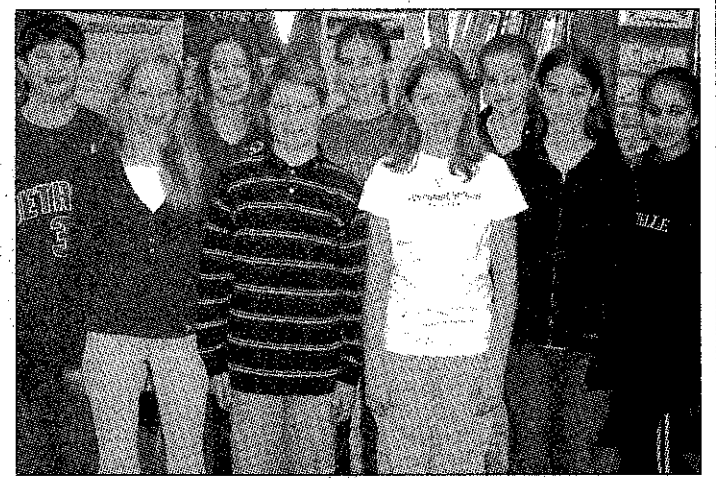
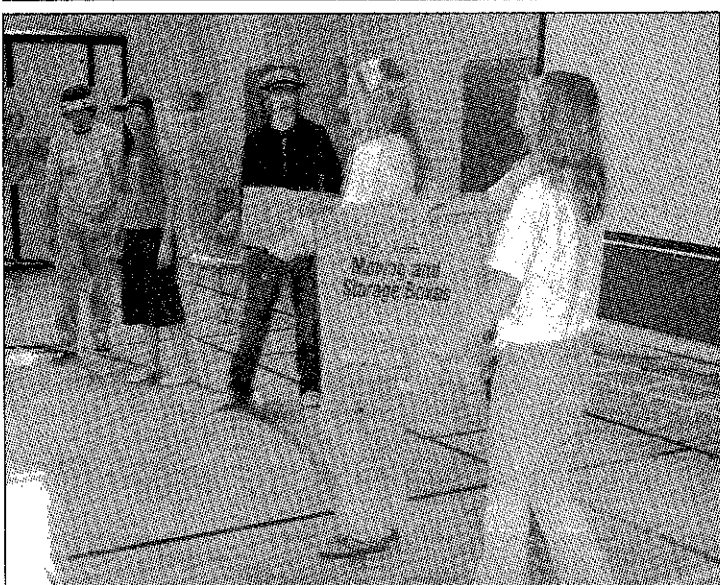


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Student council

Pierce Middle School students elected their student council for the spring semester. Seventh-grade student council representatives in the front row are senators Katie Barbour and David Pingree, vice president Hannah Sparrow and Charlotte Klein.

In the back row are eighth-grade senators Max Bobinski, president Katie Hamm, Senator Elizabeth Ann Kennedy, sixth-grade Senator Celeste Hamre and seventh-grade representative Simone Arora. Not photographed is sixth-grade Senator Spencer Sullivan.



From left, Dan DuFour, Kathryn Repicky, Stephen Repicky, Bianca Prohaska, Katie Whitney and Shannon Montgomery learned of how help was coming in from across the United States, including packets from Poupard students.

House

From 13A

Pigs and Katrina," presented by South's Key Club and written adviser Nicholas Provenzano.

The Big Bad Wolf, who's profession was to blow houses down, was upset and confused when he found the houses of straw, sticks and brick already toppled. The pigs complained and explained to the children that they had no pots and pans to cook in, nor games to play and no chairs to sit in.

Stephen Repicky portrayed the Big Bad Wolf wanted to meet this Katrina who was usurping his job opportunities until he heard from his wife, Kathryn Repicky, and son, Dan DuFour, their house had been destroyed as well. In fact, said Mrs. Wolf, the Bear Family didn't have any chairs to sit in nor porridge to eat.

This was the club's way of contributing to the project, said Provenzano and club president and senior Lisa Repicky. Provenzano credited her with pulling the skit together, including the props.

A four-year member of the service club, Lisa Repicky

pulled in other members including The Big Bad Wolf, three little pigs and the Wolf family.

Props were arranged by Irda Mance and Katie Rygwelski.

There was one more piece of the project and that was explained by magicians Maggie O'Brian and Paul Manganello.

Collecting a hammer, screwdriver and nails, there was only one thing missing the duo said. "You."

For \$70,000, Maloney said a beautiful house will be built and the students will have the satisfaction that you helped someone else.

South student art on display

Grosse Pointe South High School students were honored with 27 individual Southeastern Michigan Scholastic Art Awards during an exhibition hosted by the College for Creative Studies.

The individual awards included a gold, 13 silver and 13 certificates.

Student art works will be included in the exhibition which runs through Sunday, Feb. 19, in the Walter B. Ford Building, 201 E. Kirby, Detroit.

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Proceeds from the event will help a family overcome poverty.

The cost is \$15 and supplies are limited.

While on a field trip to the Howell Nature Center, the fifth graders learned that

through donations, livestock are purchased to help residents of impoverished areas across North America, parts of Africa, Asia, the South Pacific, central and eastern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Students decided to raise money to buy an animal for a needy family through the Build-a-Bear company.

Each stuffed animal comes with a T-shirt which students may decorate and a wishing star.

Additional outfits can be

purchased for \$8.
Maire students will be building their animals in the morning. Those children attending in the afternoon will select from the limited supply.

Following the Build-a-Bear project, the students in Barbara Davis' and Donna Bednarczyk's classes will select animals to purchase through Heifer International.

For more information, contact Maire school at (313) 432-4300.

Solo, ensemble results

North High band and orchestra

North High School was represented extremely well this past weekend at the MSBOA District Solo and Ensemble Festival held at Rochester High School. Students performed solos and ensembles for professional adjudicators and were given a rating of 1-5 based on the quality of their performance.

Students were judged on the overall execution of their piece, including technique, intonation, ensemble, tone, and dynamics. Performances good enough to receive a first or second division rating were awarded medals.

The following students received a second division medal for an excellent performance: Molly Cohn (viola solo), Christopher Scott (viola solo); Colleen Saffron (violin solo); Graham Kozak (clarinet solo); Kevin Rey (bassoon solo); Caroline Verbeke (flute solo); Ryan Siluk (percussion solo); Rhochele Krawetz (clarinet solo); Colleen Victor (flute solo); Kevin Stier (sax solo); Ben Wasmuth (trumpet solo); Arthur Mack (percussion solo); David Ulmer (clarinet solo); Nathan Strickland, Jr. (piano solo); Paul Chabot, Brian Hart, David Ulmer (clarinet trio); Caitlin Fiscus, Katie MacDonald and Krysta Schroeder (string ensemble); Kathryn Holm and Danielle Dumont (violin duet); Steven LaRue and Lauren Remus (string ensemble); Teddy Bratton and Jamie Ding (string ensemble); Brittany Bate, Meredith Chicklas and Katie Singer (violin trio); Jordan Bossack, Carrie Alexy, (string duet); Brooke Largay and Stacie Sharples (flute duet); Kristen Sheridan and Stephanie Jovanovski (flute duet); Carlos Radden, Matthew Krusz (trumpet duet); Paul Chabot and Brian Hart (clarinet duet); Sheila Geraghty and Victoria Jennings (clarinet duet); Briane McDonald and Mary Ridella (flute duet); KariAnne Stall, Rachel Curran (woodwind duet).

The following students received a first division medal for a superior performance and qualified to participate at the state solo and ensemble festival on March 25: George Abud (violin solo); Amanda Klimczuk (violin solo); Peter Dong (violin solo); Elizabeth Simon (violin solo); Teddy Bratton (viola solo); Kathryn Brennan (violin solo); Helena Chevallier (violin solo); Martin Brosnan (cello solo); Jennifer DiBattista (cello solo); Caitlin Fuhrmann (oboe solo); Kelly Jennings (oboe solo); Mike Brinker (saxophone solo); Alex Sikorski (mixed percussion); Ryan Mann (saxophone solo); Karen Huntsman (French horn solo); Frank Serraiocco (trumpet solo); Laila Hamdan (clarinet solo); Jenny Barger (flute solo); Julienn Hong (clarinet solo); Thomas Jones (bassoon solo); Eli Wilson (saxophone solo); Ed Grumeretz (French horn solo); Jamie Ding

(piano solo); Rebecca Rhee (piano solo); Ed Grumeretz (piano solo); Bobby Seiderabi (piano solo); Thomas Jones and Kevin Rey (bassoon duet); Thomas Jones, Jenny Barger, Caitlin Fuhrmann, Karen Huntsman and Julienn Hong (woodwind ensemble); Ryan Mann, John Tozzi and Kevin Stier (saxophone trio); Ryan Mann and Michael Kiriazis (saxophone duet); Alex Sikorski, Steve LaRue, Andrew Lamont, Ed Grumeretz (marimba ensemble); Kara Miller, Ashley Allemon, Michelle Lamont, Amanda Klimczuk (violin quartet); Allison Frantz and Molly Cohn (violin duet); Nathan Strickland, Jr., George Abud, Martin Brosnan, Abhinav Krishnan (string ensemble); Alexandra Costakis and Colleen Saffron (violin duet); Dana Koeppel, Helena Chevallier (violin duet); Peter Dong and Martin Brosnan (string duet); Kim Coughlin and Katie Brennan (violin duet); Kari Anne Stall, Rachel Curran, Kevin Rey, Rhochele Krawetz and Kyle Detloff (woodwind quintet); Ashley Bernier, Andreas Forstner, Sam Matthew and Laila Hamdan (clarinet quartet); Rhochele Krawetz and Nick Coates (tenor saxophone duet); Sam Matthew, Andreas Forstner (clarinet duet); Jamie Ding, David Ulmer (woodwind ensemble); Elizabeth Kalina, Melissa Light and Graham Kozak (clarinet trio).

Those who were awarded a second division rating included: Taylor Pratt (flute solo), Cory Stanton (trumpet solo), Ameila Piecuch (violin solo), Collen Cirocco (violin solo), Kelsey VanSlembrout, Danielle Eisbrenner (string duet), Alex Acton (violin solo), Anne Sarge (piano solo), Sarah Siwak (alto saxophone solo), and Jeff Gloss (trumpet solo).

Nensi Bakiu received a third division rating for her violin solo.

South choir

Grosse Pointe South High School choir students brought home high ratings from the District 16 solo and ensemble, held Friday, Feb. 3, and Saturday, Feb. 4, at Lake Orion High School.

Students sang for adjudicators who provided written and oral comments about each of the 89 events and provided a final rating.

Twenty events received a second division rating for their good performances. Those students were: Stephanie Aboukasm, Brittany Bachteal, Galen Calligan, Bridget Doyle, Billy Finkenstaedt, Melanie Foley, Olivia Franklin, Matt Hendershot, Emily Holm, Kristen Kaselitz, Maggie Leins, Kerri Marowski, Andrea Paone, Karen Scofield, Alex Stencil, Syvalia Sterling, Jacqueline Stevens, Kaitlyn Whitney and Sarah Youngblood and Chamber Singers.

Sixty nine events received first division ratings for their performances, qualifying them to participate in state solo and ensemble festival, March 31 and April 1 at Oxford High School.

Those students who received a first place include: Elise Amato, Jessy Baker, Rachel Bekowies, Angela Berg, Jillian Black, Eliisa Bojanic, Emily Bradley, Elizabeth Buda, Hannah Carroll, Laurence Cormier, Steven Cox, Maria Dasaro (perfect score), Clare Dice, Sarah Duffield (perfect score), Ali Dulchavsky, Danielle Elskens, Olivia Ferguson (perfect score), Carrie Fisk, Sara Forni (perfect score), Caroline Gohlke, Katie Griffin, Nadia Harris, Nick Hathaway, Dana Hauck, Jack Hessburg, Sam Hull (perfect score), Lauren Jacob, Hillary Kay, Jane Kellett, Paul Kelly, Tripp Kennedy, Alex Koch (perfect score), Betsey Konieczki (perfect score), Janice Kulik, Lauren LoGrasso (perfect score), Jordan Long, Ali Long, Alex Mahone, Michael Manos, Lisa Martin, Ben Maters, Abby Meert, Gabe Moss, Cole Powers, Maya Reeves, Natalie Rhodes (perfect score), Alyssa Rickard (Semrau), Nick Ryder, Lauren Schultes (perfect score), Brittany Schwikert, Chelsea Seavitt, M. Davis Smith (perfect score), Fiona Spezia, Kim Stevens (perfect score), Maria Tecos, Marybeth Train, Dana Vreede, Emily Walton, Peter Wilton and Anna Winder-Chavey.

Women's select trio (Olivia Ferguson / Katie Griffin/Hillary Kay) received a perfect score, as did the South Singers, Pointe Singers #1, Pointe Singers #2, the Advanced Women #2, and the Tower Bells.

Also participating in the solo and ensemble were the freshmen select ensemble, and the Men of Pointe Singers.

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Join the 16th annual Trike-a-Thon in the Grosse Pointe South High School gym to raise funds for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation on Thursday, Feb. 16.

Some 22 preschoolers in the Grosse Pointe South Child Care program will be riding their decorated tricycles around the gym transformed into an Olympic race track.

Children will be lapping continuously between 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., mak-

ing pit stops only for snacks.

Participants in this high school student-run activity sought donations from area businesses for the silent auction and visited high school classes asking students to sponsor a preschooler.

According to Samantha Carr, a senior in the child care program, "Pediatric AIDS was chosen because we work with children and we feel that it is important to have children working for other children to make a

difference." There is still time to make a donation for the silent auction or to sponsor a preschooler.

For more information, contact Phyllis Henry at (313) 432-3654 or by e-mail a Phyllis.Henry@gpschools.org.

Last year, the trike-athon raised \$7,000 for the 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which has goals to promote awareness, fund research and eradicate pediatric AIDS.

Two Liggett teachers to share their travels

Save the date of Thursday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m., for a look at two different worlds.

University Liggett School (ULS) art teacher Karen Katanick will discuss her photographic images of Prague.

Katanick last summer traveled to participate in a creativity workshop, explore the art and architecture of the city and reinvigorate her imagination, thus enriching

her arts curriculum. Documented through photography; her one-woman-show, "I Am in Prague," will be in the Manoogian Arts Wing Gallery through Feb. 10.

Jeff Bond, chair of the history department at ULS, will present the highlights of his month-long trip to China and Tibet that same evening. Through anecdotes, slides and artifacts, Bond will "bring to life" the beauty of

China's ancient civilization, its dynamic but troubling present, and several possible futures for the Middle Kingdom.

Both faculty trips were made possible through ULS Venture Grants.

Students, parents, alumni, and the public are invited to attend the presentation, held in the Studio in ULS's Manoogian Arts Wing. Admission is free.

Register Now for Kindergarten

District-wide Kindergarten Registration Night

7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 15 at South High School Wicking Library, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd. Complete registration and enrollment, meet representatives from your child's school, and get ready for Kindergarten.

Enrollment Process

For half day or extended day kindergarten, residency and enrollment must be processed either by appointment at 389 St. Clair Ave. (call 313/432-3083) or by attending the District-wide Kindergarten Registration Night (no appointment needed).

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Extended Day Program applications and downpayments are due Feb. 27. The lottery drawing will be March 1.



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CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 18, 2006

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except for Councilman Hugh Marshall.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilman Hugh Marshall from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held January 4, 2006.
- 3) To hold a Public Hearing on February 22, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public input and comment on the 2006 Community Development Block Grant Program.
- 4) To add to the agenda discussion and/or action on implementing a moratorium on issuing sign permits in areas zoned C-1 until the sign ordinance is amended.
- 5) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 76164 through 76225 in the amount of \$220,515.49 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment in the amount of \$7,404.00 to Vadim Municipal Software, Inc. for the annual software and hardware maintenance agreement renewal for 2006. (3) Approve payment in the amount of \$7,500.00 to Southeast Macomb Incident Response Team for membership dues for the year 2006. (4) Approve the request from the Police Department to purchase eight (8) American Body Armor Xtreme Series ballistic raid vests with cancelable carrier and two (2) extra carriers from CMP Distributors in the amount of \$6,258.00, with \$3,129.00 paid for with BVP grant funds. (5) Approve payment in the amount of \$5,741.00 to the Michigan Municipal League for membership dues covering the period February 1, 2006 through January 31, 2007.
- 2) To approve the purchase of one (1) Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor vehicle from Signature Ford in the amount of \$19,765.00, to be purchased under the Macomb County Purchasing Program.
- 3) To approve the five-year lease in the amount of \$1,342.60 per month with DSS Corporation of Southfield, Michigan for ten (10) in-car video cameras and related software and equipment.
- 4) To authorize those Council members interested to attend the Michigan Municipal League's Annual Legislative Conference on March 22, 2006, with the City paying all necessary and related expenses.
- 5) To accept the lowest qualified bid in the amount of \$5,190.00 submitted by Reliable Energy for the removal of the oil tank furnace and replace it with an 80% gas furnace in the office and install an overhead furnace in the garage of the Recreation Department.
- 6) To place a moratorium on issuing sign permits in areas zoned C-1 until the sign ordinance is amended.

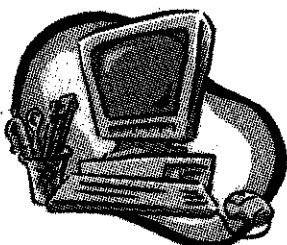
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Student fails

A 19-year-old female Michigan State University student traded her dormitory room for a City of Grosse Pointe jail cell on Saturday, Feb. 4, at about 3:30 a.m.

Police caught the East Lansing resident steering her 2005 Toyota Corolla across the center line of eastbound Jefferson from Elmsleigh Lane to Stratford. She denied drinking but registered a .199 percent blood alcohol level.

Weaving

On Saturday, Feb. 4, at 4:20 a.m., City of Grosse Pointe police arrested a 40-year-old Park man for drunken driving.

An officer witnessed the man weaving a blue 1995 Nissan Pathfinder on westbound Jefferson from Fisher to Lakeland.

"The driver's eyes appeared bloodshot and glassy and his speech was slurred," police said.

A Breathalyzer registered the man's blood alcohol level at .144 percent.

Wants more

Car thieves attempted an encore last week at a house in the 500 block of Lakeland.

On Tuesday, Jan. 31, at 11:18 p.m., a resident saw his garage motion light activate and discovered someone had entered his 2006 Ford Explorer.

"The (resident) had another car taken several weeks back in which his keys to (the Explorer) were also taken," said City of Grosse Pointe police. "It appears the suspects returned and were attempting to take the vehicle, but because the ignition key had been changed were unsuccessful."

The suspect ran away without being seen.

Moto missing

Sometime within the last two months someone stole a \$325 beige and silver Schwinn Moto bike from a garage in the 700 block of Fisher in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Caught in lie

A 51-year-old Detroit man was arrested for drunken driving in Grosse Pointe Farms on Sunday, Feb. 5, at 12:44 a.m.

A patrolman monitoring the area of Mack and Moross noticed the man's 1985 Oldsmobile 88 had an expired license plate.

Police found an open 40-ounce bottle of beer in the passenger compartment.

"The (driver) presented an odor of intoxicants on his breath and slurred his words as he spoke," said the arresting officer. "He originally denied drinking. When confronted with the obvious lie, (he) admitted to one beer but later claimed two beers."

The man registered a .16 percent blood alcohol level.

Pair in trouble

On Saturday, Feb. 4, at 1:20 a.m., Grosse Pointe Farms police arrested a 49-year-old Madison Heights man for driving on a suspended license, having a fraudulent license plate on his 1990 Geo Prism and an open bottle of malt liquor in a motor vehicle.

Officers also arrested a 29-year-old female passenger from River Rouge on multiple unspecified warrants.

A patrolman on duty at Mack and Moross had spotted the Geo's broken tail-light.

Rejects favor

Grosse Pointe Farms did all they could for a 61-year-old male resident suspected of driving drunk on Friday, Feb. 3, at 7:42 p.m.

The man reportedly almost hit a patrol car while turning his 2003 Mercedes Benz from southbound Moross to westbound Kercheval. Police allege the man steered a meandering path until stopped in the 100 block of Stephens.

Due to cuts and abrasions

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on the man's face and hands he said were caused by falling outside a bar, police took the man home where he would be more comfortable being tested for alcohol consumption.

The man reportedly became uncooperative. He refused to take a breath test and was taken to a local hospital for blood testing.

Church theft

Sometime between Wednesday, Feb. 1, and Friday, Feb. 3, someone stole about \$50 from two collection bins at a church in the 100 block of Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Caught fleeing

On Friday, Feb. 2, at 2:53 a.m., a 52-year-old male driver from Detroit allegedly attempted to flee and elude Grosse Pointe Farms police.

A patrolman originally stopped the man for speeding a 2005 Lincoln Aviator on eastbound Lakeshore near Provencal.

As the officer approached the vehicle, the man reportedly sped away until pulled over by Grosse Pointe Shores police near Westbury. Shores police said the man reached speeds of 63 mph.

Farms police said the man appeared intoxicated but wouldn't participate in sobriety tests.

"You're not getting anything from me," the man reportedly told police, calling one a "redneck."

"In jail, (the man) began to punch the cell door repeatedly and banged his fist on the concrete slab," police said.

Officers took him to a local hospital where his blood was tested for alcohol content.

Out of towners

Grosse Pointe Farms police said a man and woman caught soliciting door-to-door in the first block of Touraine had crimi-

nal records.

On Thursday, Feb. 2, at 4:11 p.m., police said a 21-year-old woman from Missouri was wanted in Harper Woods for probation violation.

A 34-year-old Arizona man was wanted on several warrants totaling \$16,243 for non-payment of child support.

Keys disappear

It wasn't a good week for two customers of a valet service on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms.

A valet said that on Wednesday, Feb. 1, between 8 p.m. and 8:40 p.m., someone swiped keys to a 2000 Jeep Cherokee from the valet board. The vehicle was reported stolen.

During the same time-frame, another customer's vehicle and house keys disappeared from the valet board. The victim's vehicle wasn't stolen, but had been entered.

Police checked the victim's house and determined no one had entered.

Animal house

Grosse Pointe Farms police are trying to determine if an animal lover living in the 1200 block of Lakeview is violating animal or health ordinances.

On Tuesday, Jan. 31, at 3:40 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the house to determine why the woman hadn't returned 20 cats to an animal rescue organization for which she previously volunteered.

The officer saw numerous cats, dogs and birds in the dwelling.

"(She) observed (me) but failed to come to (the) front door," police said. "(I) noted an extensive amount of dog feces in both the rear yard and driveway of the location."

—Brad Lindberg

Stopped for bad light

On Monday, Feb. 6, at 2:33 a.m., a 22-year-old Detroit man was stopped for having a defective brake light and excessive window tint.

A Grosse Pointe Woods officer observed the defective light when the vehicle was stopped at the red light at Harper and Allard.

A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed the man had two suspensions out of Detroit that were verified.

The car was handed over to his 19-year-old Harper Woods female passenger, who followed the man back to the station so she could drive him home after posting the \$100 bond.

Drunken driving

A 34-year-old St. Clair Shores man was arrested at 2:48 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 5, for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

The man, driving a 2002 maroon Nissan southbound on Mack, was observed by a Grosse Pointe Woods police officer committing several traffic violations.

When the officer put on his flashing lights, the Nissan began to travel between 50 and 55 mph on Mack, which is a 35 mph zone.

The driver also ran red lights in front of the Woods city hall and Torrey Road before the officer was able to get him to stop.

The driver told the officer he had a beer at a bar and was on his way home. Through the conversation, the officer could detect a strong odor of intoxicants.

The man refused to submit to any field sobriety tests or a breath test. He was arrested and taken into custody.

A search warrant was

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sought to get a blood sample from the man so the officer could get a blood alcohol percentage reading.

Attempted auto theft

On Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 7:30 a.m., a 24-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man living in the 1300 block of Fairholme reported to police someone tried to steal his 2005 Dodge Ram pickup truck between Tuesday, Jan. 31, at 5 p.m., and Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 7:30 a.m.

Police officers observed tool marks in the keyhole and under the driver-side door handle. Entry was not gained. The vehicle was in the man's driveway during the overnight hours.

Various greasy fingerprint smudges were found on the driver-side window and on the door around the handle, but no good prints were found.

Fraud

On Friday, Feb. 3, at 3:10 p.m., a sales manager of a business in the 20100 block of Mack reported to Grosse Pointe Woods police that a 50-year-old Detroit woman and her 54-year-old husband, of Detroit, were trying to pass a fraudulent check.

The woman presented an "official check" for \$3,280 to be cashed from a bank in

Kent, Wash., dated Jan. 24, 2006.

Official records indicated that the check number was cashed on Sept. 9, 2005, for \$60,000, not \$3,280.

The woman told the employee she won an out-of-state lottery over the Internet for \$60,000, and was given permission to cash the check for \$3,280.

The telephone number provided by the woman was traced back to Lantzville, British Columbia, Canada.

A LEIN check revealed the woman had five suspensions on her driving record, and her husband's record was clear. Both were released, but the check was placed into evidence.

Expired registration

On Thursday, Feb. 2, at 2:30 p.m., a 22-year-old Clinton Township woman was stopped at Roslyn and Helen for having an expired vehicle registration.

A LEIN check revealed the woman had four current suspensions, one out of Detroit and three out of Grosse Pointe Park.

The woman was arrested, and released after posting a \$100 bond.

Stolen

On Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 10 p.m., a 47-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man living in

the 1600 block of Sunningdale reported to police that his 2003 white Dodge Ram pickup truck was stolen.

Larceny

Between Tuesday, Jan. 31, and Wednesday, Feb. 1, four center wheel hubs were taken from a 1999 Buick Century from a home in the 800 block of Harcourt in Grosse Pointe Park.

Broken mirror

On Monday, Jan. 30, between 5:45 p.m. and 8:45 p.m., the driver-side outside rearview mirror was broken off a 1998 Intrepid parked in front of a home in the 1400 block of Whittier in Grosse Pointe Park.

Stolen

On Friday, Feb. 3, between 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., a black 1993 Jeep Cherokee was taken from the driveway of a home in the 600 block of Lakepointe in Grosse Pointe Park.

It's gone

On Sunday, Feb. 5, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., a white 1997 Plymouth Voyager was taken from the street in the 15000 block of Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park.

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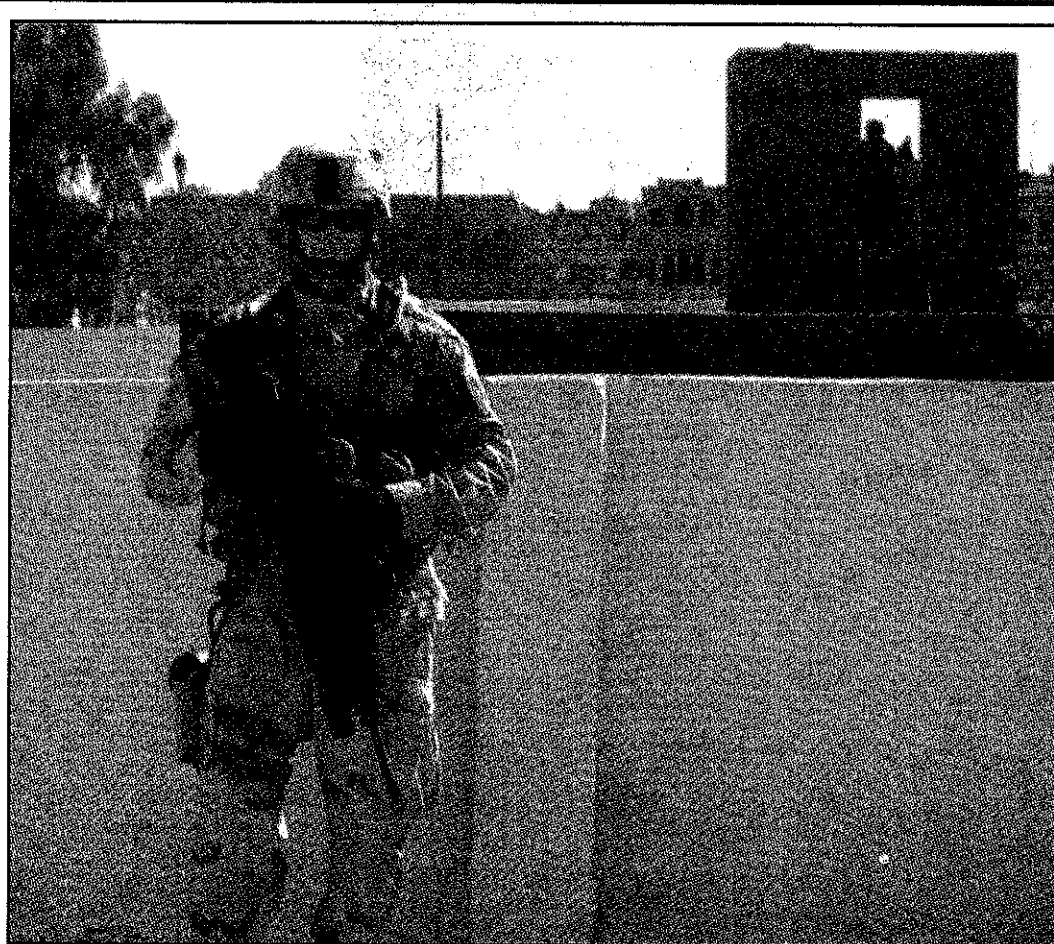


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Back home, safe & sound

Staff Sgt. Ronald Loosvelt, above, was hired by the Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety on July 21, 2003, after serving the Detroit Police Department. In October 2004, Loosvelt's reserve unit, The 1st Battalion 182nd Field Artillery Unit that served with the Security Forces in Operation Iraqi Freedom, was reactivated and sent to Iraq to train new Iraqi police officers. Loosvelt, stationed in Sadr City, was responsible for coordinating the training of dozens of police during his 15-month activation. On Sept. 15, 2005, his convoy was hit with an explosive device and several were seriously burned. Loosvelt was discharged in December 2005 and was home by Christmas to be his wife and children. "The GPP Public Safety Department is extremely proud of Ron and his distinguished service to his military unit," said John Schulte, Deputy Chief of Police. "As well, we are pleased to have this experienced officer back safely in our ranks."

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Thomas M. Coolman Sr.

Former Grosse Pointe resident Thomas M. Coolman Sr., 86, of Algonac, died on Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006, at Mallards Landing Assisted Living.

Mr. Coolman was born in Thorntown, Ind., on Jan. 22, 1920.

He served his country during War World II as a chief machinist mate in the U.S. Navy. Mr. Coolman and his wife, Beverly Coolman, lived and owned a business in Grosse Pointe for many years.

He was a past member of the Bayview Yacht Club and was a member of the USS Washington Association. An avid outdoorsman, his interests included sailboat racing and trapshooting.

Mr. Coolman is survived by his daughter, Beverly Coolman; son, Thomas (Susan) Coolman Jr. of Harper Woods; grandchildren, Kelly and Mark Coolman, and Sally, Michael and Thomas West; great-grandchildren, Haley and Thomas West; and sister, Martha L. Coolman.

He was predeceased by his wife, Beverly Coolman, who died in January 2005.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 10 a.m. at Gilbert Funeral Home, 1422 Michigan St., Algonac, MI 48001.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John Hospice, 37560 Garfield, Clinton Township, MI 48036.



Colleen Cole Florsheim

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Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Colleen Cole Florsheim, 42, of Knoxville, Tenn., died on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006.

She was born on Jan. 28, 1964, to William and Mary Jo Cole at Bon Secours Hospital in Grosse Pointe. She was a 1983 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and former employee of Compuware Corp. in Detroit.

Mrs. Florsheim had a fondness for animals, especially her beloved dogs.

She is survived by her husband, Mark Florsheim of Knoxville, Tenn.; her sister, Candy Cole; brothers, Kim (Anne) and Kevin (Carol) Cole; her step-mother, Doris Cole; her nieces, Christine Cole and Kaitlin Cole; and nephews, Anthony Cole,

David Cole and Adam Miller.

She was predeceased by her parents, William and Mary Jo Cole.

A memorial service will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11, at Mount Olivet Cemetery, 17100 Van Dyke Ave., Detroit.

Mary "Mae" Fox Gallagher

Mary "Mae" Kathleen Fox Gallagher, 85, of Grosse Pointe Woods, died on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006, at her home.

She stepped off the train at the Michigan Central Depot on April 22, 1942. Fresh from St. Joseph College and her loving family's home in West Hartford, Conn., she arrived in Detroit to do her part to help the effort during World War II. She had accepted a managerial position with the U.S. Tank Automotive Center (Ordinance).

While working, she made many friends and met Thomas A. Gallagher, the co-worker she would later marry. They v-mailed each other overseas during the war.

After the war, they married and built a home in Grosse Pointe Woods for their baby-boomer family. The couple lovingly raised their children Tom Jr. (deceased), Kathleen (Thaddeus), John (Karen), Jim and Mary Ann (Ron). Later, Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher were devoted to



Mary "Mae" Fox Gallagher

their grandchildren: Michael, Kaitlin, Tommy (deceased), Meghan, Erin, Sean, Alla, Bridget, Becca, Evan, Clare, Rachel and Jimmy.

Mrs. Gallagher wanted to make a difference by serving with the Girl Scouts. She volunteered as a Girl Scout leader at Ferry, Parcels and Grosse Pointe North High School. She also served in Grosse Pointe as the neighborhood chairperson, troop organizer, and Mackinac Island Scout Service Camp adviser for many years. She started the senior troop at Grosse Pointe North High School. For decades, she and her leader friends journeyed on trains throughout Europe with hundreds of Girl Scouts. Mrs. Gallagher was a lifetime member of the Girl Scouts USA and received the Thanks Badge

of highest honor.

In the 1980s, Mrs. Gallagher organized the Grosse Pointe Thanksgiving Parade. Later, she organized the Grosse Pointe scout troops for the parade, along with the Grosse Pointe Theatre section of the parade.

Moved by her love of theater, Mrs. Gallagher became active with Grosse Pointe Theatre. For 40 years, she enjoyed her many roles: producer, board member, play reader and behind-the-scenes crew member. She earned two coveted Clarence Awards. Later, she was honored as a Lifetime member by her beloved GPT family.

Mrs. Gallagher's desire to make a difference journeyed beyond her Grosse Pointe community. She served as manager of the Michigan Rehabilitative Institute Gift Shop. She utilized her finance degree and fund raised thousands of dollars for decades.

Every week, she served as facilitator for the St. Joan of Arc Bible study group. Her strong faith and intelligence guided her and others on their sojourns of faith.

Mrs. Gallagher was an avid bridge player, playing frequently with many Grosse Pointe bridge groups. She cherished her friends in the Grosse Pointe Woods Rinky Dinks and the Gold Guild Investment Club. She was a loyal Detroit Tigers fan, either going to the games or listening to them on the radio.

Every year, she could be

seen visiting her neighbors collecting for the American Cancer Society. In 1997, she was honored by the Services for Older Citizens with the Volunteer of the Year Award.

Throughout her life, Mrs. Gallagher faithfully traveled back east to the Fox Clan. Her love of her family and the seashore in Weekapaug, R.I., prompted her to visit her parents and three brothers, Bud (Mary), Frank (Judy) and Paul (Carol) and her many dear nieces and nephews.

Her cheerful smile and her selfless service to others will remain in our hearts. She chose to make a difference and touched many lives.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores on Monday, Feb. 6.

Interment is at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the American Cancer Society, 18505 West 12 Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48076.

Jayne Houseal Heenan

Jayne Houseal Heenan, 80, of Grosse Pointe Park died on Friday, Feb. 3, 2006.

She was born on Jan. 27, 1926, in Franklin to Edward Bennet and Frieda Hildegard Houseal.

As a child, Mrs. Heenan rode a donkey to a one-room

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school house where she received her early childhood education. She attended Mary Baldwin College.

After college, she moved to San Francisco, Calif., where she took a position with the Mill Valley Record newspaper. A woman ahead of her time, she left that newspaper to start her own. She named it the Southern Marin Messenger. While in San Francisco, she found the time to edit a series of cookbooks for Sunset Magazine.

She moved back to the Detroit area and took a position at the Oakland Press. Later, she assumed the role of editor of the Women's Section of the Detroit Free Press. It was at that time that she met and married her husband, Palmer T. Heenan. They were married Nov. 23, 1956.

A devoted mother, she set a high standard for community service. She was active



Jayne Houseal Heenan

as a volunteer for the Junior League of Detroit, serving as the editor of its newsletter.

She worked many years as the catalog chairperson of the University Liggett School Antiques Show. She served as president of the Women's Association at Knox Presbyterian Church. She was also active in her husband's political campaigns, most often serving as chairperson.

Mrs. Heenan was an avid gardener, ornithologist and an aviator during World War II. She will be remembered for her intellect, kindness and generosity. She will also be remembered for her colorful wit, personality and unique life experiences.

She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Palmer T. Heenan; her sister, Catherine Houseal Sisson; her children, Palmer T. Heenan Jr., Betsy Heenan Fox and Jane Page Heenan; son-in-law, Douglass R. Fox; and her eight grandchildren, Erin Jayne Heenan, Palmer Tracy Heenan III, Patrick Raymond Heenan, Caitlin Bernice Heenan, Thomas Edward Heenan, Catherine "Kiki" Rives Fox, Isabelle Jayne Sakelaris and Bennet George Sakelaris.

She was predeceased by her daughter, Catherine Rives Heenan.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, Feb. 7, at Knox Presbyterian Church in Harrison Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to Knox Presbyterian Church, 25700 Crocker Blvd., Harrison Township, MI 48045, or to the University Liggett School, 1045 Cook Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Conrad E. Moulton

Conrad E. Moulton, 83, of Grosse Pointe Woods, died on Friday, Jan. 13, 2006, at St. Anthony's Health Care Center in Warren.

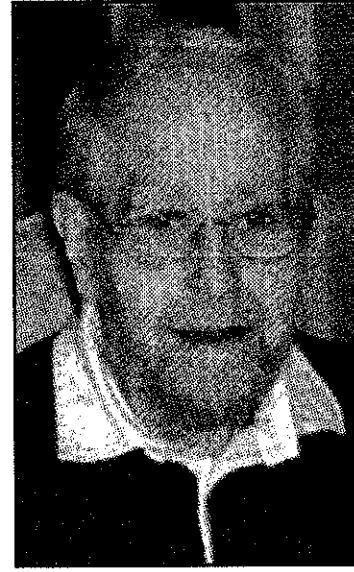
Mr. Moulton was born in Detroit to the late Rodney and the late Benaldine Moulton.

He graduated from Cass Tech High School in 1940 with honors and many art awards. He then attended Parson's School of Design in New York, N.Y., and finished a four-year program in only two years.

Mr. Moulton became an acclaimed illustrator in New York City, spanning four decades from the 1940s-1970s. His famed illustrations were seen in many newspapers, magazines and books.

He was also a member of the Society of Illustrators. He received an award in 1972, for his illustrations of reptiles and insects in the Webster's New World Dictionary.

In 1970, he married his



Conrad E. Moulton

wife, Amy, in New York City. They later moved back to the Detroit area in the mid-1970s with their baby daughter, Lisa. Their son, Joshua, was born in Grosse Pointe in 1977.

After moving back, Mr. Moulton continued his career in the arts as a portrait artist and painter. Many of his life-like portraits hang in Grosse Pointe collections. His love for nature and animals can be seen in his many works.

He passed down his artistic talents to his son, Josh, who is an artist in Chicago, and his love for animals to his daughter, Lisa, an elementary school teacher in Detroit.

Both of his children attended University Liggett School and Mr. Moulton volunteered his talents to both the lower and upper school visual art departments.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Amy; daughter, Lisa; son, Josh; and his beloved pets.

Funeral arrangements were private.

Memorial contributions may be made to University Liggett School-Visual Arts Dept., 1045 Cook Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Susan Bieke Neilson

U.S. Court of Appeals judge, Susan Bieke Neilson, 49, of Grosse Pointe Woods, died on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2006, of pulmonary failure at Harper Hospital in Detroit.

Born in Ann Arbor, Judge Neilson graduated from the Honors College at the University of Michigan in 1977 with a degree in political science and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She earned her law degree from Wayne State University School of Law in 1980 and began practicing with the Detroit law firm, Dickinson Wright PLLC. Six years later, she was named partner.

In 1991, former Michigan Gov. John Engler appointed Judge Neilson to Wayne County Circuit Court, she was then elected three times.

In 2001, she was nominated by President George W. Bush to the Federal Appeals Court.

Although her confirmation was delayed due to a troubled history involving judicial nominations in Michigan, she was unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate last October.

"She was considered an outstanding trial lawyer; as one of the early women partners, she was a leader in balancing motherhood and career, and doing both quite well," said Kathleen Lang, head of the litigation department for Dickinson Wright. "She was a gentle and brilliant woman who loved and knew the law and always treated people with kindness and respect," said Judge Michael Sapala, former chief judge of the Circuit Court.

Although accomplished in her profession, it was her role as wife, mother and friend that she was most proud. She met her future husband, attorney Jeffrey Neilsen, in college in 1974 and they were married four years later. They have two daughters, Elizabeth and Mary.



Susan Bieke Neilson

Apart from her family and professional roles, Judge Neilson was very active with community service. She was the former chairperson of the Worship Commission at St. Philomena's Catholic Church where she taught Baptismal classes.

She served as both president and treasurer of the Soroptimist International Club of Grosse Pointe and acted in a regional capacity for the organization as the chairman of their Women's Opportunity Award (WOA), awarded to a woman head of household who needs more education and training in order to support herself and her family.

Despite her apparent successes in life, Judge Neilson was known for her modesty and her sensitivity for other people's feelings and never minimized their concerns.

In the words of Judge Neilson's brother, Tom, she made everyone around her a better person.

She is survived by her husband, Jeffrey Neilson; her daughters, Elizabeth and Mary Neilson; her parents, Ronald and Sheila Bieke of Texas Township; her brothers, Thomas and James Bieke; her sister, Sheila Cutshall; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be celebrated on Friday, Feb. 10, at 1 p.m. at St. Peter and Paul Jesuit Catholic Church, 438 St. Antoine, Detroit.

Marion L. Rose

Marion L. Rose, 92, of Grosse Pointe Farms, died on Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006, in St. Joseph.

She was born July 1, 1913, in Detroit to Albert and Emma (nee Seltz) Quast.

She was a member emerita of the Sisters of Bon Secours Assistance League, where she volunteered in the gift shop for many years. She was also a member of St. James Lutheran Church and gave freely of her time in many different capacities.

In her later years, Mrs. Rose enjoyed playing duplicate bridge with all of her dear friends.

She is survived by her daughters, Karen Freydl and Judith (William) Fowler; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband of 62 years, Walter Rose; and her son, Thomas.

A private family memorial service will take place in St. Joseph.

Evangeline Marie Roustemis

St. Clair Shores resident Evangeline Marie (nee Masouras) Roustemis, 64, formerly of Grosse Pointe, died on Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006, after her third battle with cancer.

She was born on Jan. 26, 1942, in Detroit to Peter



Evangeline Marie Roustemis

and Mary Masouras. She was a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

Mrs. Roustemis will be remembered as a loving and proud wife, mother and grandmother. In addition to raising her family, she served tirelessly as her husband's partner, both spiritually and in the family businesses.

She was also often called upon to contribute her time and talent to so many social and church organizations. Her energy, brilliance and enthusiasm always made getting the job done fun.

She is survived by her husband, Michael Roustemis; her mother, Mary Masouras; her daughter, Patricia (Dr. William) Cardasis; son, Christos (Pellayia) Roustemis; her grandchildren, Stavros, Panayiotis, Constantinos, and Evangelia Cardasis and Panayiota Roustemis; brothers, John (Joanne) and James (Barbara) Masouras; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was predeceased by her father, Peter Masouras, and her brother, Perry Masouras.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 8, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in St. Clair Shores. Interment is at Cadillac Memorial Gardens in Clinton Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080, to St. Jude Children's Hospital or to the Karmanos Cancer Foundation.

Mary L. White

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Mary L. White, 57, died on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, at St. John Hospital in Detroit.

Mrs. White was born on Jan. 27, 1949, in Detroit to Homer and Marge Reygaert.

She graduated in 1966 from Dominican High School in Detroit.

She was employed at the Nature Nook in The Village where she was both a floral designer and assistant manager.

Floral design and gardening were two of her life's passions. She also enjoyed needlepoint and baking, but she received great pleasure spending time with her grandchildren and friends.

Mrs. White is survived by her husband, Stephen M. White; mother, Marge Reygaert; children, Rebecca (Matthew) Ulp and Jennifer (Andrew) Stroble; grandchildren, Nolan and Gavin Ulp; and brothers, David (Alma) and Tom (Rhonda) Reygaert.

She was predeceased by her father, Homer Reygaert. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, Feb. 7, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park. Interment is at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

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Lake Front hosts events

Dads and their 5 to 10-year-old daughters are invited to enjoy an afternoon of dancing and refreshments at the annual Daddy Daughter Dance from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 11.

On Saturday, March 18, a Mother and Son "Call of the Wild" event will take place from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Both events will take place at Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park Activities Building.

There is no cost to attend, but those wishing to participate are asked to register by e-mailing the Lake Front Park office at parks@gpwwi.us or calling (313) 343-2470.

Gaffney spearheads efforts to inform public about avian flu

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

State Rep. Ed Gaffney R-Grosse Pointe Farms chaired Monday's hearings at St. John Hospital and Medical Center concerning the ever-so-popular avian (bird) flu.

Gaffney, along with several state representatives, including Neal Nitz, R-Berrien County; Kathleen Law, D-Gibraltar; and John Stahl, R-North Branch, spent two hours speaking with leading health officials from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Officials discussed information about how prepared communities are to fight an outbreak of the avian flu if it spreads to the United States.

"We want to make sure the public can be made to feel safe if an outbreak of avian flu hits home," Gaffney said.

At the moment, cases of the H5N1 Avian Flu Virus have been diagnosed in the Far East, Europe and the Middle East, but none in the U.S.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Avian influenza is an infection caused by a bird flu virus that occur naturally among birds. Wild birds worldwide carry the viruses in their intestines, but usually do not become ill. However, avian influenza is very contagious among birds and can make some domesticated birds, including chickens, ducks, and turkeys, very sick and cause death.

Infected birds carry influenza in their saliva, nasal secretions and feces. Susceptible birds become infected when they have contact with contaminated secretions or excretions or with surfaces that are contaminated. Domesticated birds may contact the influenza virus through direct contact with infected waterfowl, infected poultry, or through contact with surfaces or feed.

Infection with avian influenza viruses in domestic poultry causes two main forms of disease distinguished by low and high extremes of virulence. The



Photo by Bob St. John
State Rep. Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, center, brought attention to the Avian Flu at a meeting with leading health officials from the tri-county area on Monday at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

"low pathogenic" form may go undetected and usually causes only mild symptoms, such as ruffled feathers and a drop in egg production. However, the highly pathogenic form spreads more rapidly through flocks of poultry. This form affects multiple internal organs and has a mortality rate of 90 to 100 percent, often within 48 hours.

"We're here today to find out what type of plan is in place in case if we have an outbreak in this state," Nitz said. "We don't want to alarm anyone because there is no evidence of an outbreak."

Dan Hagan, an Eastpointe fire and rescue employee, was concerned how county health department would assist someone like himself, who is one of the first to respond to an emergency run.

George Miller of the Oakland County Health Department said it takes up to six months to develop a vaccine. Exercising proper hygiene practices can help reduce the risk of infection.

With the risk of avian influenza is relatively low in humans. However, con-

firmed cases of human infection from several subtypes of the virus have been reported since 1997.

Most cases of avian influenza infection in humans have resulted from contact with infected poultry (e.g., domesticated chicken, ducks, and turkeys) or surfaces contaminated with secretion/excretions from infected birds. The spread of avian influenza viruses from one person to another are rare. Transmission has not been observed to continue beyond one person, the CDC said.

As with other influenzas, symptoms of avian influenza

in humans have ranged from typical flu-like symptoms, such as fever, cough, sore throat, and muscle aches, to eye infections, pneumonia, severe respiratory diseases and other severe and life-threatening complications.

The CDC said the symptoms of avian influenza may depend on which virus caused the infection.

Several doctors from tri-county health facilities said the best means to fight the flu is frequent hand washing and staying home when ill.

Dr. Melinda Dixon, a medical director of the Detroit Department of Health and

Wellness Promotion, said, "Local health facilities are on the front line in our battle of this potential health emergency. We are in constant contact with health officials state-wide; so I feel we can keep an outbreak of avian flu under control if it ever hits our area."

It usually takes the body two weeks to build up antibodies to fight the influenza virus after a vaccination has been administered.

G.P. Shores DPW thinking spring

Spring sprang for a while this month in Grosse Pointe Shores.

A winter lull in daily duties allowed Shores public works employees to prepare for warmer weather to come.

"This time of year after the holidays, it seems like a lot of our residents head south for winter, to get some warm weather," said Brett Smith, public works director. "This drops our garbage tonnages significantly."

Sanitation crews finished their routes ahead of schedule, leaving time for other work.

"This gives us the opportunity to start making repairs on summer equipment, for instance, lawn mowers," Smith said.

Preparation pays off when it comes time to groom medians, parks and the grounds of village hall.

"This enables us to get through summer without major breakdowns," Smith said.

Temperatures of 40 degrees let crews put their refurbished lawn care equipment to a real-world test.

"We actually cut our grass last week," Smith said at the Jan. 17 trustee meeting.

As he spoke weather forecasters were predicting two inches of wet snow the following morning.

"I assure you, your public works department is ready for the snow," Smith promised Shores officials.

— Brad Lindberg

Grosse Pointe Woods gets \$20,000 tree grant

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Bring in the trees because it is time for planting.

For the second consecutive year, the city of Grosse Pointe Woods was awarded a \$20,000 Emerald Ash Borer Tree Replacement Grant, which will allow city forester Joe Shock and his crew to plant an additional 160 street trees in city right-of-ways this year.

"We're very happy we were awarded the grant for a second straight year," said Deborah Mathews of the Department of Public Works. "The city can use the money to plant an additional 160 trees; so our department will now be planting 264 trees throughout Grosse Pointe Woods during the next couple of weeks."

Mathews said that Thanksgiving time is when Shock and his crew plant

trees.

"We have lost several hundred trees to emerald ash borer disease the past couple of years, but this grant money helps us replant trees," Mathews said.

The city of Grosse Pointe Woods has been named as a Tree City USA recipient by the state's Arbor Day Foundation.

"We take a lot of pride in how nice our city looks due to the larger number of beautiful trees," Mathews said. "Mr. Shock went around each neighborhood and asked residents if they wanted a tree planted in front of their house, and the response was outstanding."

The Woods' Department of Public Works will be out in force the next couple of weeks, planting new trees, compliments of the \$20,000 grant.

Safety

Recovered

Overnight on Tuesday, Jan. 31, a red 2000 Chrysler Concorde was removed from the street in front of a home in the 1300 block of Beaconsfield in Grosse Pointe Park.

The vehicle was recovered on Wednesday, Feb. 1, in the 18000 block of Westphalia with a damaged ignition by officers of the Detroit Police Department.

Ford is stolen

Overnight on Sunday, Jan. 29, a 1992 Ford F-150 was

removed from the front of a house in the 1000 block of Lakepointe in Grosse Pointe Park.

Busted

On Friday, Feb. 3, at 10:20 p.m., a vehicle was stopped for a traffic violation at the intersection of Wayburn and Vernor in Grosse Pointe Park.

The driver, a 42-year-old Detroit man, was wanted on a felony warrant from Alpena. He was arrested.

— Bob St. John

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Auctions for classic and collector car fans

Total sales of more than \$100 million were reported at the 2006 Barrett-Jackson

have proven to be very popular viewing in the Detroit area.

Autos

By Richard Wright



35th Anniversary Auction held Jan. 17-22, in its swan song at WestWorld in Scottsdale, Ariz.

With record attendance inside the largest tent in North America, a Futurliner Parade of Progress Tour Bus was sold for \$4,320,000 and a 1954 Pontiac Bonneville Special concept car was sold for \$3,024,000.

The Barrett-Jackson auction reported an estimated \$100,080,115 in sales, compared with the \$61,687,526 record set at the 2005 auction.

A total of 1,084 cars crossed the auction block and all were sold with no reserve.

Six vehicles topped the million-dollar mark, including the Futurliner bus and Bonneville Special, plus a 1970 Plymouth Hemi 'Cuda convertible, which sold for \$2,160,000; a 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle SS at \$1,242,000; a 1952 Chrysler D'Elegance for \$1,188,000; and the oldest existing Chevrolet Corvette (1953), \$1,080,000.

Celebrities on hand included Carroll Shelby, Edsel Ford, Bob Segar, Alice Cooper and Chip Foose.

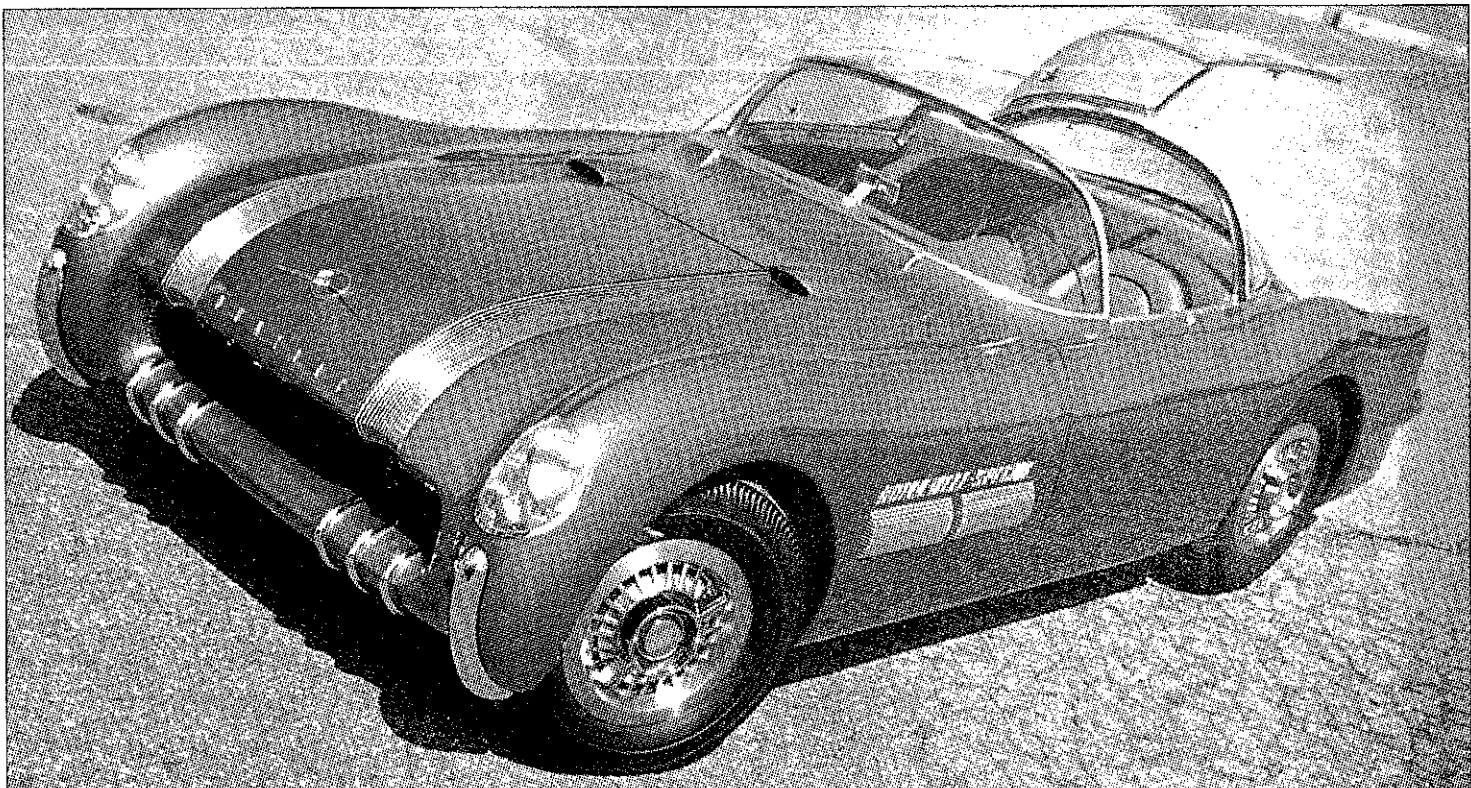
This year's event was broadcast live on the Speed cable channel with more than 33 hours of total coverage. Telecasts of the auction

Established in 1971 and headquartered in Scottsdale, Ariz., Barrett-Jackson specializes in providing products and services to classic and collector car owners and automotive enthusiasts around the world.

More high-level cars auctioned in Phoenix

RM Auctions held a one-day auction at the Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa which included the sale of three extraordinary "celebrity" automobiles.

Headlining the Seventh Annual Vintage Motor Cars in Arizona sale was the "James Bond" 1965 Aston Martin DB5, widely considered the most famous car in the world, which sold for



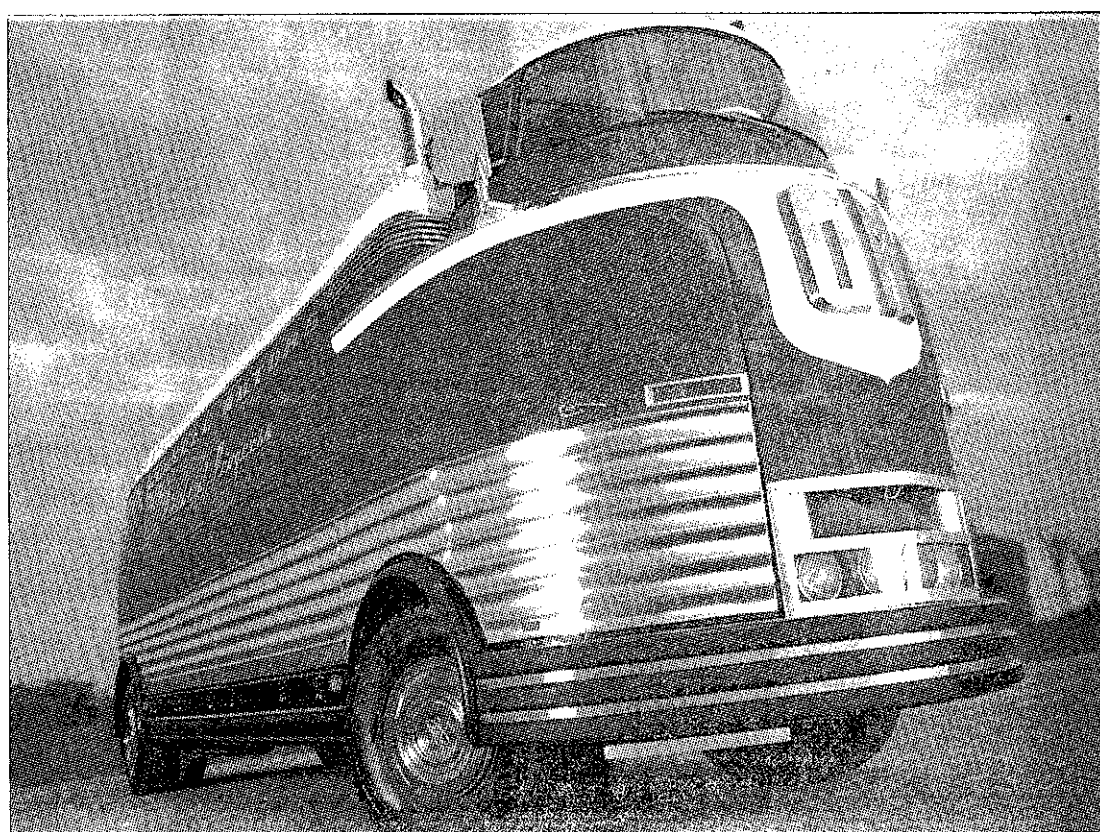
When the 1954 models were being readied for production, no GM car had ever carried the Bonneville name. Harley Earl assigned Pontiac to create a performance concept car. Pontiac built two Bonneville Specials, a bronze car to debut at the Waldorf in New York and a green one to be unveiled in the Pan Pacific Auditorium in Los Angeles. The Green one would later tour major dealerships around the country. This car is one of the best remembered Motorama cars. It was sold for \$3,024,000.

\$2,090,000.

The Aston Martin entered the auction hall with machine guns blasting, setting off bidding in \$50,000 increments, quickly moving the sale price to \$2,090,000. "We have been over-

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One of 12 built by GM, a self-contained display and transport vehicle created by the GM design staff under Harley Earl's direction, the 1950 Futurliner features opening side, lighting, retractable stage, distinctive center "cupola" cockpit driving position and dual wheel front axle. It was used in the "Parade of Progress" touring exhibit created by "Boss" Kettering that complemented the GM "Motoramas" from 1940 through 1956. It is one of only three survivors restored in their original "Parade of Progress" configuration. Powered by a 400-cubic-inch GM truck engine, it has an onboard motor-generator and updated air conditioning for the driver's compartment. It was sold for \$4,320,000.



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This 1965 Aston Martin DB5 Coupe, one of four James Bond movie cars made, was sold for \$2,090,000, the biggest transaction of the one-day RM auction at the Arizona Biltmore in Phoenix. The famed Aston Martin is complete with such spy gadgets as front-firing machine guns, rotating license plates, wheel-mounted tire slasher and retractable rear bullet-proof shield, all designed by Oscar-winning SPX master John Stears.

Auctions

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whelmed by the worldwide attention for the James Bond Aston Martin," said RM Auction's co-founder Rob Myers. "The winning bidder now owns the most famous car in the world."

Also sold were the infamous gangster Al Capone's 1928 Cadillac Town Car that sold for \$621,500 and country music star Hank Williams Jr.'s 1964 "Silver Dollar" Pontiac Bonneville Convertible that was sold for \$214,500.

A total of nine cars sold for \$1 million or more, highlighted by the auction's top seller, a \$3.2 million 1934 Packard Twelve Runabout Speedster.

Other highlights included: a 1955 Maserati 300 S Sports Racing Car, \$1,925,000; a 1962 Shelby

189 Cobra Roadster, \$1,815,000; a 1967 Ferrari 212 E Montagna, \$1,650,000; a 1953 Jaguar C-Type Sports Racing Car, \$1,512,000; a 1941 Chrysler Thunderbolt, \$1,210,000; a 1938 Bugatti T57C Aravis Drophead Coupe, \$1,045,000; and a 1930 Duesenberg Model J Dual Cowl Phaeton, \$1,001,000.

James Bond's 1965 Aston Martin DB5 was featured in the James Bond movies "Thunderball" and "Goldfinger." It was equipped with front-firing machine guns, rotating license plates, wheel-mounted tire slasher and retractable rear bullet-proof shield, designed by Oscar-winning special effects master John Stears.

Al Capone's 1928 Cadillac Town Sedan was used for Capone's personal transportation around his Illinois crime empire. The car was

painted in the same colors as the Chicago police cars of the era to allow Capone's associates to confuse pursuers. It was said to have been used by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt after it was confiscated by the U.S. Treasury Department in 1932, because of its advanced security installations.

Hank Williams Jr.'s 1964 Pontiac Bonneville Convertible, "The Silver Dollar Pontiac," is adorned with hundreds of authentic silver dollars, silver horse shoes, pistols, rifles and silver horse heads.

RM Auctions sold 108 of the 112 cars offered for bid (a 96 percent sales rate) and total automobile sales of \$31,335,100 were announced, a record for a one-day auction.

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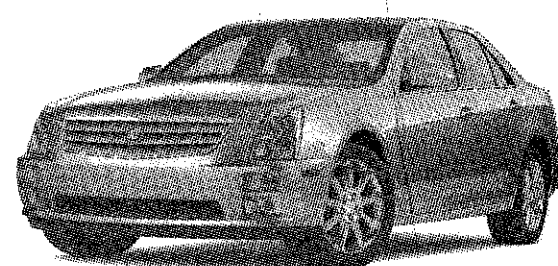
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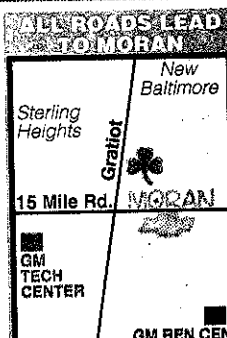
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Tiffany by design

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Louis Tiffany. Comfort was his middle name. Literally. Not figuratively. This scion of the Tiffany jewelry company family could have lived the idle life of a trust fund baby.

Instead, he made something of himself. Louis Comfort Tiffany (1848-1933) was a painter, glassware maker, jewelry designer, decorator, photographer, innovator, risk-taker, trend-setter, author and entrepreneur.

His spectrum of work was of such high quality it could appear in almost every gallery of a museum.

"Tiffany tried his hand in every aspect of the decorative arts, but he is best known for stained-glass objects — lamps, lighting devices and windows," said Jutta-Annette Page, curator of glass at the Toledo Museum of Arts.

Page has been busy the last two weeks overseeing installation of more than 120 Tiffany works comprising Toledo's latest special exhibition. "Louis Comfort Tiffany: Artist for the Ages" runs through April 30.

Works come from such disparate places as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Mark Twain House & Museum in Hartford, Conn., and Toledo's own display cases.

An oil painting of men launching a dory into the New Jersey surf evokes the



Photos by Brad Lindberg

Window with Garden Landscape, above, shares gallery space with Tiffany lamps, at right from top: Lamp With Dragonfly Motif, Lamp with Lily Pond Motif, Lotus Pagoda Library Lamp and Wisteria Library Lamp.

vitality of Winslow Homer and the earthy palette of Andrew Wyeth. Asymmetrical vases made of lava glass, a product of Tiffany's experimentation that succeeded technically but failed commercially, were inspired by iridescent magma the artist saw oozing from the rim of Mount

Etna in Sicily. The exhibition is about the person and the artist he was. "Almost everything we look at by Tiffany has some connection to nature," Page said. "He felt nature should be the leading inspiration for an artist." The tone of the show is

established with the first work on view. Patrons entering Toledo's second-floor Canaday Gallery come upon "Window with Garden Landscape." The nearly 17-square-foot, back-lit leaded-glass window foreshadows expanses and insights to come. "Window" presents a flow-

ery scene and illuminated by the yellow aura of a sun setting behind layers of purple and blue mountain ridges. Azaleas, palms and lotus in a man-made garden dominate the foreground. A flight of steps emerge from a pool and point to the distance, drawing attention to the promise of nature's untouched landscape beyond.

Tiffany traveled the world searching for artistic inspiration. He was enamored by the exotic. During trips to North Africa, the Mediterranean and Far East, he absorbed cultural traditions that imprinted his work from the latter 19th century onward.

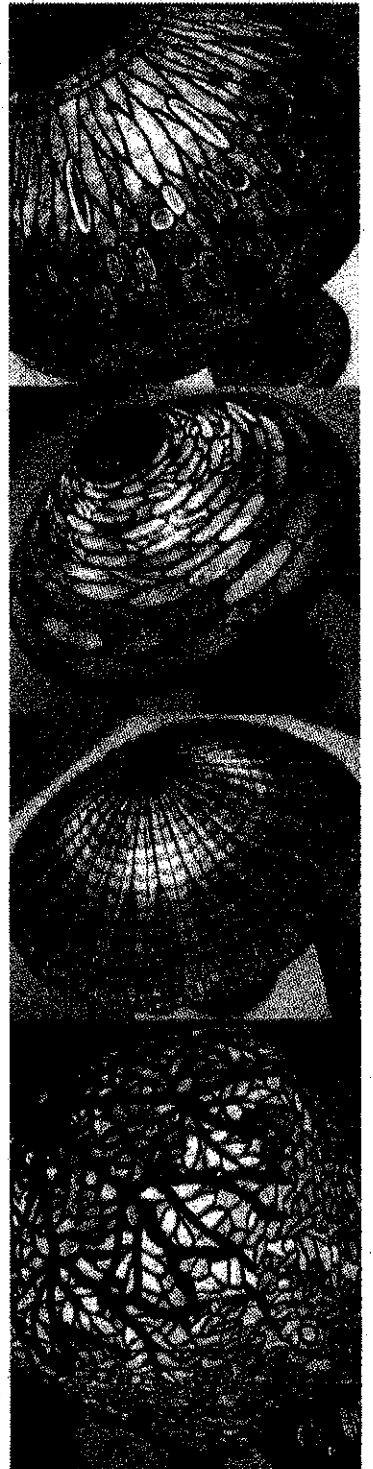
"As a painter, Tiffany was steeped in the 19th century tradition of Orientalism, in creating exotic images for the sake of enjoying their exoticism," said Don Bacigalupi, Toledo museum director. "I think he came to realize that he was a good painter but not a great painter, and began exploring other venues for his artistic interests."

A major outlet involved designing interior spaces, now called interior design.

"He quickly became established as one of the great designers of interiors in New York and the region," Bacigalupi said.

Commissions extended to the White House. During the term of President

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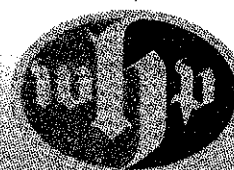
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Tiffany

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Chester A. Arthur, at least five White House rooms and halls received ornate Victorian makeovers at the hand of Tiffany.

Although Tiffany was a sharp businessman — he founded a design studio and glass company that employed dozens if not hundreds of well-paid artists and artisans, including women — his ambition wasn't focused on the bottom line.

The fact Tiffany came from a wealthy family and had indulgent parents allowed him to experiment artistically, not cater to market tastes nor yield to whims of well-heeled patrons.

"Exactly," Page said. "Extravagance does not produce beauty," Tiffany wrote in "The Gospel of Good Taste" for the November 1910 issue of "Country Life in America." "In fact, money is frequently an absolute bar to good taste, or it leads to show and over-elaboration."

"He had the means to commit time to experiment in different media and styles," Page said. "He was incredibly creative. He just went wild."

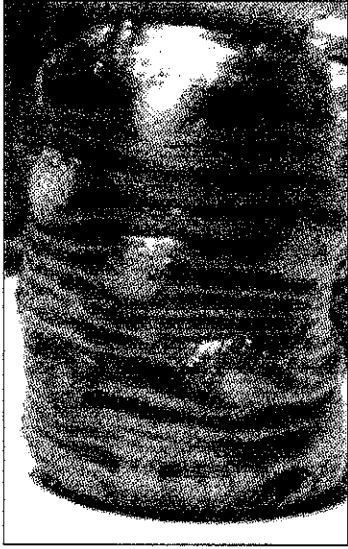
Everything has limits, and so did the patience of Mr. and Mrs. Tiffany. They didn't mind that their ambitious son experimented with glass in his home studio. Until the explosion and fire.

"His mother said, 'No more of this. You're taking your experimentation else-



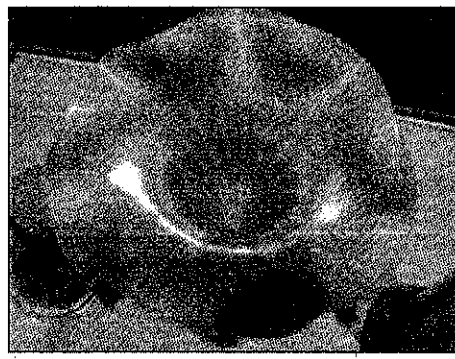
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Pushing off the Boat, Sea Bright, New Jersey, above, shows Louis Comfort Tiffany's painting ability. Yet he is known more for his glass work, including various vases such as Lava vase, left, and Jack-in-the-Pulpit vase, above right.



luster that may be required."

Tiffany mixed colors and oxides and melted and



melted molten glass. He wasn't content to fashion leaded-glass windows simply by arranging colored pieces of glass in the manner of Medieval times.

Tiffany introduced a painter's hand to the process.

"Stained-glass windows in ecclesiastical buildings during the Medieval and Romance period were very flat," Page said. "They were just panes of glass cut out, painted, enameled, stained, fired and set into frames. Tiffany felt free pushing glass around as if he were mixing oil paints to get a three-dimensional feeling."

Tiffany kneaded molten glass like pizza dough, creating rippling waves and crests that add depth and dimension to his work.

"You can see the hand of the artist manipulating the glass," Page said.

Tiffany used the same encompassing approach to interior design. He linked decorative elements of a room into a unified theme.

"Before that you had collectors interested in specific periods, like Medieval art, who then created an environment that suited it," Page said.

Tiffany's vision extended to interior illumination. His colorful stained-glass lamp shades remain popular today and have generated many imitators.

"He understood that light impacts the feeling of a room," Page said. "These are not really lights that will allow you to read very

well. These were strictly mood lighting."

Oh, that Comfort thing? Comfort was Tiffany's maternal grandfather.

"Louis Comfort Tiffany: Artist for the Ages" will be on view in the Toledo Museum of Art through April 30.

Admission to the exhibition is \$7 per person; \$5 for students and senior citizens. Toledo Museum of Art members enjoy free admission to the exhibition. Exhibition hours are: Tuesday-Thursday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.. The Museum is closed on Mondays and major holidays.

The Museum is located at 2445 Monroe St. at Scottwood Ave., one block off I-75 with exit designations posted.

For more information, call (419) 255-8000 or (800) 644-6862, or visit www.toledomuseum.org.

Women's Connection

The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe hosts "What a Mess!" with Regan Wright on Thursday, Feb. 23.

Socializing begins at 6 p.m. at the Lochmoor Club. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the program is from 7:45 to 9 p.m.

The cost for members is \$27 and nonmembers pay \$29. The cost for the program only is \$5 and payable at the door.

For information, call Marcia Pikielak at (313) 884-4201 or Nancy Neat at (313) 882-1885.

Women of Wayne

The Grosse Pointe Chapter of Women of Wayne ushers in the spring season with its annual Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show on Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Fashions by Coldwater Creek of Rochester will be modeled by Women of Wayne and friends after lunch.

Following registration at 11 a.m. will be a silent auction and shopping with Tidings of Love, Inc. and Uncle Don's Simple Soaps all to benefit the Women of Wayne Incentive Scholarship Fund.

Complimentary mimosas will be offered, and the main meal luncheon follows at noon.

Meetings

To make reservations, send a check payable to WOW GP for \$28 to Santina Miller, 20202 Van Antwerp, Harper Woods, MI 48225, or call (313) 884-3049 by Saturday, Feb. 18, providing names of your party with whom you would like to be seated.

Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe

The Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe and the Dante Alighieri Society will hold a dinner and lecture Thursday, Feb. 16, at Andiamo Italia, 7096 E. 14 Mile Road in Warren.

The guest speaker is Professor Gabriella Scarlatta Eschrich. The topic is "The Poetry of the Renaissance in Italy and France."

Tickets are \$24. For more information or to make a reservation, call (586) 264-3579. Reservations with payment must be made by Friday, Feb. 10.

G.P. Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club will celebrate Presidents' Day and honor past club presidents on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 12:30 p.m. in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Lunch will be served.

Grosse Pointe Woman's Club President Pam Zimmer will present a corsage and thank each honoree for their service.

The featured speaker, Tracie Beasley of the Clinton River Watershed Council discusses "Protecting Water Quality in Our Own Backyard."

For guest reservations, call (313) 881-6251 by Saturday, Feb. 11.

Windmill Pointe Questers

The Windmill Pointe Questers No. 385 will meet at 10 a.m., Monday, Feb. 20, at the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook Road in Grosse Pointe Woods.

This meeting's hostess is Thekla Abels.

Jean Carter will lead the business meeting and a "show and tell" session will follow.

Eastside Handweavers

Journey to Mali with Judy Dominic as she takes her audience to Africa via slides, stories, song and dance and find out about the rich dyeing tradition of bogolanfini. An abundance of samples will be available to enrich the experience at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 20.

This lecture is hosted by Eastside Handweavers and

co-sponsored by the Michigan League of Handweavers.

The event will take place at the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods.

For more information, call Cindy Greenfelder at (313) 881-7187.

Service for Older Citizens

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) will hold the lecture "What to Know about Improving Your Balance and Gait" at 11:15 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 15, at the SOC offices, 17150 Waterloo in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The guest speaker will be presented by Bon Secours Cottage Hospital.

Practicing balance and gait is a simple activity you can do at home. Falling is one of the main causes for hip fractures among adults. Strength and good balance are two factors which will be included in this presentation.

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

Grosse Pointe Questers

The Grosse Pointe Questers will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 10. Shirley Bradley will present a program titled, "Vintage Silver." Co-hostesses are Ann Hoag and Carol Schrashun.

Engagement

Gehlert-Bradley

Ken and Barb Gehlert of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Tracy Ann Gehlert, to Nathaniel F. Bradley V, son of Lisa and Brad Bradley of Grosse Pointe Shores. An August wedding is planned.

Gehlert earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Indiana University. She is a preschool teacher.

Bradley earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and business administration from Western State College of Colorado. He works in hotel management with Resort Quest.



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Chef Zachary Smith, February 15, 6:30pm - 8:30pm. "Classic Southern Favorites" Salmon Croquets, Traditional Gumbo, Black Eyed Peas and Corn Bread. Call to reserve your space. Classes include dinner. (313)885-4028 ...at 88 Kercheval on-the Hill. Grosse Pointe Farms.

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Red Night 2006 benefit at Detroit Repertory Theatre

The Detroit Repertory Theatre has a creative event planned for singles or sweethearts, young or old, who want an alternative valentine date this year.

The theatre's advisory board and trustees' "Red Night 2006" fundraising party begins at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11, at Detroit Repertory Theatre.

The ticket price of \$35 includes champagne and appetizers, poetry readings, a silent auction, and performance of the drama "Going to St. Ives."

A highlight of the evening will be recognition of Amyre Makupson, the Detroit author and TV personality, as the "Irma Wertz Patron of the Year."

Proceeds raised will be used to support the theatre's artistic, neighborhood improvement, and educational services.

"Red Night 2006 will be a celebration of the color red," according to board member, Carol Bowie. "Since we are raising funds for a theatre organization, we wanted to evoke a sense of drama and focus on the artistic expression of a valentine message. We also wanted to bring a sense of daring excitement, like the color red, instead of just the usual romantic connotations of the holiday. We want to make all those artistic souls, regardless if they have a date that night or not, feel excited to celebrate."

The excitement will be provided by the auction of premium tickets to several major-league sporting events, courtesy of Dow Automotive.

Winners of the auction will be seated "on the glass" at a Red Wings game, "on the floor" at a Piston game, and "in the box" for the Detroit Tigers. Also auctioned will be airline tickets courtesy of Southwest Airlines, and hotel accommodations donated by the Detroit Renaissance Marriott and Hotel St. Regis.

Motor City Casino and MGM Grand Casino have donated dining certificates to their premier restaurants as door prizes.

The artistic expression will include the live theatre performance, and also live readings from the poet Brenda Perryman. Perryman has received many honors for her work, and recently was chosen to write and perform a poem for the Detroit Institute of Arts special guest, Sidney Poitier. Perryman will also act as auctioneer for the board's silent auction.

Tickets can be purchased at Detroit Repertory Theatre by calling (313) 868-1347. Attendees are encouraged to be creative that night. "We dare everyone to wear something with the color red to symbolize their creative expression," says board member Maryl Kacir.

Toys For Tots: Hundreds of toys, games and bikes were donated to Toys For Tots by more than

Volunteers needed

A part of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Rosa Parks Art Studio and Children's Library, a children's tutorial and creative program, is in need of volunteers.

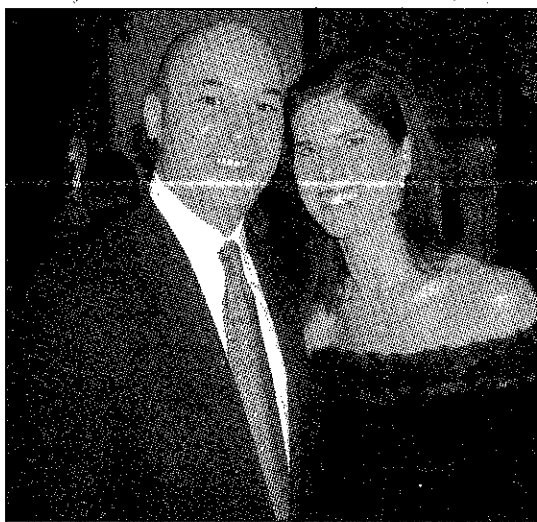
Sister Nancyann Turner, program director, is seeking volunteers to tutor children from 4 to 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday during the scheduled school year, at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen library, 4390 Conner in Detroit.

"Our children are beautiful and our volunteers find this time very meaningful," said Turner.

To volunteer, call Turner at (313) 822-8606, extension 21.



U.S. Marine Corps from Selfridge Air National Guard Base took possession of the hundreds of toys collected at the Toys For Tots event.



Bob and Laura Boesiger of Grosse Pointe Shores were among 300 guests at the Toys For Tots gala at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.



Toys For Tots co-chair Donna Satterfield of Grosse Pointe Park mingles with host Paula Cornwall of Grosse Pointe Farms.



Janet and David Cornillie of Grosse Pointe Farms were among the co-chairs of the Toys For Tots toy drive.



Co-chairs Donna and Brian Satterfield of Grosse Pointe Park enjoyed an elegant evening for Toys For Tots.

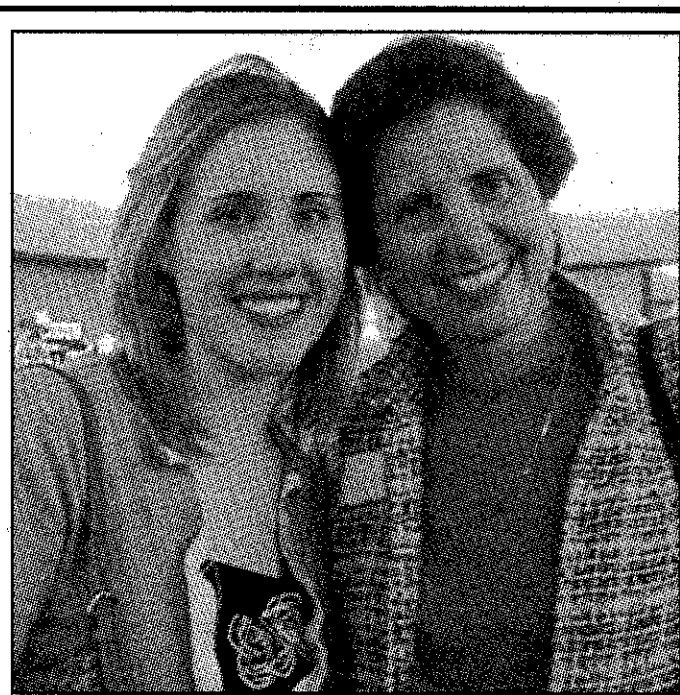
300 guests at the Toys For Tots celebration Dec. 9 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The evening included drinks, hors d'oeuvres and dancing to The Relics. Event co-chairs were Brian and Donna Satterfield of Grosse Pointe Park and David and Janet Cornillie of Grosse Pointe Farms. Hosts for the event were Rick and Joan Berg, Larry Berkowski and Peggy Shine, Christopher and Paula Cornwall, Thom and Elise Coyle, the Daudlin family,

Tom and Liz Griffith, William and Jennifer Hartman, Ed and Carol Jackman, Joe and Marita Maffesoli, D.J. Monahan and Dr. Mary Sue Stonisch, Darryl and Nancy Nihem, Doug and Leslie Rentschler, Patrick and Christie Scoggin, Dinesh and Theresa Telang, Louie and Patti Theros, Marshall and Leslie Vyletel, Mark and MaryAnn Wilson and Brian and Lynne Williams.

Other donations for the event were made by Grosse Pointe War Memorial,

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Girls having fun

Women, friends, sisters, mothers and daughters are invited to the annual Girls-Just Want to Have Fun! Night sponsored by the Assistance League to the Northeast Guidance Center on Friday, March 3, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Assumption Cultural Center in St. Clair Shores. The mother-daughter team, Cathy and Lisa Levernex of Grosse Pointe Park, enjoyed the festivities at last year's event which was held to raise money for the Northeast Guidance Center's community mental health programs. Women can participate in an evening of entertainment and shopping for clothing, jewelry, home accessories, and women's health and beauty services. Guests will be offered hors d'oeuvres, desserts and free champagne from 6 to 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the League Shop in Grosse Pointe Farms or Assumption Cultural Center in St. Clair Shores. Visit www.alnec.org for more information.



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Bon Secours Cottage home care research reduces hospitalization

MPRO, Michigan's Medicare Quality Improvement Organization, recently honored Bon Secours Cottage Home Care for taking part in a national pilot program to reduce the number of avoidable hospitalizations for home health patients.

One hundred agencies nationwide, including Bon Secours Cottage Home Care, worked with the National Quality Improvement Organization Support Center over the course of four months to develop new approaches to reduce hospital admissions rates for home care patients. The rate has been steadily rising over the past three years.

Since 2003, the national rate for patients requiring a hospital stay following a

home health admission is 28 percent.

"Our agency is dedicated to improving the care that all our patients receive in their homes," said Ann Fisher, R.N., clinical manager. "Keeping patients out of the hospital is our top priority, and we are dedicated to this goal."

Roseanne Ruehlen, R.N., quality improvement specialist, added, "We were pleased to join home health agencies across the nation to work on this pilot program. Improving health care will only come through collaboration and partnership."

Bon Secours Cottage Home Care staff worked to develop new approaches to reduce the likelihood that

home care patients will require hospitalization. They created a multi-disciplinary team of nurses, a therapist, home care hospital liaison, a quality improvement specialist and clinical manager. The group performed research and drew on its own practical experiences to determine why patients are rehospitalized following home care. With this in mind, they developed a risk assessment tool to use with all patients receiving home care services.

Patients who scored within "high-risk" parameters were placed on a Care Path, bringing the clinician and patient together to focus on education, intervention and collaboration with physi-

cians. The frequency of nurse visits during the first weeks following discharge is increased, and medication management, follow-up doctor appointments, and family support are addressed. Home Care staff continues to monitor risk assessment scores and the rehospitalization rates of patients to determine if their actions are making an impact.

"This pilot project helped to set the standard for what home health care should be in the future," said Debra Moss, M.D., MBA, president and CEO, MPRO. "Pilot agencies designed and tested new strategies for improving care that ultimately led to a nationwide decrease in patient admission rates. Bon Secours

Cottage is a leader in the home care industry, and we were delighted to have them on board for this important project."

Bon Secours Cottage Home Care, headquartered in St. Clair Shores, provides skilled nursing, physical, occupational and speech

therapy, social work, home health aide assistance and homemaker services in clients' homes. Trained, experienced staff provides personalized care ranging from home infusion to light housekeeping.

For more information call (586) 498-4353.

'Just Let Me Breathe' rocks Detroit for Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

Feb. 24 at the Royal Oak Music Theatre in Royal Oak is the third annual "Just Let Me Breathe" concert to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Foundation. The night

includes four Detroit rock 'n' roll bands including South Normal, Shipwreck Union, The Muggs and Hellen. There is also a silent auction table that will have items from local shops, restaurants as well as sports venues, theater tickets and autographed band memorabilia. A specially made Detroit-based Reverend guitar will be raffled off as well.

Emily Schaller, who was diagnosed with CF at 18 months of age, and her oldest brother, Jason, who plays guitar in South Normal, started the idea for the benefit. They wanted a fundraiser that would spread awareness about CF to the people in their age group and give the concertgoers a satisfying night of Detroit rock 'n' roll. In the past two years, the concerts have raised nearly \$20,000 to help find a cure for Cystic Fibrosis. Schaller is the chairperson of the event.

CF is a genetic disease affecting 30,000 people in the United States. CF causes the body of its patients to produce thick sticky mucus primarily in the lungs and digestive systems. This leads to recurring lung infections and eventually premature death. The life expectancy for CF patients is 35 years old. On top of daily digestive enzymes taken with every meal and snack, breathing treatments, physical therapy and other medications, most patients spend numerous weeks in the hospital treating infection. This year alone, Emily spent eight weeks in the hospital undergoing treatment for lung infections. Since Emily's diagnosis in 1984 the survival rate has increased by nearly 20 years. It is still the No. 1 genetic killer of children and young adults.

The title of the benefit comes from the chorus of South Normal's hit song "Breathe."

It is very fitting since CF makes it hard for its sufferers to even take a breath.

South Normal will again headline the concert.

Shipwreck Union, which has played at the past two benefits, will play again, and The Muggs will also be playing at the show.

Schaller's band, Hellen, in which she plays drums, will kick off the night. The radio station 89X is a sponsor for the benefit, and Holly, the afternoon DJ for the station, will be hosting the night. Shipwreck Union and Becca Tyler from Hellen are Grosse Pointe natives.

Tickets are \$20 and available at the theatre's box office, online at www.tickets.com or at all Pure Detroit retail stores. The show is for all ages, and doors open at 7 p.m. For more information, visit www.letsrockcf.org or myspace.com/rockcf.

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Children affected by alcoholism

By Jeff Jay and Debra Jay
Special Writers
Dear Jeff and Debra,

My sister's marriage of 10 years ended in divorce last year. The problem was not so much the marriage as it was her ex-husband's alcoholism. She's moving on now and holding up pretty well, but I think her two children have really been affected, both by the divorce and the alcoholism. Can you tell me how alcohol problems affect the children in the household.

— The Big Sister

Dear Sis,

Children are the innocent victims of alcoholism in the family. The emotional problems caused by family alcoholism often persist into adulthood. Researchers have provided us with eye-opening statistics regarding children of alcoholics (COA).



Jeff and Debra Jay

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services estimates that one in four U.S. children are exposed to a family alcohol problem, and still more are affected by drug abuse within the family. These young people are at increased risk of a range of problems, including physical illness, emotional disturbances, behavior problems, lower educational performance and susceptibility to alcoholism or other addiction later in life.

But there is something you can do. The National Association for Children of Alcoholics (NACoA) and its affiliates promote Children of Alcoholics Week 2006 from Sunday, Feb. 12, through Saturday, Feb. 18. The theme of this public awareness campaign, "A Celebration of Hope and Healing," offers the potential for resilience in children of alcoholics if caring adults support the well-being of all children, but especially those who struggle with alcohol or drug addiction in their families. NACoA envisions a society in which these vulnerable children are encouraged to seek help and have access to adults who can help them. Check out NACoA's Web site at <http://nacoa.org>.

The following quotes come from the online guide, "You Can Help: A Guide for Caring Adults Working With Young People Experiencing Addiction in the Family," which is available from the department of Health and Human Services at health.org.

"Research shows that many children with drug- or alcohol-dependent parents can benefit tremendously from adult efforts to help and encourage them. In fact, children who cope most effectively with the trauma of growing up in families affected by alcoholism or drug addiction often attribute their sense of well-being to the support of a non-alcoholic parent, step-parent, grandparent, teacher or other significant adult in their lives."

There are many online resources that provide expert tips to help children deal with difficult situations in the home. It pays to take the time to visit the Web sites noted in this article.

"Children living in alcohol- or drug-dependent homes are regularly confronted with denial, shame and silence about their family experience. The unpredictability and irrationality caused by the addiction in the family often creates an atmosphere that is blaming, emotionally hurtful and sometimes physically unsafe. COA often feel obligated to take on the parental responsibilities. For many, this results in a loss of childhood."

"Although some COA will outwardly exhibit negative behaviors that may alert the adults around them that there may be a problem at home, others work hard to succeed and please in spite of the stresses at home."

Here are some of the positive and helpful messages that trusted adults can give to COA, based on age-appropriate guidelines.

- Alcoholism dependency is an illness. It is not your fault that your parent drinks too much or uses drugs, and you are not responsible for fixing the problem.
- You can take care of yourself by talking with a trusted person and making healthy choices in your own life.

• Treatment for alcoholism is available and can be effective in getting a parent with addiction on the road to recovery.

• You are not alone. You need and deserve help. There are safe people and places that can help you.

There are very good family programs offered through our local treatment providers, as well. You may contact Brighton Hospital, (888) 215-2700, or Maplegrove, (248) 661-6100, for more information. We also recommend the books by Jerry Moe, who runs the Children's Program at the Betty Ford Center. His book, "The Children's Place," may be a great inspiration.

Jeff Jay and Debra Jay are the authors of, "Love First: A New Approach to Intervention for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction." They are professional interventionists who live in Grosse Pointe Farms. Contact them at (313) 882-6921 or through their Web site, lovefirst.net.

Putting the poopies in the potty

Legendary Pistons announcer George Blaha might have called it like this:

"Seven and 13 to go. Andrew, the rookie, goes right. He scoops a PECS card and dishes to Dad. Dad double takes. Are you serious? They're off and running. It's the two-man game. Off a high pick, down the lane. There goes the clothes. On the toilet. Andrew turns and faces. Fires off the plastic. He fills it! It's a poopie. Count that baby. Can you believe it? What a performance. And if you want to see another great performance, tickets are still available for Sting at DTE Energy Music Theatre."

Blaha would have to get in a sponsorship, of course.

Ted often said the first time Andrew puts the poopies in the potty would be one of the happiest days of our lives. It happened, and it was.

Roll back to Sunday, Jan. 29, during the first half of the Pistons victory over the Los Angeles Lakers. This was not the first time Andrew put the poopies in the potty, but the first time he asked to put the poopies in the potty.

He asked? Yes, our little boy, who does not speak, communicated, "I want to go to the bathroom" through a PECS (Picture Exchange Communication System) sentence. The PECS card he chose from his binder to complete the sentence shows a figure on a toilet with the words "go

Seminars

St. John Hospital and Medical Center offers the following seminars:

• Hip and Knee Pain Seminar will be held from 10 to 11 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 16, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center, 19229 Mack Ave. in Grosse Pointe Woods.

There is no charge. For more information or to register, call (888) 751-5465.

• St. John Hospital and Medical Center Infant, Child, Friends & Family CPR class will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, 22101 Moross Road in Detroit.

This American Heart Association participation course offers training in life-saving techniques. A course participation card will be provided at completion of class.

The class cost is \$25. For more information, call (888) 440-7325.

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to the bathroom" underneath. Thank heaven for PECS.

This minor miracle resulted in the requisite and immediate calls to his grandparents on both sides. All were thrilled and returned words of encouragement. "Excellent. He's a good, good, good boy," said Grandma Langan. "Bravo. He's going to do it," said Yiayia Coutilish.

People who do not have children cannot understand this. They never get why parents go bonkers over their child first putting the poopies in the potty. It's a milestone celebrated worldwide. When it arrives for a 5-year-old child with special needs, the joy cannot be measured by words, but by primordial sounds.

Ask any parent. Potty training is long, hard work for most. It takes patience, determination and a lot of coaxing. We have a lot of work to do and a long way to go before Andrew regularly uses his potty chairs and transitions to the toilet.

Perhaps we will celebrate those victories in the near future or maybe months or years down the road.

For now, there is just one celebration. And it has nothing to do with the Pistons beating the crap (pun intended) out of the Lakers.

Andrew put the poopies in the potty. Yes, he did.

For now, we'll hope to hear more of what Blaha might call it, "Down the lane, scoops, scores!"

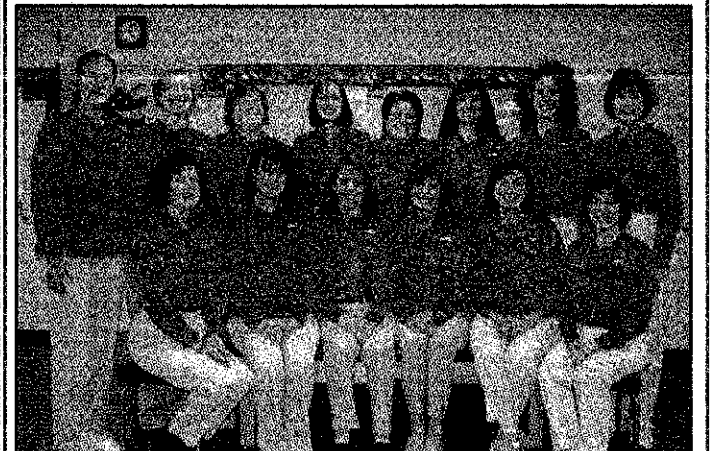
Grosse Pointe residents Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan created this column to share experiences from their journey as parents of a child with Fragile X syndrome [fragilex.org and fraxa.org]. Send your questions or comments to ag5046@wayne.edu or mblangan@hotmail.com.



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by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



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There is no cure for psoriasis, so the objective is to get the condition under

control. And because no single treatment will work for everyone, a physician will need to regularly review how well a patient is responding to different therapies and make adjustments to keep the condition in control. Depending on the severity of the condition, treatment can include topical medications, oral medications, systemic medications and light therapies.

Dermatologists are continually studying and evaluating new medications and treatments for psoriasis. For example, recent advancements in drugs called "biologics" offer promise of improved control for patients with difficult psoriasis.

To learn more about psoriasis and its treatment, contact your dermatologist or call us at [Eastside Dermatology, Dr. Lisa A. Manz-Dulac and Associates](http://EastsideDermatology.com), (313) 884-3380

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'Sly Fox' brings 'M*A*S*H*' humor to the Hilberry

In a long-practiced tradition, playwrights freely borrow old plots to make new plays. The latest one to come to our attention just opened at the Hilberry Theatre of Wayne State University.

"Sly Fox" author Larry Gelbart has made a remarkable conversion of Ben Jonson's 400-year-old, brilliant satire, "Volpone, The Fox," recasting it as a Gold Rush-era, all-American farce.

Gelbart brought great credentials to the task. He also wrote "Tootsie" and "M*A*S*H.*" "Fox" has already had two hit runs on Broadway; the first in 1976 with George C. Scott in the title role and the next in 2004 with Richard Dreyfus.

The Hilberry company of graduate students in WSU's Master of Fine Arts program does a highly creditable job of bringing it to the stage. There are plenty of laughs in comedic action that recalls again and again Shakespeare's famous line from "Midsummer Night's Dream": "What fools these mortals be."

Most members of the company have extensive experience in professional theater. They come to WSU to fine-tune their skills,

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By Alex Sucek

play major roles and earn an MFA degree. The result is some remarkably good theater.

For ingenuity and hilarious farce, the plot of "Fox" is a real winner. In its simplest outlines, it is the story of a scam artist and his sidekick who come to San Francisco in the 1890s and use greed to swindle three rich fools. Foxwell J. Sly feigns fatal illness while his cohort, Simon Able, persuades their victims that Sly, if properly befriended, would make each of them his sole heir. One is an old miser who gives Sly rich gifts of gold expecting to get it all and more back. Another is a lawyer with similar aims. The third has a beautiful wife whom he sends to "comfort" Sly. Meanwhile, the miser's naval officer son, gets into the fray to

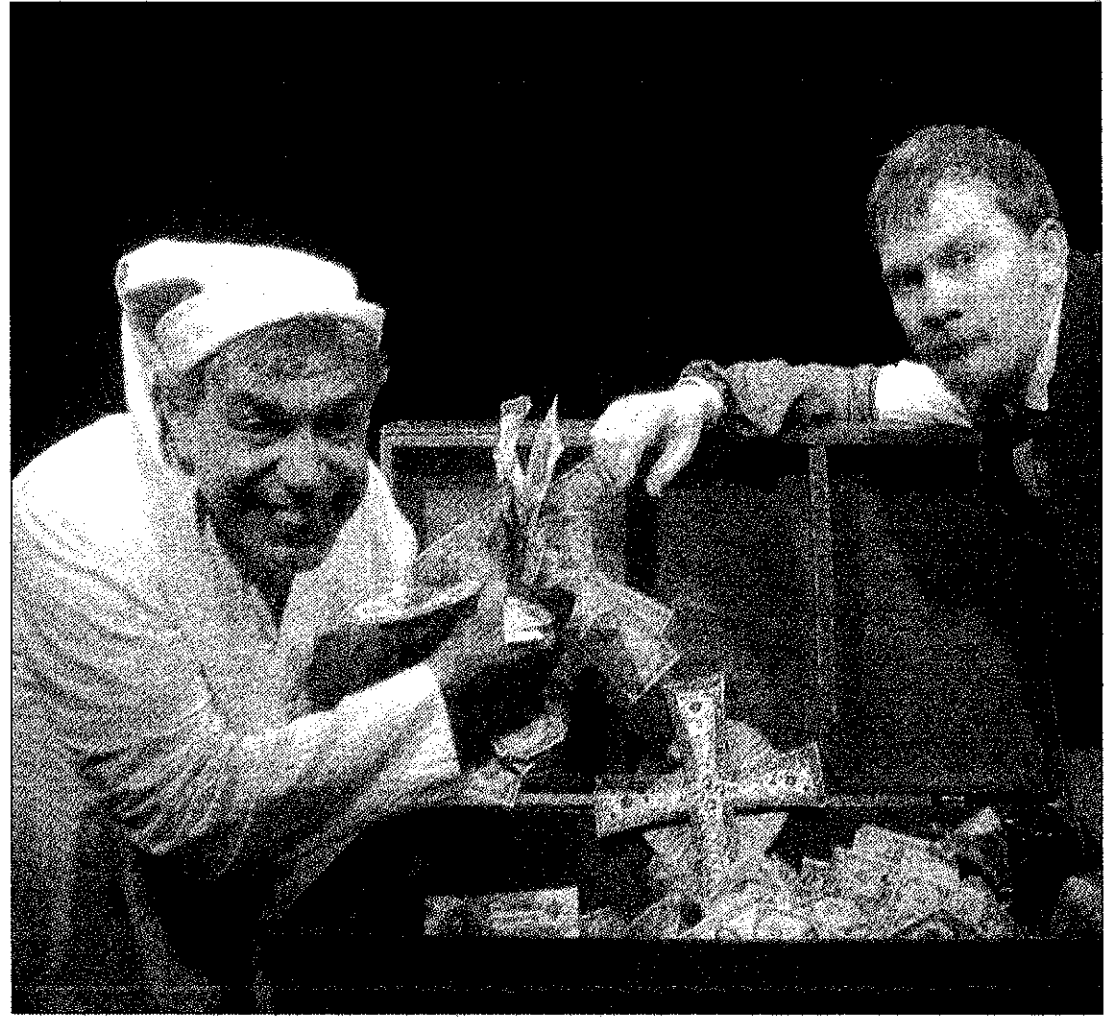
protect his inheritance.

For a while, the scam works brilliantly, and the swindlers look forward to the moment when they can skip town. But their scheming gets mixed up. Sly is accused of attempted rape of the lawyer's wife committed by the miser's son. He is arrested by the chief of police and brought before a judge of highly questionable identity. One of Sly's witnesses is a Gay Nineties tart of disrepute who expects marriage as reward for favorable testimony. The three victims, still hoping to inherit Sly's wealth, all give perjured testimony to keep Sly's favor, and the plot gets very tangled, indeed. How justice is served and the plot is resolved is highly ingenious and the most fun of all.

No less remarkable is the artistry with which Gelbart has converted the Jacobean masterpiece into a totally American farce loaded with one-liners and ridiculous behavior. It challenges the actors to really believe in their characters — one of the most distinguished skills of comedic acting.

What helps is Gelbart's remarkable arsenal of one liners reminiscent of the scripts of "M*A*S*H*." Firing off salvo after salvo of these quickies, the actors stay in comic character and maintain a suitably lively pace.

In establishing his credo, Sly early expresses his adoration of gold by describing it as "God with an L." In court, Miss Fancy, the tart, reports her profession as pleasure engineer and iden-



Mike Metzel plays Foxwell J. Sly and Patrick Moltane is Simon Able in Larry Gelbart's "Sly Fox," now at the Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre.

Photo by Nicole Gram

ties the father of her expected child as the Ninth Cavalry.

On his way to trial, Sly comments, hopefully, that they would not convict a rich man. After persuading everyone he is dead and listening to their eulogies, he observes that people speak so well of the dead, it's a pity we are not born that way.

Patrick Moltane as Simon Able and Mike

Metzel as Sly carry the play, but they get some particularly impressive and highly entertaining support from a couple of cameo roles. Jeff Thomakos as the police chief is hilariously convincing as he gets carried away with lust at the testimony about the alleged rape and his eagerness to hear all the details. Carly Germany as the court clerk stops everyone in their tracks as she interrupts

proceedings by muttering aloud the notes she is writing, which are testimony that was given minutes earlier. Both are great little roles, and the two actors make a lot of them.

"Sly Fox" is presented through Thursday, March 30, in repertory with "Electra" by Sophocles and "Antony and Cleopatra" by Shakespeare. For schedules and ticket information, call (313) 577-2972.

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crosses the desert plains of Sudan on their way to Khartoum where the Blue Nile merges with the White Nile to form the Nile proper.

Preview events

Teachers can preview the film and receive a complimentary copy of the "Mystery of the Nile Educator Guide" from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9. Admission is free with valid educator identification.

Science Center members can attend the "Mystery of the Nile" preview from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10. Admission is free for Science

Center members with a valid membership card.

For more information, call (313) 577-8400 or visit the Web site detroitsciencecenter.org.

G.P. Chamber Music features 5 composers

The next Grosse Pointe Chamber Music concert will be held at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 19, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Featured pieces will be by composers Salamone Rossi, Geraldine Schwartz, Darius Milhaud (Sylvia Starkman on oboe, Linda Borushko on clarinet and Patricia Snyder on bassoon), Astor Piazzolla (Cathy Sherwin on flute and Tom Warren on guitar) and Gioacchino Rossini (Judith Vander Weg on cello and John Kennedy on contrabass).

Refreshments will be served by hosts Terese Edelstein, Gerta Jarulaitis and Patricia Junker.

The next Grosse Pointe Chamber Concert will be held Sunday, March 26.

G.P. Theatre auditions

The Grosse Pointe Theatre is holding auditions for its spring musical, "Sweeney Todd," from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, and Sunday, Feb. 12, at the theatre building, 315 Fisher Road at Maumee in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Written by Stephen Sondheim, the production calls for nine characters and an ensemble of 10 additional singers. All ranges are needed.

Rehearsals will be held Tuesday and Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons. Performance dates are Thursday, April 30, through Saturday, May 13.

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Beat parent guilt, look for those who are worse

Face it. Reading all those advice books on how to raise a happy, healthy, well-adjusted child can really get a person down.

Of course, they're just trying to be helpful, but I can't help feeling, well, inadequate. I mean, there's something about all of that good, practical parenting advice that makes my flaws seem much, much bigger. Sort of like trying on bathing suits in an open dressing room next to members of the Olympic swim team. But worse.

When this happens you can always try to make yourself feel better by, say, eating lots and lots of chocolate. But over the years I've found a much more effective and lower-calorie way to feel instantly better: find parents who are doing a worse job than you are.

Take, for instance, the other day. I was feeling particularly guilty because of forgetting to sign a permission slip for my son, so I took my kids to the local park. I sat on a bench and played a little game where I sorted the Horrendous Parenting Wrongs going on around me into various categories in my head. Sort of like "I Spy" but a bit more mean-spirited. Needless to say, I was immediately cheered up.

Fashion faux pas:

I saw two babies without hats. A little girl wearing a

bathing suit and ballet shoes. A boy wearing Winnie the Pooh pajamas and a bucket on his head. A girl wearing toilet paper around her neck like a scarf. Three different kids were wearing Christmas ornaments as accessories; others wore too-big rain boots, too-small Halloween costumes and lots of tiaras and questionable veils. And, to my joy, I saw a particularly tired-looking mom wearing sweats and bedroom slippers.

Totally inappropriate food items:

I witnessed one boy eating a Velveeta cheese sandwich. Another child was trying to digest a plate of plastic spaghetti. Dirt cakes. White bread dunked in grape juice. Mystery sandwich meat. Sand. Leftover Halloween candy.

Miscellaneous gross stuff:

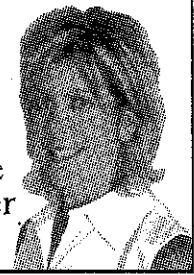
There was a kid licking the slide. A little boy wiping his nose with his sleeve. A Malibu Barbie missing an arm. Kids mashing dirt and water together to make a special kind of green mud. Several stuffed animals that smell like rancid apple juice.

Conversations:

"Robbie, please stop singing 'What Can We Do With a Drunken Sailor.'" "What exactly do you mean by 'potty accident' in the sandbox?" "Now, now. We

Family Daze

By Debbie Farmer



don't run over snails with our tricycle." "Because I said so, that's why!"

There's nothing like a day of watching other people's kids at the park to make you feel much better about your own parenting skills. Oh, come on, it's human nature.

Like the time my friend Linda was feeling especially low when her daughter got in trouble at preschool for calling another child a "doo-dyhead." She spent several hours doing some deep soul searching to find out where, exactly, she'd gone wrong. However, as luck would have it, she went to the store where she saw a woman with a little boy wearing a pair of cowboy boots. He had two bananas tucked into each pant pocket that he'd use to sporadically pull out and shoot unsuspecting passersby.

Linda went home positively gleeful. Of course, as with most self-righteous feelings, those of smug superiority never last.

And, yes, I'm sure there are a lot more positive and practical ways of making myself feel like a good parent — such as, maybe, being more patient with my kids or perhaps cooking homemade meals or maybe, just maybe, reading one of those parenting advice books.

But where, I ask you, is the fun in that?

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

A treat for your Valentine

Treat your sweetie or your family this Valentine's Day to this super-easy, absolutely over-the-top-to-die-for chocolate mousse that will keep you in the kitchen for just a few minutes and have your loved one convinced that you spent a million bucks — just for him (or her). This stuff is four-star restaurant good. (I clipped it from one of my Italian cooking magazines.)

À LA ANNIE

By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff



in refrigerator until serving.

The magazine said this recipe serves four but it will be enough dessert to serve eight, depending on your serving cups. A little bit of this chocolate, flavor-packed mousse will take your taste buds a very long way.

Chocolate-Mascarpone Mousse

- 1 pound mascarpone cheese
- 3/4 cup confectioners' sugar
- 3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder, plus extra for garnish
- 1 tablespoon instant coffee powder
- 3 oz. semi-sweet chocolate, chopped plus more for garnish
- 1/4 cup Grand Marnier (or other orange liqueur)
- 2 cups heavy cream
- Fresh raspberries or strawberries for garnish

In a large mixing bowl combine the mascarpone with the confectioners' sugar, cocoa powder, instant coffee, chopped chocolate and Grand Marnier. Gently mix with a rubber spatula until ingredients are well incorporated. In a separate bowl whip the heavy cream until it forms soft peaks (just a few minutes). Fold the whipped cream into the mascarpone mixture and stir until the two are well-blended.

Turn the mousse into fancy serving cups and top with fresh raspberries or a fanned strawberry; add sprinkles of the chopped chocolate and a light dusting of cocoa powder. Cover the serving cups tightly with plastic wrap, and store

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'Michigan relics' to be on display

Dubbed as one of the archaeological world's greatest hoaxes, "The Soper Relics" will be on display beginning Tuesday, Feb. 21, in the Old Main building at Wayne State University.

John R. Halsey, Michigan archaeologist and director of the Michigan Historical Center, will be the keynote speaker from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 21.

James Scotford, an itinerant sign painter, and Daniel Soper, con artist, launched a grand illusion; they planted, and subsequently arranged an official discovery of thousands of fake artifacts. Their alliance began in 1890, in Montcalm County, with their first "find."

The relics, mostly unfired, crudely modeled clay boxes and tablets, sport mysterious symbols and hieroglyphics.

"There are still some who feel that these Michigan relics might be true artifacts of some ancient biblical civilization; they reason not everyone in ancient times was an artist, so all archaeological finds are not equally refined," said Tom Killion, chair of the Wayne State department of anthropology and archaeology. "Come see for yourself."

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The Detroit Institute of Arts' (DIA) Detroit Film Theatre (DFT) will open its 2006 winter season on Friday, Feb. 10, through Sunday, Feb. 12, with the area premiere of "Cache," the critically acclaimed new French thriller from director Michael Haneke. The film is presented in French with English subtitles.

For more information or to obtain a brochure, call the DIA Ticket Office at (313) 833-3237; Web site, dia.org/dft.

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Giving thanks

Our Lady Star of the Sea second-graders gave thanks with a feast just before the Thanksgiving holiday. Dressed in the costumes they made for the occasion, from left, are Justin Kusch of Grosse Pointe Woods, Abby Moss of Eastpointe, teacher Lisa Leszczynski, John Bornoty of Grosse Pointe Woods, Aunna Moss of Eastpointe, and teacher Linda Karolski.

Pianist performs at First English

Well-known Michigan pianist Wesley Fishwick will be featured in the "Open Door Series" at 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 12, in the sanctuary of First English Ev. Lutheran Church.

Admission is \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors, payable at the door, or call the church office at (313) 884-5040 to reserve tickets.

A reception in the lounge will follow the performance. Fishwick's performance will be an all Chopin piano recital.

Featured in his program are the Opus 10 etudes, along with a sampling of mazurkas, nocturnes and preludes. "The Polonaise Militaire" and the "Fantasy in F Minor" will also be included in this concert.

Fishwick, winner of the Grinnell Piano Competition and the Young Keyboard Artists International Piano Competition, has appeared with orchestras, in solo

recitals and with chamber music groups throughout the Midwest. His recent CD release titled "Beethoven, Three Romantic Piano Sonatas" has received critical acclaim. Adding special interest to Fishwick's appearance is the fact that

his father was organist and choirmaster at First English in the early 1940s at the church's Detroit location on Mack and Mt. Elliott before moving to its present location, 800 Vernier at Wedgewood in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Pastor's Corner

The last say

By the Rev. Dr. Eddie Bray
Grosse Pointe
Congregational Church

What would I like to say? It would be great to be able to say that everyone around the world has decided to concentrate on loving one another and living peacefully. It would be great to celebrate how we all have learned to appreciate the strengths and the good that can be found in the world's many cultures. It would be great to turn on

the nightly news and hear how well everyone is doing, how the hungry were fed, the homeless were housed, how every person's human rights were honored, and that justice prevails.

What can I say? I can say that God keeps trying; even when God's children do not. God keeps trying to be heard, to bring peace, to remind us that we all are God's children. God keeps trying.

What must I say? I must say we have to do better...the tasks may seem

overwhelming. The road may appear really, really long. It could happen, though, that a breakthrough might come and all people will see the futility of war, the insanity of greed, the profanity of hatred and the need for humanity to rest from it all.

Be at peace, though, dear child of God. No matter what we face, God is still on the throne. In the end, all that is evil will pass away. God will be heard. God will have the last say no matter what I say.

Coming events

Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church is planning a fashion show and luncheon benefit to be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Lochmoor Club.

Women's and children's fashions will be provided courtesy of Madi Lu and Ethan Too and Urban Daisy.

Proceeds from this event will be given to Cass Community Programs for women and children.

Tickets may be purchased by calling Laurie at (586) 779-5660. The cost is \$30 for adults and \$12 for children 12 and under.

For more information, call Jennifer at (313) 640-9437.

Author Dr. Ray Guarendi will speak about the positive influences men have on their families from 8 to 9 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 13, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Adults are welcome to this free event.

Deacon Jim and Carol Berch will speak on what the church teaches about natural family planning (NFP). Discover how NFP can enhance a couple's relationship. The event takes place from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9, at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Church 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Babysitting is available at \$2 per child. To make a reservation, call (313) 884-



Members of the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church fashion show organizers from left, in back, Bridget Coffey, Alisha Klunder, Julie Anderson and Michelle Heimbuch; in front from left Jennifer Dixon and Angela Wohlfarth.

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All parents are invited to hear Sean Hogan Downey present crucial tips on computer safety, Internet predators, Internet filters, monitoring children while on the computer and cell phones from 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 27, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Adults are welcome to this free event.

"The Release of Mary Magdalene: Her Story" will be told at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte Road, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The presenter is Marjorie Shaefer and the cost is \$5.

Shaefer will discuss research and Scripture will follow the telling of the story. A bibliography will be available, but expect a very interactive evening that will engage not just your head but also your heart.

This is part of the Lay Theological Academy winter course offering.

For more information, call (313) 884-3075.

Sunny Day Cooperative Preschool at Grosse Pointe

Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, is having an open house from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12.

Meet the teachers and tour the facility.

Sunny Days is an interdenominational Christian program for 3- and 4-year-olds.

Classes meet either 8:45 to 11:15 a.m. or 12:30 to 3 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

For more information, call (313) 886-4301.

First English Ev. Lutheran Church Women are once again sponsoring their annual Valentine salad luncheon and card party at noon Tuesday, Feb. 14, in The Luther Center at the First English Ev. Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Cost of the luncheon, sponsored this year by Faith Circle, is \$8, which includes table and door prizes.

Bring your cards or other games for your table.

For reservations, call Pat Thomas at (313) 885-4436 or Josie Herrington at (586) 293-3305 by Sunday, Feb. 12.

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2006 Herb of the Year: Scented pelargoniums

Living in Grosse Pointe Woods, one of the things I look forward to are the used book sales put on by the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library.

A few years ago, I found a book called "Scented Geraniums: Knowing, Growing, and Enjoying

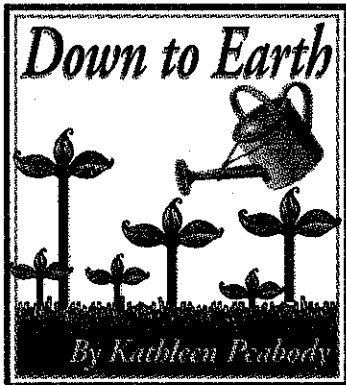
"Scented Pelargoniums" by Jim Becker and Faye Brawner. Now that we have a brand-spanking-new library building, I sure hope there are still "weedings" of the older library books. They are great bargains!

As the 2006 Herb of the Year, a scented geranium by any other name is called a pelargonium. Scented geraniums have been found in gardens for centuries. But for many years, we've called a pelargonium a geranium. The book's authors tell us that "the plants commonly called scented geraniums in the United States, such as the common garden geranium, actually belong to the genus *Pelargonium*, not, as might be supposed, to the genus *Geranium*."

When brought to England from South Africa by John Tradescant in the late 1600s, the plant was called the scented geranium. The genus *Pelargonium* includes acid-frost-sensitive shrubby plants native to South Africa where they can reach to 10 feet in height.

The look of pelargonium is sometimes similar to a zonal geranium, thus the confusion early on. The leaf structure can range in color from deep green to a grayish or silver in tone. Variegated forms are not unusual, and some find their veins with purplish tint.

Many gardeners grow scented pelargonium for the fragrant leaf. However, the flowers are attractive as well. Often not as large as the zonal geranium, scented pelargonium have an irregular flower formation known as zygomorphic. They vary in their overall appearance, but characteristics in the flowers are similar. Those of the pelargoni-



um are grouped in clusters, called umbels, ranging from two to 50 individual flowers with most scented varieties having between five and 10.

The fragrance of the scented pelargonium is contained in small beads of oil produced in glands at the base of tiny leaf hairs. Just bruising or brushing against the leaf releases the aroma. This is due to the breaking of the bead found in the leaf.

The bouquet of the scented pelargonium can be elusive and difficult to describe as well as impossible to classify. The parentage or exact species classification is a clue to the fragrance but usually it is the nose that makes the decision.

In the 1940s, Mary Ellen Ross worked with Dr. Raymond Allen at Cornell to untangle the classifications of scented pelargonium and organize these plants into groups according to fragrance. Here are examples:

- *Pelargonium Graveolens* (heavily scented) is the Rose Scented Group of deeply cut foliage, lavender blooms.
- *P. Crispum* is the Lemon Scented Group of small leaves, ruffled with pink blooms.
- *P. Quercifolium* is the Oak Leaf Group of pungent scent with showy pink

blooms. The description of the fragrance varies. Not only is it the nose deciphering the scent, but the quality of the essential oil in the plant cells changes with the growing conditions and the amount of sunlight and water received by the plant.

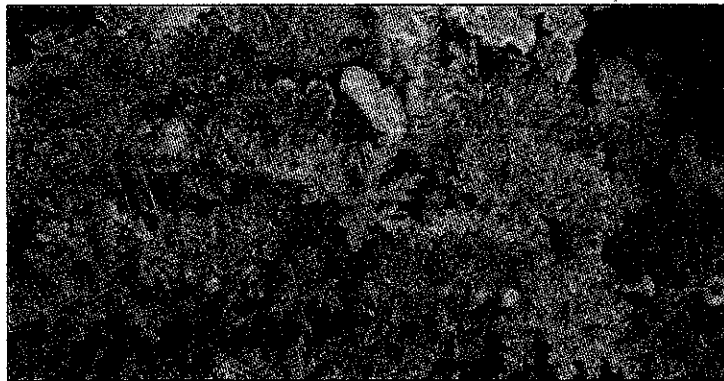
Growing the plant outdoors in our location is quite easy. They can be massed in beds. Low-growers, such as the gray-leaved Nutmeg, make a good edging plant. Clump them together near an entrance where brushing against them makes a memorable approach. Old-Fashioned Rose is a good choice for a mundane bed. Try growing it at the base of a hybrid tea rose.

The soft, broad-green leaves of Peppermint look great among shell pink dianthus or flowering tobacco. Growing scented pelargonium in containers offer portability when perennials have lost their luster.

British gardeners have long appreciated the scented pelargonium, so it's no wonder that's where I've found a good photo identifier. Visit the Pelargonium Catalogue, fibrex.co.uk. It's a good listing with photos and is almost like a mini-vacation!

There are those who have become addicted to the scented pelargonium and want to share the wealth and wonder of the plants. It's easy to make gifts of these delights with cuttings from the mother plant.

Cut the stem — at least four to six inches long — with at least one or two leaf nodes on each cutting. Remove the leaves by cutting or breaking off and be careful not to tear the stem.



A container of P. Peacock, P. Peppermint and a Colorado Burgundy Ivy geraniums cover a spot after perennials have waned.

Place in sterile soil. The "plastic bag as a greenhouse" method works by placing the pot in a well-lit place but away from direct sun. In about 10 days, check for roots. When rooted, remove from bag and replant in a larger pot with new soil.

Those that root most easily are Old-Fashioned Rose, Lemon Balm, Walnut, Cinnamon and Print Rupert. Chocolate and Peppermint are slow to root.

There are many uses for the fragrant leaves of the scented pelargonium including:

- Adding fresh leaves to bath water for a calming and scented bathing experience.
 - Adding a leaf to a cup of herbal tea.
 - Infusing fresh leaves in milk to use in desserts, custards or ice cream.
 - Tuck a few leaves in canisters of sugar to infuse with its scent and flavor.
- Adjacent to this column is a recipe to try with the lemon-flavored pelargonium you'll grow this summer.

Kathleen Peabody is an Advanced Master Gardener who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods. Reach

Sweet 'n' Tangy Barbecue Sauce

- 2 garlic cloves
- 4 medium sized lemon scented geranium leaves
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/2 cup dark soy sauce
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1 tbsp. vinegar
- 1/2 tsp. ground ginger
- Pinch of salt

Crush the garlic and finely chop the scented geranium leaves. Mix all the ingredients and use as a marinade or for basting.

As a grower of these fragrant plants, I've mixed them in large pots, planted them directly in the ground and brought them inside during winter to enjoy the scent indoors.

During the Year of the Scented Pelargonium, be sure to look for several varieties to grow in your garden this year. Enjoy the scent and usefulness of its leaves in recipes or crafts.

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What's going on?

- **Rich Gardens:** Designing with Distinctive Plants, Saturday, Feb. 11, Michigan State University Management Education Center in Troy. Call (877) 436-7764 to register. Cost is \$60.
- **Earthworks Garden,** part of the Capuchin Monastery, has various products available made from plant material harvested from the gardens and apiaries. Honey, hand balm and jams are some of the products made under the direction of Brother Rick Samyn. Call him at (313) 579-2100 ext. 211. All proceeds benefit the mission of the monastery.
- **2006 URBAN ROOTS Community Gardening Training Program,** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., begins Feb. 18 and runs through April 22. This nine-week course is designed to train community leaders in horticulture and community organizing skills. The course is open to residents of Wayne County who demonstrate involvement and/or interest in community gardening. Cost is \$75. Call (313) 237-8736 to register.

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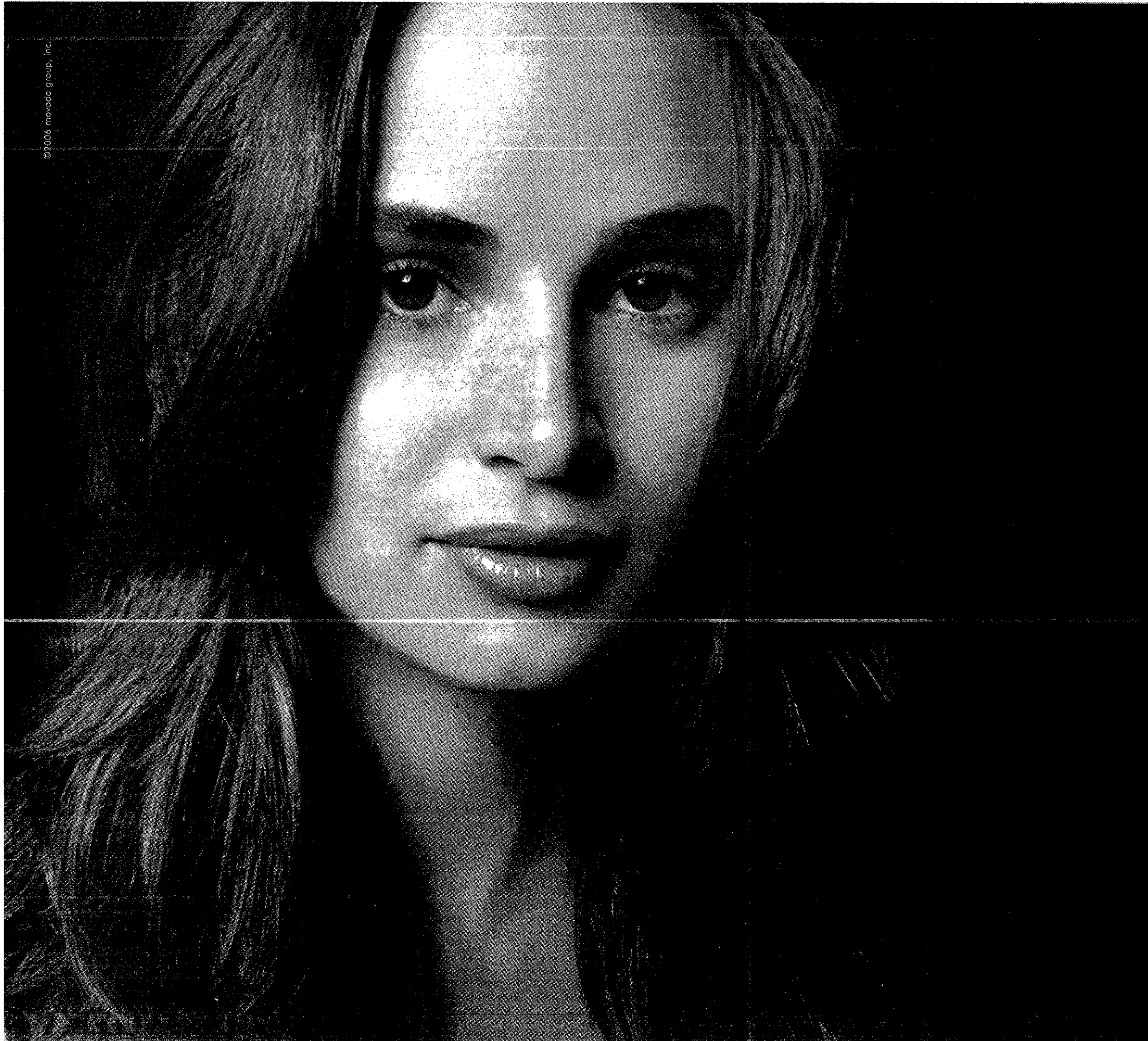
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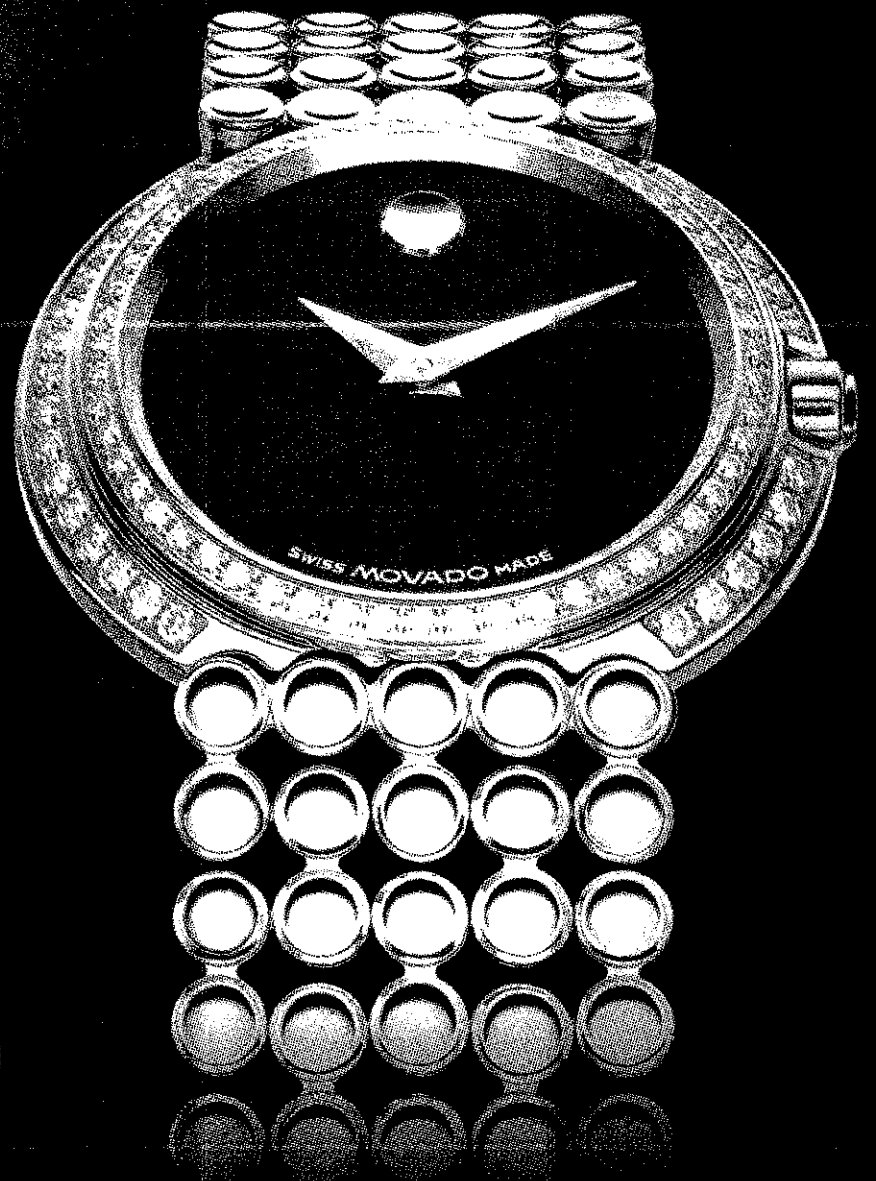
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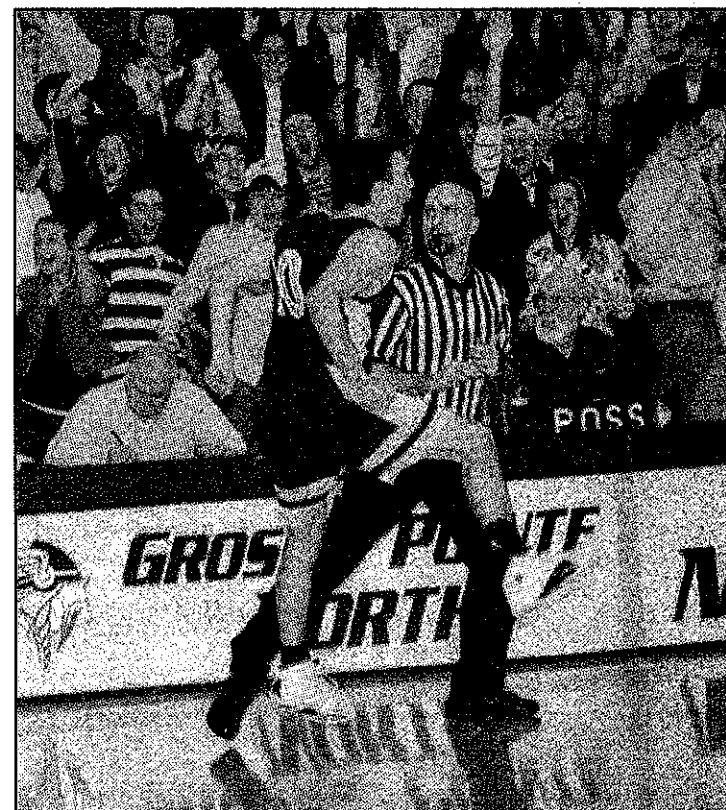
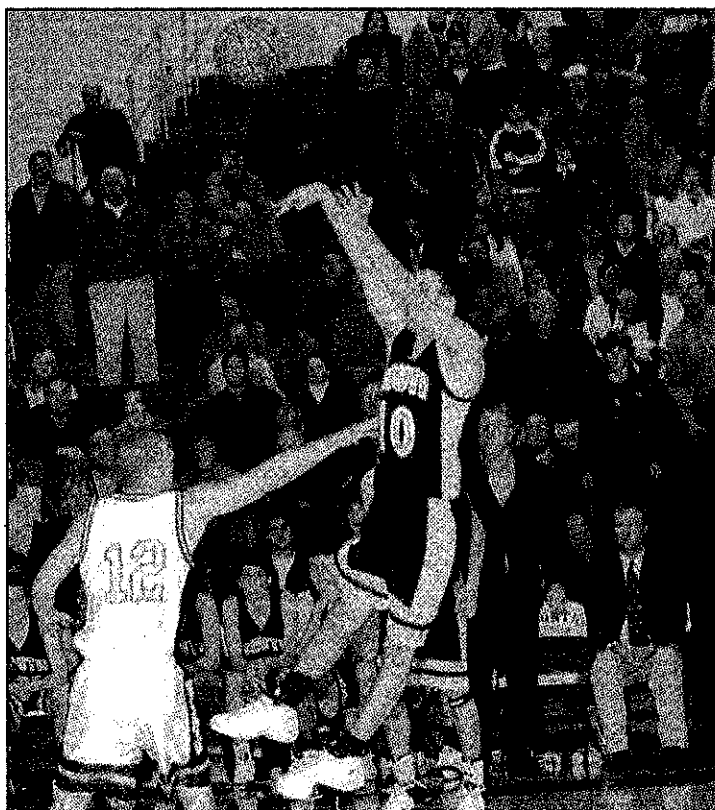
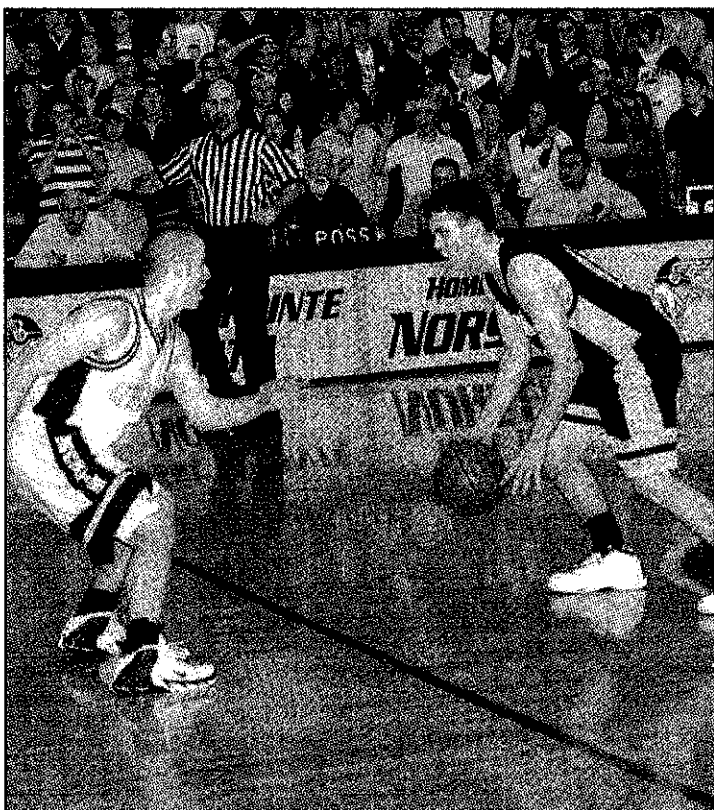
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Grosse Pointe South's Christian Conroy, photo left, brings the ball up the court against Grosse Pointe North's Adam Miller. In the middle photo, Conroy takes the shot. In the photo at right, Conroy leaps for joy after sinking the game-winning three-point basket.

Photos by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap

Conroy's buzzer beater caps night of senior heroics

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

The seniors were the shining stars at last week's Grosse Pointe North-Grosse Pointe South basketball game.

It was plain to see that the upperclassmen at both schools didn't want to lose if it was the last time they would play in the crosstown rivalry.

The most obvious contribution from the seniors was the game-winning three-point basket at the buzzer by Christian Conroy that gave South a 51-48 victory.

But there were others who

also made important plays down the stretch.

North's Adam Miller made two free throws with 15.1 seconds left to tie the game at 48-all. North's Jacob Bloomhuff made a three-point basket with 2:08 left to give the Norsemen a 46-45 advantage. Moments later, South's David Baldwin answered with a three-pointer of his own to put the Blue Devils back in the lead.

Although he didn't score a point, South's Brendan Howe made his presence felt.

"He had a Dennis Rodman-type game," Blue

Devils coach Jay Ritchie said, referring to the former NBA standout who could impact a game without scoring. "Without Brendan we'd have lost by 10 points."

Here are some of the things Howe did in the fourth quarter alone:

He saved a rebound from going out of bounds by batting it to Baldwin, who scored, was fouled and made the free throw to complete the three-point play.

He blocked a North shot.

He saved a ball from going out of bounds, and got it to teammate Melvin Malone, who was fouled and made a

free throw.

He set up Baldwin's three-point shot with 1:20 left by blocking out a North player who was going for a rebound. That gave South the ball out of bounds, instead of letting the Norsemen retain possession.

However, in the end it was Conroy who was mobbed by his teammates and the South fans who helped pack the North gym for the first time this season.

Ritchie had designed a play for either Conroy or J.C. Cruse to go one-on-one against the North player who was guarding them.

Conroy had a good feeling when the ball left his hand.

"I had a hunch," he said when asked if he knew it was on the mark. Conroy led all scorers with 23 points.

South led 13-9 after the first quarter and the Blue Devils held a 23-11 lead midway through the second quarter after a three-point basket by Jimmy Saros. North ended the first half with an 11-3 run to close the gap to 26-22 at the break.

A three-point basket by Conroy with 3:47 left in the third quarter put South ahead 36-29, but North answered with a 12-0 spurt

to lead 41-36 going into the fourth quarter.

The fourth quarter was back-and-forth with five lead changes.

"It was a classic North-South game," said North coach Matt Trombley, who was pleased with the way his team played.

Both Trombley and assistant coach Gary Bennett mentioned how well the Norsemen finished the game, despite the way Conroy broke the hearts of the North players and fans.

"That's been a major problem for us this year — answered with a 12-0 spurt

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South skaters get victories against Rice, Divine Child

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

It's a different sport but Grosse Pointe South's hockey team seems to have borrowed the Pistons' recipe for success.

"One of the things I like about this team is how unselfish it is," coach Bob Bopp said after the Blue Devils posted a pair of impressive victories last week against Brother Rice (4-1) and Divine Child (2-0).

"Nobody cares who scores the goals. They just want to win the games."

Sounds just like the philosophy the Pistons have used to reach the NBA Finals two years in a row, and to get off to one of the best starts in NBA history this year.

Both of South's games last week were important. Brother Rice is a team that the Blue Devils could meet in the state playoffs, so South wanted to see how it would measure up against the Warriors.

Brother Rice is the defending state Division II champion and the Warriors are ranked second in the state behind Trenton this year.

The game against Divine Child was a key game in the Michigan Metro High School Hockey League's East Division that became even more critical when the two teams tied 2-2 a couple of weeks ago.

Bopp was encouraged by the way South played well for the full 45 minutes of each game.

"We've had a tendency, like a lot of teams, to take a period off every once in a while," Bopp said. "But against two very good teams, we played solid for the entire game."

Bopp said that the Blue Devils played one of their best periods of the season in the first period against Divine Child and they were finally rewarded with 5:44 left in the period. Jimmy Marshall won a faceoff in

the offensive zone and got the puck to Lance Lucas, who fired the puck into the top corner of the net.

South started the second period on a power play and 30 seconds into the period, Ryan Abraham scored, assisted by Frankie DeLaura and Scott Maxwell.

It was the Blue Devils' 22nd power-play goal of the season.

"Ryan made a really smart play on the puck, taking it to the high slot and beating the goalie from there with a shot along the ice," Bopp said. "He has a knack for doing the right thing offensively."

Tim Shield and DeLaura were both in front of the net screening the Falcons' net-minder.

South didn't score again, but the Blue Devils had several more chances. South also continued its fine penalty killing, stopping Divine Child on all five of its power plays.

Trevor Sattelmeier was in goal for South and made several important saves.

In the Brother Rice game, the Warriors scored the only goal of the first period. The puck took a strange bounce while South was breaking out of its end and it ended up on the stick of a Rice player who was all alone in front of the goal.

The Blue Devils tied the game at 6:04 of the second period on Sam Mott's power-play goal from Abraham, who made a fine play to set up Mott, and Maxwell.

"Mott is having a great year," Bopp said. "This is the second year he has been paired with Maxwell and they really play well together. Right now they have to be one of the best defensive pairings you can find."

South went ahead to stay on a goal by Mac Brookes at



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South's Sam Mott tries to clear a Brother Rice player from in front of the net and Blue Devils goalie Trevor Sattelmeier.

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Q What is it like at University Liggett School?


A From archeology digs to traveling to Gettysburg to Spirit Week, I always have fun and learn something in the process. There's so much creativity here, I just love it!
- Kelly Usakoski '10

A There are so many reasons why I love ULS... it is hard to pick just one!
- Maria Russo '08


A I like that we make cool projects in art and in our classrooms - that makes it fun to learn. I love to skate, so I really love that there's an ice arena right across the street.
- Natalie Caramagno '14

A At ULS, most of my classmates are here to learn. That's keeps the focus on academics. The high expectations the school has for us also help - each student is encouraged to improve in order to go far beyond 'just passing.' The ULS community is a great place to learn.
- Natalie Boll '10


A I believe that ULS is a good place for me to learn because it challenges my mind. That's what learning is supposed to do.
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Foe's intimidation tactics don't work against Norsemen

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

The tactics that Muskegon Mona Shores' hockey team uses on the west side of the state don't work when it's playing teams from Southeastern Michigan.

The Sailors got a lesson along those lines last weekend when they lost to Port Huron Northern and Grosse Pointe North.

"They came out trying to be physical against us, and it backfired," North coach Scott Lock said after the Norsemen beat the Sailors 4-0 in a non-league game last weekend.

"You might intimidate some of the teams on the other side of the state, but you're not going to intimi-

date the teams down here. Almost every game we play is physical, so that's not going to bother us."

North took advantage of Mona Shores' trips to the penalty box by getting power-play goals from Michael Cartwright and Michael Yakamovich.

Cartwright and Yakamovich also scored while the teams were playing at even strength. Doug Rahaim collected three assists.

"We played well. We played with poise," Lock said. "We outshot them 28-11 so we did a good job defensively to limit their chances."

"And we're getting closer offensively. Our defensemen are starting to give us more

offense. We've played a lot better lately, but we're still looking at the big picture. We're better than we were last month, but still not where we want to be for the state tournament."

Evan Chase continued his fine play in goal for North as he recorded his second shutout in three games.

Earlier, North dropped a 3-1 decision to Clarkston, but Lock was pleased with the Norsemen's play.

"I look at it as a game we should have won but we ran into a hot goalie," he said. "We carried the play in the first period, the last half of the second and we were all over them in the third but couldn't score."

Yakamovich gave North a 1-0 lead late in the third

period but the Wolves came back with a pair of second-period goals.

The tying goal was a tip-in off a faceoff, and the game-winner came off a rebound during a power play.

"You can't fault Chase on either one of them," Lock said. "The one was a deflection. The other came after he made a couple of saves. He played fine. He made some unbelievable saves to keep it 2-1."

Clarkston wrapped up the scoring with an empty-net goal.

North will get tested this weekend in the annual High School Hockey Showcase at Trenton. The Norsemen will play Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League rival Catholic

Central at 8 p.m. Friday. Then they'll face Brighton at 2:20 p.m. Saturday.

"CC is ranked No. 1 in the state in Division I and

Brighton is No. 3," Lock said. "They're having a real good year. We'll have our hands full."



Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap

Tom MacEachern, center, played well in both games last week for Grosse Pointe South.

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9:54 of the second period.

"It doesn't get any better than that goal with all three forwards making a great play," Bopp said. "Marshall caught a Rice guy breaking the puck out of their end, lifted his stick and stole the puck. He passed to Lance Lucas and Lance made a perfect pass to Mac, who was skating into the slot, and Mac fired the puck past the Rice goalie."

Tom MacEachern gave South a two-goal cushion at 11:34 of the third period, assisted by Geoff Osgood and Mott, and Abraham wrapped up the scoring after the Warriors pulled their goalie.

"MacEachern has struggled some with his offense this season, but he made no mistake on that shot," Bopp said. "Tom played well in both of our games — his best games of the year."

Abraham's goal came off a set play from a faceoff.

Sattelmeier had another strong game, turning back 24 Rice shots.

"Both goalies came up with big saves," Bopp said. "Trevor is so confident, and the team has confidence in him that he'll make the save if a mistake is made."

After the game Rice coach Lou Schmidt told Bopp that he was impressed with South's quickness.

"I had been thinking the same thing," Bopp said. "I hope we get a chance to play Rice again because if we do, it'll be in the regional final. They have a great team, and I'm sure it'll be a close game."

Bopp is taking advantage of his team's depth by using three lines and three defensive pairings.

"One of the reasons our teams have done well every year is that we always seem to have better defensemen than most of the teams we play," he said. "Not many teams have six defensemen that can play regular shifts."

In addition to the Mott-Maxwell pairing, South got strong play from Nick Cinqueranelli and Chris Stephens and Peter Altshuler and Trevor John.

South is now 13-5-1. The Blue Devils play Riverview Gabriel Richard tonight, Feb. 9, at Southgate, then return to City Sports Arena for a game against division-rival De La Salle on Saturday.



Photo by Bob Bruce

North's Peter Watson isn't giving ground to this Mona Shores player.

South wrestler gets close to 100th win

The next time Blake Walker wins a match for Grosse Pointe South's wrestling team, he'll join some select company.

Walker posted a 4-1 record at last weekend's Goodrich Invitational to raise his career victory total at South to 99.

"We're counting on him to get it on Thursday (Feb. 9)," said Blue Devils coach Jose Ramirez.

South will be in a quadrangular meet at East Detroit against the Shamrocks, Lake Shore and Fraser.

A week earlier, Walker finished first in the 130-pound weight class at the Lincoln Park Invitational, running his winning streak to 22 straight matches. He beat a Lincoln Park wrestler 9-4 in the championship bout.

Walker's performance this season has been one of the highlights of a difficult year for the Blue Devils.

"We're a small team and a young team," Ramirez said. "We had four seniors, two sophomores and the rest are freshmen."

Both of South's sophomore wrestlers have winning records.

Blake Bowman, who finished first in the Lake Shore Invitational, has a 16-10 mark at 140 pounds, while T.J. Carter is 10-5.

"We have some freshmen who are at .500 or better," Ramirez said. "They're getting a chance to wrestle and with the experience they're getting we're hoping to see an influx of good wrestlers at South."

Jerry Konen has won 15 matches, while competing at 112 and 119. Ramirez worked with him when he was at Brownell Middle School.

"It's nice to have him back," Ramirez said.

Max Thomas has been wrestling at 130 and 135 pounds, and making a contribution, while Will Ferrara is doing fine at 125.

"Thomas is wrestling up a class because he's behind Blake at 130," Ramirez said. "Ferrara started wrestling with the Grosse Pointe Wrestling Club. He's a good hard worker. He seems to have what it takes to be a good wrestler."

Costa Sirdenis also posted a 4-1 record in his matches at the Goodrich meet last weekend.

ULS girls fall to Cranbrook

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

University Liggett School's girls hockey team hosted defending state champ Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood last week, losing 9-3.

"We got off to a good start, but then it went downhill in a hurry," head coach Laura Owczarski said. "This started a brutal stretch of games

for us; so here we go."

After Cranbrook Kingswood, the Lady Knights faced the top three teams in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League, hosting Grosse Pointe North and traveling to Grosse Pointe South and Plymouth-Canton-Salem.

Owczarski's squad took it

right at Cranbrook Kingswood as Elizabeth Palmer netted two goals in the first half of the opening period to tie it 2-2.

The Cranes scored the next three goals to build a 5-2 lead after the first period, but the Lady Knights were in the game getting 12 shots on net.

Cranbrook Kingswood scored two goals in the second period, outshooting ULS 10-2 to stretch its lead to 7-2.

Monique Squiers tallied with 30.3 seconds left in the third period to round out the scoring.

ULS dropped to 1-8 in the Michigan Metro and 1-10 overall.

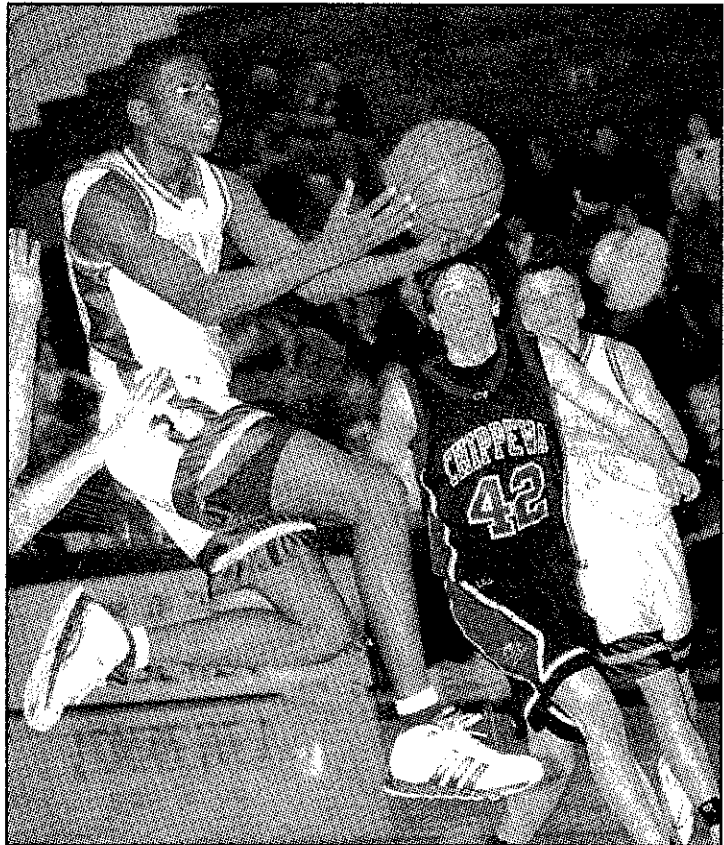


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North's Cory McCain drives past teammate Marc Reno and Chippewa Valley's Jason Doran.

Spark is missing in Norsemen's defeat

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

The fire that was so apparent when Grosse Pointe North met crosstown rival Grosse Pointe South was missing when the Norsemen met Chippewa Valley a few nights later.

"We just didn't seem too enthused to be playing," coach Matt Trombley said after North's 70-50 loss to the Big Reds.

It showed, too, as Chippewa Valley jumped out to a 22-8 lead at the end of the first quarter.

After that, it was a matter of everybody on the North team trying to take things into his own hands.

"It wasn't a big team game for us," Trombley said. "Everybody wanted to do something to help get us back into it, but rather than doing it as a team, they tried to do it as individuals."

"Chippewa played a zone most of the game. Instead of letting things come to us, we

tried to force things."

Although it was one of North's most lopsided defeats of the season, Trombley found some positives in the play of Paul Bramos, Jerry Peoples and Marc Reno. Bramos and Reno led the Norsemen with 11 points apiece.

In an attempt to ignite a spark in his team, Trombley looked to the bench and got good performances from Bramos and Peoples.

"Paul was looking to score, which was good," Trombley said.

"Jerry did some good things. He showed his athleticism, and got out on the fast break. Reno played his usual consistent game. He's been guarding the other team's best offensive player and doing a good job. He's also starting to make more of a contribution on offense."

North plays at Utica on Friday, then returns home for a game with Eisenhower on Tuesday, Feb. 14.

North swimmers defeat Fraser for first MAC Red victory

Michael Lane won two events to lead Grosse Pointe North's swimming team to a 120-66 victory over Fraser in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

Lane's firsts came in the

200-yard individual medley and the 100 breaststroke.

Other individual winners for the Norsemen were Karl Tech in the 50 freestyle; Mike Kedzierski, 100 butterfly; and Cameron Howle,

500 freestyle.

North swimmers posted several season-best times.

They came from David Castile, 50 freestyle; Tech,

Ryan Boury and Jeff Moore, 100 freestyle; Max Hunt, 100 backstroke; Chris Bill, 100 breaststroke; and Edwin Witfield, Cory Fogelsong and Charlie Cooper, diving.

North, South both upend rival University Liggett School

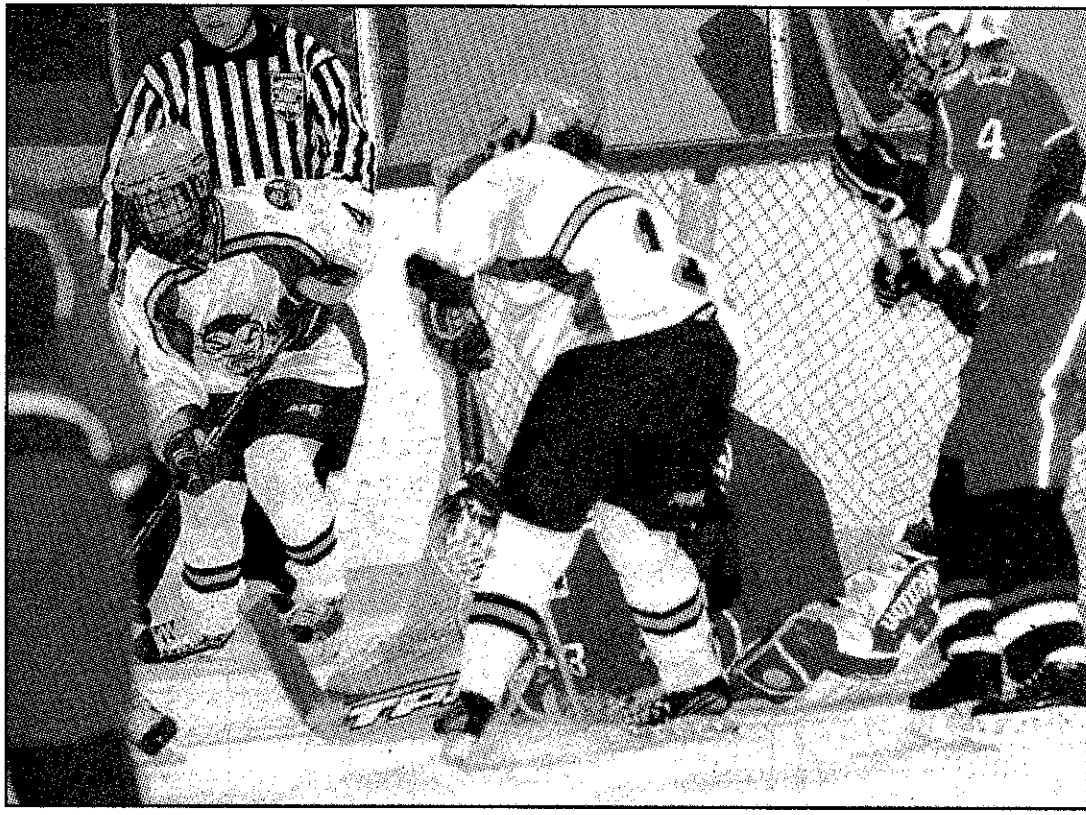


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Grosse Pointe South's Amanda Marsh (4) and Ali Morawski make life difficult for University Liggett School goalie Janaya Gripper. At right is ULS's Alyssa Bronikowski.

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South beat city rival University Liggett School in girls' hockey last week, winning 8-1 and 12-0, respectively.

"We knew it was going to be a tough week, playing our rivals who happen to be two of the best teams in the league," ULS head coach Laura Owczarski said. "I told the girls to go out there and work hard."

The host Lady Knights fell behind 3-0 in the first period against the Norsemen as senior Ashley Allemon, junior Marissa LaValley, and senior Melissa Carron scored goals.

Freshman Alexa Quinlan and sophomore Christie Listwan drew assists on LaValley's and Carron's goals.

"We wanted to keep the puck moving so we could get some good scoring chances," North head coach Tim Van Eckoute said. "Our girls did a good job of executing our plan."

It worked to the tune of four second-period goals, including three shorthanded tallies.

Quinlan, assisted by junior Phelicia VanOverbeke and senior Meryl Masserang, lit the lamp midway through the period to make it a 4-0 game. In the final two minutes of the stanza, the flood gates opened.

The Norsemen scored three goals while the Lady Knights were on a power-play.

Sophomore Rachel Lentz (1:54), assisted by Quinlan,

scored the first shorthanded tally, followed by LaValley (1:46), assisted by Listwan, and junior Emily Nelson (28.4), assisted by Carron and sophomore Meredith Chicklas.

The Lady Knights scored on the power play as senior Alex Houghtalin put a shot past Angela Lee. Meghan Wilson and Caitlin Munn had assists.

In the final period, junior Kate Zemenick scored to round out the scoring.

North fired 33 shots to ULS' nine. The shots in the South game were 38-8 in favor of the Lady Blue Devils.

"We worked in our younger players, giving them more ice time," South co-head coach Bill Fox said. "We drew up some plays that worked pretty well."

The Lady Blue Devils' defense smothered ULS throughout the two-period game. Freshman Christine Jarboe stopped each of the eight shots she faced to earn the shutout.

Seniors Katie Dosch (one assist) and Katherine Gerow each scored two goals to lead a balanced South attack.

Other goal scorers were senior Ali Morawski, senior Linda Stanek, senior Hilliary Inger, junior Amanda Marsh, junior Shami Entenman, sophomore Jenna Huitsing, sophomore Alexandra Merrit, and sophomore Laura Bristol.

The host Lady Blue Devils scored five goals in the first period — including two in the final 33 seconds — and seven in the second stanza.

Nine different players

recorded at least one assist for the home team.

South played undefeated Plymouth-Canton-Salem on the road Jan. 31 and came away with a tense 1-0 victory.

"It was a fun game for the fans," Fox said. "It was very intense and both teams played a very good hockey game." Plymouth has a good team that can skate well, but I thought our defense was able to take away its scoring threats for the most part."

Junior Caroline Sweeny earned the shutout, stopping 18 shots, including two breakaways that could have been the tying and winning goals.

Katie Zimmerman, PCS's leading scorer, was shut down by the Lady Blue Devil defense of Dosch, Stanek, Merrit, sophomore Maria Hartman, and sophomore Kathleen McDonald.

Morawski scored the game's lone goal, taking a pass from Stanek and cramming it behind goalie Kristie Kowalski midway through the first period.

North was also on the winning end last week, beating host Port Huron 7-0 behind the stellar goaltending of Jacklyn Zarb and Lee.

ULS had the misfortune of playing PCS last weekend, and lost to the No. 1 team in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League (MMGHSHL) West Division, falling to 1-11 in the MMGHSHL East Division and 1-13 overall; South improved to 12-1 in the East and 12-1 overall; North improved to 12-3 in the East and 14-3 overall.

South swim team makes seniors' final home meet a win

Grosse Pointe South's boys swimming team bid farewell to 14 graduating seniors at its final home meet of the season against University of Detroit Jesuit.

The Blue Devils beat their traditional rival 103-82 in a meet that featured several outstanding races that had fans from both teams on their feet.

South's 200-yard medley relay team of Alex Glendenning, Jamie Handley, Danny Pogue and Alex Bordyukov set the tone for the meet by touching out the Cubs' relay by a hundredth of a second. South's B relay scored valuable points by finishing third.

U-D got its revenge in the 200 freestyle relay where the team of Justin Alesna, Bob Schittman, Richard Frenchi and Tony Wahl touched three-hundredths of a second ahead of the South quartet of Jon Sax, Pogue, Bordyukov and Casey Browning. The Blue Devils' B team was third.

Wahl won the 200 freestyle in 1:42.52, while Browning and Danny Basile took the next two spots for South.

Sax touched first in the 200 individual medley with a state-qualifying time of 2:03.24. David Cockell was fourth. Sax also won the 100 freestyle, and teammate Riley Sherer was fourth.

Pogue won the 50 freestyle in 22.94, just miss-

ing a state cut. Bordyukov was third in 24.21. Pogue was third in the 100 butterfly behind Wahl (51.30) and South's Robby Browning (56.54).

Casey Browning and Basile posted state-qualifying times to take first and third, respectively, in the 500 freestyle. U-D's Frenchi was second.

In the 100 breaststroke, Handley outswam U-D's Peter Fino to take first in 1:04.07. Michael Manos was third, one place ahead of Cockell.

Nagel gave the Cubs a first in the 100 backstroke, but South took the next three spots with Glendenning, Robby Browning and J.P. Lang.

South swept the diving. Ty Lattimore led the way with a score of 224.30 points. Alex Oddo was second with 207.95 and Spencer MacGriff (195.90) placed third.

The final event belonged to the Cubs, who took first and third places in the 400 freestyle relay. South's team of Sax, Sherer, Basile and Casey Browning was second with a state-qualifying time of 3:25.50.

Coach Bill Thompson took time during the diving break to honor the senior class.

"We have an incredible group of seniors this year," he said. "They have provided a great deal of leadership all the way through their high

school careers and have all helped make this another outstanding season. Their impact on the program will be felt for years to come."

South's next challenge will come this weekend at Eastern Michigan University, the site of the annual Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association meet, which is open to the top 60 qualifiers in each event.

ULS boys nearly upset No. 6 Powers

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

The University Liggett School boys hockey team played No. 6-ranked (Division 3) Flint Powers tough last weekend, losing 3-2.

The visiting Knights fell

behind 2-0 at the end of the first period and 3-0 early in the second period before senior Adam Rock, assisted by junior Ryan Deane, tallied to cut the deficit back to two goals entering the final stanza.

Rock scored again with

sophomore Mike Thomas drawing an assist to make it interesting in the final few minutes.

Head coach Terry Olson pulled his goaltender, giving the Knights an extra forward, and in the final

minute his players hit a goal post and the crossbar.

"We were inches from tying the game," Olson said. "We lost the first period, tied the second and won the third. That isn't bad against a very good hockey team such as Powers. It was a moral victory, and it taught my boys that they can win games by playing disciplined hockey."

The Knights were whistled for only two penalties, compared to nine in their prior game, which was a 10-1 loss to visiting Gibraltar Carlson.

"It was a disappointing effort on our part," Olson said.

"I was not pleased with our lack of discipline, but at least the guys understood that this was a one-game thing, and that they would focus on playing better hockey, which they did against Flint Powers."

Rock scored a goal, his third of the week, with Thomas earning an assist. It was the Knights' lone highlight as Carlson racked up three goals in the second period and five in the third.

The ULS boys hockey team fell to 5-9-1 overall.

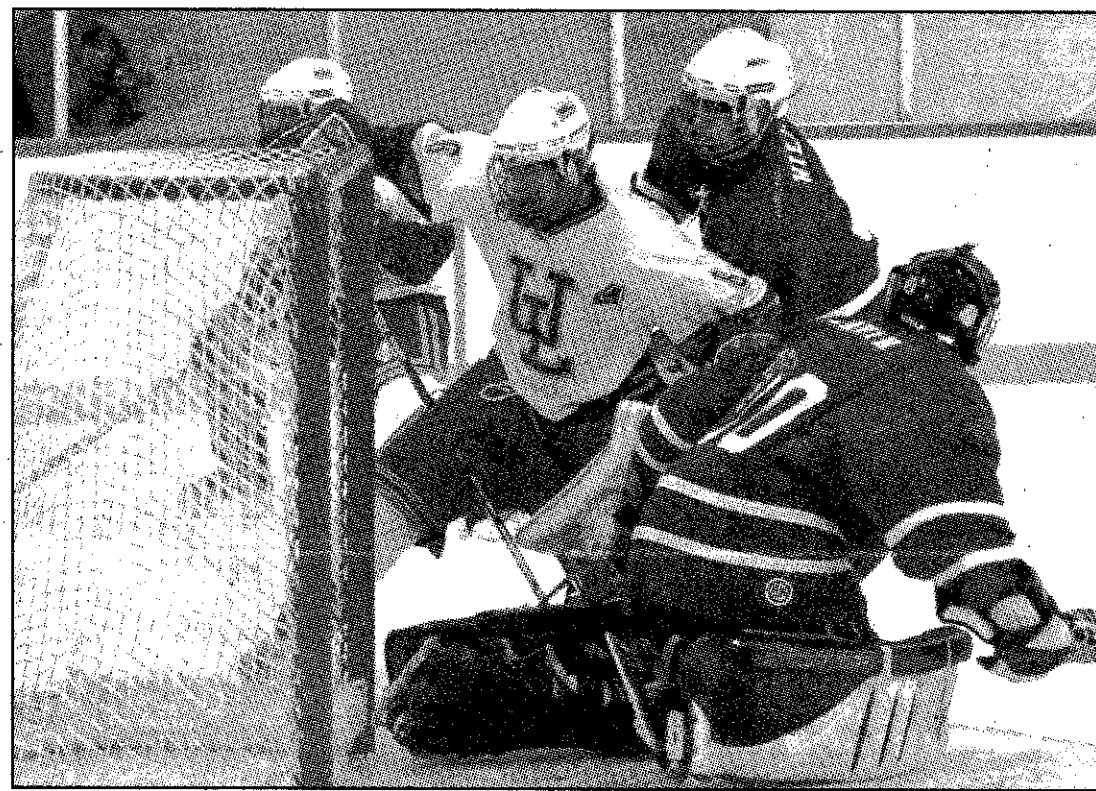


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University Liggett School's Mike Burchi (light uniform) fights for position at the goal crease.

JV Norsemen in battle for first place in division

The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association JV Norsemen are fighting for first place in the Eastern Conference Green Division after playing a 3-3 tie with the GPHA JV Blue Devils.

The Norsemen got a pair of first-period goals from Marshall Ochylski, the second coming on a penalty shot, to lead 2-1 after the period. Charley Trost assisted on Ochylski's first goal.

Jason Gay put the Norsemen ahead 3-1 in the second period, assisted by defenseman Anthony Vitale, but in the final seconds of the period the Blue Devils cut the lead to one.

The Blue Devils scored the tying goal with 1:13 remaining in the third period.

Norsemen forwards Brian Flemion, Jeff Holme, Evan Rutkofske, Chase Thornton, Mike Walsh, Tom Walworth and Tom Winterfield used their speed to create scoring opportunities.

Defensemen Mike Colosimo, Nick Ireland, Jon Ramberger and Charley Thibault helped minimize the shots that goalie Jozef Curry-Zoltan had to stop.

Under the leadership of coaches Dave Brozo, Brad

Case, Matt Springer and Bob Kollar, the Norsemen reached the finals of the Niagara Falls Blizzard Challenge Tournament.

During one stretch of 11 games in 16 days, the Norsemen lost only once.

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ishing," Trombley said. "I thought we played well. We had a chance to win it."

It was the first time any of the South seniors had beaten North in basketball.

"I guess they were tired of getting beat," Ritchie said. "But don't forget, North's been pretty darn good the last few years."

Baldwin finished with 13 points and Cruse added eight for South. Cruse, Baldwin and Malone each pulled down five rebounds. Cruse and Conroy collected four assists apiece.

Dwight Van Hoesen led a balanced North attack with 13 points. Miller and Nick Waller each had nine points and Marc Reno scored eight. Waller grabbed 10 rebounds.

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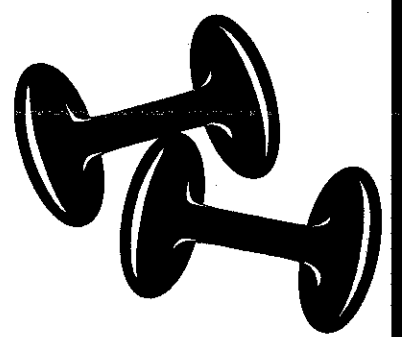
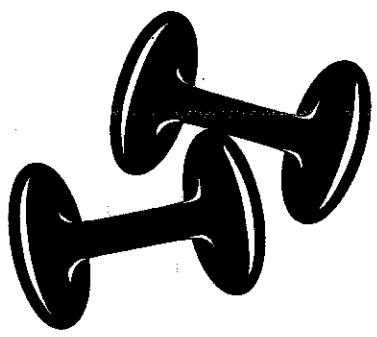
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