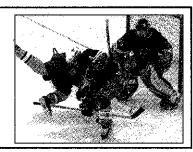


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WEEK AHEAD

Thursday, Feb. 16

Grosse Pointe South's varsity basketball celebrates Senior Night at its game against Port Huron at 7 p.m. The Blue Devils' seniors and their parents will be honored before the game.

. The grassroots organization Grosse Pointe Cares For Kids meets at 7 p.m. in the program room at the Ewald Branch library to discuss the content of the proposed change in the sex ed (Adolescent health education) curriculum for grades 4-8.

Proposed material is available for public review at 389 St. Clair today and Friday, Feb. 17, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The East Shore Optimist Club meets at 7 p.m. at the Park Winery, 15230 Charlevoix, in Grosse Pointe Park. To RSVP, call Judith Latcha at (313) 882-9779. The club meets every Thursday evening.

Friday, Feb. 17

Sister to Sister conducts the Heart Day Health Fair from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Wintergarden at the G.M. Renaissance Center in Detroit.

Cooking demonstrations, hearthealth screenings and tips from health and fitness experts are offered.

For information, call (877) 628-4257 online or at go womansheartday.org/detroit.

Monday, Feb. 20

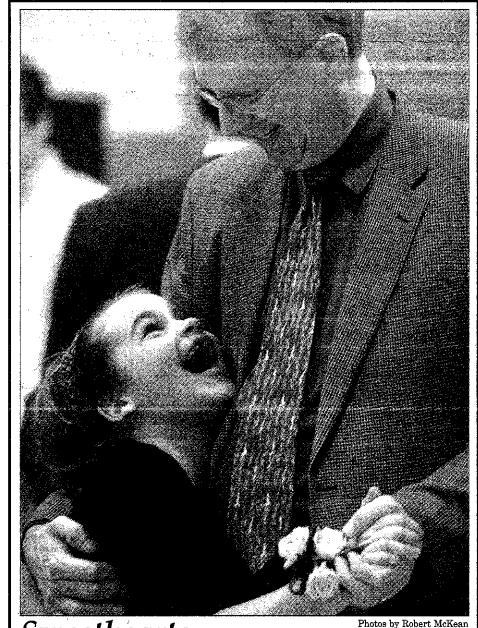
President's Day. All Grosse Pointe municipal offices are closed.



Be my Valentine

Grosse Pointe, Michigan

Mason second-graders in Cheryl Briggs' class delivered hearts and smiles to the Sunrise Assisted Living of Grosse Pointe Woods residents on Feb. 14. It was the students' third trip to the assisted living center on Mack. They took handmade valentines and partnered with residents to play bingo. Elizabeth (no last name released) and Tristan Barnwell were a happy pair as they sought to be the first bingo winners during the short afternoon visit. Briggs said these trips to Sunrise are part of the social studies curriculum in which students learn about the community.



Cities get vote on Milk River drain board

By Debra Pascoe Staff Writer

County Drain Board.

Legislation was passed commissioner. earlier this week allowing Introduced last fall by for the appointment of one state Rep. Ed Gaffney, Rearlier this week allowing Wayne and Macomb counties to join the board already See MILK RIVER, page 11A

comprising the director of the State Department of Municipalities will now Agriculture, the Macomb have a vote, rather than just County drain commissioner a voice, when it comes to and the Wayne County how tax dollars are allocat- director of the Department ed by the Milk River Inter- of Environment who also serves as the county drain

elected official from an Grosse Pointe Farms, at the affected community in both behest of Grosse Pointe

Administration, school board cave on cuts

By Ann L . Fouty Staff Writer

Under the category of "you spoke and we listened," have been removed from the table.

13.board Superintendent Suzanne ing a book. Only 13 percent Klein announced the high of his time was spent doing school accompanist could stay, as would reading support at the elementary level. She also told a packed audience there would be no change in the elementary day's rotation for next year. South's choir director Ellen Bowen thanked the board for keeping her Broderick told the audience accompanist, as the best she the board needs to address can play on the piano is "Chopsticks." Addressing the elementary schedule, Klein said the music, physical education and library pull-outs will continue. However, the issue will not be forgotten. A community survey is planned to determine what the community will support.

"We still have a lot more work to do," she said.

Parent Mark Davey agreed, saying his son opted three proposed budget cuts out of music to spend more time in the classroom. Rather than getting further During the Monday, Feb. academic instruction. some meeting of his time was spent read-

Tuesday, Feb. 21

The Grosse Pointe Shores Village Council meets at 7 p.m., at Village Hall, 795 Lakeshore and the corner of Vernier.

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hold its Business After Hours series from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Park Winery, 15320 Charlevoix in Grosse Pointe Park.

The cost is \$15 for chamber of commerce members and \$20 for nonmembers. Call (313) 881-4722 for reservations.

The last day Grosse Pointe Woods residents have to file personal property statements at city offices.

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Sweethearts

Paul Barry and his 8year-old daughter, Miranda, were among well over 100 similar couples at the Grosse Pointe Woods **Lakefront Park activities** building on Saturday, Feb. 11, for the ever-popular annual Daddy Daughter Dance. A DJ played music and the attendees enjoyed social-

izing, food and fast-dance fun. At right, Olyvia Shimko, 7, enjoys a fast dance with her father Tom.

something useful, he said.

"We need to address the pull-out," said parent Allison Baker. Her son also elected to stay in the classroom. "He didn't get useful time instruction by staying in the classroom."

Board president Jeff the budget shortfalls, thus every program would be scrutinized; if not this year, next year.

"You need to understand everything needs to be addressed," he said. "We have to make the hard decisions. It's good news today but that is not always the case."

POINTER OF INTEREST Hala Besmar

Home: Grosse Pointe Farms

Family: Husband, Dr. Bashar Ksebati; two sons, Waseem, 19, and Fares, 14; and a daugh ter, Cinderella, 6

Claim to fame: Syrian native active as artist, volunteer

Quote: "Volunteers really get to know people. Every time you get involved, you learn a lot."

See story, page 4A

Hala Besmar



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yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

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Grosse Pointe wins second place in its population category of the National **Cleanest City Contest.**

The Grosse Pointe Garden Club Council has sponsored the local cleanup campaign since 1950.

■ The new elementary school on Torrey Road at Morningside in Grosse Pointe Woods will be named after former district Superintendent John R. Barnes.

Barnes joined the Pointe system in 1930 as high school principal. He became superintendent in 1947 and retired in 1950 due to ill health.

Army officials continue Pointe Park council members about extending the military's lease on land at the foot of Three Mile Drive.

The site is used as an ing in the Plymouth Center Army brass want to extend the agreement for another decade.

25 years ago this week

Grosse Pointe Park council members reaffirm the upcoming 38 to 50 percent increase in boat well Kercheval. rental rates at Windmill Pointe Park.

Members of the Windmill Pointe BoatOwners Association threaten a legal investigation of the city's handling of marina fund finances.

A state mental health department spokesman says the agency is exploring the negotiating with Grosse possibility of opening a small group home for the mentally impaired in Grosse Pointe.

If so, several Pointers liv-

anti-aircraft battery. The for Human Development lease ends in one year, but would be transferred to the home so they could return to their community.

Grosse Pointe library officials accept a gift of contemporary sculpture to be erected outside the front entrance to the central branch. library on

The 22-foot-tall sculpture consists of eight bright blue girders crossed at the 15foot mark by five bold red cross bars.

The sculpture by New York artist Lyman Kipp is both commissioned by and a gift from Pointer W. Hawkins Ferry.

10 years ago this week

A valet company receives a business license to operate on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Parking services will be provided between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. for the entire Hill. After 5 p.m., valets will be available to patrons of Lucy's Tavern on the Hill and Chianti Villa Lago.

Grosse Pointe Woods officials change standards required for property owners to obtain a zoning variance.

New rules state that a variance can be granted if a practical difficulty is found by a majority of the zoning board of appeals.

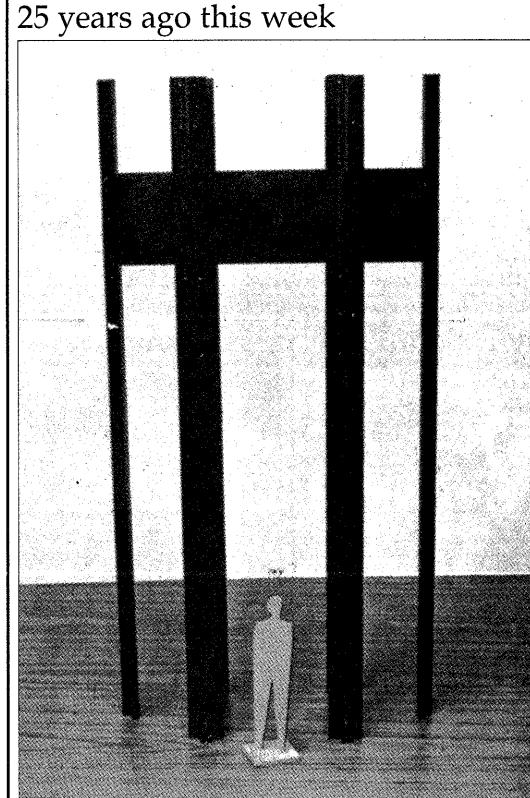
The library at Kerby Elementary School will be named in honor of Nancy Salamas.

Salamas, a 29-year veteran of the Pointe district and principal of Kerby since 1992, died last month of a rare blood disorder.

5 years ago this week

■ The latest crime statistics show crime hit a 10-year low last year in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Crime reported during 2000 went down 5 percent



Modern art at library

A model of the 22-foot-tall sculpture by artist Lyman Kipp donated to the Grosse Pointe Library by W. Hawkins Ferry. (Photo by Tom Greenwood. From the Feb. 12, 1981 Grosse Pointe News.)

from the year before. Findings confirm the Woods' steady reduction in crime dating to 1997, and a general downward trend in reported criminal activity extending to at least 1991.

Heavy rains have little impact on Lake St. Clair, the level of which remains lower than average.

"Considering it took 3 1/2 years to get in the (low water) situation we're in. we'd like to see at least one vear of above-average precipitation," says Adam Fox, a physical scientist in the hydrology branch of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public School System. **Detroit District.**

■ Members of the Grosse Pointe Association of Education Office Personnel and the Grosse Pointe Educational Support Personnel Association request a mediator to guide them through contract talks with the Grosse Pointe

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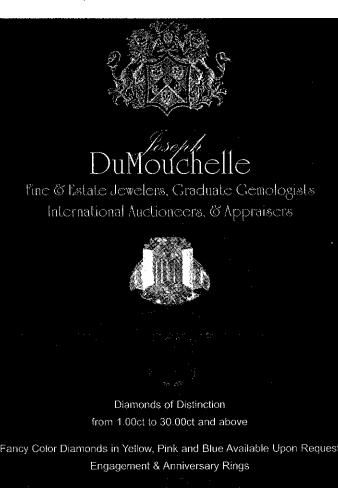
Eight compete for manager vacancy in Grosse Pointe City

A special meeting of the City of Grosse Pointe council on Thursday, Feb. 16, will be harder to get into than the Sports Illustrated Super Bowl party.

A closed session has been called to discuss eight candidates for city manager.

"They've all asked for confidentiality," said Mayor Dale Scrace.

Applicants will not be in attendance. The Open Meeting Act allows a closed-



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"We have eight good candidates. We hope to appoint a manager at the March 20 council meeting." --- Mayor Dale Scrace

meeting review of applications for employment if the candidates request confidentiality. "However," according to the act, "all interviews by a public body for employment ... to a public office shall be held in an open meeting ... '

The elite eight was whittled down from 32 people competing to fill a vacancy left when Mike Overton resigned to administer Cheboygan County.

We have eight good candidates," Scrace said. "We hope to appoint a manager at the March 20 council meeting."

- Brad Lindberg



Defense lawyer forces delay of murder hearing

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

people Some think Michael Rataj is crazy like a fox — for getting kicked out of City of Grosse Pointe Municipal Court.

Rataj forced postponement Thursday, Feb. 9, of a preliminary hearing in which evidence of firstdegree murder was to be presented against his client, Joseph Michael Marasco, 51, of the City.

Marasco allegedly hired two hit men last summer to shoot to death Barbara Ann Iske, 57, of Sterling Heights. If found guilty of first-degree murder, Marasco faces life in prison.

Rataj wanted the examination delayed, saying he hadn't been allowed to study two boxes of documentary evidence police compiled during an eightmonth investigation. Police required Rataj to pay nearly \$3.500 before releasing the documents to cover copying costs of \$1 per page. Police said the fee is standard.

Rataj said he hadn't been fronted that much money by Marasco.

the documents to prepare for the exam," Rataj told Judge Russell Ethridge. provisions except being sep-"They didn't give me the stuff.'

"Actually, Mr. Rataj, you didn't pick up the stuff," Ethridge said.

Ethridge didn't want to delay the hearing, the date of which Rataj had agreed in to take Rataj to jail. to a week ago.

Rataj ramped up his said. protest by interrupting Ethridge repeatedly and twice calling Assistant cuffs. Wayne County Prosecutor Lt. Robert Stevens a liar.

"I've been called worse," Stevens said later

"Mr. Rataj, I am not going to buy into your ruse to get this adjourned by you committing contempt so I throw you in jail," Ethridge said.

the constitutional provi- told him it was here. He sions of this court is unac- never came to pick it up."

tempt of court after today's proceedings," Ethridge said.

"Put me in jail now," Rataj yelled, pacing back and forth from the defense table to the bench. He jousted toward Ethridge with a pen gripped in his right hand: "I'm telling you right now, I'm going to interrupt these proceedings all morning. So, put me in jail now."

"Sit down so we can conduct these hearings," Ethridge said.

"No. I'm not going to sit down," Rataj said.

Meanwhile, Marasco sat quietly, hunched and looking down. He wore the same blue jeans and green plaid shirt as during his arraignment Feb. 1. The main difference was a week's worth of whiskers grown since Ethridge denied bond and ordered him to Wayne County Jail.

Facing constant interruption of last week's hearing, Ethridge adjourned proceedings until Friday. March 3, at 8:30 a.m.

He ruled Rataj in contempt of court, fined him \$500, ordered him to Wayne County Jail for 48 hours "Everybody knows I need and removed him from the case.

> Rataj quietly accepted all arated from the case.

"You can't tell my client who he can hire and can't hire, judge," Rataj said, threatening to file a grievance against Ethridge.

Sgt. Tony Railling moved

"I'll go peacefully," Rataj

A few minutes later police took away Marasco in hand-

Lt. James Fox, head of the City detective bureau and acting public safety director, said Rataj knew the boxes of evidence were ready for him at the police station.

"He could have picked it up any time," Fox said. "We called his office, his secre-"Your honor's ignorance of tary and his cell phone and

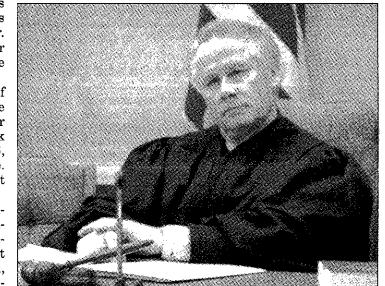
court with a plan," Fox said. heroin addiction, and his "He wanted adjournment on mother, Anne. Iske was this case because he wasn't Anne Marasco's bookkeeper. prepared. That was his way Police said Iske's murder

Wayne County prosecuting attorney.

was the City's first since Rataj was out of jail and shortly after World War II. back in City court the next Marasco is accused of

afternoon. He apologized to having a financial motive for paying Andre Lamar Williams, 36, and Derrick Anthony Thompson, 46, both of Detroit, to kill Iske. Police said the contract price was \$3,400.

Williams last week plead-14. She had two bullets to ed guilty to being the gunman. In exchange for truthful testimony against Thompson, "I think he came into beneficiary being treated for tence has been reduced to a





during an aborted hearing last week in City of Grosse Pointe Municipal Court. To Marasco's left are Anto-

nio D. Tuddles, attorney for Derrick Anthony Thompson, seated left, one of two Detroit men Marasco is

accused of hiring to kill a woman in Marasco's driveway. Standing in back are City PSO Christopher

Cotzias; Lt. James Fox, lead detective and acting City public safety director; and Robert Stevens, assistant

Below, right, Judge Russell Ethridge displays displeasure for how the preliminary hearing is proceeding.

News

Photos by Brad Lindberg Joseph Michael Marasco, accused of murder, leans forward to confer with his attorney, Michael Rataj,

ceptable," Rataj countered. That did it. "I will deal with your con-

Fox attributed Rataj's

The residence is home to Marasco and behavior to a stalling tactic. Marasco, who is a trust fund Williams' potential life sen-

Ethridge, who cut the sen-

tence and fine in half,

allowed him back on the

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Iske was found dead June

the head and lay in the dri-

veway of 21 Dodge Place.

of getting it."

\$1,800.

City council nixes internal gag order

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

Muzzles are for mongrels. not elected officeholders.

Most members of the City of Grosse Pointe council said as much this week.

They rejected an attempted internal gag order restricting whom they can and can't talk to, and under what circumstances.

Self-imposed censorship had been proposed by Councilwoman Jean Weipert.

She's concerned that certain colleagues have been acting more like lone wolves than teammates.

Weipert wants to prevent fellow council members breaking from the pack and dealing with developers trying to pave political shortcuts to lucrative construction projects planned for the nity." Village.

"I'm talking Sunrise (Development), I'm talking Kercheval Place, I'm people to have individual More than a year ago com-

contact with any developer." enforce that?" asked Chris Walsh, councilman. "If a guy down the street says he's interested in doing a develsupposed to ---"

Hall," Weipert interrupted. "I'm trying to create a ceninformation so we're all getting the same information."

"A lot of time one or two council people meet with a developer who asks what they think about (proposals)," said Councilman Richard Clarke. "I think that's improper. I don't think it should happen."

"It happens all the time," said Councilman John Stevens. "We can't sequester ourselves from the commu-

The present council is in a (about) position to chart the City's course for decades to come:

• Sunrise Development talking all the Lot No. 2 pro- has responded to decades of posals," Weipert said. "It's clamor about the need for not appropriate for council senior living in the Pointes.

Pointes for Peace forum

Thomas Bishop Gumbleton will address a Leo Roman Catholic Church public forum sponsored by in Detroit, the founding Pointes for Peace at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 20, in USA, and co-founder of the the lower-level "Ark" of St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Human Rights. He also is an Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park.

Gumbleton's presentation is titled "Some Current Challenges to Peacemakers: Proliferation, Nuclear China, Haiti, and Other Surprises in Pandora's Box."

A longtime national and international peace activist,

J. Gumbleton is pastor of St. president of Pax Christi Michigan Coalition for author and public speaker on causes related to peace and social justice.

> The program is free and open to the public.

Carol Bendure at (313) 882-7732 or e-mail pointesforpeace@yahoo.com.

pany officials chose the either in person, through "How are you going to Village for a four-story, the mail or any other form of senior-oriented condominium complex on St. Clair through south of Kercheval.

• After three years of opment in the City, am I being vacant, the former bers. All council members Jacobson's building on (shall) direct any inquiries "You say, 'Contact City Kercheval has been bought from a potential developer by a local businessman or agent for a potential determined to transform it developer to the city managtralized system for getting into a vibrant array of shops, offices and condominiums.

> • Renderings have been submitted for an equally dynamic four-story center of retail, offices and condos on what is now municipal parking lot No. 2, located north of Kercheval between Notre Dame and St. Clair. Three developers are competing for the job.

Given all the buzz in the Village, Weipert wants a unified voice speaking for the City.

"To me, that's City Hall," she said, referring to the role of city manager.

Due to recent resignations, the City lacks a city manager and an assistant city manager. Council members plan this week to review eight applications for the top job. A final decision is targeted for March.

Weipert codified her wishes in a proposed resolution:

"In the interest of fairness and objectivity, it is inappropriate for individuals on council to meet with or have conversation with any potential developers or persons acting as agent for any potential developers outside of an open meeting," Weipert wrote.

She wanted to ban poten-For more information, call tial developers and their representatives from attempting "to contact individual council members

communication other than communication delivered to and through City Hall to all council memer."

"You're trying to define it so narrowly," said Walsh. "What if a Village merchant wants to move across the street? Are they a potential developer?"

"I don't think they are going to come to you or me if they want to move across the street," Weipert said.

"Part of our role as elected officials is to dialogue with people everywhere, from the dock at the marina, the Village, church, wherever," said Mayor Dale Scrace. "That's the nature of a small town. We are a small town."

"We should establish a level of trust among us without putting something in writing," said Kris Phaehler, councilman.

"Each of us has to do what we think is right," Scrace said. "I'll take a call from anybody. We need to keep open dialogue."

"We need to respect each other and we have to communicate openly," Clarke said.

"It is important that we are all on the same page in terms of the flow of information," Weipert said. "I felt it was important to get the issue out so we could discuss it."

"It brought up some excellent points," Scrace said.

The resolution never went to a vote.

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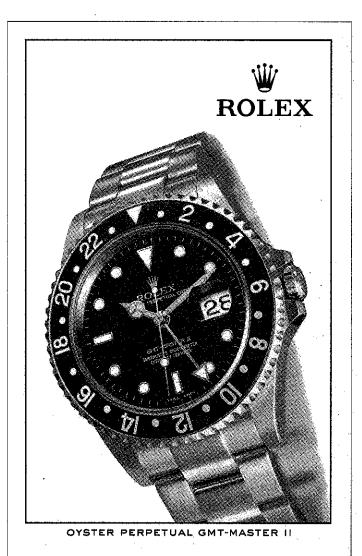
Thompson, accused of being the getaway driver, faces first-degree murder charges and the prospect of held, I would act like that," life in prison. In court last Tuddles said. "It was a clear week Stevens announced an case of contempt, but cenadditional count against sure should have been Thompson of conspiracy to something less than being commit murder in the first removed from the case." degree.

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hearing Rataj scuttled. Tuddles sympathized with Rataj.

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Stevens called adjourn-Thompson and his attor- ment a "major inconve-



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AA News February 16, 200 Grosse Pointe New Native of Syria finds art, life in the Farms

By Margie Reins Smith Special Writer

Grosse Pointe Farms artist Hala Besmar paints with oil and acrylic, but she's always open to new artistic ventures.

She was open to a new lifestyle, too, some two dozen years ago. She and her new husband moved from Damascus, Svria, to Oklahoma.

"I guess you could say I have 'guts," she said.

Besmar was born and raised in Damascus. She attended private schools and skipped three grades: the first, 10th and 11th. After graduation, she attended Damascus University, where she studied English literature, but left just one year short of earning a degree.

"I spoke English all my life," she said, "but Arabic was my main language. Also, I was always interested in art. I've done sketches all my life."

She met and married Dr. Bashar Ksebati while in Damascus. "His sister and my sister were friends. We met on a Saturday. We were married the next Friday," she said, with a smile. "This was unusual."

The couple moved to Oklahoma in 1982 so Ksebati could pursue a Ph.D. and work as a teaching assistant at the University of Oklahoma.

"I was excited to be in Oklahoma with my husband," she said. "He encouraged me to get involved in the community. I met everybody and felt welcomed, but I missed my friends and family at home in Syria. I took some classes in pottery and ceramics."

Besmar said life in the United States was not what she expected. "Because of what we saw on TV, we thought everybody in the United States lived in high buildings. In Oklahoma, we lived in an apartment. It was very different. Also, in





Syria it is very crowded. It's not crowded in Oklahoma."

Cooking and household chores were new to Besmar. In Syria, Besmar's family hired others to do the cleaning, cooking and maintenance. "I learned and I loved my new life," she said.

"My husband wanted to build a new life here without monetary help from his family. He wanted to depend on himself, not his family. I think this made me strong. When you start

from scratch, it makes you strong. I've had to prove that I'm worthy and I've had to build my own selfesteem."

Besmar said she immediately became active in the Oklahoma University community. She took classes to pursue her interests in art more seriously.

"I had time on my hands and I had lots of energy," she said. She later became a ceramics and pottery instructor at the First

Grosse Pointe Farms artist Hala Besmar prefers to use mixed media, usually oil and acrylics to paint her favorite subjects which include flowers and animals.

Above, the artist with one of her paintings.

Besmar used simple wooden boxes to create works-of-art, including one for the University of Michigan, where her son goes to school, right.

Baptist Church International School. She also taught classes in sewing and hair design.

Wayne State University hired Ksebati to run its chemistry department's Nuclear Magnetic Resonance facility. His current title is senior research scientist and manager of the NMR facility.

The couple settled in Grosse Pointe Farms because of its reputation for excellent schools. Fares, 14, is a student at Grosse Pointe South High School and Cinderella, 6, goes to Kerby Elementary School. Waseem, 19, their oldest son, is a pre-med student at the University of Michigan.

"I love Grosse Pointe," Besmar said. "It's safe. It has good schools. I love the park. The children have something to do all the time."

Besmar's creative talents are expressed in mixed media, usually oil and acrylics.

"I love the rich look, the shine, the texture of (oil and acrylic paint)."

Her subject matter is wide-ranging. She paints houses, animals, (especially leopards and zebras), flowers, still life and scenes of California. She usually takes dozens of photographs of her subject, and then works on the painting in her basement studio. She has been a member of the

fashion show in 2003 and will serve on the committee again this year.

Her other volunteer efforts include: donating custom paintings of the homes of the winners of the **Grosse Pointe Farms** Fishing Rodeo; executing the artwork for Kerby Elementary School's annual carnival; teaching taught art and Arabic to Kerby students during lunchtime enrichment programs; presenting puppet shows for the school; and being a face. painter for a variety of local organizations' fundraisers.

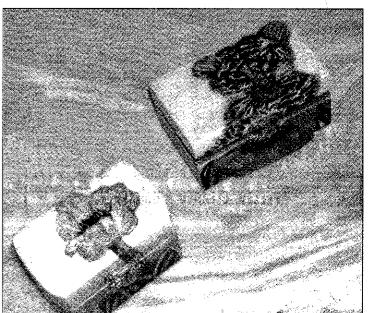
Last summer, she did face painting at the weekly West Park Market and donated the earnings to the GPAA.

"I like to try new things. One time at Kerby School, I volunteered to do a mural about 'The Wizard of Oz.' I didn't know anything about 'The Wizard of Oz,' but by the time I watched the movie a dozen times, I could almost recite the lines for the actors."

The American Syrian Arab Cultural Association is another of Besmar's interests. She has been on its board of directors for the last two years.

"They meet every month for dinner and a program," she said. "Sometimes the program is music, sometimes poetry, sometimes it's a talk.

She has a gallery for her artwork in Ann Arbor — a



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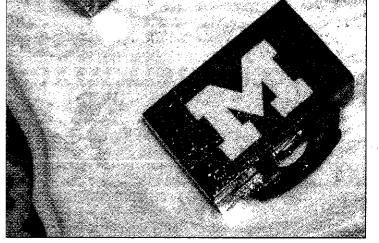
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Grosse Pointe Artists Association for the last 14 vears.

"I work on a project day and night for a few months," she said. "Then I take a few months off."

One of her favorite paintings, "Peace Convention," hangs in her home. It's an oil painting of penguins that look very much like a group of diplomats discussing international policies. They're all dressed in tuxedos — as penguins always are. Arranged in small groups, she sees them as representatives of various countries, all talking about politics.

"I was going to put bow ties on them in the colors of the countries they represent," she said. "But I later decided to leave that detail to the viewer's imagination. "I love bright colors and flowers. Such subject matter is therapeutic, it reflects on people and makes them feel happy. I like to make people happy."

Besmar volunteers for many Grosse Pointe groups. She serves as first vice president of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association (GPAA) and has managed the children's art tent for the GPAA Art Festival for seven years. She was the art and design chairman for the Grosse Pointe South High School Mothers' Club's room in the building where her son, Waseem, lives.

She also teaches the basics of art to children from 6 to 8 years old at the GPAA's headquarters. The most recent session had 10 children enrolled.

"I teach them things $I^{\circ\circ}$ learned on my own, but wished I had learned from a teacher," she said.

"We would take a tour of (the artwork on display) and one time I showed them about the use of colors, shading and highlights. Another time we talked about the size of paintings. Other times I talked about media; and the frames; and how the artist gets his idea across."

The current session has already begun, but those wishing more information can call the GPAA at (313) 821-1848.

"My oldest son, Waseem, is a volunteer at St. John Hospital. He came home with this thought: Do you know why volunteers don't get paid?' he said. I was so touched by the answer. He said, 'Because their work is priceless."

"Volunteers get to really know people," she said. "If you just say 'hello' and 'have a nice day' and 'goodbye,' you often don't get to know people's nice sides. Every time you get involved, you learn a lot."





New library receipt system receives mixed reviews

By Beth Quinn Staff Writer

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At what price is progress? This might describe how some the Grosse Pointe Public Library patrons view the new receipt system implemented in October be replaced with printed 2005.

The new system gives wrist injuries. patrons a paper receipt showing the due date for the from stamping can cause Ewald librarians that I must complaints from a number of sand were produced at a cost

checked-out item. It replaces injuries," Bloom said. "It have been the thousandth the old way of stamping the became an issue of health due date on a label adhered to the item.

According to Library Director Vickey Bloom, staff board of trustees meeting, members asked the stamps receipts in order to prevent

"The repetitive motion

and ergomomics. Many other area libraries have it." At the library's Jan. 23 Grosse Pointe Park resident Elizabeth Robert voiced her displeasure of the new system.

"I was told by one of the employees are getting verbal

person to complain about the new system. They said no one likes it," Robert told the trustees.

After the meeting, two. regulars meeting approached Robert to tell her they agree. While circulation desk

library users, Bloom and the library board have received eight letters or e-mails from patrons who find the paper receipts to be inconvenient. To help patrons keep

track of their receipts, the Library has given out magnetic paper clips and holders with pocket sleeves. Bloom estimates that a few thou-

of 52 cents apiece.

"The magnetic pocket holder is made specifically for libraries, so that tells you how many libraries are using the system," she said.

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However, Robert and other patrons are not satisfied magnets are the answer to their paper trail dilemma.

"I don't need another piece of paper on my refrigerator," said Robert.

She stated that when she asked a librarian for the manual stamper she was told all the stampers were taken away.

Robert and other patrons who check out more that one item at a time cite they have overdue items because they have difficulty keeping track of everything listed on one sheet of paper. However, other patrons like the convenience of having one list of due dates because they can check off items as they return them.

Dissatisfied patrons have asked librarians to have the stamps and labels available for patrons to stamp the due date themselves. Robert feels the library should be more accommodating to its patrons.

"Let's do what the customer wants," she said. "The customer should be served." Bloom does not see the

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School candidates unopposed

By Ann L. Fouty Staff Writer

Brendan Walsh and Fred Minturn are running unopposed for the two seats on the Grosse Pointe Board of Education.

Walsh is seeking a fouryear term and Minturn has filed for the one-year seat, completing a term of former board member Joan Richardson. She resigned in



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July 2005.

Walsh was selected from a field of six candidates to take Richardson's seat until the regular election date of May 2. He is now seeking the position held by Jeff Broderick who decided not to run. Broderick is joining his wife in retirement.

"I've enjoyed working with the administration. It's been serve." an honor to Broderick said.

Minturn believes his background in finance will be an asset to the district. If elected, he plans to assist in managing finances to maximize the quality of education.

Following a board request last fall, Minturn has been assisting the district in financial matters. He said during that time he has helped improve the financial transparency. Additionally, he and board members have changed the way the budget is reviewed by evaluating individual departments.

Walsh, too, is proud of his part in the district's accomplishments in the past six months and sees a challenging four years. Board members will need to present a quality educational program through different means, he said.

"I'm encouraged by the progress made this year. I'm encouraged by the role I played in that progress. I have a broader goal to continue to improve the board's ability."

Going into the job, which pays \$30 per meeting, he understood the time commitment and the complexity of the issues facing the board which, he noted, is tempered by the board mémbers passion for their jobs. Yet, there will be other challenges, he said.

"There is no easy answer. The challenge will be part of the equation. We must continue to excel and achieve in a different way," he said.

Digging up money for dredging north of Vernier

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

Some lakeside homeowners will dig deep to dredge their shoreline of washed-up soil and vegetation.

The offer comes from advocates of an estimated \$5 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Shores.

"I've talked to a few people body else helped." who say they would be willing to pay their fair share,"

said Rankin Peck, one of 33 homeowners in the affected area.

\$5 million dollars divided equally among the properties comes to more than \$151,000 each.

million reclamation project every single person from 33 behind residential property homes to pay a huge amount on Lakeshore north of of money," Peck said. "But I'm sure that a majority would pay as long as some-

> "Somebody" includes the village, meaning taxpayers.

shoreline to 1960s conditions when modifications to Shores municipal marina included closing tunnels that carried shoreline curstream.

Peck said financial fallout from accretion — or sediment deposited along the shoreline — threatens all Shores residents. He and other Lakeshore residents claim accretion already has

Goals include restoring a hurt property values. A the late 1990s examining body would participate and section of Lake St. Clair decline in taxable value how man-made projections, could result in \$1 million such as Osius Park marina, less tax revenue and reduced municipal services, Peck believes.

"The Shores can't afford to "I'm sure we won't get rents and sediment down- lose \$1 million per year in property taxes," he said.

Some Lakeshore residents already have paid more than their share to address the issue.

Becky Booth said she and her husband, John, have spent nearly \$250,000 since

affect the flow of sediment downstream.

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We've had these studies published and shared them with everyone," said Becky Booth. "It's a contribution to the community. It's time for other folks to step up."

Peck, the Booths and a few other residents are requesting state and federal permission to dredge about 160,000 cubic yards of sand, soil and vegetation from a concave section of shoreline behind their homes. The area comprises about 80 acres above the Shores municipal park toward Gaukler Point, site of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford Estate.

"We heard through the grapevine that one of the neighbors has said if everythe city would get involved, they would consider contributions," Becky Booth said. "Everybody should make a significant contribution."

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Because modifications to the municipal marina are being cited as contributing to accretion upstream, dredging advocates suggest reclamation should be paid by the village's insurance carrier.

"If a tree in your front yard is blown over and crushes your neighbor's car, your tree has caused damage to somebody else," said Joann Fitzgerald Ross, attorney working with the Booths and others. "Doesn't vour insurance cover damage caused by your tree to your neighbor?"

"Village insurance covers

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two systems.

"We can't have two systems because of the expense. of the extra supplies and the time involved," she said.

Bloom thinks disgruntled patron need to give the new system a chance. She said there is usually an adjustment period when a new system is implemented. She used the analogy of the conversion from card catalogs to the automatized catalog system.

"I can just imagine the adjustment from card catalogs to automatize system. There must have been a zillion complaints and problems," Bloom said. "Now we wouldn't think about going back."

Other area libraries experienced similar adjustment problems after the conversion to printed receipts. Some have implemented alternative ways to help patrons keep track of due dates.

"In addition to the printing receipts, our patrons can keep track of their due dates online. For those that can't or don't want to use a computer, we place automated telephone reminders. And to

people who don't want either However, we try to discour- said Larry Neal, director of one of those, we will even age that because paper and feasibility of maintaining mail postcard reminders. postage is very expensive,"

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The Ewald branch library displays a sample of the magnetic paper clips which are free to patrons as a way to keep track of printed due-date receipts. In the background, is Debby Dumler, circulation clerk. (SLUG: Library receipt)

Clinton the Macomb Library. Patrons of the Grosse

Pointe Library can retrieve due date information by going online to the library's Web site, www.gp.lib.mi.us. At the January board

meeting, Library Board President Harvey Weaver told Robert the board will look into the situation.

"We heard your input," Weaver said. "We will discuss it with the director and get back to vou."

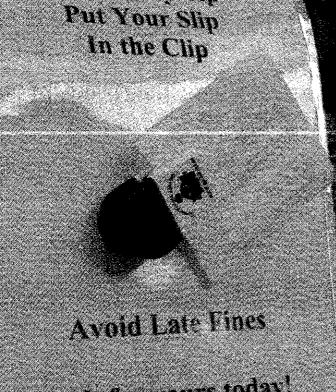
When asked recently about a timeframe, Weaver said he wanted to give the system more time before investigating complaints.

"Six months would be the minimum amount of time to evaluate the adjustment," he said. " At some point, we would look at what percent of our patrons is having a problem."

Weaver also noted two new branch libraries have spurred a growth in circulation, making the manual stamp system very time-consuming and labor intensive. "In the first week of operation, the new Woods branch checked out 7.382 items." said Weaver, "With that volume, printed receipts are necessary."

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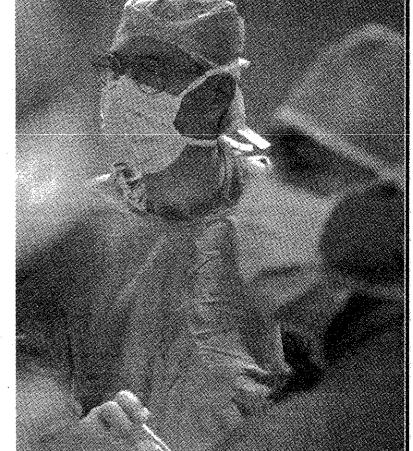
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Councilwoman seeks to gag elected peers

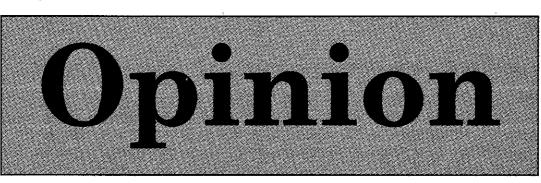
ity of Grosse Pointe elected officials apparently have been too diligent, at least according to Councilwoman Jean Weipert, who submitted a resolution Monday night for her colleagues' approval.

The resolution would have forbade city council members and, presumably, the mayor from talking to potential developers in the City except under supervised, controlled situations. Here is Ms. Weipert's resolution:

The City of Grosse Pointe Council is currently in the midst of deliberating the merits of several large development projects in or near the Village.

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act all deliberations of the Council are to take place at a public meeting or at a legally called closed session of Council.

Any decisions of Council should be based on information presented to the entire council at an open



meeting or at a legally called closed session.

In the interest of fairness and objectivity it is inappropriate for individuals on council to meet with or have conversation with any potential developers or persons acting as agent for any potential developers outside of an open meeting:

In the interest of fairness and objectivity it is inappropriate for potential developers or persons acting as agent for any potential developers to contact or attempt to contact individual council members either in person, through the mail or through any other form of communication (other than through communication delivered to and through City Hall to all council members);

Now therefore BE IT RESOLVED that

1) All council members abstain from meeting with or speaking to any potential developer or agent for a potential developer other than at a meeting of Council held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act;

2) All council members direct any inquiries from a potential developer or agent for a potential developer to the City Manager;

3) At their earliest convenience all council members shall deliver to the City Manager any written materials delivered by any potential developer or agent for a potential developer to an individual council person (other than materials delivered through City Hall) so that all such materials can be copied and distributed to all other members of Council; and

4) A letter from the City Manager, along with a copy of this resolution, shall be delivered to all potential developers or agents for potential developers requesting that individual communication (meaning all communication outside of Open Meetings) with council members

cease immediately, and that any and all future communications be directed to the City Manager, the City Planner or the City Attorney, as may be appropriate.

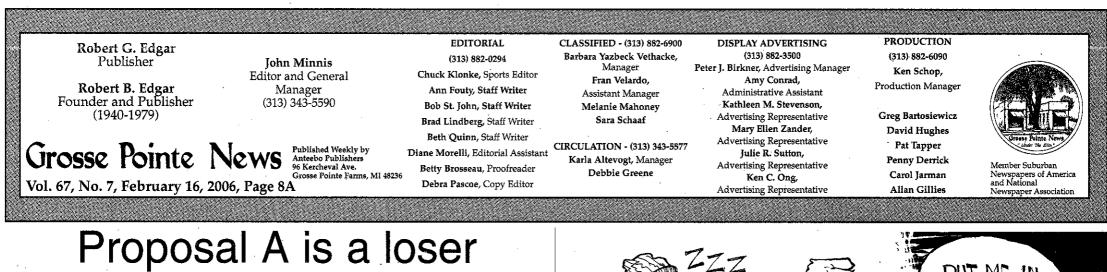
We are not sure what prompted Ms. Weipert's concerns. She did not specify one particularly egregious instance in which a council member may have been unduly and privately influenced by a developer.

Council members are beholden to the public that elected them, not to the city manager, the mayor or anyone else. Elected officials may talk to anyone at anytime they choose. Their only limitation is when a quorum is present. Then such meetings must be posted and open to the public.

Fortunately, Ms. Weipert failed to get support for her resolution and a vote was not taken.

We are alarmed, though, at this attempt to censure elected officials. Members of the council should not be prevented from seeking additional information concerning a project. In fact, they should be commended for doing more than merely attending public meetings and accepting what is fed them.

Hopefully this is the last we will hear of this authoritarian nonsense.



re property values and schools important to you? What has Michigan's Proposal A done for **Grosse Pointe?**

• A shift from local to state control over Grosse Pointe school funding.

• State imposed funding caps contribute to our school funding crisis. Significant reductions in school services for kids will be the tradeoff. 965

• The quality of the Grosse Pointe schools is at stake.

Diminished property values. ۲ Despite what your tax assessor tells you, your values have gone down in recent years.

• Elevated property taxes for many

no allowance for inflation.

• The bottom line is that the state controls our school funding, while it limits and restricts how and how much we can raise locally. State control!

• We are paying more in this Grosse Pointe to get less over time.

• How do we maintain the high quality of our schools under this arrangement?

Property taxes/property values

 Under Proposal A, a dramatic popup in property taxes is triggered when an individual in Michigan purchases a home. The existing homeowner may have been paying, say, \$5,500 in taxes, which would elevate to say \$8,500 immediately after purchase. Great housewarming gift!



(pop-up upon new purchase), creating unequal taxation and a disincentive to invest in real estate.

• Tax revenue generated from the pop-up in property tax does not stay in our community. Other Michigan communities are exempt from the pop-up.

Grosse Pointe school funding:

• A dramatic shift away from local funding has occurred. The state of Michigan provides the majority of funding (78 percent) for the Grosse Pointe school system. Prior to Proposal A, local funding provided the majority (approximately 70 percent).

• The state is collecting our local property tax dollars and spreading them evenly among all Michigan districts.

• The state has legally capped the per pupil funding amount for all Michigan districts.

• In addition, the amount we can raise locally, to offset the state limitation, is also capped by the state, with

• First-time home buyers, people moving up, seniors downsizing ----Proposal A impacts all of us out there except for those who have been in their homes for a long time and plan to stay long term. You can figure out the impact on the real estate market. Count the for-sale signs in your neighborhood.

• This pop-up in taxes could be as large as 50 to 100 percent. Not a great incentive to invest in real estate.

• I thought unequal taxation was illegal! You could be paying almost double the property tax amount as your neighbor in a comparable home on the same street with the same city services. Do we live in America?

• Where does this incremental tax money go? For all of this pain, it stays

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Letters

Sports and music curriculum

To the Editor:

I have issue with recent references by various members of our community that "the arts" hold more value than athletics and find this attitude more than a little self-serving and inaccurate (Grosse Pointe News letters to the editor: "Instrumental music," Feb. 9; "School district's proposed changes." Feb. 2; "Alternatives for new curriculum," Jan. 19). Who can judge that the sport or a music experience is more important to an individual child's development?

The various extra activities that my kids have enjoyed in the Grosse Pointe Public School System have helped mold them through valuable experiences.

Our family also participated in both the choir and music programs through elementary school and middle school, but in high school chose athletics. They have experienced teamwork, commitment, diligence and time management skills to accomplish their daily work. They suffered through failures and thrilled at successes. Their coaches served as leaders and role models.

I suspect that a family who chose an "arts" experience could express similar accolades over their programs.

The point is, who can judge what will be the "violin" for each student — it may be band, the stage, ice (Grosse Pointe South High School newspaper). The important thing to realize is little interest for another. that these extracurricular activities — I feel that anything held outside the school

day is extracurricular provide a place for kids to "belong," to commit to, and they all are of equal importance and value in the big picture of education.

Finally, a few facts that are confirmable. Last school year, 60 percent of Grosse Pointe South students, 956 student athletes, participated in at least one sport. Another fact: out of the 25 students who graduated with a cumulative 4.0 or better from Grosse Pointe South last June, 84 percent of them were varsity athletes.

High school athletics along with choir, instrumental music, other arts programs and extracurricular hockey, track, or The Tower activities help each kid develop into an individual. What attracts one may hold

Instead of trying to per-

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A spoonful of kindness

he has always been a thoughtful gal. You know she will show up with a pot of delicious, homemade soup or a special casserole if you are under the weather. Once, after I had surgery, she arrived with several bags overflowing with three complete days of prepared meals. Now, that is thoughtfulness with follow through. Our cups truly overflow when we have friends like this. Her generosity knows no bounds.

I overheard someone telling my friend what a nice thing she had done for a group of women. I asked what her most recent act of kindness had been. She said, "Oh nothing," and changed the subject.

My friend has had a beautiful relationship with her aunt for many years. The aunt's only child lives in the East and must be incredibly grateful that he doesn't have to worry about his mom. She is a spry 90 and gets out with friends often. A warm and kind woman; she is good company for all ages. Her niece and her husband take their aunt out for meals often and love to share her enthusiasm when they take her downtown to gamble. She adores it.

She takes an annual trip up north to their cottage each summer, where she enjoys gambling at the local casino and shopping. This fun lady has the stamina of a much younger woman, and she thrives on sightseeing and discovering new restaurants. She has a wonderful curiosity about her surroundings, is a good conversationalist and is interested in anything new.

Last year it was decided that it would be sensible for Aunt Dorothy to move into a retirement setting, where, if ever needed, there would be assisted living. The move went

smoothly, and the adjustment was an easy process as well. A few weeks ago while chatting with her niece, the aunt said she really missed the taste of a good lamb chop. (While the food at her new residence is perfectly adequate, lamb chops are certainly not among the usual fare.) My friend said that perhaps she could do something about that and nothing more was said on the subject.

Discreet phone calls were made to the director of the building and the chef. They were most cooperative and happily involved in the impending surprise. The menu was discussed along with instructions concerning the preparation of the meat. When eight residents sat down to dinner at their usual table on the big night, they were astounded to discover a sumptuous meal of lamb chops with all the trimmings, including mint jelly and a delicious cherry pie to complete the repast.

The secret benefactor was thrilled and surprised to receive a lovely thank-you note signed by all those in attendance. I hope the recipients of her kindness realize that she enjoyed her part in the happy conspiracy every bit as much as they did. She's that kind of woman, one who truly believes it is better to give than to receive.

Well done, Susan (and I don't mean the lamb chops).

- Offering from the loft

More letters on page 10A

Answer me this

During one of the last 2005 outdoor neighbor gettogethers, we gathered around the fire "pit." It was a dark night, a few stars dotted the sky. We wore sweatshirts and clutched a beverage to keep the chill at bay. The evening progressed as we caught up with each other's lives, aired our views of community problems and questioned politicians' solutions.

Our little group of four households watched as the logs crackled and burned. We laugh often and handle the good-natured ribbing from one another. The "Mayor" presides over our gathering. The mayor-pro could master, what would it tem keeps the hot air in the

burner going. It's a happy group who have found their way together despite the varying backgrounds, educational levels and life experiences.

As the topics wain, the newest neighbor pulls out a book to provoke thought and conversation.

The mayor's wife takes the "hot seat" and the question is posed. "If there was one odor in the world you could eliminate, what would it be?" •

She jumps from the plastic chair and yells, "I know." And as if by intuition, the wives shout out an agreement and laugh heartily.

(Asking the question of Sports Editor Chuck Klonke, he said, "A hockey locker room.")

Another question is posed. If there was one dance you be? Answers range from



"Saturday Night Fever" style dancing to the waltz, and the Latin dances which steam up mirrors in dance studios.

Question three: If there was one voice that everyone would be speaking, whose voice would it be?

This was for the newest neighbor and she mentioned her husband's former wife.

"What? I can't help it. I like her voice," she said as her husband scowled at her. Thank goodness that won't happen. I can't imag-

ine hearing one tone of voice forever. It would quickly get old. Can you imagine one voice droning on from every person you meet on the street, every voice that comes over the phone, every oration on the movie screen and one tone on the radio and every newscaster would pronounce each word in the same pitch, tone, inflection and intonation?

But the one question that stopped us dead was this ---"If there was one disease in the world we could eliminate, what would it be?"

Cancer came to mind immediately to many.

Wait. Is that really the answer?

Wouldn't the eradication of mental illness be a significant improvement to the world? What about lupus? Juvenile diabetes? AIDS? Multiple scerlosis? Heart disease? Addiction? What about arthritis? Isn't muscular dystrophy worth a cure? Or Hepatitis B or C? Epilepsy, obesity or strokes?

Can we stretch this to **Rudeness?** prejudice? **Impatience?** Greed? Lying and hate?

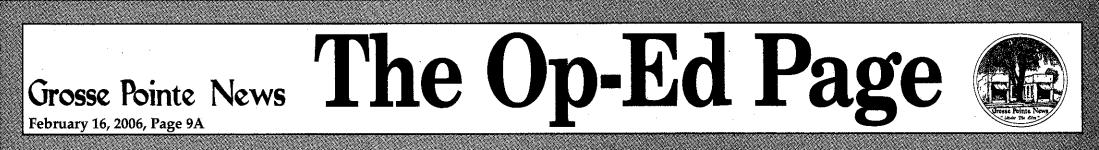
There are so many illnesses infecting the world. There are a multitude of genetic defects and sicknesses due to our chemical world. Wouldn't it be nice to wave a hand and say "it's gone today, tomorrow and forever?"

The question is a heavy one. For each of us around the fire, we had a disease that had ripped into the family and cut our hearts. One that had caused heartache and many a tear to fall. It was that disease that each of us silently said in an instance.

The conversation ensued and we each agreed with the other. We wished cancer hadn't taken her best friend. We wished heart disease hadn't taken his father. We didn't like the thought that mental illness plagues a brother. And that her mother's joints ache from arthritis. We worry about the asthmatic and the son who is afflicted with ADHD.

There are too many answers for this question and we didn't have a definitive answer.

What would your answer



Absent

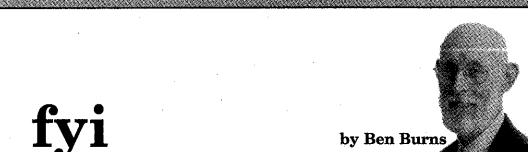
When the attendance officer at Grosse Pointe North High School called last week to find out why a 3.98 gradepoint honors student who plays football and runs track was missing from school, she got an unexpected answer: Luke Donohue was in the Dominican Republic helping doctors with open-heart surgery.

who speaks "Luke, Spanish, thanks to the teachers at North," had cleared the week's absence from class with the principal's office, his father, John, said, but word hadn't reached the attendance folks.

The story of the trip goes back to last year when three teenagers from \mathbf{the} Dominican Republic came to the Detroit area for heart catheterization operations. The Donohues were hosts to a youth named Carlos. The trio was sponsored by a medical device maker for children with holes in their hearts.

Luke, a junior, took Carlos to football practice. A trip to a Detroit Tigers game was arranged where they met Pudge Rodriquez and the other Latino players, and the players signed autographs.

Carlos and Luke became friends; Luke was at the



surgery was performed, and him to accompany them. he got to know the doctors. But the operation didn't solve the problem for Carlos and one of the other patients.

So the doctors scheduled a trip to Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic for last week to perform open-heart surgery and, having noted the friendship between hospital when the corrective Carlos and Luke, invited

Luke acted as an interpreter at the clinic in Central America, helped fetch and carry supplies and explained to Spanish-speaking parents what was happening to their children, that wasn't all that easy when you consider that medical terminology is not what students normally study in high school Spanish classes. "I think it was a wonder-

ful experience, and the doctors at Children's Hospital may have spurred Luke's interest in medicine," John, an estate planning attorney, said.

The attendance officers at North were proud to list Luke as an excused absence.

And if you have a similar collection, you should watch for the Donohues' ad in the Grosse Pointe News.

Life signs

The new Thai food restaurant, TN'Thai, on the corner of St. Clair and Kercheval in the City, has been pulling big crowds for lunch and dinner in its first weeks of operation. Restaurant critics and regular folks say the food is excellent. The hostess says they get busiest between 7:30 and 8:30 p.m.

Early or late are the best times to get seated quickly. Or you can order carry-out that will be prepared in 30 minutes, and you can breeze right*by the crowd at the door and take your Thai feast home to eat. Then you

it was remodeled. It will be interesting to learn what the workmen discover when they get to that area.

The Clairpointe by the way has recently gone completely smoke free, which non-smokers deeply appreciate.

Angel

The Panera Bread in the Village has quickly become a hangout for folks seeking a pleasant, safe atmosphere, including students and adults. "They really have become a part of the community," said Kathy Noveselski.

And one reason Noveselski and others enjoy Panera is the friendly counter help, one of whom, Angel Taylor, has been with the location almost since it opened.

Last Thursday at work Angel got word that her Detroit home was on fire and Noveselski rushed her to the scene.

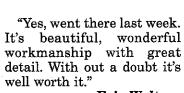
"The upstairs was engulfed in flames, and I think the house was totaled." Noveselski said She and other Panera friends decided to raise some funds to help Angel recover, but discovered that corporate policy would not allow a collection box in the store. So if you are one of Angel's customers and would like to help her recover, you may put a check in an envelope for her and give it to the Panera manager, who will see that she gets it. Ben Burns of the City of Grosse Pointe is a professor in the journalism program at Wayne State University. He can be reached at burnsben@comcast.net or by phone at (313) 882-2810.



Ouestion of the Week: Have you been to the new Wood's Public Library? Do you think the money spent was worth it?



Eric Walters



Eric Walters Grosse Pointe Woods

"No I haven't been there yet but planning on visiting. It's well worth it." Adam Stemler

Grosse Pointe Woods

"Not yet but I plan on it. It looks beautiful from the out-

Grosse Pointe Woods

"No, I have not, but my

wife and daughter have. I

think it's well worth it."

Steve Bennett

side. It looks well worth the

money spent."



Adam Stemler



Steve Bennett



Michael Schaefer

Dan Sylvester **Grosse Pointe Woods**

"My wife and children have been there. I hope it's worth it. There are lots of unanswered questions on the funding.

Michael Schaefer Grosse Pointe Woods

"I think it's cool! I like to go there and look at all the children's books." Charlotte Duus, age 5 Monteith School

Grosse Pointe Woods

Charlotte Duus

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

The above aforementioned John Donohue and his wife, **Julie**, are planning a trip to the Dominican Republic in June to visit Carlos. They plan to lug along baseball mitts, baseballs and soccer shoes for the children of Santo Domingo.

"There must be 50,000 such items in closets in Grosse Pointe," John said. "I'm thinking of running an ad asking for donations."

I had to confess that we have a fair number of those items in our sports equipment storage that I will donate come spring.

can kick back and watch a movie while you eat your crispy duck or pad Thai.

TN'Thai is a great sign of new life for the Village as workmen are quietly starting renovations inside the old Jacobson's Department Store building across St. Clair.

I am told by one of my sources that the part of Jacobson's across from the Clairpointe Restaurant on St. Clair contained a service garage prior to its incarnation as part of a department store. The rumor is that a small plane or ice boat fuselage was sealed inside the loft part of the garage when

Chuck Gaidica to address annual GOP fundraiser

District will hold its annual fundraiser at 6 p.m., Thursday, March 2, at

Sindbad's Restaurant and Marina, 100 St. Clair, Detroit. Guest speaker will Chuck

be

Gaidica, Gaidica director of meteorology at WDIV Channel 4 since 1987.

"Chuck Gaidica brings a fascinating and unique perspective on the interaction of politics and the media," said Ed Joseph, chairman of 13th Republican the District. "Chuck will discuss his wealth of professional and personal experiences with media coverage of politics and elections."

Gaidica is a two-time

The 13th Republican one of his successes. His weathercast has been voted the top weathercast in town for many years in the Metro Times - Best of Detroit edition.

> Gaidica is an environmentalist and adventurer. He is an instrument-rated pilot and certified scuba diver. He has flown though the eye of a hurricane and chased tornadoes, bringing his viewers live reports from the Ed Joseph at (313) 343-Amazon and Hawaii.

Gaidica attended Southern Illinois University and graduated summa cum laude from William Tyndale College. Gaidica and his wife, Susan, have five children.

The 13th Republican District holds an annual fundraiser to raise monies to support local Republican candidates.

For more information, call 2900.

Contract extensions OK'd

and the second second

Construction should be scheduled on time for the spring and summer Program. months after members of Grosse Pointe Woods' city council, and Mayor Robert Novitke, approved two contract extensions during the Jan. 16 city council meeting.

A contract with Galui Emmy Award winner. Construction Co. was signed testing Broadcasting the weather in 2004 and extended on NBC's "Today Show" is through 2006 for the pro-

projects posed 2006 Miscellaneous Concrete Pavement Repair

> The second contract extension went to Tiseo Brothers Inc., who will complete the North Renaud Paving Project from South Renaud to Morningside.

> Each project has passed requirements, Wollenweber said.

-Bob St. John



Dan Sylvester

Opinion

From page 8A

local, correct? No, it

goes to the state to help fund rural, inner-city and lesser-funded school districts. It helps people outside of our community.

• Proposal A caps the per student funding amount. Regardless of how much we raise locally in terms of property and sales tax, only a set amount per student comes back to our school system for use locally.

• As anticipated, Proposal A has proven to be a true Robin Hood plan. Take tax money from what were the better-funded districts (such as Grosse Pointe) and distribute to the lesser-funded districts. These tax dollars are all distributed through our very efficient state government. It makes me feel good.

• Unequal taxation: The state recently approved a bill (Public Acts 338-340) that allowed certain "core" communities an exemption from the Proposal A pop-up in property taxes. Harper Woods and Detroit are core communities, and Grosse Pointe is not. The elevated taxes we pay in Grosse Pointe help fund the schools in these core communities. This should upset you!

Impact on local schools and property values:

• Loss of local control of school funding dollars. Funding control is with the state.

• Mediocrity: School districts come down to the lowest common denominator.

 A school funding crisis is not only inevitable, it is here today. Ask your local school about the proposed cutbacks and reductions required to operate within the allowed budget (set in part by the state).

• Forces local school districts to find creative work-arounds to Proposal A, such as the sinking-fund approach. School fundraisers, once fun and optional, will be required to make up the shortfalls.

 Diminishes property values and creates an environment of unequal taxation. Just ask your local Realtor.

 Proposal A is a cancer that slowly does bad things to our schools (the jewel of our community) and to property values. It must be changed.

What should Grosse Pointe residents do? Take action:

• Write your state representative and request immediate action (Dist001@house.mi.gov). Let's hold Lansing accountable.

 Educate yourself on the topic. It impacts all of us. Go to www.michigan.gov/mde

 Organize and educate the folks at your school (if you have school-age children or grandchildren). Get PTO your school involved today.

Do you want the state of Michigan controlling our schools? Can they do a better job?

Do you want depressed property values in Grosse Pointe? If not, take action

today. **Bob Rieth Grosse Pointe**

Woods

From page 8A

Letters

suade the school board that one group is inherently more important than another, I'd suggest that individual factions work toward providing a variety of opportunities to all.

> Debra G. **Halsey-Carmody** Grosse Pointe Park

Winter school break needed To the Editor:

I was very disappointed after reading the Grosse Feb. Pointe News 9 Streetwise article. The question of the week was "Is the public school system's winter break too long, or much needed?"

It only seems reasonable to me to ask a fair sample of people what they think. However, I noticed that out of the six people asked, six of them were adults.

Now, if it were me who was conducting this survey, I would be sure that at least three of the six people I asked were students in the public schools.

In civics class we just learned about poll taking and getting fair samples. For example, when taking a poll about school-related things, teachers, students, and parents should be surveyed, not random people who happened to run into a reporter from the Grosse Pointe News.

If people are asked who aren't aware of the facts behind the question, a fair sample of the people aren't heard.

The majority of people who were asked the question said that the public school system's winter break was too long or could be shorter. I simply find that ridiculous.

After several months of school without one break, knowing that winter break is coming up is the only thing that keeps me going.

I think that many adults forget what it is like to be a student. Between academics, clubs, student govern-

lives. They all know what admittedly true, and other school is like and how hard it can be. I'm really surprised the majority of them feel the way they do.

Offended

To the Editor:

Perhaps it is not entirely the fault of the writers of the Grosse Pointe News' X-tra Special Advice column that they manage to write about what should be a compelling and sensitive subject with such an obvious disregard of wit and taste.

It is, however, entirely the responsibility of the editors who regularly allow this column to display such vulgarity as was published in the Feb. 9 issue, "Putting the poopies in the potty."

I was appalled, but kept quiet a little over a year ago when the writers described their tsunami-themed birthday party after that great disaster, and I just stopped reading that column. But their newest headline was too offensive to ignore.

There must be other writers who are willing and more competent to offer insight into the needs of this community's "special" residents, young or old.

As editors, you owe readers much better content.

> E. Schweitzer **Grosse Pointe Farms**

'Grosse Pointe Moms'

To the Editor:

Curiosity killed the cat, and it is driving this "Grosse Pointe Mom" crazy. Crazy with wondering who took the time to compose and sing the song "Grosse Pointe Moms" that has been making the rounds via e-mail and i-tunes.

The only reason I know what an i-tune is, is because I have a 13-year-old son.

Many Grosse Pointe moms that I have talked to. thought the song had a great beat and that the mysterious singer has a nice voice

I sent the song to many of

while others analyzed it dur-

tions. All agreed that some

parts of the song were

verses just made us feel silly and misunderstood.

It is a fact that we are blessed with many things in Jon Manganello this community, but aren't Grosse Pointe South middle-class Americans in High School Freshman general? (Yes, I do consider my family middle class.) Isn't a mom in California doing basically the same things we are? What about across town in Troy?

I grew up in Troy and there are some differences, such as more moms working outside the home, and Troy does have a cosmopolitan feeling, with more businesses and shopping. But there are still moms playing tennis, joining book clubs, and buying things at Costco that they don't need.

I just can't tell if the guy who is singing about Grosse Pointe moms is having a great laugh at our expense, or trying to say that we are great wives and mothers and good human beings just trying to raise happy, healthy children. This is no easy task, as we are raising these kids in a world not much like the one we grew up in, where we weren't "hyperparented" and committed with activities.

I must admit, this does seem to be an issue in this community of Grosse Pointe parents.

I would love to hear from this obviously talented singer, as would many of us "Grosse Pointe so-called Moms."

> **Amy Sanford Grosse Pointe Farms**

Letters welcome

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your Letters to the Editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced, signed and limited to 250 words. Longer letters may be edited for length and all letters are subject to editing for content. Include a daytime phone number for verifi-

city of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

Notice is hereby given the Board of Review of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Wayne County, Michigan, will be in session in the Community Center of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, on

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2006 TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2006

From 9:00 a.m. to noon, 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST, for reviewing the 2006 Assessment Roll. All persons considering themselves aggrieved by their assessment, or who have any questions or comments, may make an appointment to appeal before the Board of Review by contacting the Assessing Department (phone 313-343-2440 x 215) between February 23 and March 12, 2006. Resident taxpayers must appear in person or send an agent to appeal their assessment.

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ment, and hours of homework each day, students get my lovely "mom" friends, exhausted. It is irrational to and some chose to delete it, think that the winter break is too long. ing long phone conversa-

I know that everyone. interviewed went to school at some time during their

> **CITY OF HARPER WOODS** WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING **FEBRUARY 9, 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.

MOTIONS PASSED

1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held January 18, 2006, provided Councilman Monaghan's comments on page 4 are corrected to reflect that "the City will receive a share of the sale proceeds which will be approximately \$19,000," and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Board of Trustees Employees Retirement System meeting held on January 23, the Library Board meeting held on January 26, and the Planning Commission Meeting held January 26, 2006.

2) To adjourn to the Conference Room for the 2006 Goal Setting Session.

3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 76226 through 76452 in the amount of \$925,469.02 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.

(2) Approve payment to Alter Collision in the amount of \$7,542.32 for the repair of a 2001 Crown Victoria Police Vehicle, with the insurance company reimbursing us for all of this amount except for the deductible. (3) Approve payment to Knapheide Truck Equipment in the amount of \$7,859.00 for the purchase of a salt spreader, plow parts and supplies. (4) Approve the appointments to the various boards and commissions as provided by the City Clerk.

2) To approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$163,963.25 for the operation and maintenance of the Milk River Drain for the 2nd quarter of FY2006.

3) To adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a collective bargaining matter.

To approve of the Addendum to the 2004-06 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Harper Woods Fire Fighters Association, IAFF Local 1108, as submitted by the City Manager.

Kenneth A. Poynter,	Mickey D. Todd
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cation or questions.

The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday.

Send letters to Editor, Grosse Pointe News, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich. 48236; or fax them to (313) 882-1585. Letters may also be sent e-mail to: editor@grossepointenews.com

War Memorial to host Town Meeting, Feb. 28

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial will host a Town Meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 28, called "Let's Talk About...Local Emergency Preparedness."

Are you prepared? Do you and your family know what to do in the event of a natural or man-made disaster? The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe and The American Association of University Women are holding this town meeting.

Featured speakers are James Buford, Director of Wayne County's Homeland Security; Al Shenouda, Protection Security Advisor with the Department of Security; Homeland Christian Fenton, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Support Services of Grosse Pointe Public Schools; and a representative from the Coast Guard.

The meeting includes a question and answer session with the aforementioned speakers and public safety officers from the five Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores.

It is co-sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, the Grosse Pointe Rotarians, the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe, SOC and the War Memorial.

For more information, call (313) 881-8844 or (313) 885-0793.

Business

February 16, 2006 **Grosse Pointe News**

Check out G.P. Chamber Web site **Business People**

Dennis Empey, Patrick Reid and Cathy Newhouse were appointed to new positions at Bon Secours Cottage Health Services in the City of Grosse Pointe.

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Empey is now the chief financial officer, Reid is the executive director for the ambulatory network, and Newhouse is the executive vice president of operations.

Empey comes to Bon Secours Cottage from St. Luke's Hospital and Regional Trauma Center in Duluth, Minn., and most recently from Tatum CFO Partners, a consulting firm with operations in Minnesota. He brings more than 30 years of health care financial experience to Bon Secours Cottage, including 19 years of CFO experience. He has led the financial operations for Catholic and for-profit health systems in four states - Wisconsin, Florida, Iowa and Minnesota.

A CPA, Empey holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh, and a master's degree in fiscal management from the University of Wisconsin — Madison.

Reid, a CPA, joined Bon Secours Cottage several months ago and has been promoted from his position as director of finance for the Ambulatory Network to its executive director. Reid's professional background includes experience with PricewaterhouseCoopers, Ernst & Young, LLP, and Medical Business Consultants in Grand Rapids. He holds a Master of Accountancy from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

Newhouse, who has served Bon Secours Cottage Health Services in an interim capacity in the role of executive vice president since August, has accepted the position of executive vice president of operations for the health system.

Newhouse's experience includes having served as chief nursing officer and chief operating officer for major health care organizations. As a health care consultant, she has focused on operational and quality assessment including regulatory compliance, performance improvement and patient safety. She was chief operating officer and chief nursing officer for University Community Health System, and in nursing management positions at Sun Coast Hospital, both in Tampa, Fla.

She holds a master's degree in public health and a bachelor's degree in health care management. In addition, she is a registered nurse and holds certifications in professional health care quality and risk management.

Evan Eatherly, CRPC, recently joined McDonald Financial Group as senior vice president and financial advisor.

He is based in the McDonald Financial Group's Grosse Pointe Woods office and has 15 years' experience in the financial services industry.

As a financial advisor, Eatherly will be assisting clients in wealth management and financial planning services.

Eatherly is a graduate of Miami University, and is a Grosse Pointe Woods resident.

Theodore G. Coutilish presented The Power of Branding: Building a Brand for Wayne State University at the annual Council for Advancement and

Support of Education (CASE) District V Conference December 10-13 in Chicago. Coutilish is executive director of the Office of Marketing and Publications at Wayne

State University, an adjunct professor of WSU's journalism department and president

The Grosse Chamber of Commerce has a cities for those considering new Web site, and the feedback is positive!

The Web site is picturesque and easy to navigate. It portrays the five Grosse Pointes beautifully Pointes has a page for each and is very informative.

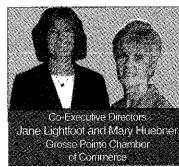
If a potential home buver looks into the Pointes through this venue, they will be treated to the whole picture, including a short video!

Everyone should take a minute and browse through Chamber of Commerce this site. Please mark it as members are listed and one of your favorites. It was mapping has been provided

Pointe developed to promote our relocation and for Pointers who would like to locate a local business or browse the Community Calendar.

The section About the city. When that page is accessed you can easily link to each cities web site. The same is true when your browse $_{\mathrm{the}}$ Member Directory.

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to detail where on Mack, Fisher or Kercheval the businesses are located. If the business Web site has been provided you can also link to their Web site.

The latest Chamber news is on the homepage along with Business Spotlight, a section where member businesses will be recognized. All members of the Chamber are able to post events, meetings and activities on the Web site. If you are interested in joining the Chamber there is an icon to check on and you can do so on line.

If you would like further information about the Chamber please call (313) 881-GPCC.

Your Time Fitness For Women opens

The first Your Time and hors d'oeuvres. Fitness For Women franchise is now open in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Owners Annette and Paul host a special VIP party on Friday, Feb. 24, from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Woods Mayor Robert Novitke, local officials, charter members and tours of the facility, gift bags

The grand opening is Saturday, Feb. 25. The first 50 visitors get free T-shirts and water bottles. Pre-sale Cyburt, of Eastpointe, will membership fees are \$19.99 per month with some members eligible for one free

> month. "Annette was a member at our original location in St.

years, said Jose Rahaman, U.S. Air Force and private president of Your Time sector Fitness. "Now, she has her advanced electronics with own facility."

This 24/7, high-tech facility is changing the industry. Members scan their fingerprints at the front door to gain entry any time day or night, 365 days a year, even holidays.

Rather than manual light switches, sensors automatically turn lights on and off. The owners can grant or restrict entry, monitor the interior and exterior of the facility and run the entire located at 20725 Mack. For operation from a remote location.

Rahaman created the concept in 2001 by combining a visit yourtimefitness.com

background in his knowledge of operating a health club. The facility offers high-end equipment, free certified trainers and satellite television.

"We get calls from people" around the country asking when we'll open a center in their city," said Rahaman. "We are now launching a national expansion program, and plan to open 30 new franchises in 2006."

The newest facility is more information, contact Your Time Fitness for Women at (313-505-6220) or



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other guests will receive Clair Shores for several

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Woods Mayor Robert Novitke and Harper Woods Mayor Ken Poynter, the new law provides the local control of tax dollars the affected communities yearned.

Milk River

"Anytime that you pay a bill, you think you should have some voice on how that money was spent," Grosse Pointe Woods City Manager Mark Wollenweber said. 'Now we have a voice actually at the table. (The board) asked for our input, but it's very different when you are sitting at the table than in the audience.'

An estimated one-third of the city's budget — or about \$3 million — goes toward debt repayment and operation costs for the Milk River drain.

Grosse Pointe Woods bears the brunt of the bill terms unless the municipalbased on results of an engineering study that determined how much the affected communities of Grosse Pointe Woods, Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores impact the system, Wollenweber said. "The system for Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe is totally combined; St. Clair Shores is mostly separated and has very minimal participation," he said. The change was a long time coming for Novitke, who began his quest for representation in 1991 after the drain board announced a costly retention basin project. Early estimates showed Grosse Pointe Woods would be responsible for nearly 60 percent of the financing. "We were presented with what we were going to do," Novitke said, adding the communities were surprised by the project's magnitude.

"Not having the advanced information is pretty distressing," he said.

Novitke said the board did listen attentively to input from the affected communities and heeded recommendations, ultimately resulting in about \$1 million in project savings.

Having a vote, however, remained important.

"This will give us a lot more involvement than we had before," Novitke said.

While it is unknown who will represent Wayne County on the board, the legislation states the drain commissioner is responsible for appointing an elected official or his or her designee, of a municipality assessed for the project. The member will serve a twoyear term and cannot be reappointed for successive



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of the Detroit chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators.

Coutilish resides in Grosse Pointe with his wife, Mary Beth Lanagan, who is a regular Coutilish columnist for the Grosse Pointe News.

Michael W. Hartman of the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. has been re-elected to serve a two-year term as a managing director, effective Jan. 1.

He joins CEO Thomas W. Linn; Deputy CEO Beverly Hall Burns; and Managing Directors Richard A.

Gaffin and Jerome R. Watson in administering the firm's 15 offices.

Hartman is a principal and currently serves as chairman of the managing directors. He has been with Miller Canfield for more than 30 years. He practices business litigation including commercial litigation; real estate litigation; construction litigation; and legal and accounting malpractice litigation. He received his J.D., magna cum laude,



from the University of Michigan Law School, and his A.B. from the University of Michigan. He is a member of the American Bar Association and the State Bar of Michigan. He is listed in the Commercial Litigation Section of The Best Lawyers in America in the last six editions.

Hartman resides in Grosse Pointe Shores.

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ity that he or she represents is the only one in the county subject to assessment.

At the end of the term, the drain commissioner will select a representative from another municipality affected by the assessment. In the case of Wayne County, representation will alternate

Wollenweber said he has not heard anything official, but he assumes either Novitke or Poynter will serve the first two-year term.

between Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods.

The inter-county drain

board was established to address combined sewage overflow issues. It sets the cost for drain projects and is responsible for drainage system operations and improvements that Wollenweber said carry "huge capital expenditures of more than \$30 million."

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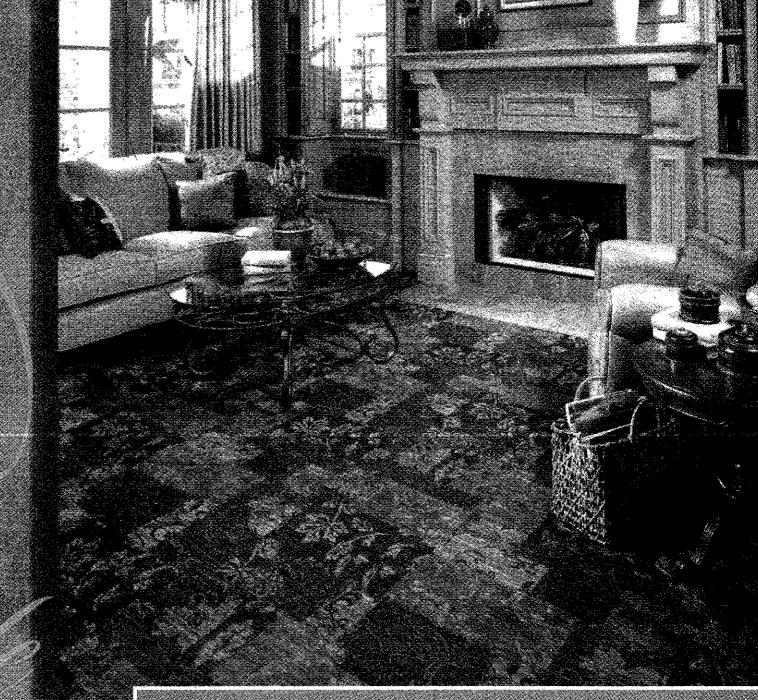
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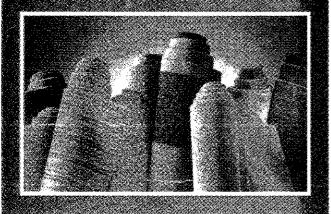
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A 50th anniversary Star's education develops, guides whole child

By Ann L. Fouty Staff Writer

There are two constants at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School — the religious education and the children.

The style of teaching has changed, the courses taught, the after-school activities offered, the age at which a child enters school and the parents.

Fifty-years later, the school continues to develop the whole child.

"Children haven't changed, but the parents have changed," said Patty Stumb from her vantage point as the 11th Star principal. She is completing her 35th year in education. Children knew if they got in trouble at school, they were in far worse trouble at home. "Now they (parents) try to take away the consequences.

"We expect them to work. We teach to the whole child. We can talk about God, Jesus. We start every day with prayer and announcements. This is a Christ-centered school."

"Students get a sense of community and religion. They are taught spiritual and moral values," said parent Jane DeLorenzo of Grosse Pointe Woods. She has a son in eighth-grade at Star and a daughter who attended Star and graduated from Regina Catholic High School.

Both DeLorenzo and her husband attended parochial school during their elemen-



Photos courtesy Kath Usitalo

Fifth-grader Jack Stander of Grosse Pointe Woods is happy to have the opportunity to practice his computer skills at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School in Grosse Pointe Woods.

At right, top, students with athletic abilities are encouraged to participate in any number of activities offered through the school, including boys and girls basketball teams.

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Stumb agreed. When she

"They are leaders in their

University in Chicago.

from a public high school. It has done well after one said. "They know how to was a conscious choice they semester made for their children.

She credits the parochial educational system for pro- sends students on to high ducing community leaders. school, whether it's Grosse "They learn leadership skills Pointe North or South, and confidence," she said. University of Detroit, She saw no gap between Regina or DeLaSalle, they public school preparation do well. and that of the parochial

tary grades but graduated school, noting her daughter high school of choice," she DePaul behave."

Part of Star's 50-year success is due to the students wearing uniforms, Stumb said. Whether it's khakis and a blue shirt or plaid skirts and a white blouse, the students come to school prepared to learn.

According to Stumb, the uniform enforces behavior. On Fridays, the boys wear

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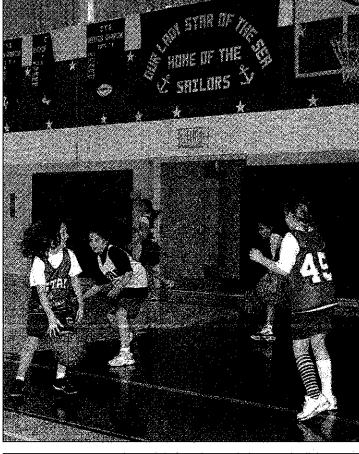




Photo by Ann L. Fouty Above, Our Lady Star of the Sea added a gym in 1961 and filled it with intramural sports teams.

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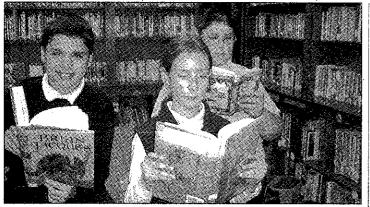


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Nathan Santoscoy, from left, Christina Rydella and Zach Shar-D'Angelo have earned 200 points in St. Clare of Montefalco's Accelerated Reading program. Some of their favorite books are Brian Jacques' Redwall series.

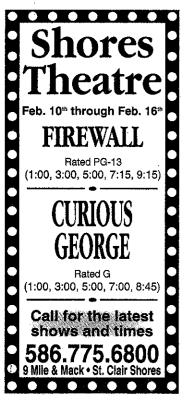
Readers scoop up books

By Ann L. Fouty Staff Writer

time could be the words that three St. Clare of Montefalco students are living by this school year.

Nathan Santoscoy, Christina Rydella and Zach Shar-D'Angelo have achieved 200 points in the school's Accelerated Reading program. The national program lists hundreds of books and assigns points to each book.

For example, the 870 page



"Harry Potter, Order of the Phoenix" book is worth 44 So many books, so little points. After the student reads the book, he or she will take a multiple choice test on the computer which corrects it and awards points based on correct answers.

Sixth-grader Santoscoy said he reached the 100 point level on Nov. 9, and 200 on Jan. 17. During that time he read the Redwall series by Brian Jacques. The longest book he read was "Shogun" by James Clavell.

"I try to have only one book at a time, but it doesn't work," he said of his reading habits.

Rydella spent part of her holiday break reading a Harry Potter novel, the series "Among the Imposter's" by Margaret Peterson Haddix and Cornelia Funke's "Inkheart" trilogy.

The fourth-grader had 229 points by Jan. 18.

Shar-D'Angelo spends his time reading science fiction and Lego's "Bionicle," a series of comics and books about imaginary robots. He has also picked up Louis Sachar's "Wayside School" books.

Rydella and Santoscoy say they enjoy reading because it takes them to a more exciting place, while Shar-D'Angelo enjoys reading because he learns new words.

Academy names its athletes of season

Grosse Pointe Academy eighth-grader Ian Flick and sixth-graders Emmy Boccaccio, Somers Brush and Grace Rentschler were named Athletes of the fall season at a recent assembly for middle school students. Each was chosen for this honor based on his or her athletic achievements, leadership abilities, academic performance and citizenship.

Flick was co-captain of the cross country team and winner of the Bulldog and Spirit awards. In addition to being a scholar-athlete, Flick is a member of the National Junior Honor Society and is on the school's high honors roll, citizenship list and Head of School list.

Boccaccio and Rentschler vied all season for the Number 1 singles spot on the girls tennis team this fall and were co-recipients of the Most Valuable Player award. The leading runner on the girls cross country team, Brush, was named Most Valuable runner by her teammates and coach. The three sixth-graders all participated on the girls' JV basketball team and were given the MVP award (Rentschler) the Bulldog



Photo courtesv Mary Ann Brush

Grosse Pointe Academy's Somers Brush, Ian Flick, and Grace Rentschler were named Athletes of the Fall Season: Flick for cross country. Brush for cross country and basketball and Rentschler for tennis and basketball.

award (Boccaccio) and Spirit the Season in the fall and award to be given to a sixthaward (Brush). All three are spring. scholar athletes and are on the high honors roll, citizenship list and Head of School list.

Generally, a boy and a girl

"While sometimes two girls or two boys might be named in a given season, it's rare for these athletes to share this distinction," said who excel in one or more athletic director Michael sports are named Athlete of Fultz. "It's also rare for this to be recognized."

grader.

"These three young ladies distinguished themselves athletically in their respective sports but were so evenly matched that the coaches thought all three deserved

Competition spells success for sixth-grader

Sixth-grader Brush was declared the winner of The Grosse Pointe Academy annual middle school spelling bee on Jan. 20. She battled out a record number of 23 rounds against 22 other bee finalists.

The runner-up was sixthgrader Alex Parker.

Somers will go on to compete in the Sixth Annual Macomb Daily Regional Spelling Bee at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts in Clinton Township on

Somers Feb. 18. The winner of that national bee finals in bee will advance to the Washington, D.C. during the

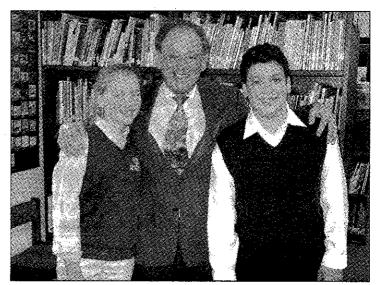


Photo courtesy The Grosse Pointe Academy Winner of The Grosse Pointe Academy Middle School Spelling Bee Somers Brush, left, appears with

week of May 28-June 2.

The Academy bee is part of the Macomb Daily Spelling Bee open to students in fifth through eighth grade. The top spellers in each grade qualify for the finals based on a written test.

Other finalists are fifthgraders Dylan Demkowicz, Gerard Smith, Steven Ragland, Chandler Warren, and Libby Watson; sixth-graders Will Callewaert, Scott Dirksen, Grace Rentschler, Robert Stanley and Susie Stefani; seventhgraders Taylor Bell, Mia Jefferson, Michael Leahy, Jess Martinelli and Adam Smith; and eighth-graders Laura Flowers, Chanel Geter. Nicole Smith, Lindsey Thibodeau and Emily Williams.



JOIN US IN THE FIGHT.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is coming to the Grosse Pointe community this May! Volunteers are needed to plan and host 24 hours of cancer fighting fun, remembrance and celebration! Please join us for brunch, survivor recognition and more information on forming a team:

Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe **Kick-Off Event** Saturday, February 18, 2006 10:30 a.m. - Noon Bogart'z at 17441 Mack Avenue (Between Cadieux & Moross)

To RSVP or to get involved in the Relay For Life of Grosse Pointe, please call Shannon Proctor at 248.483.4306.



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runner-up Alex Parker, right, and moderator Bob Lapadot.

South students head to math competition Part II

Thirteen Grosse Pointe Barnett, South High School students Bordyukov, Hyunje Cho, Competition, sponsored by **Polack**, America.

petition Alexander, Alexander mathematical proofs of their \$2,600.

Alexander results. qualified as finalists to com- Eva Dou, Paul Glenn, are among the top 1,000 pete in the second part of Andrew Graham, Taylor students who qualified for the 49th annual Michigan Hauck, Roger Klein, Mathematics Prize Lauren O'Hare, J. Kyle Charles С. the Michigan Section of the Sullivan and Evan Welch. Part II will be invited to an Mathematics Association of The Part II exam consists of Awards Day program next five challenging problems to South students who qual- which the students must ified for Part II of the com- provide written explanaare **Robert** tions for their claims and in value from \$500 to

These 13 South students the more difficult Part II. The students with the top 100 scores on Part I and February at Delta College. The top 50 will be presented with scholarships ranging

St. Clare seventh-grader spells it out

home a sheet of paper covered with 1,000 words. One word to make him a champ. at St. Clare of Montefalco, against each other. has the status of being the

"affront."

All fifth- through eighthof those words would be the graders first competed within their classrooms, Ridella, a seventh-grader and the winners competed

He said he is now eligible school's spelling bee cham- to compete in the regional pion. The last word he spelling bee on Saturday,

Thomas Ridella took spelled correctly was Feb. 18, at Macomb County Community College and is now studying a 4,000 word list.

> As an avid reader, Ridella said he is able to recognize many words, even if he can't pronounce them.

Spelling must run in the Ridella family because his sister, Christina, took second place.



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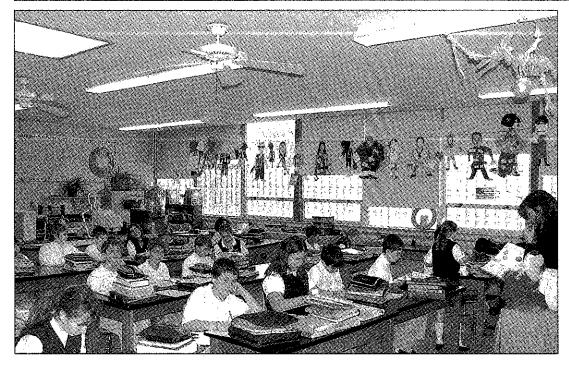
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Thomas Ridella

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Photos courtesy Kath Usitalo

Class sizes are small at Our Lady Star of the Sea and teachers have found they prefer students to be sitting at tables rather than desks to promote a cooperative learning environment.

Star

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ties.

No jewelry is accepted except a cross and tasteful earrings.

The boys must have their hair trimmed.

Dedication

With the formal dedication of Our Lady Star of the accredited. Sea on Sept. 12, 1956, with his eminence Cardinal Mooney officiating, 351 students enrolled in addressed too. Athletics and first through sixth grades.

The idea for a school was born when the parish registered 900 families.

Sisters of the Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary order filled three teaching spots and the remaining four teachers were lay women, under the direction of the first principal, Mother Marie. Rose Today, there is

only one nun. The school continued to grow and in 1961 an allgirls' high school was added. It closed in 1993 due to declining enrollment.

that. The kids love to see said. them." she said. In the 2005-06 school tions," Stumb said. year, 475 students are

enrolled in the preschool to eighth-grade classes. Classes are small, sometimes numbering as low as 14 students. The school is North Central Association

While the academics at Edward Star of the Sea are strong, extra curriculars are music are an integral part of what is offered.

"We do have instrumental

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is

In celebration of the school's 50th

events have been scheduled. On March

11, an auction enti-

tled "Look how far we

designed to help

A 50th anniversary

reunion is slated for

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Nov. 25.

band after school for t h e advanced and the beginner. They play throughout the year, Stumb said. "Being in band is cool. I'm

proud of them." Piano, guitar, bell chimes, choir and theory and composition are also offered. Intramural sports are available, along with volleyball, basketball, soccer, lacrosse, golf and tennis, among others. "Parents love to keep kids busy and active," said Margaret Spindler, physical education teacher for 33 years. "Many have a structured schedule. They are more athletically inclined and have been introduced to sports early. They are more competitive."

lunch duty. Kids like to have to help other people," she

"We have high expec-

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Green eggs and ham

Students of the Grosse Pointe Nursery School celebrated completing the study of author Theodore Geisel (Dr. Seuss.) on Thursday, Jan. 26. While each class studied a different author, the kindergarten class traditionally demonstrates its love for Dr. Seuss' silly stories by memorizing the entire book of Green Eggs and Ham and reciting it at the family event. Dr. Seuss activities included not only the reading of his book titles, but also reading about Geisel's path to becoming such a successful and prolific writer for early readers. Author studies provide preschoolers the opportunity to imitate a variety of artistic styles, fall in love with characters created by the author, as well as compare and contrast themes from story to story. Gathered around a cake with orange frosting and a green ham from left are Joey Mozdrech, Colin Gudenau, Robbie Gadzinski, McKinley Fradeneck, Kiaya Wells, Patrick Jeffers, Abigail Hurst, Muriel Steinke, Carrington Mahanna, Anden Armbruster, Kenny Heaton and Naomi Cook.

"It was almost like a death," Stumb said. "We decided to move the middle school into the high school rooms and wondered how to fill all the classrooms."

The answer was easy. The rooms were needed for new classess - Spanish for through kindergartners eighth-graders, honors classes and computer labs.

Kindergarten classes were added in 1975 and preschool in 1986. In 2006-07 another preschool classroom will be added for 3and 4-year-olds. Kindergarten is full day now because academics, expectations and lifestyles have changed. Students are expected to be reading at the end of kindergarten today, Stumb said, and more mothers are working either full or part time. Despite the lifestyle change, she said, parents are just as involved as ever.

"They (mothers) come in on their lunch hours and do

Competition is not confined to the sports arena. There also is competition for student enrollment.

Stumb said there is a 20year projection of zero growth in the area so the school must keep current and address the whole student. In addition to academics, sports and the fine arts, Star encourages students to become part of the bigger community through National Junior Honor Society and community service projects.

"We help them get ready



Art, in a variety of forms, is part of the all-around educational experience. Principal Patty Stumb said that success in one form can translate to success in the classroom. There is a kiln, a potter's wheel and a printer at Star. These weavers are fifth-graders Claire Bouret and Jackie Hoyt, both of St. Clair Shores.



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Schools

Top that North student achieves perfect ACT score

By Ann L. Fouty Staff writer

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It was the job of young and smiling Ruvanti Fonseka to get good grades. If she did, her parents Kumudinie and Upali told their young daughter, she could choose her college.

"She's very independent," said her mother, who is an internist. "When she was little we said she could go to any college. We can't go back on that. It was her job to be a good student."

The 17-year-old received a perfect 36 on the ACT, the nation's most widely accepted college entrance exam. It assesses high school students' general educational development and their ability to complete college-level work.

The multiple choice test covers English, math, reading and science. The optional writing test measures the student's skill in planning and writing a short essay. It does not count in the perfect 36 score. The Grosse Pointe North senior achieved the top score with one other Michigan student and 39 from across the United States.

will attend college to pursue either a biology or a chemistry degree has yet to be decided. She has been accepted by Harvard; while Michigan State University and University of Michigan ly the best college, but the difficult, she said, adding have been enticing her with best college for me." generous financial incentives.

Fonseka's parents say decision, but admit the house will be empty when she leaves.

beginning. She's responsi- completing the test for the rounded up, Fonseka got a ble. She can take care of her- third time. selff." Kumudinie said.

Fonseka said. "I'm glad I and as a junior. Facing the

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Photos by Ann L. Fouty

Grosse Pointe North senior Ruvanti Fonseka was However, where Fonseka honored by the Grosse Pointe Board of Education on Monday, Feb. 6, for achieving a 36 on the ACT college entrance exam. She is one of two in Michigan to get the perfect score. Fonseka is flanked by board president Jeff Broderick, left, and Superintendent Suzanne Klein.

when she took the ACT in lyze what she read which October and she said she helped her during the secthey aren't influencing her came away with a positive ond round of tests, which feeling.

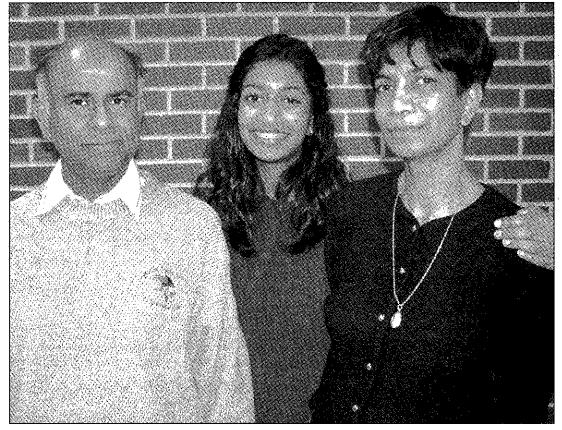
could). I was happy when I scores of 35 and two 36 "It will be hard in the finished," she said after scores. Since the scores are

She took the four-part "It's a tough decision," ACT as a seventh-grader score is 20.9.

she received a 34. In high College was on her mind school, she learned to anaagain netted a 34. This final "I knew I did the best (I time, she received two perfect ACT score.

The average national

Both parents, her mother have choices. Not necessari- test as a seventh-grader was who is a doctor and her



Flanked by her parents, Upali, on left, and Kumudinie Fonseka, right, Ruvanti has been invited to attend three universities to study either biology or chemistry. Fonseka also wants to keep up with her Italian and join a choir where she sings second soprano.

Test advice

Ruvanti Fonseka, 17, took the ACT test three times and never took a prep test. Nonetheless, she found ways to prepare for lengthy testing. Here are her suggestions:

 Check out library books on test preparation and how to balance of time and be accurate.

 Don't second guess yourself. Go with your gut.

 Go over the test to make sure you haven't missed an answer.

 Get a good night's sleep for two consecutive nights.

• Don't get discouraged.

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- Take snacks.
- Take water.

father who is a mechanical engineer, were excited by the news.

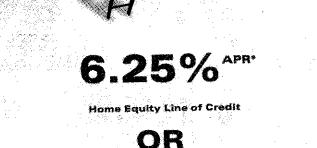
To some, acing the ACT may mean skating through the final months of school. Fonseka sees it differently.

"I don't want to flake out. I keep my GPA high. I take pride in my grades," she said, adding she is hoping to be in the top 5 percent of her class.

Fonseka stacked her final year at North with microbiology, AP European history. AP literature, AP Italian, chorale and a practical arts class. She balances her academics with outside interests through choir, the quizbowl team, WILLOW and is the captain of Science Olympiad.

Fonseka said, "I'm excited for what comes next."

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Photo courtesy Kath Usitalo

D.A.R.E.

On Dec. 13, the sixth-grade students at Our Lady Star of the Sea School graduated from the 10-week D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) program conducted by Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Officer Sally Beghin. The program is important to children, Beghin explained to the assembled parents and siblings, because. "D.A.R.E. doesn't just teach them to say no; it teaches them how to say 'no.'" She emphasized that parents must send a strong message that underage drinking is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. "If you send a mixed message, you'll lose the battle," Beghin said. She and teacher Lucinda Lawrence are in the second row from the back at the right. Teacher Melissa Walter is in the same row at left.

Names in the news

Three Grosse Pointe term. He is the son of Mr. South students were nomi- and Mrs. Gregory Smith and nated for the Michigan is in his second year. School Band and Orchestra Association All-State orchestra.

junior, was nominated for her performance on the string bass.

Sophomore Nensi Bakiu was nominated for her performance on the violin.

Brendon Wilson, а freshman, received a nomination for the cello. They performed at the Michigan Music Conference in Grand Rapids.

Alex Smith of Grosse donation in Carey's name Pointe, an 11th grader at given for the South choir Phillips Exeter Academy, costumes. Carey was a proearned honors for the fall fessional costumer designer.

South High School senior Carrie Fisk, daughter of Gillian Markwick, a Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Fisk of the City of Grosse Pointe, was the recipient of a \$1,000 award given in honor of Trudy Meyer Carey, Tony Palmisamo, life-long family friend, presented the award to Fisk.

It was Carey's wish to encourage students in the South choir to attend Summer Interlochen Workshops.

There is also a \$1,000

Automotive February 16, 2006 17A **Grosse Pointe News** Car trip adventure from Reno to Lucerne

Arriving in mild-mannered Phoenix, Ariz., in mid-January for a weekend of classic car auctions is a

power side mirrors. We're not sure why such a small vehicle with a modest powerplant gets only 22



major treat for us Michiganders.

The icing on the cake was the little rootbeer-colored Suzuki Reno sedan that took us through a few sunny and mild days on our various desert adventures.

Yes, this is an econobox, with a base price just over \$13,000. And traveling beside the ubiquitous trucks that Arizonans favor, it put some family members off.

But we counted on the Reno's 127-HP 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine and 5speed manual transmission to help us if we needed it.

This well-thought-out five-passenger sedan is fun to drive and looks quite spiffy in a part of the world where one seldom needs a car wash. Phoenix has not had any significant rain since October, giving intensified meaning to the "dry" air everyone talks about.

Standard equipment in the base Reno includes a 5speed manual transmission, power-assisted steering, disc brakes all around, side air bags (seat-mounted up front), an eight-speaker entertainment system with CD player, power windows and doorlocks, air conditioning with a micron air-filtration system and heated

miles per gallon in the city and up to 31 mpg on the highway.

Two options packages are available. The convenience package, priced at \$14,149, includes MP3 audio capability, leather-wrapped steering wheel, steering-wheelmounted audio controls, power tilt-and-slide sunroof, remote keyless entry and electronic cruise control.

The premium package represents the top of the 2006 Reno line. At \$15,299, it adds 15-inch alloy wheels, fog lights, a rear spoiler and four-channel anti-lock brake system (ABS) with electronic brake-force distribution (EBD) to the Convenience Package.

Fully equipped, the 2006 Reno comes in under \$17,000.

The Reno likes to be all things to most people. It functions like a four-door sedan but can turn into a cargo hauler when the 60/40 split-folding rear seatbacks are folded down. There's also a storage bin under the front passenger seat.

The driver's seat has height- and lumbar-support adjustments. For 2006, there also is a standard tilt



2006 Suzuki Reno sedan



The full-size Lucerne 4-door sedan joins the Buick lineup for 2006. Available with V-6 and V-8 engines, See CAR TRIP, page 18 it takes the place once occupied by the Park Avenue. M Map





Automotive

The hi-tech 6th generation '06 Passat 2.0T

By Greg Zyla

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test-drove Volkswagen's all-new 2006 Passat. VW's mid-size car is to 188.2 inches, as is the front and rear. Add standard

The wheelbase is stretched standard features. Included slightly to 106.7 inches. are eight air bags with Side Overall length is up 3 inches Curtain Head Protection



2006 Volkswagen Passat 2.0T

now in its sixth generation, and the latest model is sure to please even the most discriminating buyer.

The exterior styling of the new Passat is sporty, sophisticated and more technically advanced than previous models. The new medallionshaped grille is impressive, while at the rear, a classic Volkswagen design presents a sharp, tailored look with an enduring athletic quality. We like it very much.

Passat's base engine is upgraded to a new fourcylinder 2.0T. The "T" refers to a turbocharger, which results in V6-like performance from a 2-liter engine. With four valves per cylinder and an advanced directinjection fuel-delivery system, the driver can tap up to 200 horsepower and 207 pound-feet of torque.

sions have grown a bit, too.

71.7 inches. Driving stabili- coupled to an assist system ty should benefit from and an electromechanical Passat's wider track.

The cabin is inviting, with much attention to detail. There's a new "key," which is embedded into the remote and inserts into a start pod. With a push inward, the engine comes to life. (We like it.) All gauges are well done, and look very nice at night with blue and red hues.

There's also more legroom, especially in the rear, where new vents for the climate settings provide expanded comfort for rear passengers, and more room in the trunk, which offers a solid 14.2 cubic feet of storage space and provides a 60/40 split folding seat if needed for big items.

the legacy of Volkswagen's At the rear, Passat is now Passat's exterior dimen- reputation for safety, with equipped with an advanced many of the safety items multi-link independent sus-

body width, which now is four-wheel disc ABS brakes power-steering system, and you've got a fine example of German craftsmanship aimed at safety and performance. We tested the brake with excellent system results, and experienced no fade in three emergency stops from 65 mph. They're wonderful.

Underneath, an advanced version of the independent McPherson strut suspension offers precise handling. The front-suspension design also helps enhance its ride through the optimization of the springs, the separate mounting of springs and dampers, improved mounting points for the lower wishbones and the use of The new Passat continues twin-sleeve shock absorbers.

pension, resulting in excel- premium sound (\$1,000); lent road-handling charac- and two additional rear side teristics and comfortable freeway-style driving.

expensive options, including Navigation system (\$1,800); a "Package 2" with sunroof, satellite radio, leather appointments (loved the steering wheel) and heated

Car trip 📟

From page 17 steering wheel.

Lucerne: nose under luxury tent

Then, on Super Bowl weekend, there is a deepred 2006 Buick Lucerne that has no game tickets and requests our hospitality for a few days.

Decked out with chrome trim and shiny chromed aluminum wheels, the new sedan from Buick indeed looks like a party animal with no "scene" in sight.

The standard V-6 on the CXL model is adequate for our around-town needs and is reported to get 28 miles per gallon on average in highway driving. In-town, stop-and-go driving drags that average down to 19 miles per gallon.

Our feeling is the Lucerne is not especially interesting to look at nor is it a blast to drive. But it is pure Buick, that is, it delivers comfortable, attractive transportation with plenty of interior room for people and packages. And if it follows the make's tradition, it will get high marks for quality and durability from owners.

Lucerne is available in three trim levels --- the CX, the mid-range CXL or the

Important numbers include 22 mpg city and 31 mpg highway EPA ratings, curb weight of 3,344 pounds, 0-60 in 7.4 seconds, and fuel capacity of 18.5 gallons. seats (\$2,825); a fine-shift- Premium fuel is recoming six-speed automatic with mended due to the engine's Tiptronic (\$1,075); Dynaudio high 10.3-to-1 compression

performance-oriented CXS

has a standard vehicle price

front and rear curtain-style

air bags plus side air bags

hand front seat passenger.

All Lucerne models have as

for the driver and right-

standard six air bags: a

dual-stage driver front air

bags, roof-rail curtain air

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Other CXL standard fea-

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tem and rear parking assist

The Lucerne instrument

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well. There are no surprises

al. In fact, that describes

in the way of secret com-

partments, flip-down video

the Lucerne interior as

could order heated and

bag, side-impact thorax air

model. The CXL with V-6

of \$28,265 that includes

ratio.

We give VW's new Passat air bags (\$350). With the a very strong nine on a scale \$615 destination, the final of one to 10. It's a great vehicle.

> Likes: Base pricing, engineering, peppy motor, good looks.

> Dislikes: \$30K and up for a mid-size VW puts you in sibling Audi land.

-King Features Syndicate

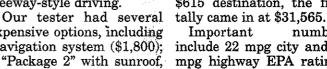
screens or tiny "fridges" for chilling champagne.

This front-drive sedan can be ordered with front bucket seats or a full front bench seat. The 275-horsepower 4.6-liter Northstar V-8 engine is available on the CXL and is standard on the premium model, the CXS. Buick says it is 10 years since a V-8 was available in one of its passenger cars.

Lucerne is the first Buick to offer Magnetic Ride Control, which is paired with StabiliTrak, to improve overall ride performance. Standard on the top-of-the-line CXS, this system uses magnetically charged particles suspended in a synthetic fluid to continuously adjust the fluid's viscosity to varying road surfaces and driving characteristics. The system has quicker response than conventional valve-damping systems, while providing vehicle control and increased tire contact with the road surface.

In case you are wondering about the name Lucerne, this nameplate replaces the renowned Park Avenue. As an aside, we wish Buick had not added its also-famous portholes to the Lucerne. They are a bad match.





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Margaret "Maggie" Echlin Margaret "Maggie" Echlin

Margaret "Maggie" Echlin, 65, of Grosse Pointe Farms, died in her home the morning of Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006, surrounded by her sleeping children and sister after a late-night vigil spent reminiscing by candlelight in her bedroom.

A lifelong resident of June 18, 1941, in Detroit grandchildren. and grew up the eldest daughter of Ray and Florence Nigro of Grosse Woods. Pointe

A vivacious redhead, she was a cheerleader for Grosse Pointe High. She met her future husband, Harry T. Echlin, one fateful night on Fisher Road after an evening studying at the Grosse Pointe Public Library. A mutual friend of theirs arranged that he would just happen to be driving by as she experienced "car trouble," even though it was really just a detached battery cable. After he came to her rescue, he asked her out for both Friday and Saturday nights.

The couple were married in June 1962 and settled in the Farms.

Before starting a family, Mrs. Echlin worked briefly for Wagner Advertising, where she came up with the name "Shoreline East" for a riverfront apartment complex. She served on the Junior League of Detroit. lecturing to on the dangers of smoking to students in inner-city schools and being part of the committee that funded the original "Sesame

Wayne State in 1984 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology.

Mrs. Echlin enjoyed surprising her sons by showing up to see them perform when they played in various bands at downtown Detroit venues. She would often wind up on stage to introduce the band.

Mrs. Echlin, with her bright blond hair, was a ubiquitous sight in the community. In the winter, she could be seen walking daily wearing her sunglasses on Grosse Pointe Boulevard. During the summer, she could be found talking to young mothers and taking in the sun at the Farms Pier. She enjoyed reading, traveling to see her children and grandchildren on both coasts and driving in her nephews, Slader Spoor and white Mustang convertible. Frederick Geib; and grand-An avid gardener, Mrs. niece, Kate Reino. Echlin was known to have quite the green thumb. Her main focus the last few years was redecorating the family home to accommodate her growing family of Schulte and Natalie Schulte Grosse Pointe, she was born her children's spouses and

> The family was able to spend one last Christmas together with her this past December. "You're only as happy as vour kids,"she used to say, and at the conclusion of many a family trip, goodbyes were topped off by her tearfully thrusting her hands in the air and proclaiming to everyone within earshot, "I love my family."

> She is survived by her husband, Harry T. Echlin; sons, Harry T. Jr., Ray (Kingsley Brosnan), and Lewis IV (Dawn New); her daughter Annie (Norman Rice); her three grandchildren, Kingsley Quinnevere and Lewis V and Charlotte Grace; and her sister, Mary (Vic) Dhooge.

> A funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, Feb.13, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

> Memorial contributions may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, 4100 John R, Detroit, MI 48201.

Constance Schulte Hranchook

Schuite Constance



William "Bill" V. Jackson

Meghan (Brent) Schulte Reino and Stacey (Todd) Schulte Geib; grand-

She was predeceased by her parents, Henry J. and Marie (nee Plagens) Schulte; brother, Richard J. Schulte; and sisters, Christine Ann Grover.

William "Bill" V. Jackson

William "Bill" V. Jackson, 75. of Grosse Pointe Farms, died from complications of lung cancer on Friday, Feb. 10, 2006.

Mr. Jackson was born on Aug. 10, 1930, in Cottage Hospital to Thomas and Leona Jackson.

During his middle school years, he and his family moved to North Muskegon. In 1945, the family returned to Grosse Pointe and he graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1949.

During the Korean conflict, Mr. Jackson served on the front lines with the 7th Armored Infantry Division. He returned home and married his local sweetheart, Janet Ratcliffe on Aug. 21, 1953.

He went on to earn his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. Mr. Jackson became a sales representative for Capitol Engineering in Detroit.

In 1964, he started his own business. He and a partner owned Technical Industries and XL Color in St. Clair Shores. Mr. Jackson Hranchook, 56, formerly of retired in 2004, to spend

Obituaries

of 52 years, Janet Rae Jackson; his sons, Will (Maria) and John (Anne); four grandchildren, Emily, Bennett, Abigail, and Andrew; his brothers, Thomas, Robert and Wilfred; and his sister Phyllis Corson.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday Feb. 25. at 11 a.m. at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Van Elslander Cancer Center, 19229 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236, or a charity of one's choice.

William Edmund Morrison 2

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Former Grosse Pointe resident William Edmund Morrison, 58, died on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at his residence in Reseda, Calif.

He was born on Feb. 14, 1947, and was the son of the late H.L. and the late Eugenia Morrison of Grosse Pointe Woods.

A 1965 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, he served in the U.S. Army at Cam Ranh Bay Vietnam, and Fort Benning, Ga. He later moved to California where he worked in facilities management, most recently at Cal State Northridge.

He is survived by his brother, James (Molly) Morrison of Rochester Hills: \mathbf{his} stepmother, and Geraldine R. Morrison of St. Clair Shores.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at St. Joan of Arc Church, St. Clair Shores, at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 17. Interment will be at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, 3600 Auburn Rd., Rochester Hills, MI 48306, or Lighthouse of Oakland County Hospice, 46156 Woodward Ave., Pontiac, MI 48342.

Antigone Raphael

Antigone Raphael, 95, died on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006, at Oakwood Hospital



Antigone Raphael

attend Northfield Mount Vernon School summer program, Oberlin College and Albion College.

She is survived by her daughter, Lois A. Cameron; sons, Theodore D. and Charles G. Raphael; grandchildren, Kristen, Jennifer, Kathryn, Emily and Alexander and great-grandchild, Lauren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Frank G Raphael; and brothers, Basil D. Anagnost and James D. Reader.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, Feb. 12, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Raphael Scholarship Fund, Anatolia College (Thessalonika, Greece). Office of the U.S. Trustees, 130 Bowdoin St., Suite 1201, Boston, MA 02108.

Mark A. Simon

Mark A. Simon, 51, of St. Clair Shores, died on Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006, at St. John Hospital in Detroit. Mr. Simon was born on June 14, 1954, in Detroit to Mitchell and Florence Simon.

He was a real estate bro-

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tunity for Greek students to ker in addition to being a land developer. He enjoyed spending time on his farm

where he and friends would go camping in the summer and snowmobiling in the winter. He was an avid golfer, boater and fisherman.

He is survived by his mother, Florence Simon; his brothers, Mitchell, Gregory, John, Joseph and Steven Simon; his sisters, Nora Satrun, Mary Jo Williams, Vandenbroeck, Patricia Nancy Dunn and Pamela Grant; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his father, Mitchell Simon, and brother, Jeffrey Simon.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, Feb. 11, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park. Interment is at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Home Cate



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Street."

In 1966, son, Harry "Hobey" T. Jr., was born, followed by Ray in 1969, Lewis IV in 1971 and Margaret-Ann "Annie" in 1977. Mrs. Echlin was a vibrant and creative mother. Some days, she would pick her sons up at lunch from school and treat them to a picnic at the Farms Pier. While other kids brown-bagged it or went home for lunch, hers romped on the playground and ran the beach. on After raising her four chil-

dren, Mrs. Echlin went back to school, graduating from

Grosse Pointe Farms, died part of the year in Stuart, unexpectedly Sunday, Jan. Fla. 29, 2006, at her home in Deerfield Beach, Fla.

She was a devoted mother and grandmother.

daughter, Sarah (Scott) Gaynier; her grandchildren, and Brendan Caitlin Gaynier; her brothers, Dr. Henry J. (Marjorie) Schulte of Scottsdale, Ariz., and David J. Schulte; her sisterin-law, Milo (late Richard J.) Schulte; her nieces, Laura (Todd) Spoor, Schulte

Mr. Jackson was fun-loving and full-of-life. He had a story and a joke for everyone he met. He was generous of She is survived by her spirit and he embraced his many friends and those he worked with. He was most proud of his two sons and their families.

Mr. Jackson enjoyed sailing and was a lifelong member of Crescent Sailing Club. sailed in over 15 He Mackinac races.

He is survived by his wife

in Dearborn. She was born on March 14, 1910, in Magnesia,

Turkey.

Mrs. Raphael was a dedicated member of the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church since 1947. She served the church in many capacities, including deacon, teacher and representative for the women's association. With Frank husband, her Raphael, she set up the and Antigone Frank Raphael Scholarship Fund in conjunction with Anatolia College in Thessalonika, Greece, to provide the oppor-

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Senate candidate to address the Eastside Republican Club

Club will hold its monthly forum at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 21, in the Alger House at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Guest speaker will be Oakland County Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard, candidate for the Republican U.S. nomination. Senate Bouchard will outline his qualifications for the office and discuss the issues in Michigan which prompted him to seek that nomination.

sheriff of Oakland County in 1999 to fill a sudden 'vacancy. He oversees 1,200 annual budget in excess of \$119 million.

Bouchard was returned to office as sheriff in 2000 with in Oakland County.

The Eastside Republican elected to a four-year term Tuesday. with two guiding principles in mind: ensuring the safety of the citizens of his county, while being a good steward of public trust with regard to spending decisions.

"Mike Bouchard's decision to leave his Senate campaign temporarily a year ago was a brave move as he chose to look after a health issue that could involve the well-being of his family as well as himself in the long run," said Marti Miller, chairman of the Eastside Republican Club. "It showed Bouchard was appointed me a side of Bouchard that I haven't always seen in Bouchard was elected to politicians.

"As a state senator from employees and manages an 1991 to 1999, Mike created the sex offenders' registry to majority floor leader. protect our children and grandchildren, thus hailed as "Legislator of the Year" by the largest number of votes Michigan chiefs of police and of any contested candidate the Fraternal Order of Bouchard served as presi-Police. You'll be impressed dent of the Beverly Hills In 2004, Bouchard was re- by Mike's presentation next Village Council and has

Bouchard's experience includes a conservative approach to fiscal matters combined with tough policies when dealing with lawbreakers.

His leadership and handson experience in emergency management and homeland security will be a topic of Bouchard's talk.

He is a member of the of Kentucky. Joint Terrorism Task Force as well as the National father of three. Association Sheriff's Hurricane Katrina After Club Forum is held at 7:30 Action Analysis Team.

state senator, \mathbf{As} serve as assistant president Pointe War Memorial. pro-tempore, assistant sen-

Bouchard also served in tion. the Michigan House of Representatives.

At the local level,

Bouchard is a graduate of Michigan State University, Mid-Michigan Law Enforcement Center, National Sheriff's Institute, the Darden Program at University of Virginia, the FBI National Executive Institute and is a Toll Fellow with the Council of State Governments at University

owned his own business.

Bouchard is married and

The Eastside Republican p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month from September through June at the Grosse

Admission to the forum is ate majority leader, and free. The public is welcome regardless of political affilia-

> For more information about the forum or about the Eastside Republican Club, call Marti Miller at (313) 886-3785.

News

Hit and run

On Thursday, Feb. 9, at 10:45 a.m., an allegedly drunken 46-year-old Detroit man reportedly caused a traffic crash on Lakeland between Kercheval and Waterloo.

A witness alerted City of Grosse Pointe police and followed the man's 2000 Chevrolet pickup until officers stopped the suspect on westbound Waterloo.

"Officers noticed heavy damage to the (pickup's) Grosse Pointe. front end," police said.

The man refused to take Perfume sobriety tests. He was cited for drunken driving and leaving the scene of an accident.

Bottles taken

At 5:05 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, two unknown men were seen stealing returnable bottles stored behind a business in the Village. They got away.

Over limit

City of Grosse Pointe police arrested a 63-year-old male resident for drunken driving on Thursday, Feb. 9, at 12:41 a.m.

An officer spotted the man driving a black 2006 GMC Yukon and speeding 13 mph over the 30 mph limit on eastbound Mack near Washington. When stopped on southbound Moran near Chalfonte, the man admitted drinking.

officers.

He registered a .248 percent blood alcohol level, more than three times the legal limit.

Car stolen

A 2000 Chrysler Concorde was stolen last week from behind a house in the 500 block of St. Clair in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The owner told police the theft occurred between Sunday, Feb. 5, at 5 p.m., and 3:30 a.m. the next day.

The vehicle was used for employment and contained a number of items, including electrical meters, a hard hat and 36 three-packs of golf balls.

Smashed

Sometime between the afternoon of Sunday, Feb. 5, and 12:30 a.m. the next day, someone used a beer bottle to smash the rear window of a rented Hyundai parked on Lakeland in the City of

pinched

A 44-year-old Detroit man has been arrested for shoplifting a \$28 bottle of from a drugstore on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms.

On Friday, Feb. 3, at about 3 p.m., employees saw the man put the perfume in his pocket and leave the premis-

Police made the arrest and recovered the perfume outside a nearby parking garage.

B&E

Burglars in Grosse Pointe Park broke into a house in the 1100 block of Harvard. Stolen items included silver coins, currency and jewelry. Police said the break-in

occurred Monday, Feb. 6, between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

"(I) had a couple," he told Car thefts in G.P. Park

Three Chrysler products and one Pontiac were stolen last week in Grosse Pointe Park.

Chryslers were lost on successive nights beginning Thursday, Feb. 9. A 2005 Dodge Durango was taken while parked in the 1400 block of Grayton. The next night at the same location, a 1998 Plymouth Voyager was taken.

The next night, a Chrysler Voyager was stolen while

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parked in the 700 block of Westchester.

On Tuesday, Feb. 7, between 9 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. the next day, a 2002 Pontiac Grand Prix was taken while parked in the 1300 block of Maryland. On Thursday, Feb. 9, between 7:25 and 7:40 p.m., thieves tried to steal a 2000 Jeep parked in the 15800 block of Windmill Pointe

Helps Detroit

Drive.

On Friday, Feb. 10, at 9:19 p.m., Grosse Pointe Park officers helped Detroit police Celine Dion Belong perfume catch an armed robbery suspect fleeing in a vehicle that crashed on Mack near Three Mile Drive.

"The driver fled on foot and was taken into custody by Park officers," said David Hiller, director of public safety. Hiller praised his officers for "great work."

Two nights later, a Park officer patrolling Mack was flagged down by a citizen reporting a robbery in Detroit.

Park officers assisted Detroit police by stopping the suspect's vehicle at Kercheval and Ashland.

Woman hit, man caught

A platoon of Grosse Pointe Park police tracked down an 18-year-old Detroit man accused of entering a woman's car parked in the of Mack and area Nottingham.

On Wednesday, Feb. 8, at about 3:45 p.m., the woman was entering her Jeep Cherokee when she saw the man inside the vehicle.

"(He) fled after striking (the woman)," police said. "The area was checked extensively and the suspect (was) located at Mack and Phillip."

back into the store.

Poor decision

On Saturday, Feb. 11, at 10:35 p.m., a 24-year-old Detroit woman was stopped at the red light at Harper and Allard for having a defective passenger-side brake light on her red Chevrolet.

She provided a registration and a Michigan identification card.

LEIN Α Enforcement Information Network) check revealed the woman never acquired a driver license and had two war- a 34-year-old Detroit man rants out of Detroit for dri- for having a broken rear tail ving under the influence of light. alcohol and for failure to appear in court.

The driver was arrested and later released after posting the \$100 bond.

means trouble

On Sunday, Feb. 12, at 11:35 p.m., a 22-year-old Detroit woman was pulled over for disregarding the red light at Harper and Allard.

The woman told the officer she did not have her driregistration and expired proof of insurance. The passenger in the vehicle, a 37year-old Detroit man, gave upon request.

A LEIN check revealed the woman has three current suspensions on her driver license and warrants out of Detroit and St. Clair Shores.

A LEIN check on the passenger revealed the man had a felony warrant out of Detroit for armed robbery.

Both were arrested and the woman was released after posting an \$80 bond.

Busted

At 8:20 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 11, an 18-year-old Harper Woods man was stopped for having an expired license plate tab.

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He provided only a graduated level one driver license to the arresting officer.

A LEIN check revealed the man had a valid criminal bench warrant out of Harper Woods for contempt of court. He was arrested and released to a Harper Woods police officer who arrived on the scene.

Poor driving (Law record

On Friday, Feb. 10, at 12:06 a.m., a Grosse Pointe Woods police officer stopped

A LEIN check revealed the man's license was suspended 12 times with four prior convictions. He also had several warrants out of Detroit and Utica with a total bond of \$724.

His passenger, a 36-yearold Detroit woman, had a warrant out of Detroit for \$124.

Both were arrested and issued citations.

Drug arrest

On Thursday, Feb. 9, at 8 ver license, but gave him her p.m., a 25-year-old Detroit man was stopped for traveling 50 mph on Vernier, which is a 35 mph zone.

While investigating, the the officer his driver license officer detected a strong odor of intoxicants. A portable breath testrevealed a reading of .032.

A LEIN check reported the vehicle's plate was stolen out of Detroit in September 2005. Four bags of marijuana were found under the passenger seat.

The two passengers in the Ford Escort, a 42-year-old Detroit man and a 41-yearold Detroit woman, were arrested with the driver for being in possession of marijuana.

Officers also found a possible rock of cocaine inside the driver's boot when he

See SAFETY, page 21A

Tool taken

A 25-year-old male alleged cocaine addict from Concord is suspected of stealing a piece of veterinary equipment from the house of a Grosse Pointe Shores resident.

The suspect was staying at the house on Hawthorne and is accused of stealing an endoscope. The tool is valued at \$10.000 new and up to \$5,000 used.

The man reportedly sold the endoscope for \$800 to someone at a westside horse racing track. The buyer was suspicious and notified the owner.

- Brad Lindberg

Smashing On Sunday, Feb. 12, at 4 No license p.m., a 46-vear-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman living in the 1200 block of Roslyn reported to police that an unknown person smashed the rear driver-side window of her 2005 black Pontiac.

The woman said the malicious destruction of property took place between 2 and 2:30 p.m. while the vehicle was parked on Marter on the side of her home.

Grabbing

At 1:55 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 12, a 26-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man employed at a business located in the 19300 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods reported to police that a man had put an item inside his coat

pocket. Police responded to the call and questioned a 54year-old Detroit man, who told the officer he had put an adapter (valued at \$11.99) into his pocket and was going to leave the store without paying for it, saying it would save him money.

The man was released, but the store manager told the man he was not allowed



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New Mack businesses create positive attitude

By Bob St. John Staff Writer

Pointe Woods is the new that will debut this year.

"I'm delighted to see the new businesses here," Woods process of refurbishing the Novitke, third from left, Mayor Robert Novitke said. store to fit its merchandise. Grosse Pointe Chamber "It just shows the vitality of Grosse Pointe Woods, and in the next few months. the confidence business owners have in our city."

Thai Cafe (20087 Mack); Dr. and is ready to roll. Kathleen Gibney, D.D.S. (19511 Mack), The Light rant in Royal Oak, but it is a and Jeff Pakulski, far House (20497 Mack), carry out place," Ly said. Dinoto's Carry Out (20223 Mack), Your Time Fitness Grosse Pointe Woods is a sitfor Women (20728 Mack), Edible Arrangements (21016 Mack), American good food." Home Fitness (19437 Mack), Men's Warehouse (19435 Mack), Dr. Dennis Packey, D.O. (20867 Mack), Practice Yoga (20792 Mack), and Residential Title Agency (20369 Mack).

business located near St. hours instead of trekking home. John Hospital was split in around the tri-county area two with American Home to accomplish the same of businesses in which peo-Fitness and Men's objective. Warehouse taking residency.

but none of them are here on located on Mack off business owners who are the East side; so we thought Littlestone opened its door friendly and offer good serthis would be a great loca- in December 2005, and is American Home doing well. tion,"

Fitness General Manager Kevin Temerowski said. "We Mack Avenue in Grosse encourage people to come in Shin and Amanda Ly and try out the equipment home of several businesses as they would use it at ribbon-cutting ceremony home."

It is expecting to open with-

ership of Shin Ly, passed all of the Metro East Cham-The new businesses are county health inspections ber of Commerce (Brad

"We have another restau-"This restaurant here in down, and we hope to attract a lot of business with our

nesses gives Grosse Pointe building opened up. Our residents and customers in business has been steady." the vicinity more choices.

opportunity to circumvent Tutag said he is impressed Mack in order to finish sev- with the variety of business-The old Bavarian Village eral errands within a few es that are calling Mack

Photo by Robert McKean Owners of Thai Cafe, (center), took part in a with Grosse Pointe Men's Warehouse is in the Woods Mayor Robert of Commerce co-director Jane Lightfoot, second Thai Cafe, under the own- from right, and members Kress, far left, Barry Nannini, second from left, right).

"I love the location here in the Woods," owner Nancy Carroll said. "I'm a lifelong Grosse Pointe resident, and The variety of new busi- I was thrilled when this

Grosse Pointe Woods' Shoppers will have the building inspector Gene

We have different types ple of all ages can enjoy," In addition, Nancy Carroll Tutag said. "The new restau-"We have 12 other stores, of Grosse Pointe bead store rants are great, and we have vices. I think the businesses will do well here."



News

City officials helped Ly officially open Thai Cafe Feb. 8.

see so much interest with business owners opening nesses has lessened the during a ribbon-cutting cer- stores on Mack," Novitke Woods' business vacancy emony on Feb. 1, and Nancy said. "They see that our com- rate to a miniscule 4.2 per-Carroll of Grosse Pointe had munity is thriving, and it's cent (11 vacancies out of 259 a ribbon-cutting ceremony nice that they can share that buildings), which is one of with all of us who call "I'm very enthusiastic to Grosse Pointe Woods home."

The influx of new busithe lowest in the state.

21A

Village parking deck fix-it costs to be determined

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

City of Grosse Pointe officials will seek cost estimates to renovate the municipal Village.

be used as leverage against what a private developer may ask of the City to help rebuild or modernize the structure.

advent of sports utility vehicles, some of which are so tall they can't navigate the structure.

The garage is located behind Kercheval Place, the former Jacobson's building.

building's new owner, wants tractor determine the cost of lowing: the 33-year-old garage mod- implementing the WJE ernized or replaced if he's to report. Stevens wants the move forward with renovat- estimates handy when parking garage in the ing Kercheval Place. Meathe Meathe submits estimates wants to transform the of his own. Officials hope findings can buildings into a mixture of shops, offices and condo- issue and save time," miniums.

In December, City officials asked engineers at WJE until we know the cost of a Associates of Bingham new deck or the cost of reno-It was built before the Farms to determine modifi- vation," agreed Richard cations needed to accommodate renovations envisioned for Kercheval Place.

Cullan F. Meathe, the recommended having a con-

"I'm trying to expedite the Stevens said.

"We can't do anything Clarke, councilman.

Mary Darr, a WJE engineer and project manager, Councilman John Stevens has concluded her report.

Darr determined the fol- lion," Darr wrote.

1. Thirty-one additional parking spaces could be created on ground level by relocating the entrance and flat-

tening some of the ramps. 2. It would cost \$140,000 to \$160,000 to construct a pedestrian tunnel between the deck and Kercheval Place for use by condomini-

um owners. 3. The deck, built in 1973, is valued currently at \$2 million. "The cost of a comits maintenance is \$2.5 mil-

Between \$800,000 and \$1.1 million in repairs are needed to ensure the structure lasts another 20 years. "If cost was not an issue, to 6-foot-4 at interior repairs could theoretically crossovers, is too low for be performed to provide an most full-sized pickup infinite life for the structure," according to the cles. report.

deteriorating mended.

meeting current require- reads.

ments of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Also, accessible slopes are needed to the Notre Dame sidewalk.

6. Headroom, which dips trucks and sport utility vehi-

"For new construction, the 4. Repairs are needed to Michigan Building Code concrete. requires a minimum height Waterproofing is recom- of 7 feet in typical areas and an 8-foot-2 clear height for 5. The structure falls two areas containing van accesparable new structure and parking spaces short of sible spaces," the report

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things that happened during the term of the insurance," said Mark McInerney, village attorney. "But the harbor wall was built in the early 1960s with full approval of the state of Michigan. The harbor wall is getting old, but there's been no losses that would be covered by insurance."

During a forum on shoreline issues sponsored last month by Sen. Martha Scott, D-Highland Park, she promised to press for aid but made it clear there wasn't state money available for dredging.

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took it off during the booking process.

Dangling items pose problem

On Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 9:58 p.m., a 35-year-old Warren woman was stopped at Vernier and Mack for having too many items dangling from her rear view mirror

A LEIN check revealed the woman had a suspended driver license and two outstanding warrants out of Roseville and Detroit.

She told the officer she was on her way to the hospital because she was bleeding. Her passenger, a 36year-old Warren man, was there for support.

A LEIN check on the passenger reported he had a warrant for arrest in Detroit.

The officer called for medical support. -Bob St. John







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South girls storm back to beat Cranbrook Kingswood



Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap

Alex Rentz, who scored the winning goal for Grosse Pointe South against Cranbrook Kingswood, wins a faceoff against the Cranes.

Burchi's second goal lifts ULS to overtime hockey victory

By Bob St. John Sports Writer

Sophomore Mike Burchi's goal just 16 seconds into overtime lifting University Liggett School's boys hockey team to a 2-1 win over visiting L'Anse Creuse North last week.

tying goal with 9:33 left in the third period.

Senior Adam Rock assisted on both goals, while sophomore Mike McCoy and junior Mike Zukas also drew assists.

"It's amazing how good we

number of penalties we take ple of tough losses." in a game," head coach Terry Olson said. "We took only three penalties against an improving North squad, and that has to be our game discipline.'

Olson threw each of his Burchi also scored the lines on the ice, utilizing his team speed against North's bigger, slower defensemen.

We had a speed advantage that helped us win, penalties a game," Olson especially on both of our goals," Olson said. "It was a blowout loss to Carlson, our well-played high school hockey game, and it was

can be when we limit the nice to get a win after a cou-

The Crusaders scored in the opening period and the second stanza was scoreless. Both of the Knights' goalkeepers, Alex Brooks and Zack Keith, played near flawless hockey and faced less shots than their counterpart.

"We seem to win more games if we take four or less said. "I think after our

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By Bob St. John Sports Writer

girls hockey team overcame a 3-0 deficit to beat defending state champ Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood scored an unassisted goal to 6-5 last week.

The last time these two powerhouses met was in the but the Cranes made it a 5-3 Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League championship that Cranbrook Kingswood won in double-overtime.

"It was a wonderful hockey game, and very hard fought by both teams," co- McDonald tied the game 5-5 head coach Bill Fox said. "I think our girls might have been looking a little too much at Cranbrook's .500 record and not enough that they are the defending state Kelly Breen. champs and would like to come into our building and beat us."

The Cranes, who lost their long-time head coach, Lance Wissmueller, to cancer in the summer and their allstate Ms. Hockey forward, Tarasei Karega, to graduation, didn't play as a .500 team.

The visitors jumped out to a 3-0 lead on goals by Pilar Ming, Audrey Stapleton and Andrea Roberts (powerplay). Lady Blue Devils' senior all-stater Ali Morawski got the squad back into the game, scoring twice in the final 3:29 of the opening period to make it a 3-2 game.

Morawski's first goal was assisted by linemates Amanda Marsh and Hilliary Inger. Her second tally was unassisted.

The Cranes scored just 1:24 into the second period,

making it a 4-2 game.

Fox replaced starting Grosse Pointe South's goaltender Christine Jarboe with junior Caroline Sweeny at that point.

Senior Katherine Gerow get the Lady Blue Devils back within one goal, 4-3, game when Stapleton scored with 53.8 seconds left in the stanza.

Inger scored a huge goal on a powerplay with only 8.7 seconds left on the clock.

Sophomore Kathleen with another unassisted goal. The game-winner was scored by sophomore Alex Rentz, assisted by junior Shami Entenman and junior

to tie the game in the final minute when a blast from the point missed the far post by an inch.

We escaped with a win after falling behind," Fox said. "The girls showed a lot of character tonight. It goes to show you that the girls have to be focused on every opponent or else we could lose. This was a good wakeup call."

The Lady Blue Devils outshot the Cranes 21-20, and now know they will be a team to be reckoned with in the state playoffs."

"I thought this game really gave us some confidence we were lacking," Cranbrook Kingswood head coach Mike Roche said. "We have been struggling a bit, but this

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The Cranes missed a shot

North girls ice foes

By Bob St. John Sports Writer

The Grosse Pointe North girls hockey team won both of its league games last weekend, beating Walled Lake 6-3 and Bloomfield United 9-0.

Head coach Tim Van Eckoute and his Norsemen had little trouble disposing of winless Bloomfield. They built a huge first-period lead and cruised in the final two stanzas.

Senior goalie Angela Lee played a forward position for the first time during her high school career, netting two goals. Senior Meryl Masserang also scored two goals and junior Johanna Ventimiglia lit the lamp.

Walled Lake, however, was a different story as the two teams were tied 1-1 after the opening period.

The Norsemen put the game away with a four-goal second period. They added another tally in the final period to clinch at least second place in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League \mathbf{East} Division.

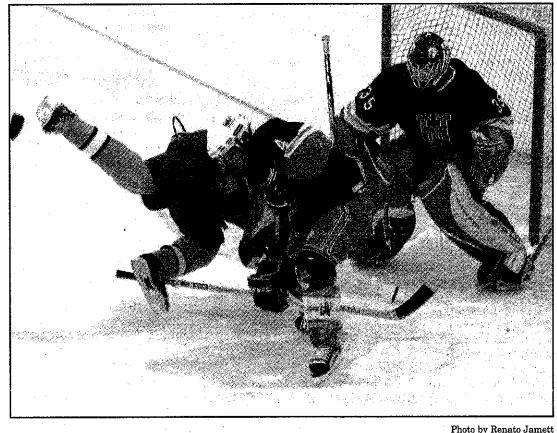
Christina Senior Sandmair had a goal and three assists, while junior Emily Nelson added a goal and an assist.

Junior Phelicia VanOverbeke also had a goal to help North improve to 13-3 in the league and 16-3 overall.





Photo by Renato Jamett Adam Rock scores for University Liggett School against Southgate Anderson.



University Liggett School defenseman Kyle Lawrence clears the area in front of goalie Zack Keith.



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Blue Devils play well but lose league showdown with DLS

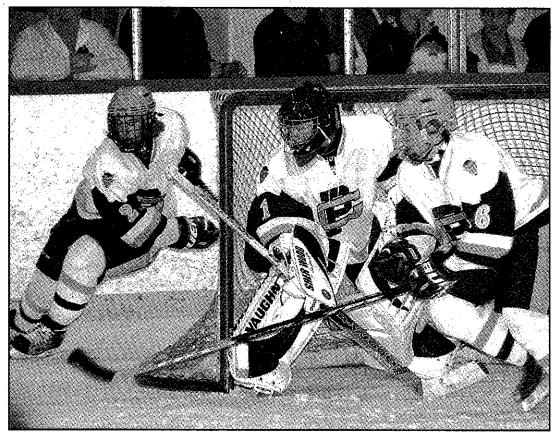


Photo by Boh Bruce

Grosse Pointe South defensemen Trevor John (2) and Paul Sokolik (6) patrol the area in front of goalie Trevor Sattelmeier.

By Chuck Klonke Sports Editor

hockey team got an apology from its coach when it returned to practice this week.

"I was disappointed after the game," said Blue Devils coach Bob Bopp said of South's 5-1 loss to De La Salle in a Michigan Metro High School Hockey League showdown for first place in the league's East Division.

"But after watching the tape, we played a lot better than I originally thought we did. A lot of players played really hard. Sometimes you don't notice that during the game. I'll apologize to them at practice (on Monday)."

The victory all but assured the Pilots, who are coached by former University Liggett School coach Dan Barry, of the East Division championship.

De La Salle won both games against South this year and there's going to be another meeting that's even

more important.

Grosse Pointe South's the state Division II preregional playoffs on Monday, Feb. 27 at City Sports Arena.

"We're going to have our hands full if we play them a third time," Barry said after Saturday's game. "We've got two big wins against them, but it's tough to beat a good team like that three times."

Bopp is looking forward to another meeting with the Pilots.

"We lost the first two games, but I still think the teams are very even," Bopp said. "De La Salle is a strong team. They have a lot of seniors, but I think either one of us can win in the playoffs."

Saturday's game turned during a three-minute span in the second period.

"They blitzed us for three quick goals," Bopp said. "That gave them a lot of confidence. You could tell they felt good about themselves after the second period."

South was clinging to a 1-The two teams will open 0 lead on Lance Lucas's goal, assisted by Jimmy Marshall, 30 seconds into the game, when Tim Priskey tied the game at 7:50.

Sixty-one seconds later, Mike Langewicz broke the 1deadlock, and Zach 1 Jakubiak made it 3-1 with a power-play goal at 10:22.

"That first goal seemed to give us a spark," Barry said. "We played our best the last half of the second period and the third.

"We have a tendency to start slow. We've had games where we didn't get started until there were two minutes left in the third period."

The first period was wellplayed by both teams, especially the two goalies. South's Trevor Sattelmeier kept the Pilots off the scoreboard, while De La Salle's Shaun Fantaro kept the Blue Devils from adding to their lead.

Fantaro made an outstanding glove save on

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Norsemen lose twice to tough **Hockey Showcase opponents**

By Chuck Klonke Sports Editor

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ey team.

better or it's going to be a and all of a sudden the long offseason," coach Scott Shamrocks were up 3-0. Lock said after the the Trenton Ice Arena last weekend.

and our special teams third period but the puck haven't been doing the job. slid across the crease and We were awesome on the didn't go in. penalty kill at the start of the season but since then that puck didn't go in," Lock we've dropped down to 77 percent — and that's not was 3-2." good. Especially when we haven't been able to score four straight penalties, when we've been on the power play."

North lost 5-1 to Michigan Interscholastic League Catholic rival Central, which was ranked No. 1 in the state in Division I. The next day, the Norsemen dropped a 4-0 decision to No. 3 Brighton. Lock was impressed with the Bulldogs. "We pretty much stood around and watched Brighton," he said. "They're good. They might even be better this year than CC. They can really motor. They shoot the puck well and they're physical."

Then North took some penalties and $_{\mathrm{the}}$ Time is running out on Shamrocks capitalized with Grosse Pointe North's hock- a power-play goal. Some mistakes by the Norsemen Evan Chase played real "We have to start playing led to two more CC goals

Michael Yakamovich, who Norsemen lost both of their has been carrying most of games in the Michigan High the scoring load for North in School Hockey Showcase at recent games, got a goal to make it 3-1.

North had a chance to cut "We're not scoring goals the lead to 3-2 early in the

> "I still don't know how said. "I thought for sure it

The Norsemen then took which led to two more Catholic Central goals.

Yakamovich played well Hockey in both games for North.

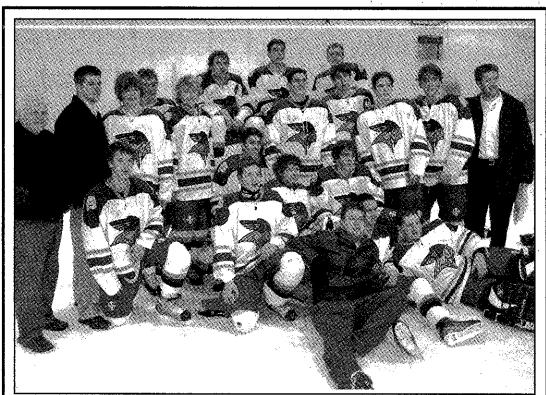
"He was awesome all weekend," Lock said. "He and (Mike) Rourke were our two best players. (Goalie) well, too. He made some outstanding saves on both games."

Defensemen Michael Neveux and Matt Miller also had solid games against CC.

Lock is hoping that the return of Rob Ireland, who has missed several games because of illness will ignite the offense.

"He's only played in 11 games but he's our thirdleading scorer with 10 goals and 14 assists," Lock said.

North hosts Cranbrook Kingswood on Saturday at the Mount Clemens Ice Arena. The Norsemen then play a home game against powerful Orchard Lake St. Mary on Wednesday, Feb. 22



Conference champs

The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association JV Norsemen finished in first place in the Southeastern Michigan Prep Hockey League Eastern Conference with a 17-5-3 record. In their first playoff game, the Norsemen lost 4-3 in a tough battle with the GPHA JV Blue Devils. Defenseman Mike Colosimo scored the first Norsemen goal. Brian Flemion tied the game at 2-2 with a second period goal. The Norsemen took the lead on a goal by defenseman Anthony itale, but the Blue Devils erased the lead in the third period. Norsemen goalie Andrew Spagnuolo made 10 third-period saves. The Norsemen took 40 shots in the game. It was the first of six games in eight days for the Norsemen.

Brighton jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead, but North settled down and played better at the end of the first period and in the second.

However, late in the second period, the Bulldogs' Mr. Hockey candidate, Zach Hinch, took advantage of a North mistake and scored on a breakaway to make it 3-0.

Brighton capped the scoring with a power-play goal in the third period.

North played better against Catholic Central than the final score indicates.

"We played real well against CC," Lock said. "The first period and a half we held our own if we didn't take it to them for most of that stretch."



Photo by Bob Bruce

The play of captain Mike Rourke was one of the bright spots for Grosse Pointe North last weekend.

North swimmers rebound from loss

Grosse Pointe North's Franklin 132-38 in a nonleague meet.

Cameron Howle with firsts in the 200- and 500yard freestyle races, and Michael Lane, who won the 200 individual medley and the 100 breaststroke, were North's double winners.

Other victories came from Karl Tech, 50 freestyle; Mike and Mike Walton, 100 backstroke.

swimming team rebounded ed season-best time. They in the 400 freestyle relay from a close loss earlier in were Tech, Eric Jorgenson, the week to crush Livonia Tim Schultes and Robert Briski, 50 freestyle; Ryan Boury and Moore, 100 freestyle; Howle, 200freestyle; Stephen Van Beek, 500 freestyle; Austin Damm, 100 backstroke; Chris Bill, 100 breaststroke; Kedzierski and David Castile, 100 butterfly; and Van Beek, 200 individual medley.

Earlier, North lost 48-46 Kedzierski, 100 butterfly; to Marysville in a Macomb Jeff Moore, 100 freestyle; Area Conference Red Beek, 200 individual med-Division meet that was ley; Castile, 100 butterfly; decided when the Vikings and Bill, 100 breaststroke,

Several Norsemen record- broke a 42-all tie with a win the final event of the night.

> Howle (200 and 500 freestyle) and Lane (200 IM and 100 breaststroke) were double winners for North.

> Kedzierski won the 100 butterfly and Walton was first in the 100 backstroke.

Season-best performances came from Schultes and Moore, 50 freestyle: Briski and Chris Cullen, 100 freestyle; Castile and Van

South swimmers breeze to victory over Marysville, do well at MISCA meet

Grosse Pointe South's Marysville in a Macomb finish in the 100 breast-Area Conference Red stroke. Division meet.

swimmers in each event and relays. The 200 freestyle the Blue Devils took the top two spots in six of 11 events. South's 200-yard medley relay team of Robby Browning, Jon Sax, Jack Hessburg and Joe Ryan finished first with a time of 1:46.41. The B relay of Jamie Handley, Casey Browning, Michael Manos and Tim Denton was second. Danny Basile and Andrew Graham finished first and Interscholastic

second, respectively, in the 200 freestyle. Danny Pogue and Alex Eastern Bordyukov gave the Blue

Devils another 1-2 finish in the 50 freestyle.

Robby Browning won the 100 butterfly in 55.89, five seconds ahead of the rest of the field. Ryan was second. In the 100 freestyle, Casey Browning raced Pogue and Marysville's Josh Koglin to the wall. Browning touched first in 50.53. Pogue was second in 51.60, just ahead of Koglin, who finished in 51.70.

Basile posted his second victory in the 500 freestyle, while Sax was second for another 1-2 South finish.

Marysville's only victory came in the 200 individual medley, won by Greg Urben with a time of 2:14.77. South's Riley Sherer was a close second (2:15.73) and the David Cockell (2:16.93) finished third.

boys swimming team won another first in the 100 Browning, 200 freestyle. every event but one on its backstroke, while Handley (1:46.07); way to a 71-23 victory over and Manos gave South a 1-3 freestyle (1:52.64) and 500

Each team entered two and third in the other two Browning, 100 backstroke relay team of Casey Browning, Sherer, Bordyukov and Cockell won in 1:34.84, touching out the Vikings' team by one second.

In the 400 freestyle relay, Sax, Basile, Graham and Cockell won easily in 3:30.39.

Last Saturday, South sent. 11 swimmers and one diver to the annual Michigan Swim Coaches Association (MISCA) Invitational at Michigan University.

The top 60 times in the state in each event qualify for the meet.

"The MISCA meet is always fun because the guys get a chance to compete against the teams we see at the state meet," said South coach Bill Thompson.

"There are a lot of fast swimmers out there, so hopefully this will keep our team focused and motivated to keep working hard through the end of the season."

South didn't disappoint at EMU.

Highlights for the Blue Devils were a new state qualifying time for Robby Browning in the 100 butterfly (54.91) and Handley in 100 breaststroke (1:03.63).

Other season-best times

Robby Browning got for South came from Casey Basile, 200freestyle (4:53.29); Pogue, 50 freestyle (22.86) and 100 The Blue Devils were first freestyle (51.48); Robby (58.03); and Michael Manos, 100 breaststroke (1:05.35).

Diver Ty Lattimore finished 12th out of 33 competitors.

Former South swimmers star for Albion

Former Grosse Pointe South swimmer John Fodell broke two individual school records and he and another South grad helped Albion College's 400-yard medley relay team break a longstanding school record at the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Championships.

Fodell, a senior, and freshman Ryan Gunderson were members of the relay team that posted a third-place time of 3:31.19 to break a 14-year-old school record.

Fodell was the MIAA champion in the 100 breaststroke with a school-record and NCAA Division III championship provisional qualifying time of 57.71.

Fodell also lowered the school record to 2:06.17 in a runner-up finish in the 200 breaststroke and he finished third in the 200 individual medley with a time of 1:57.29.

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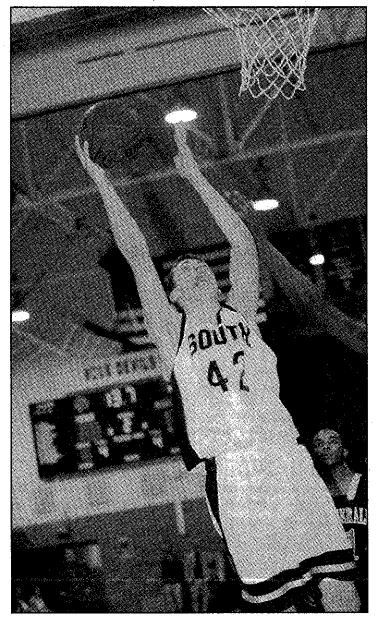


Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap David Baldwin scores a basket against Fitzgerald. Baldwin had 16 points and 15 rebounds in Grosse Pointe South's victory.

Blue Devils take care of business in MAC White

By Chuck Klonke Sports Editor

ketball team simply took care of business in its only game last week.

"Once we got going we looked pretty good," said Blue Devils coach Jay Ritchie after his team's 62-36 victory over Fitzgerald in Macomb Area the Conference White Division.

"We looked real good in the second and third quarters. We took advantage of our size. We had 19 offensive rebounds."

It was a game South should have won easily -and it did.

South's next two games are at home against Port Grosse Pointe South's bas- Huron tonight, Feb. 16, and against division-leading Dakota on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

The Port Huron game will be Senior Night, honoring the eight seniors on the South squad - Bobby Diehl, Curt Mumaw, Brendan Howe, Mike Laciura, David DeBoer, Baldwin, Charles Harrell and Conroy.

Volleyball club to hold tryouts

North reserves play well in second half

By Chuck Klonke Sports Editor

No basketball coach is ever happy to be trailing by 22 points at halftime.

However, when you are, like Grosse Pointe North Friday, you have to make the most of it, and that's half. what North coach Matt Trombley did.

He used the second half of Macomb the Area Conference Red Division game as an opportunity to give some of his reserves a chance to get some extra playing time.

"I was happy that some of the guys who haven't had much playing time got a chance to play," Trombley said after the Chieftains won 61-42.

"Their play was encouraging. It was uplifting to see people like Colin Maloney, Jerry Peoples and Charles Calhoun make the most of their time on the court."

With reserves playing most of the second half, North outscored Utica 31-28.

"I didn't like the way we played in the first half," Trombley said. "People were trying to do too much by themselves.'

The first 3 1/2 minutes of the game illustrated what Trombley meant.

"We didn't play a real intelligent game," he said. "I think it's because losing is taking a toll on the guys. We took some threes and missed them, and that's how we got down so quickly."

Utica jumped out to a 10-0 lead and that was pretty much the story of the game. The Chieftains extended their lead to 33-11 at halftime, and even the strong second half by the Norsemen never got them closer than 14 points.

Maloney scored four points and caused Utica scored four some problems with his defense. Peoples scored seven points and Calhoun had seven points and six rebounds.

"Colin has struggled to get minutes, but he really provided a spark in the second improve to 5-4 overall. nalt," 'Irombley said. "His play was probably the most uplifting thing that came out of this game.

and Port Huron Northern, we'd have won those games."

North had trouble with Romeo's Cody Cushingberry in the first half as he scored 18 points, but the Norsemen was against Utica last held the 'Bulldogs' leading scorer to six in the second

Romeo had a three-point

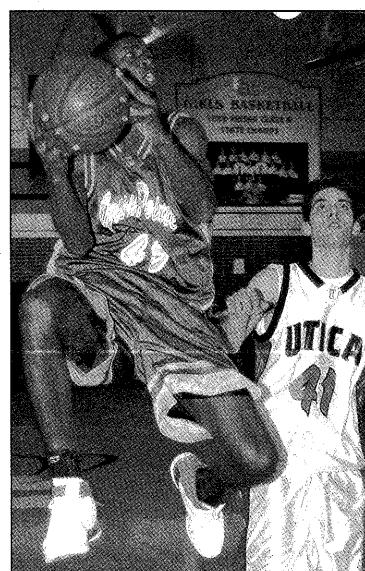


Photo by Bob Bruce Grosse Pointe North's Nick Waller drives past Dex Battista of Utica.

North swimmers climb over .500

Two impressive victories ley and the 500 freestyle, have pushed Grosse Pointe while Jorgenson touched North's swimming team first in the 200 freestyle and 100 backstroke. over the .500 mark.

The Norsemen beat Novi Catholic Central 133-47 to Jorgenson's 200* time were both season bests.

five-point advantage into

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"We played pretty well offensively," Trombley said. "We put in a new zone offense, and we got the ball into good spots to shoot."

"We gave up a lot of

teams like Chippewa Valley lead at halftime and took a rebounds," Trombley said. the fourth quarter.

One of North's shortcomings was on the boards.

"We forced Romeo to take a lot of bad shots, especially in the second half, but then they still got the rebound. We have trouble against the physical, athletic teams."

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North made 10 of 15 free throws. Dwight Van Hoesen led the Norsemen with 13 points and he connected on six of seven from the line.

Adam Miller played a strong game for North, and finished with 12 points.

Trombley also had praise for Marc Reno.

"He's been our most consistent player all season," Trombley said of the junior guard. "He's always guarding the opponent's best offensive player. Now Marc is looking more for his shot than he was earlier in the year."

Reno scored six points against Romeo.

North hosts Port Huron Northern tonight, Feb. 16, then is idle until it visits L'Anse Creuse on Tuesday, Feb. 28.

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guys realize they have to focus on each period and play a more disciplined game."

Last weekend, the Knights played on back-toback nights, losing 4-3 to host Southgate Anderson and beating Warren United 6-5 in overtime.

"Our guys are getting the taste of victory, and they like it." Olson said. "We played three good, solid hockey games this week and could have won each game."

After playing Anderson to a scoreless opening period, sophomore Mike Thomas got the Knights on the board with a goal two minutes in. Freshman Pierson Fowler, a recent call-up from the junior varsity squad, drew the assist.

Rock, assisted by Burchi, scored with 56 seconds left in the second stanza to make it a 2-1 game but Anderson tied it with a tally

The Spartans are winless in the MAC White. All the Blue Devils had to do was play their normal game and they could chalk another up in the win column.

David Baldwin had another fine performance as he led South with 16 points and 15 rebounds.

"The last couple of weeks he has been playing his best of the season," Ritchie said of his 6-foot-6 senior forward.

South led 10-7 after the first quarter with Baldwin scoring half of the Blue Devils' points. South began to pull away early in the second quarter, stretching its lead to 11 points with an 11-2 run.

The Blue Devils ended the first half with another 11-2 spurt to lead 32-17 at the intermission.

five points of the second half, but by the time the third quarter was half over, South's lead was back to 18 after three-point baskets by Christian Conroy and J.C. Cruse.

Conroy and Cruse each finished with 13 points. Cruse also had seven rebounds.

Marcel Miller and Dan Lett led Fitzgerald with 10 points apiece.

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Fodell was involved as school records fell in the 200 medley relay and 800 freestyle relay. Gunderson was also a member of the 200 medley relay that shaved nearly a half-second off the record it set earlier this season.

Gunderson was 10th in the 50 freestyle with a time of 21.59 and he finished 11th in the 100 backstroke in 58.17.

The Michigan Elite Volleyball Club, formerly the VIP Club, directed by Community Macomb College head volleyball coach Kevin Nugent, will

host its final tryout for the spring season on Sunday, Feb. 19.

Team placements for players ages 14 through 18 will be determined at the tryouts.

Tryouts are at the MCC South Campus Sport and Expo Center.

The tryout session for 14-15-year-olds is from noon to 1 p.m. and tryouts for players 16-18 will be from 1:30 to 2:30.

Team placement for ages 12 and 13 will take place on Fitzgerald scored the first Sunday, March 5. Thirteenyear-olds will have tryouts from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The 12year-old tryouts will be from noon to 2 p.m.



From page 1C kind of effort shows us that we can play with every team in our league."

South's call wakeup turned into an 11-1 thrashing of Port Huron last weekend.

Marsh scored a hat trick, while Inger and Morawski each tallied two goals apiece. Breen, Rentz, Gerow, and junior Liz McCaughey also scored in the blowout.

The Grosse Pointe South girls hockey team improved to 15-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League East Division and 15-2 overall.

The Lady Blue Devils can wrap-up a division title and the No. 1 seed in the state playoffs if they can beat arch rival Grosse Pointe North on home ice tonight, Thursday, Feb. 16.

"The last three games, Jerry has really played well. And Charles gave us a physical presence down low.'

Nick Waller led North with 12 points and seven rebounds.

Nick Kosovich had a game-high 18 points for Utica, while Dex Battista finished with 13 points and rebounds and 15 \mathbf{Zef} Berishaj had 10 points.

Earlier, North gave MAC Red co-leader Romeo a scare before the Bulldogs escaped with a 59-52 victory.

"We seem to play to the level of our competition," "We've Trombley said. played well against both L'Anse Creuse and Romeo (who share the division lead). If we had played comparable games against

Michael Lane was a do ble winner for North with firsts in the 200-yard individual medley and the 100 breaststroke.

Other individual firsts came from Karl Tech, 50 freestyle; Cory Fogelsong, diving; Mike Kedzierski, 100 butterfly; Alexander Hunt, 100 freestyle; and Cameron Howle, 500 freestyle.

Season-best performances came from Tim Schultes, 50 freestyle; Ryan Boury and Robert Briski, 100 freestyle; Austin Damm and Matthew Lane, 500 freestyle; Eric Jorgenson, 100 backstroke; Stephen Van Beek and Kedzierski, 200 individual medley; and Fogelsong and Charlie Cooper, diving.

Earlier, North defeated Utica Ford II 147-38.

Michael Lane and Jorgenson led the way with two victories apiece. Lane won the 200 individual med-

The Norsemer winners were Tech, 50 freestyle; Kedzierski, 100 butterfly: Hunt. 100freestyle; Andrew Fly, 100 breaststroke; and Edwin Witfield, diving.

Lane's 500 time and

Other season-best times were recorded by Tech and Howle, 50 freestyle; Michael Lane, Briski and Damm, 100 freestyle; and Damm, 100 backstroke.

Michael Lane had some impressive performances in last weekend's Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association invitational.

Lane just missed statequalifying times in two events. He finished 13th in the 200 individual medley, missing the state cut by 19 hundredths of a second. He was 21st in the 100 breaststroke, just 39 hundredths of a second off the qualifying time.

eight seconds later.

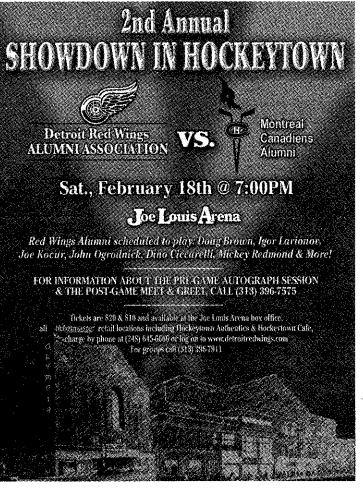
Rock scored a powerplay goal midway through the third period to tie 3-3, but with less than one minute remaining in the game the home team tallied to win.

"It could have gone either way, and unfortunately for us the goal was scored against us," Olson said. "I was very happy with our play, and the guys continued that effort against Warren United."

Juniors Greg Jones and Kyle Lawrence each scored twice to lead the Knights. Burchi scored in the opening period, and Rock tallied the game-winner at the 7:56 mark of overtime.

Thomas, Fowler, Rock, Burchi, and Zukas recorded assists on the first five goals.

The University Liggett School boys hockey team improved to 7-10-1 overall.





Sports



Photo by Bob Bruce

University Liggett School's Alex Houghtalin scored the Knights' first two goals in a 9-2 victory over Bloomfield Unified.

Wilson's six points leads ULS to victory

By Bob St. John Sports Writer

Meghan Wilson had the game of a lifetime last week. netting six points (two goals and four assists) in University Liggett School's girls hockey team's 9-2 win over visiting Bloomfield.

"This team has been a little frustrated lately; so getting this win was nice," head coach Laura Owczarski said. "We needed this win for a confidence boost.'

Wilson scored the Lady Knights' final two goals of the second period adding to the five goals on the board and taking a commanding 8-2 lead.

She added assists on two improved to 2-12 in the

Alex Houghtalin scored the Lady Knights' first two goals and Cara Smith tallied one. Jill Wallricih and Caitlin Munn drew assists.

Alyssa Meder and Rikki Pautz scored for Bloomfield. The Lady Knights also played Ann Arbor the day before the Bloomfield contest, losing 5-0.

"Ann Arbor's goalkeeper is the best in our league, and she single-handily won the game for them," Owczarski said.

"She stopped Palmer on at least five clean breakaways.²

The University Liggett School girls hockey team goals by Elizabeth Palmer, Michigan Metro Girls High

Olympic hockey player tunes up her game at Grosse Pointe Community Rink

By John Karabetsos Special Writer

hockey champion \mathbf{As} Angela Ruggiero prepared for the road to Turin, so too did her mother, Karen Ruggiero of Harper Woods.

It's not quite as intense as the drills in Lake Placid that her daughter went through, but it was just as exciting. This is Angela's third Olympics and she was trained for both offense and defense.

Angela plays in a men's league at the Grosse Pointe Community Rink with the Old Devils hockey team. Her mother, a long time Grosse Pointe realtor, had time to answer a few questions before departing for the Italian Alps.

Why Hockey? Q: first start playing and how old was she?

hockey California. Her father was signing up her brother, Bill, and there was a family discount, so Angela and her sister Pamela were also signed up

was your approach to the gender issue?

A: GO GIRL! You can do whatever you want to do. However, playing with boys, I said my prayers.

Q: How did you handle her first Olympics in Japan and is it any different this time around? A: The first Olympics were new to Angela, myself and the rest of the team. It Especially hearing the boys was the first ever women's and parents call her names Olympic ice hockey team. and shout "attack the girl." Then to beat the Canadians Angela looked at it as a chal-Where did your daughter and win the gold medal, lenge and stepped up to the words cannot describe it. I am looking forward to hear-

A: Angela started playing ing "GO USA" in Italy and young hockey moms? ockey in southern "RUGGIERO." A: Expose your child

What is your Q: moment in favorite Angela's hockey career so far?

A: When she was carrying the flag in Japan, after they **Q:** As a mother what won the gold medal. What a great opportunity to represent the best country in the world!

Q: How does being involved with hockey as a mother differ from other sports?

A: When she played other sports they were primarily with girls. Hockey on the other hand, was with boys. It was difficult at first. plate, or should I say net. Q:

excel at what God created them to play.

Understand that the game is about winning and losing and supporting your child no matter what. Be sure to keep your temper and encourage other kids as well as your own.

A: Expose your children

to many sports and let them

After the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City Angela gave a speech at Maire Elementary school in Grosse Pointe Park.

She is planning a visit to Grace Community Church on Moross when she arrives back from Italy.

Her unique story is captured in the new book "Breaking the Ice." Anyone interested in signed copies should contact Karen Ruggiero at Re-Max Real Best advice for Estate (313) 587-0555.

South gymnasts clinch a winning season

The rivalry between Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South is just as passionate in gymnastics as it is in any other sport.

This year, South clinched a winning season with a 126.00-112.55 victory over North.

The win improved the Blue Devils' record to 5-2.

India Wilson won the vault competition, which was one of four regional meet qualifying scores that she posted. Wilson also took first place on balance beam and floor exercise with identical 9.05 scores. Her score on floor was personal best.

Madelyn Mollison and Lindsay Holder also did well for South in vault.

Holder, Mollison, Olivia Vandenbussche, Gracie Turin, Mathilde Niere and Amy Liang also received regional qualifying scores in the meet.

North also had some fine performances.

beam with a regional qualifying score of 8.6.

"We don't get the same crowds one sees at the varsity basketball games, but it is not possible to see better athletic ability than at our gymnastics meets," she said. Hubmeier and assistant coach Gretchen Madison are excited about the progress made by newcomers Anna Liang, Bridget Sullivan, Cathy Krueger, Amy Weinhaus and Niere. "The truth is that whether

they compete regularly or not, every athlete on my team has contributed to our success in her own way, including our manager, Sarah Petit," Hubmeier said.

Other newcomers to the South squad include Claire Hamill, Tess Sheldon, Julia

"Gretchen Madison is one



Angela Ruggiero shows off the 2005 World Cup championship trophy. In the bottom photo, Angela is shown with her family — mother Karen, sister Pam and brother Billy — at the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City.



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Edwards and Rachel Farber. 2-14 overall.

Five South wrestlers place in MAC Gold

for Grosse Pointe South's wrestling team.

The Blue Devils entered five wrestlers in the Macomb Area Conference Gold Division meet at Warren Woods-Tower and all five of them placed.

Blake Walker won the championship at 130 pounds, and on the way to the title, earned his 100th career victory.

Costa Sirdenis (112) and Blake Bowman (140) each advanced to the championship match and won a second-place medal.

"Costa and Blake B. were and losing."

Hockey

From page 2C

Frankie DeLaura early in the first period. He also stopped Tim Shield on a breakaway in the second period.

"We had our chances, but their goalie has had our number this year," Bopp said.

De La Salle won the earlier meeting, 3-1.

The Pilots got a goal from Chris Klaft at 3:56 of the third period, and De La Salle wrapped up the scoring with Langewicz's second of the game on a 5-on-3 power play with 14 seconds remaining.

Earlier, South defeated Riverview Gabriel Richard 5-1.

It was a game where the Blue Devils just took care of business.

"Our goal was to play a lot second.

It was a perfect weekend both in control of their matches, but unfortunately, both ended up placing second," said Blue Devils coach Jose Ramirez.

> "Andrew Bagby (145) ended his senior season with a decisive third-place finish All four have had solid perand Chris Muer (160) took a hard-fought fourth place."

As a team, South was fourth. Marysville was first, followed by Cousino and Lake Shore.

"We wrestled extremely hard," Ramirez said. "Our boys showed a lot of heart recognition for its level of and maturity in the way they handled both winning

with an 8.5 score.

In earlier meets, South defeated Ann Arbor Pioneer. Troy, Berkley and Dearborn Edsel Ford.

Coach Cathy Hubmeier said she was pleased with the hard work and dedication of her gymnasts, especially senior captains Liang, Mollison, Turin and Wilson. formances and have displayed strong and caring leadership.

Wilson is recognized as one of the top athletes in the Great Lakes Gymnastics Conference.

Hubmeier believes that gymnastics deserves greater difficulty, which requires great athletic skill and keen personal discipline.

The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Mite B Blues finished first in their division at the North American Cup Tournament in Port Huron.

GPHA Blues win tournament

Association Mite B Blues Matthew Bellaovich and didn't have anything to be Josh Wilk alternated in goal blue about after the North and both played well. American Cup Tournament in Port Huron.

the tournament undefeated and beat the Rochester combined for several goals Racers 8-5 in the championship game.

to an early lead but the Erickson all figured in the Blues weren't able to pull away until the end. Speed, teamwork and excellent defensive play highlighted Babcock played outstanding the Blues' effort.

Joey Ellis was named while Shield and DeLaura then play a home game MVP for his tenacious defen-

The Grosse Pointe Hockey led the Blues in scoring.

C.J. Ramsdell scored several goals in a fine all-The Blues went through around effort. Andrew Tomasi and Steven Kent and also helped out on defense. Conner Miller, Grosse Pointe jumped out Jeffery Lieder and Libby scoring and sparked the offense with their passing.

Brad Miller and Ellis defense and kept the puck in the offensive zone.

Coach Rick Kent stressed sive play. Nicholas Di Cresce teamwork throughout the defense for a 5-2 victory.

tournament, and his players followed his direction.

The Blues opened with a 7-1 victory over Mount Clemens, then rolled to a 10-2 win over a select house team from the Port Huron area.

In their next game, the Blues beat the Port Huron Panthers, the top mite house team from Port Huron. The Panthers scored the game's first two goals, but the Blues came from behind for a 4-2 victory.

In the semifinal game against the Plymouth Sharks, the Blues got off to a quick start and played solid

of people, play as a team, win and go home," Bopp said. "We did all of those ond period but Marshall things. I really liked the way answered at 13:55, assisted we passed the puck.

"Players like Trevor John South a 4-1 lead. and others were making great decisions with the puck and it resulted in 57 shots. Sometimes when you have a game like that, the players get a little greedy, but we kept playing our normal game."

Mac Brookes opened the scoring at 9:04 of the first period, assisted by Marshall and Lucas.

Ryan Abraham scored Blue Devils a 3-0 advantage. anywhere." John and Paul Sokolik assisted on his first goal at Grosse Ile on Saturday at the eight-minute mark, got the assists on Abraham's against Dearborn

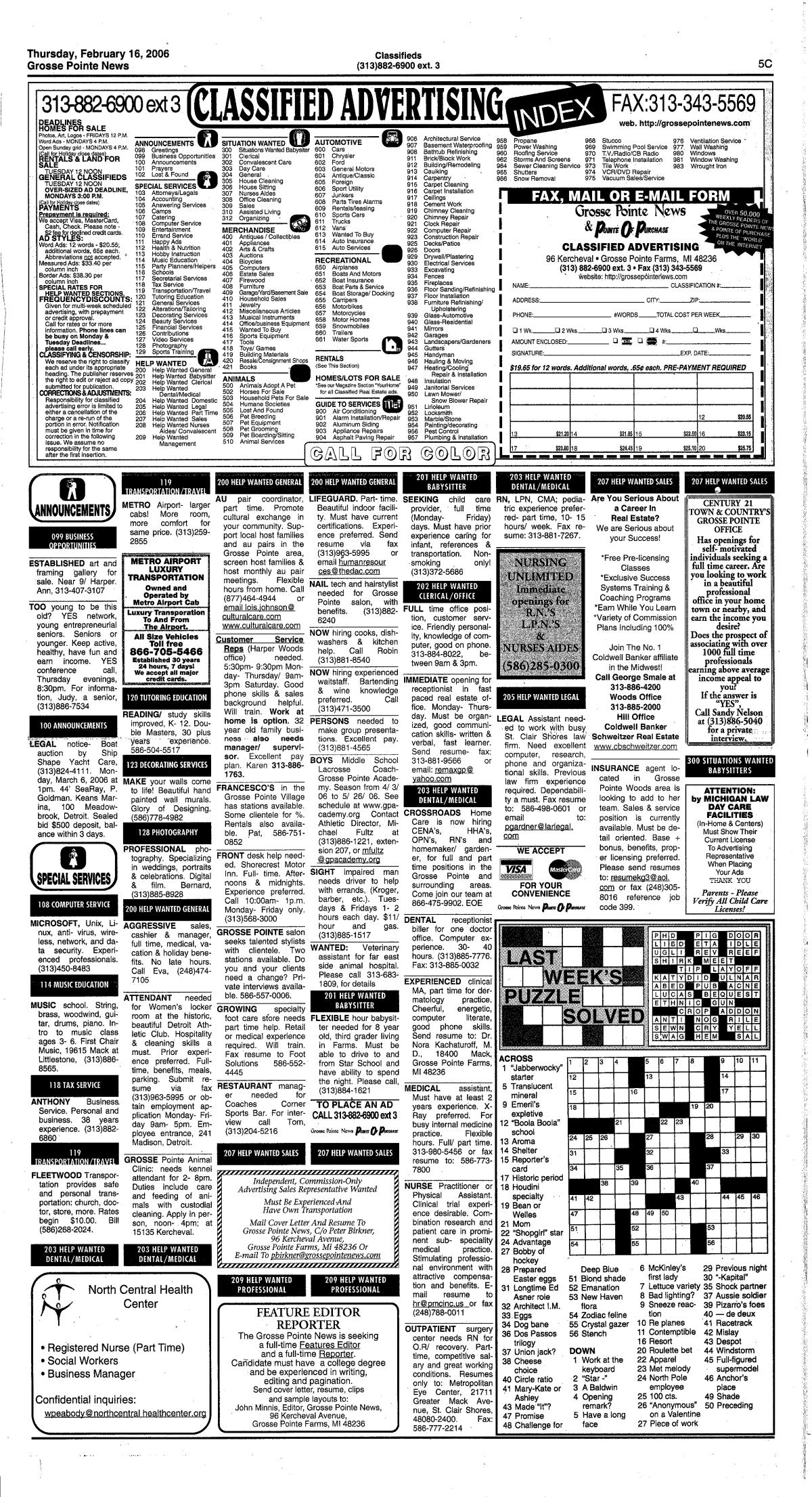
Richard scored a powerplay goal at 11:21 of the secby Lucas and Sokolik to give

Mike Lewandowski scored the Blue Devils' final goal with 27 seconds left in the game. Alex Marshall assisted.

Brett Johnson was in goal for South and turned away 10 shots by the Pioneers.

"It's tough to only face 10 shots," Bopp said. "You stand there most of the time, but you always have to be twice within nine seconds in ready. I think he's as talentthe second period to give the ed a No. 3 goalie as there is

> South, now 14-6-1, hosts City Arena. The Blue Devils on Wednesday, Feb. 22.





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By Beth Quinn Staff Writer

The world might be united for at least one day this year.

On Friday, March 3, hundreds of thousands of people across the globe will observe World Day of Prayer (WDP). Throughout the day, from the first sunrise to the last sunset, people will be praying for a common cause in hundreds of different languages and dialects.

Members of nearly 30 Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods churches are expected to participate in the day. of celebration by attending a one-hour service starting at 10 a.m. at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

This is the second year Grosse Pointe will take part in World Day of Prayer which has roots dating back to the mid-1800s. It was started by Christian women in the United States and Canada to show united support for women involved in foreign mission. Through the years, it has evolved into a movement supported by women and men from more than 170 countries.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Ann Sullivan, the local coordinator for WDP 2006, hopes that local residents will embrace the belief that there is power in numbers, especially when it comes to praying to make the world a better place to live.

"When people come and worship together together, there is power,' Sullivan said.

Since 1941, World Day of Prayer has been sponsored by Church Women United (CWU), a Christian ecumenical movement working to bring about world peace and justice.

One of Church Women

Christian movement affirms the power of prayer



The 2006 World Day of Prayer poster by Sierra Leone artist Babatunde Morgan is titled "Supporting Hands are Compassionate Hearts." The red ribbon signifies hope for HIV/AIDS victims.

racism.

• Health and health care. Education.

- Violence and hate-cen-
- tered issues.

• Economic justice.

• Images in media and

technology." On the first Friday in March of every year, World Day of Prayer is celebrated. It is a time during which Protestants,

women and men around the it is a country of vast naturworld. The writers select a al resources, including gold, theme from which to edu- diamonds, coal and copper, it cate others about their coun- is plagued by periods of try.

This year's service was written by women living in South Africa. Their theme is "Signs of the Times." Their and industrial pollution. Its goal is to inform participants of their country's rich cultural heritage, complicat-Roman ed history and its current-Catholics, Orthodox and day social, economic and

drought. It is rich in flora and fauna, and is famous for its wild reserves but struggles with overpopulation stock exchange ranks among the 10 largest in the world yet it has a 37 percent and children. Households

unemployment rate and up to 50 percent of the population lives below the poverty line.

Poverty and HIV/AIDS have created a vicious cycle. One feeds off of the other. According to Church Women United, both prob-

lems have taken a heavy toll on South African women

headed by females have a 50 percent higher poverty rate than male-headed households. The rape of South African women and children rates among the highest in the world, worsening the HIV/AIDS problem.

The CWU also points to statistics that the epidemic has left many children orphaned. Every city has a large number of street children who have had to fend for themselves since infancy.

However, concerned members of South African government and churches, especially \mathbf{the} Manyano (women's associations) are working to bring about changes to the plight of atcitizens. risk Nelson Mandela's Children's Fund is seeing to the needs of children by providing education and training for their future. South African women from all walks of life are working to rescue homeless children from the streets, drugs and HIV/AIDS.

Through World Day of Prayer, the women of South Africa hope to heighten awareness of their country and garnish support from people in other countries.

"Prayer is just the tip of the iceberg," Sullivan said. "During World Day of Prayer, we will be with them in spirit. We will be sending the message, 'We are with you."

The service at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church is open to anyone who wants to celebrate World Day of Prayer. The church is offering free babysitting. For more information, call the church at (313) 886-2363.

United's priorities is to promote social justice for women and children in need.

CWU states, "Local, state and national Church Women United units intend to be prayerfully informed and proactive in addressing the following issues from the perspective of women, children and families around the world:

• Diversity and anti-

World Day

of Prayer

other Christians reaffirm their faith, share their hopes and fears, and become more aware of the world beyond them.

Church Every year, Women United selects a country to be the focus of World Day of Prayer. The March 3, sponsoring churchwomen of that country prepare and organize a liturgy service which is celebrated by participating Christian

health issues

The writers hope to garner support in their battle against the HIV/AIDS epidemic which kills approximately 600 of their fellow citizens every day.

Throughout the world on es will perform this service which is led by laity. Participants will be reading Scriptures and singing hymns selected by South African women. At least one hymn will be sung in one of South Africa's eight official languages.

The words are not words you would normally hear," said Sullivan. "It is a very beautiful language and it brings different ideas to light."

South African native Claude Marais of Grosse Pointe Park will speak to those gathered at G.P. United Methodist about reconciling the role religiously devout white South Africans played in support of apartheid. He hopes to relate it to Detroit's racial tension and the diversity controversy that Grosse Pointers have encountered.

"The key question is how could a very religious counhave supported try apartheid, and how is that different from what I have experienced living in the Midwest and Grosse Pointe," Marais said. "Many people in Grosse Pointe, like white South Africans, live very isolated lives. How many of us drive on the other side of Mack without really knowing what life is like there?

"It is healthy to question the status quo," he said. "We should question whether our values that are prescribed and the status quo are what we should strive for. We need to do the right thing.'

South Africa is a country of extreme contrasts. During the past 16 years, it has witnessed the fall of four decades of apartheid and the rise of the HIV/AIDS. While

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Lions play Santa

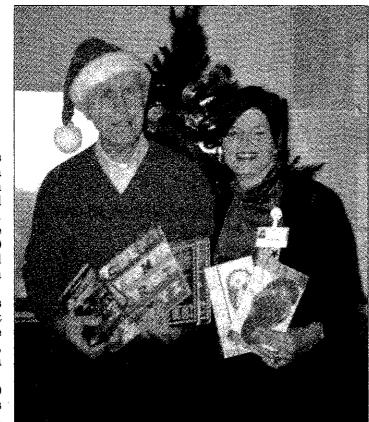
The Grosse Pointe Woods Lions Club played Santa recently at the St. John Hospital and Medical Center pediatric play center.

The center received the gift of approximately \$200 worth of new DVDs and other gifts for the children who are patients there.

The Grosse Pointe Woods Lions Club meets every first and third Thursday of the month at the Amvets Hall, 19730 Harper Ave. in Harper Woods.

The club is a 501(3)(C)organization. All donations deductible. are tax Donations can be mailed to 1632 Roslyn Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

For more information, call Ed Goosen at (313) 882-4626.



Edward Goosen, chairman of the Grosse Pointe Woods Lions Club Christmas toys for children; and Lisa Beauvais, director of the St. John Hospital and Medical Center pediatric play center, show a few of the many gifts received for hospitalized children.

Historical Saturday Pastime

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society (GPHS) is offering Second Saturday Pastime open-house tours on the second Saturday of each month from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Provencal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The GPHS offers different activities highlighting a different aspect of Grosse Pointe history. The activities and tours are free.

"Old Time Photos" was held on Feb. 11. Visitors dressed in old-fashioned clothing and sat for a sepia photo in the Provencal-Weir House, circa 1823. Speedi Photo Portrait Studio took photographs. A sitting fee of \$25 benefitted the GPHS.

For more information about future events, call (313) 884-7010 or visit the Web site gphistorical.org.



The Grosse Pointe Historical Society is holding Second Saturday Pastime open-house tours. Old Time Photos was held on Feb. 11.

New Optimist Club hopeful for recruiting new members

members of the East Shore empower them as our future Optimist Club, a newly leaders," says Don Brose, Woods and St. Clair Shores. The club's interest is in

children's health.

officials and business lead- and working with our young ers are invited to become people to inspire and

Optimist Clubs worldwide sponsor programs for young "What makes Optimist people, including Optimist Clubs unique from other ser- International Junior Golf vice organizations is that we Championship and oratori-

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G.P. Ski Club plan Tahoe trip

Grosse Pointe Ski Club trip planned for Saturday, will meet at 7:30 p.m. March 4, is the topic. Wednesday, March 1, at Fishbones Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 23722 Jefferson in St. charge. Clair Shores.

The weeklong Lake Tahoe Paul at (586) 899-0331.

formed club serving the governor of the Michigan Grosse Pointes, Harper District Optimist. "We bring out the best in kids."

Local residents, elected believe in getting involved cal and essay contests. There is also a childhood cancer campaign supported by local clubs that reaches far into Michigan communities.

> "We are going to help kids make healthy choices," says Keisha Howard, co-founding member and president of Stat Health Care. "Donating our time to children's health issues like diabetes and childhood cancer will complement the work already done by our health systems."

> For more information, call co-founder Judith club Latcha at (313) 882-9779 or Cherryl Thames of the **Michigan District Optimists** at (248) 506-5118.

by Kathleen Stevenson

G.P. Chamber Music concert Grosse The Pointe Chamber Music will hold a concert at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Crystal Ballroom, 32 Lakeshore in

Grosse Pointe Farms. This is the first performance of a woodwind trio composed by Farmington Hills resident Geraldine Schwartz.

Schwartz's Trio was written for Sylvia Starkman, oboe; Linda Borushko, clarinet; and Patricia Snyder, bassoon. They will also perform trios by Salamone

Rossi and Darius Milhaud.

Meetings

lives.

Astor Piazzolla will be performed by flutist Cathy Sherwin and guitarist Tom Warren.

The recital will conclude with Gioacchino Rossini's Duetto for cello and bass performed by Judith Vander the door for \$12. Weg and John Kennedy.

The Grosse Pointe War (313) 885-4633.

"Histoire du Tango" by Memorial Association sponsors Grosse Pointe Chamber Music concerts throughout the year.

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gathering of and about local poetry and prose authors

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tions, call Nancy Neat at

Poets Follies — a reading, and musicians — will be discussion and performance held at the Grosse Pointe Artists Association's Art Center from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 24.

> The meeting will feature readings from Mariela Griffor, Kawita Kandpal, Peter Markus and John Rybicki, along with music and comedy from Shelia Lovely.

Griffor, writer in residence of the GPAA and director of the Poets Follies, will read

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Women's Connection of

Grosse Pointe will meet at 6

p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at a

Guest speaker Regan Wright's topic is "What A the process of organizing your home, business or personal life to eliminate stress. Women's Connection is a

women's networking and support organization dedicated to the enrichment and empowerment of women in their business and personal

private club. Dinner will be Pointe Knitters

(313) 882-1855.

Pointe Knitters will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. Mess." Wright will explain 23, at the Children's Home of Detroit in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The program will be "Mittens." Knitters of all skills are welcome. Dues are \$12 a year. For more inforcall Shirley mation, Paczkowski at (313) 885-9034.

selections from "Poems of Love for a Subversive Man," which is scheduled for release by Tightrope Books in May.

Admission to Poets Follies is \$5. The GPAA Art Center is located at 1005 Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park.

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Ahee heart pendant funds cardiovascular research

The key to preventing and finding treatments for heart disease is research.

To support this vital research, St. John Health and Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers of Grosse Pointe Woods have joined forces for an innovative project titled, One Heart.

The fine jewelry retailer has selected a unique heart shaped pendant, the purchase of which will help fund cardiovascular research at St. John Health.

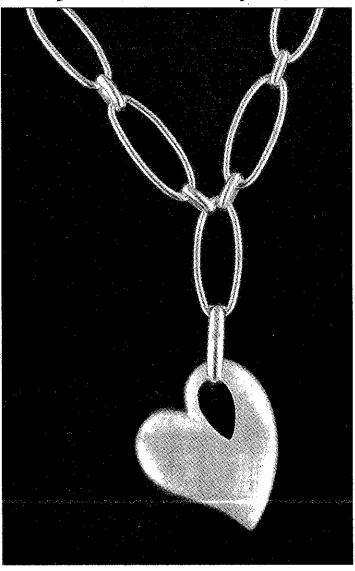
"Improving the heart health of our community is the goal of this project," says Mark Taylor, co-chair of the St. John Health Heart Care Network. "When you purchase this pendant, you are making a difference in the life of someone who will benefit from the cardiovascular research we are doing every day at St. John Health."

"This is a very important project to the Ahee family" says John Ahee. "Our family has a history of heart disease and has experienced firsthand the tremendous care provided by the doctors and nurses at St. John Health."

The sterling silver heart pendant, complete with chain, is available for \$60 plus \$5 shipping/handling. It comes in a distinctive presentation box.

The piece is available through the Ahee Web site, www.ahee.com, and the St. John Health Web site at www.realmedicine.org.

For more information, call Ahee at 1-800-987-AHEE or St. John Health at 1-888-440-REAL (7325).



Ahee's heart shaped pendant made for St. John Heart Care Network

executive chefs. Entertainment will be pro-Intrigue. Dancing, a highend live auction and a special Fund-A-Cure program will round out the evening in the Townsend Hotel ballroom, 100 Townsend St., Birmingham.

event are General Motors than 80 percent of JDRF's Corp. chairman and CEO expenditures directly sup-

ents of children with juvenile diabetes. The disease vided by Detroit group strikes children suddenly, makes them insulin-dependent for life, and carries the constant threat of devastating complications.

Since inception, JDRF has provided more than \$900 million in direct funding to Honorary co-chairs for the diabetes research. More

related education. JDRF's

mission is constant: to find a

cure for diabetes and its

complications through the

For more information, call

Dress

Thanks to Grosse Pointe's

Nancy Vella, the American

Heart Association (AHA) is

AHA is rolling out a snazzy

stepping out in style.

Tour:

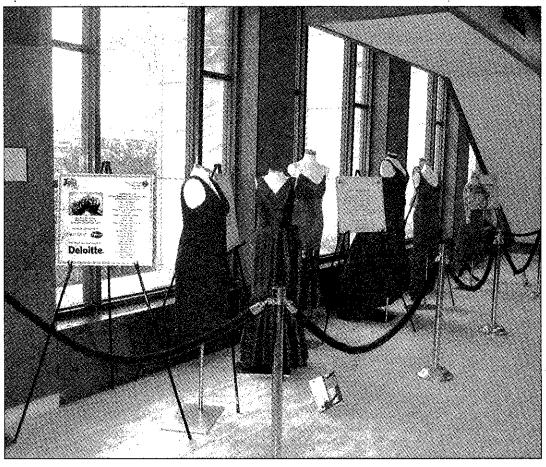
Under a plan by Vella, the to raise awareness of

women's heart disease.

support of research.

(248) 355 - 1133.

Red



A few of the red dresses that may be seen at Crittenton Hospital Medical Center through Feb. 17. The dresses are part of the American Heart Association's Red Dress Tour.

Red Dress Tour to raise killer of women, but 70 perthe threat of heart disease ventable. and stroke. The tour is sponsored by Deloitte & Touche U.S.A. LLP and features 30 original works from students the at International Academy of Design and Technology-Detroit.

A handful of the dresses will be displayed through Feb. Friday, 17, Crittenton Hospital Medical Center, 1101 W. University Drive, Rochester Hills. All 30 dresses will be modeled by members of the AHA executive committee during the March 2 Go Red for Women Luncheon at Dearborn Inn. Select red dresses will then be displayed at Deloitte's location, 600 Renaissance Center.

"The tour is a great opportunity to tell women that heart disease and stroke is a greater danger than they may think," said Vella, a director with Deloitte Tax

awareness among women on cent of these cases are pre-"The red dress is a symbol

of the strength we have as women to collectively fight heart disease."

New York fashion designer Pamella DeVos, a Michigan native whose dresses have graced Paris Hilton and Kim Cattrall, visited the Academy to help the executive committee select the handful of dresses for display at Beaumont, Crittenton and Deloitte. committee The chose by Makeeta designs Birdsong, Jacqueline Floyd, Anastasia Chatzka, Jennifer Biehl, Alexis Lewis, Kurt Scholsser, Susan Walton and Tina Coleman.

For information about the Go Red for Women Luncheon and the Red Dress Tour, contact the American Heart Association at (248) 827-4217 or local.americanheart.org.

For information on the



Mack Avenue just north of Vernier road in **Grosse Pointe Woods** "No Time Like Snow Time!" 313 881-4363



Working on the St. Michael's "Raise the Roof" fundraiser are, front row, from left, Stacey Fisher, Carolyn Skaff, Kristen Skaff and Sally Graham and back row, from left. Jane Bashara, Bob Bashara, Kathie Groschner, Bryan Kadrich, Kathy Zmylowski and Drew McSkimming

Michael's Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe Woods will hold an auction gala from 6 to 11 p.m. Saturday, March 4. at the Eastpointe Manor, Fischer. 24611 Gratiot, Eastpointe.

There will be a silent auction from 6 to 8 p.m. Dinner will be served at 8 p.m. in conjunction with a 50/50 raffle, followed by a live auction of up to 30 items.

donation is dinner, open bar and valet service.

All proceeds will be used to finance a new church building roof.

For more information about the auction, call Bob Bashara at (313) 824-5286, Kristen Skaff at (586) 202-3722 or Drew McSkimming at (313) 418-4646.

Promise Ball: The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), Metro Detroit and Southeast Michigan Chapter, is hosting the 21st annual Promise Ball, presented by General Motors Corp., TimeWarner and Ford Motor Co.Fund on Friday, May 5, beginning at 6 p.m.

The evening's festivities include a silent auction during the cocktail reception and a 7:45 p.m. dinner prepared by Townsend Hotel's

"Raise the Roof": St. Rick Wagoner, and his wife, port research and research-Kathy.

> The Jane Jospey Cobb Promise Award recipients are David and Jennifer

Promise Ball committee co-chairs are Michael Browner of West Bloomfield, Janice Cherkasky of Franklin and Estelle Elkus of Bloomfield Hills.

JDRF, the leading charita-Included in the \$45 ticket ble funder and advocate of juvenile (type 1) diabetes research worldwide, was founded in 1970 by the par-

> Frank H. Boos Gallery **AUCTIONEERS & APPRAISERS** AUCTION, featuring property belonging to the estate of Brian Killian, Birmingham, MI; the estate of Joseph Lingeman, Warren, MI; artifacts from the Roz and Sherm Boutique, Bloomfield Hills, MI; the estate of a prominent Tennessee collector, numerous estate and private collectors, comprising paintings by Anthony Thieme, John Horace Hooper, Alexander Drysdale, Robert Wood, Alfred Montague, Henry Boddington, Nicolas Berthon and more; sterling and other silver, including Tiffany flatware in the Chrysanthemum pattern and Georg Jensen flatware in the Acorn pattern; a collection of clocks and watches; jewelry, including rubies, emeralds, sapphires and South Sea pearl examples; Orientalia, including an Edo period Japanese suit of armor; a large collection of African artifacts; art pottery and glass; a Steinway baby grand piano; fine collectables, including a Karl Faberge enameled cigarette case and a diamond, ruby, platinum and 18K yellow gold perfume flagon, oriental rugs and much, much more AUCTION PREVIEW Friday, February 17 - Noon to 8 P.M. Wednesday, February 22 - 6 P.M. Saturday, February 18 - 10:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. Thursday, February 23 - 6 P.M. Monday, February 20 - Noon to 8 P.M. Tuesday, February 21 - 10:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

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Churches

The Pastor's Corner

Love is patient

Love is kind

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By The Rev. Tim Holzerland

Associate Pastor

Christ the King Lutheran Church

I hope all you husbands and boyfriends demonstrated your love by remembering Valentine's Day.

As a pastor, when I think of love, I naturally think of weddings.

Of all the wedding ceremonies I've performed, the most popular biblical reading at a Christian wedding ceremony is 1 Corinthians 13.

During premarital counseling, I've asked engaged couples to substitute the word "God" for the word "love" in 1 Corinthians 13 to see if the substitution still has meaning to them. One example is from 1 Corinthians 13:4 where it begins: "Love is patient, love is kind..." Now read it (God) is patient, (God) is kind. (God) does not envy, (God) does not boast, (God) is not proud.

When you substitute the word God for love in 1 Corinthians 13, you find that it not only makes sense, but it takes on a whole new meaning. Love no longer becomes a human emotion but a real personal being in the form of God.

When God is love, it is not an emotion that comes and goes, but a person who enables us to go beyond our natural feelings and take the punishment of our sins. Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection from the dead enable us to love beyond what we could do ourselves. Jesus gives us the power to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. He teaches us to forgive others just as He forgives us.

Gifts and flowers are a good way to show our appreciation and loving feelings for others, but true love is demonstrated by actions of sacrifice and service for others.

For the rest of the year ask for Jesus' power to demonstrate a consistent love that will rise above human feelings.

Grief workshops begin in March

Christ Church Grosse David D. Dieter, associate Pointe continues its offering rector for Pastoral Care and of support for adults who suffer from the death of a loved one. A second eightweek grief workshop, entitled "From Grief to New Hope," begins on Thursday, March 2. This free workshop a talk about on is open to the community and is presented by Cathy Clough from The New Hope Center for Grief Support of Northville. During the same time as the Adult Workshop, a new program is offered for children and teens who are for

the next series. "We find that Pointe Farms.

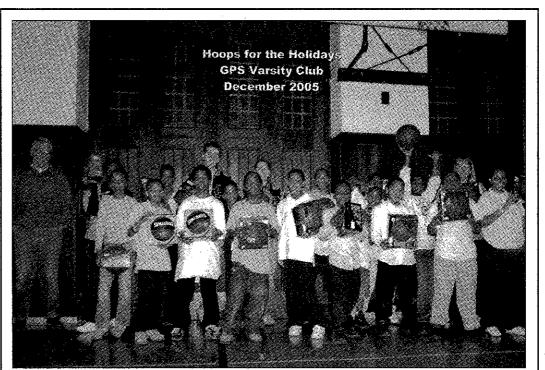
Outreach at Christ Church. "Each step brings us closer to peace and it is our hope to walk beside our friends dur-

Each session begins with a talk about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Each person will be placed in a group with others who have had similar losses.

The workshop will meet eight consecutivé grieving a loss due to the Thursday nights from 7 to 9 death of a loved one. p.m. - ending April 27 (no The first Adult Grief meeting is scheduled for Workshop, held at Christ April 13, due to Holy Week). Church in September 2005, All meetings are held at supported over 50 people Christ Church, located at 61 and as many are expected at Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse

Photo courtesy Kath Usitalo Head gear

The new year had begun but students at Our Lady Star of the Sea School in Grosse Pointe Woods donned Santa hats and antlers and performed favorite carols and holiday tunes on Jan. 5 because the annual Christmas program scheduled for Dec. 15 had been canceled by a snowstorm.



Sending basketballs

The Grosse Pointe South Varsity Club collected 30 new basketballs for youth who attend "The Tutoring Tree" at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in Detroit. The program is for students from Nichols Elementary School, on Detroit's eastside, second through fifth grades. The Tree provides one-on-one tutoring, gym and art on a weekly basis. Half of the new basketballs will be used in the gym program and the other half will be given to 15 children from the Tree. The Tree is seeking more gym supply donations,

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Detroit author speaks at St. **A**mbrose

Paul Clemens, author of regional best seller, "Made in Detroit - A South of 8 Mile Memoir" will be the guest speaker at Marcellina's Book Club at The ARK at St. Ambrose Church Thursday, Feb. 23.

Clemens grew up in the northeast corner of Detroit, just south of the city's Eight Mile border. In "Made in Detroit," Clemens gives a personal account of the life and death of a great American city. He writes with passion and unflinching honesty about the crime and prejudices, both black and white, that marked his youth in Detroit. With clarity and courage, Clemens has written a book as driven, wounded and yet surprisingly durable as the city of Detroit itself.

Clemens is now an assistant to the dean of the School of Liberal Arts at Wayne State University and resides in the area with his family.

To make reservations or to obtain more information. call St. Ambrose Parish at (313) 822-2814. Dinner with the author is served at 6 p.m. at a cost of \$12 a person.

Dessert and coffee is served gratis with the actual book club discussion taking place from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The ARK at St. Ambrose is located at 15004 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park.

Preschool open house Feb. 16

Bring children ages 3 and 4 to visit the classroom at First English Lutheran Preschool from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 16, and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Feb. 18.

Parents and children will meet the teacher, church member Christine Simone, and learn about the facility at First English Ev. Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

For more information

grief is a journey, and each on that road," says the Rev. 4841, ext. 114.

To register or for more person is at a unique place information, call (313) 885-

snacks and tutors. For more information, call director Julie Artis at (313) 822-5869.

about the spring semester, call the church office at (313) 884-5040.



Health

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'Smart' radiation therapy reduces need for colostomy

By Jadranka Dragovic, M.D.

Special Writer

An advanced, computer-controlled method of precisely delivering high-dose radiation to tumors is successfully being used for some people with rectal cancer in place of radical surgery that results in colostomy.

With intensity-modulated radiation therapy (IMRT), tumors are targeted by as many as nine to 12 beams from numerous directions and with varying levels of



intensity. Radiation intensity and beam patterns are calculated by a computer to best conform to the tumor shape, sparing healthy surrounding tissues.

IMRT is used in only about 20 percent to 30 percent of patients requiring radiation where surrounding critical structures may be affected. Traditional radiation therapy, which typically delivers only two to four beams, is still used to effectively treat tumors that are not near sensitive structures.

Dr. Jadranka Dragovic

As many as 40,000 individuals are diag-

nosed with rectal cancer each year, and many will have an advanced tumor lying low in the rectum, near the sphincter. In order to do a surgical procedure that is curative, most would require major abdominal surgery to remove the rectum and the sphincter, leaving the patient with a colostomy bag.

Radiation therapy is given concurrently with chemotherapy. This is advantageous because it is performed before surgery in an effort to shrink the tumor and, hopefully, reduce the extent of the operation. Traditionally, many rectal cancer patients first underwent surgery to remove the tumor. This was then followed by radiation and chemotherapy.

With this treatment course, the risk of recurrence was reduced, but it left the patient with a permanent colostomy. Also, when radiation is performed after surgery, it's impossible to know exactly where the tumor was, so the area of irradiation has to be larger, with a higher likelihood of damaging sensitive surrounding tissues and organs.

Using the preoperative approach with radiation therapy and chemotherapy, 50 percent to 80 percent of these patients now can undergo less radical surgery. This procedure still removes the rectum but attaches the colon directly to the anus, sparing the rectal sphincter and avoiding colostomy. Patients will experience a change in bowel habits, but they will retain the ability to have normal bowel movements.

Preoperative radiation therapy for rectal cancer is not new. The technology had been studied for 10 to 15 years both in the United States and Europe to evaluate the benefits of pre-surgery radiation versus post-operative treatment. Three clinical trials determined that radiotherapy with chemotherapy before surgery prolongs life, decreases cancer recurrence and spares patients from needing a colostomy. Currently, IMRT is used to treat cancers of the prostate, head and neck, breast, abdominal tumors, some gynecologic tumors and any tumors that are in close proximity to normal structures, such as the spinal cord and optic nerves. In the treatment of breast cancer, radiation oncologists are moving away from whole breast radiation and are using IMRT to target just the part of the breast where the tumor is located. A large clinical study in the United States has looked at partial breast radiation. Preliminary data suggests if patients are chosen correctly, women can get equally good results with partial radiation of breast tumors using IMRT versus the gold standard of lumpectomy followed by traditional radiation. IMRT also reduces much of the stress of a lengthy course of radiation. Instead of women having to come in for six weeks of radiation therapy, IMRT can NATIONAL be done in just five days. There are even more exciting advances in radiation therapy on the horizon. Researchers are working on a technology called image guided radiation therapy (IGRT), for which a special camera follows the movements of Phili Co organs to even more accurately target tumors. The human body is a dynamic structure that pulses, breathes and churns with life. This "virtual" radiation technology will allow physicians to aim radiation beams to precisely follow HURRY their moving target, sparing even more sur-Special Pricing rounding tissues in the Thu. Feb. 16th thru battle against cancer. Dr. Dragovic, a Bon Sat. Feb. 25th Secours Cottage Health Services radiation oncologist, is medical director of the Edith McNaughton Ford Center for Radiation Oncology at Cottage Hospital. For an appointment, or to learn more about IMRT services at Cottage Hospital, call the center at $(3\overline{13})$ 640-2400.

There's still time to get your flu shot

for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), reported cases of flu are continuing to increase across the nation and are listed as "sporadic" in Michigan. The Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) of Southeast Michigan urges that there is still time to get a flu shot and build up immunity.

Walk-in clinics are offered Monday through Friday from als can be vaccinated 9 a.m. to noon at the VNA of through flu season as late as

quarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600 in Oak Park. Homebound service and

corporate worksite clinics are also available.

"Flu season generally in Michigan in peaks February," said Kay Renny, RN, VNA of Southeast Michigan Community Programs manager. "The CDC stresses that individu-

According to the Centers Southeast Michigan head- March, but the earlier you far the flu season has been get your vaccination, the better."

Despite the difficulty in obtaining vaccines this year, the VNA of Southeast Michigan has vaccinated approximately 36,000 individuals.

"Every year presents a new set of challenges," said Renny. "We appreciate everyone's patience as the vaccine became in short supply. We have been fortunate that so mild, but people should be careful not to be lulled into a false sense of security. A flu shot is still your best protection."

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Flu shots through the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan are \$22, payable by cash, check, Medicare, HAP or Care Choices. Pneumonia shots are \$35.

For information, call (248) 967-8751.

Karmanos center creates new board

dents have been appointed gets and overseeing patient to serve on the 17-person care and quality initiatives. Karmanos Center Board of Directors to oversee patient care facilities, furthering the institute's goal in becoming a top 10 cancer center.

Charles E. Becker, of Grosse Pointe: Randolph J. Agley of Grosse Pointe Park; and Jane R. Thomas, Ph.D. of Grosse Pointe Park, along with 14 others are charged with approving strategic plans for the institute's programs, services and facilities, the center's annual board. This is the right creating a world-class com- founder Peter Karmanos Jr.

The board of directors is also crafting the mission and philosophy of the center and establishing its goals and policies.

"We will be a top 10 cancer center in the very near future," said John C. Ruckdeschel, M.D., president and chief executive offi-Karmanos Cancer cer, Institute. "To achieve this, we must have diligent and dedicated leadership on our

Three Grosse Pointe resi- operating and capital bud- group of people to take us prehensive cancer center there."

> Barbara Ann Karmanos invest more than \$100 mil- center already employs a main treatment facility in 14 teams, each specializing Cancer Treatment Center in plan for each patient." Farmington Hills and another \$7 million to \$10 million to create new facilities in in 1995 in memory of Southeast Michigan.

where patients will receive a In the next five years the diagnosis and treatment plan in just one day," said Cancer Institute plans to Ruckdeschel. "Our cancer lion total including a \$50 multidisciplinary approach million expansion of its to cancer treatment through Midtown Detroit, a \$3 mil- in specific cancers, creating lion addition to its Weisberg a personalized treatment

The institute was named Barbara Ann Karmanos, "This is another step in wife of Compuware co-

Life screening: Reduce the risk of stroke

conduct health screenings at 9 a.m., Friday, March 17, in reduced. Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, the City of Grosse Pointe.

A stroke, also known as a "brain attack," is ranked the arteries which can lead to a third leading killer in the stroke; aortic aneurysms, world, and the second among - which can lead to a ruptured

Life Line Screening will screenings, the risk of having arteries in the legs, which are nal aortic aneurysm, and a stroke can be greatly

Screenings involve the use of ultrasound technology and scan for potential health problems related to blocked

a predictor of heart disease.

Bone density screenings to assess risk for osteoporosis are also available.

Each screening lasts 10 minutes/or less.

Cost is \$109 for the compackage, which includes the call women. Through preventive aorta; and hardening of the stroke/carotid artery, abdomi- Preregistration is required.

ankle brachial index (hardening of the arteries).

The complete vascular package including osteoporosis screening is priced at \$129.

For more information or to plete vascular screening schedule an appointment, (877)237-1287.

Learn how to be a healthy vegetarian

Regardless of the reasons for becoming a vegetarian, it's important to maintain a healthy diet. Since vegetarians do not eat any meat, it's crucial for them to eat fruits. vegetables and whole grains to get the right amount of vitamins and nutrients.

overload of eggs, cream, but- the raw state since fruits vinegars instead of mayon- dark green leafy vegetables products with high fat contents. Sources of protein like nuts and seeds are also high in fat if consumed in large quantities. Here are some guidelines to be a healthy vegetarian.

products, choose fat-free milk. If you use soy milk, drink a reduced fat, fortified version.

ingly, and when you do eat dried fruit. Avoid ones that it, opt for low-fat versions. Fruits and vegetables: Eat

seeds, sunflower seeds and more than a handful a day.

Snacks: Munch on snacks Cheese: Eat cheese spar- like fruit, raw vegetables or are high in fat or sugar.

Milk: If you drink dairy almonds, hazelnuts, sesame blood. It is found in beans, seeds, sov foods, fortified pumpkin seeds. Don't eat breakfast cereals and dark green leafy vegetables like spinach and kale.

Calcium: Calcium builds strong bones and helps the body absorb iron. Look to cit-Condiments: Add flavor rus fruits like oranges and They should also avoid an as much food as possible in with salsa, lemon juice or grapefruits, dairy products, ter, cheese and other milk and vegetables lose many naise, sour cream, butter or and fortified soy foods for calcium. Vitamin D: Build strong bones from fortified dairy products and soy milk. Food preparation: As with any healthy diet, avoid fried foods. Instead, eat baked,

nutrients during cooking.

Protein: Since you aren't eating meat, you have to get your protein in other ways. Legumes, tofu and tempeh will fill the void. You can have nuts and seeds like

St. John offers Flame of the Soul

St. John Hospital and Medical Center is offering the class, "Flame of the Soul" from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center Valade Healing Arts Center, Suite 30, 19229 Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Learn about the traditions of prayer candles. Class will end with a candle meditation. Bring a candle to decorate

Class fee is \$30, materials are included.

For more information, call (313) 647-3320.

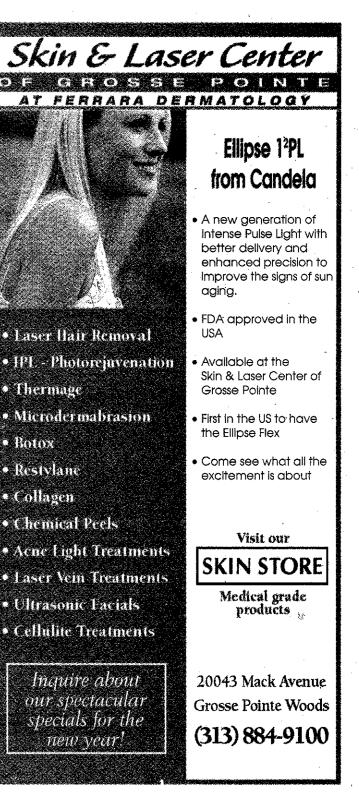


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margarine.

Zinc: Whole grains, fortified cereals, soy foods and legumes can give you this vitamin, which promotes growth and a healthy immune system.

Iron: Iron is good for the broiled or steamed items.



Seniors

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Campaign finance: An age-old problem

Recently U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow was asked on a TV program how much money she needs to run her re-election campaign. "Too much," she said, elaborating too much money is spent on campaigns when it could have gone to more critical and important needs such as education.

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Until now I looked upon special interests' campaign contributions as disgraceful and, too often, successful attempts to sway lawmakers. Now I think of far better uses for that enormous amount of money.

We're outraged as we learn about the relationships between lobbyists and lawmakers. Unfortunately, most times these relationships don't get publicity. Elections do cost "too much money." We reluctantly accept that candidates can't win without it.

Does money count in elec- more informed decisions. tions? In the 2004 Michigan House elections, preliminary data show that only nine candidates out of 110 prevailed over a candidate who was backed by greater financial resources.

Proposal 1 on the 2004 November ballot in Michigan called for a constitutional amendment to restrict the expansion of gambling other than that controlled by the state's existing casinos.

Those favoring the amendment raised \$18.25 million from just 20 contributors. Those opposing the amendment raised \$7.56 million from 15 contributors. Think of how that \$25.81 million could have benefited the public good.

Ethical lobbying can play a legitimate role by providing legislators with information to help them make

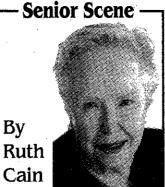
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This can be done effectively at a restaurant or in legislators' offices.

The rush by lawmakers to change campaign finance rules ultimately isn't going to make any real difference.

The campaign finance reform bill introduced by Sens. Russ Feingold and John McCain and passed into law meant well but left too many loopholes for secret contributions.

For example, independent political committees known as 527s raised roughly \$400 million in the 2004 election cycle. Most committees are financed by wealthy individuals. The Center for **Responsive Politics**, using data from IRS filings, found that Michiganians who contributed the most to 527 groups were Amway cofounders Jay Van Andel and Richard DeVos Sr. Each gave \$2 million to Progress for America Voter Fund. But that's peanuts. George Soros, one of the world's richest men, gave \$23.4 million to Soros Fund Management: Peter B.



Lewis, another wealthy man, gave nearly \$23 million to Progressive Corp., and Stephen L. Bing, screenwriter and producer, gave \$13.6 million to Shangri-La Entertainment.

Mike Meyer on CBSnews.com says only about 0.64 percent of the U.S. adult population made political donations in 2003-04. We know where the huge sums needed come from.

The only way to eliminate special interests and large contributors from influencing elections is to change the way elections are financed. That's through government financed elections — paid for by a small surcharge from each taxpayer — and mandated equal and free time on radio and TV for legitimate candidates. Print media could continue to use editorial pages to endorse or not endorse candidates.

Limited contributions to candidates would require full disclosure, with big fines for bypassing the law. Another plus for the plan: limiting lengths of campaigns. We're already weary of the "gotcha" tactics of both parties with the 2008 election almost three years away.

This is all pie in the sky; it's never going to happen, but maybe we could assist in the fight by becoming more knowledgeable about campaign financing.

Keeping track of donations is difficult and timeconsuming and requires knowing where campaign contributions can be buried. Taxpayers don't have the time or know-how to do this.

The main watch dog tracking political contributions in the state is Rick Robinson, executive director for Michigan Campaign Finance Network. It's a nonprofit, non-partisan organization financed primarily by individual contributions, but also by other nonprofit groups interested in better government.

The network is where I found the figures I used earlier concerning contributions in Michigan.

If you want to be kept up to date on political donations from individuals, groups, PACs, what have vou, you'll get it through annual reports and regular newsletters from Michigan **Campaign Finance** Network. I devour these reports and am frequently amazed and sometimes shocked by what I learn.

Tax-deductible donations can be sent to The Michigan. **Campaign** Finance Network, 200 Museum Drive, Lansing, MI 48933. Donors are on the mailing list.

You may contact Cain at ruthcain@comcast.net.

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Anniversaries

Brosnan 50th

Mr. and Mrs. John **Brosnan of Grosse Pointe** Park celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 26, 2005, with a luncheon at **Bayview Yacht Club.**

They were married on Nov. 26, 1955, at St. Martin Catholic Church in Detroit on the lower east side at Averhill and Drexel.

John Brosnan retired in September 2004 after 44 years in the saloon business.

The couple have four children: John, Jr. of



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Grosse Pointe Park; Gerard of Falls Church, Va.; Steven, deceased (flight 255, 1987); and Mary Lynn of Ann Arbor.

Gilbert 50th

Johanna and Ellwyn Arunuh "Gil" Gilbert Jr. celebrated 50 years of marriage Feb. 11 with their six chil-



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dren — three of who came from Chicago, Atlanta and Boston - seven grandchildren and many relatives and friends.

The couple met in 1953 at their workplace. She trained the "new guy" in the timecard division at Ryerson Steel. They soon started dating.



German-immigrant parents, her idea of a date was going the movie, "Martin to Luther.'

As an early anniversary gift, their children sent them on a 10-day tour of Poland in November, where they met Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York.

They have found adven-His idea of a date was tures and opportunities attending drag races at a throughout their married Detroit-area speedway. A life with more than 35 of first-generation daughter of those years spent in the

Grosse Pointes, raising their children, being active in their church and supporting the Detroit-area performing arts communities. With Gil as her producer, Johanna Gilbert hosted interviews on



Johanna and Gil Gilbert

SOC to hold diabetes

lecture

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) will hold a lecture, "Diabetes: You Change — You Adapt — You Grow More Knowledgeable!" at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, at SOC offices, 17150 Waterloo in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Dietitian Roxolana Karanec is guest speaker.

People who have or are at risk of developing diabetes may be able to reverse the illness by improving their diet and engaging in a regular gentle exercise program, according to a study conducted by a Brigham Young University exercise scientist.

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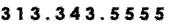
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Entertainment

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Composer comes to town for double exposure

New pieces of serious music by living composers have always faced some degree of rejection by audiences hearing them for the first time. When premiered by the Vienna Philharmonic in 1881, Tchaikovsky's violin concerto was brutally criticized by the leading critic of the day and pronounced unplayable.

With time and repeated hearings, however, listeners learn to appreciate new forms of music on the concert stage. Last weekend, crowds filled Orchestra Hall to hear and cheer violinist Midori performing the Tchaikovsky violin concerto with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. The work has become an all-time hit worldwide. If the critic were alive today, we could tell him to eat his words.

Every composer has his own voice and seeks to bring it to audiences. Serious music lovers seek out this new music to expand their own range of experience and put themselves on the frontier of musical expression.

One musical organization in Detroit particularly dedicated to this effort is Pro Musica, which brings important composers with concerts of their music in the mix of its presentations. It also brings new young artists who show great promise of becoming future stars of the music world. Its record of success is remarkable.

Last weekend was one of Pro Musica's outstanding composer events with the

presentation of Aaron Jay Kernis. In a rare and novel combination, Pro Musica and the Detroit Symphony joined in presenting music of this outstanding young American composer. Both also provided opportunities for audience members to hear the composer speak for himself and provide some insights into how his music was composed in ways that help listeners to understand and enjoy it.

Before the first two of four symphony concerts last weekend, Kernis conversed on stage with assistant conductor Charles Greenwell about his work, "Musica Celestis," that was first on the DSO program.

Learning the composer was inspired by a medieval vision of heaven's angelic voices and the 11th century compositions of Hildegard of Bingen prepared the audience to relate more easily to the ethereal qualities of the work. It represents a major milestone in Kernis' career since the music is an orchestration of the string quartet that won him a Pulitzer Prize at the unusually young age of 32. Conductor Mark Wigglesworth and the orchestra gave it a profoundly moving treatment.

On Friday evening, Pro Musica presented the Contrasts Quartet performing chamber music by Kernis enhanced by the composer's commentary about his life, how he composes, his inspirations and the particular message of each piece of his music. The

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program became particularly fascinating as the audience discovered that Kernis is eclectic in his use of different styles. Being in the Music Box recital hall at the MAX gave the concert a welcome and helpful intimacy.

The "Ballad for Cello and Piano" that opened the program is his most recent work and was written with his late parents in mind. Kernis was inspired by the popular ballads that were frequently heard in his home, such as regularly listening to "Fridays with Frank (Sinatra)" on the radio. It keyed the listener to detect hints of a Sinatra serenade in the performance. It was not easy, but helped nonetheless to pay close attention to the music which was indeed lyrical.

A "Fanfare con Fuoco" that followed intermission was indeed "fiery" and especially stimulating due to the remarkable, highly rhythmic style and virtuoso playing by clarinetist Ayako Oshima. The close ensemble playing by the entire quartet of this obviously difficult piece was also impressive.

Meanwhile, the two short pieces that followed demonstrated Kernis' eclecticism. "Waltz for Piano" was so

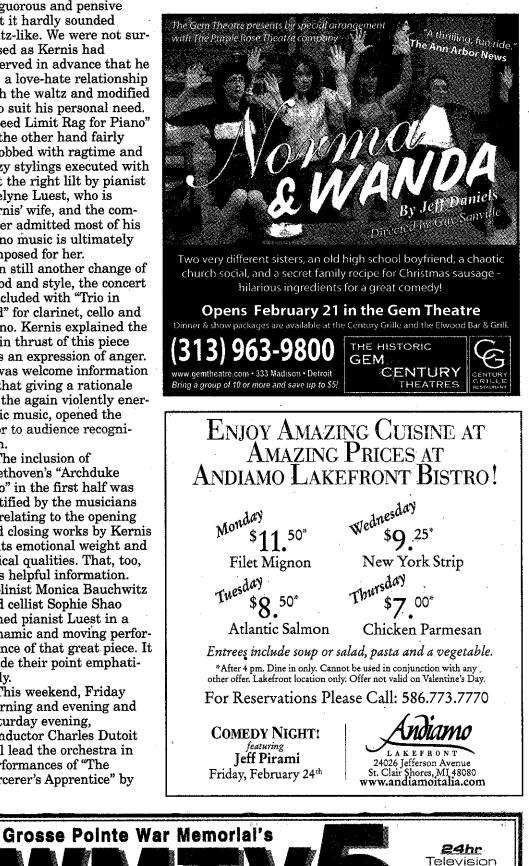
languorous and pensive that it hardly sounded waltz-like. We were not surprised as Kernis had observed in advance that he has a love-hate relationship with the waltz and modified it to suit his personal need. "Speed Limit Rag for Piano" on the other hand fairly throbbed with ragtime and jazzy stylings executed with just the right lilt by pianist Evelyne Luest, who is Kernis' wife, and the composer admitted most of his piano music is ultimately composed for her.

In still another change of mood and style, the concert concluded with "Trio in Red" for clarinet, cello and piano. Kernis explained the main thrust of this piece was an expression of anger. It was welcome information in that giving a rationale for the again violently energetic music, opened the door to audience recognition.

The inclusion of Beethoven's "Archduke Trio" in the first half was justified by the musicians as relating to the opening and closing works by Kernis in its emotional weight and lyrical qualities. That, too, was helpful information. Violinist Monica Bauchwitz and cellist Sophie Shao joined pianist Luest in a dynamic and moving performance of that great piece. It made their point emphati-

This weekend, Friday morning and evening and Saturday evening, **Conductor Charles Dutoit** will lead the orchestra in performances of "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" by

Dukas, the "Violin Concerto" by Igor Stravinsky with Chantal Juillet as soloist, "Mother Goose Suite" by Ravel and music from Petrouchka by Stravinsky. Call (313) 576-5111.



Far out Far East delight

Take a break from winter and prepare a treat from the Far East that will be a nice change of pace for your taste buds. Zucchini pancakes with seasoned soy sauce is a simply satisfying appetizer or light meal when paired with grilled



foil to keep warm Repeat the process making two more pancakes.

Be careful when adding more oil to the hot pan as it will spit. Cut the pancakes into six wedges each and serve warm, with the seasoned soy sauce on the side

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chicken and a garden salad. Double the recipe and pass some at your next party.

Seasoned Soy Sauce

- 2 garlic cloves, minced 1 scallion, trimmed and finely chopped
- 1/4 reduced sodium soy
- sauce
- 1 tablespoon toasted sesame oil
- 1 tablespoon toasted sesame seeds
- 1 1/2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1/4 teaspoon fresh-ground pepper

Whisk together all ingredients in a small bowl and transfer to a small serving bowl for dipping.

Zucchini Pancakes

- 1 cup all-purpose flour (or \cdot 3/4 cup plus 1/4 cup rice
- flour)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Dash of fresh-ground black pepper
- 3/4 cup cold water
- 3 scallions, trimmed and
- thinly sliced 1 cup coarsely shredded
- Italian zucchini (1 small, about 6 oz.)
- 3 teaspoons canola oil, divided

In a medium bowl, combine the flour(s), salt and pepper. Mix in the water, a little bit at a time, until the mixture becomes the consistency of pancake batter. Stir in the scallions and the zucchini.

Heat one teaspoon of the oil in a medium no-stick

skillet over medium-high heat. Scoop 1/2 cup of the batter into the skillet and spread into a 6-inch round. Cook for about three minutes and flip over. The pancake should be golden brown. Cook for another three minutes then transfer to a plate and cover with

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I passed out my yummy bites to many and everyone really liked them. This Eating Well recipe called for rice flour that I had trouble finding, so I used all-purpose flour instead.

The dipping sauce is loaded with flavor from the sesame seeds and oil. A perfect complement to the zucchini and scallions in the pancakes. No double dipping allowed.

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8:30 am The S.O.C. Show 9:00 am Vitality Plus (Aerobics) 9:30 am Pointes of Horticulture 10:00 am Who's in the Kitchen? 10:30 am Things to do at the War Memorial 11:00 am Musical Story Time Jamboree 11:30 am Out of the Ordinary 12:00 pm Economic Club of Detroit 1:00 pm Watercolor Workshop / Senior Men's Club 1:30 pm Great Lakes Log 2:00 pm The Legal Insider / Consumers Corner 2:30 pm The John Prost Show 3:00 pm Things to do at the War Memorial 3:30 pm Musical Story Time Jamboree 4:00 pm Vitality Plus (Step/Kick Boxing) 4:30 pm Young View Pointes 5:00 pm Positively Positive 5:30 pm Watercolor Workshop / Senior Men's Club 6:00 pm The Legal Insider / Consumers Corner 6:30 pm Who's in the Kitchen? 7:00 pm Vitality Plus (Tone Exercise) 7:30 pm Things to do at the War Memorial 8:00 pm Positively Positive 8:30 pm Young View Pointes 9:00 pm Vitality Plus (Step/Kick Boxing) 9:30 pm Pointes of Horticulture 10:00 pm The John Prost Show 10:30 pm Great Lakes Log 11:00 pm Out of the Ordinary 11:30 pm The S.O.C. Show Midnight Vitality Plus (Aerobics) 12:30 am Pointes of Horticulture 1:00 am Who's in the Kitchen? 1:30 am Things to do at the War Memorial 2:00 am Musical Story Time Jamboree 2:30 am Out of the Ordinary 3:00 am Economic Club of Detroit 4:00 am Watercolor Workshop / Senior Men's Club 4:30 am Great Lakes Log 5:00 am The Legal Insider / Consumers Corner 5:30 am The John Prost Show 6:00 am Things to do at the War Memorial 6:30 am Musical Story Time Jamboree 7:00 am Vitality Plus (Step/Kick Boxing) 7:30 am Young View Pointes 8:00 am Positively Positive

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Food

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Vegetables: (or substitute 2

- pounds precut slaw mix) 1 head curly cabbage (Savoy or napa), shredded
 - 1 small head red cabbage, shredded
- 1 pound carrots, shredded
- colorful bell peppers, 2 thinly sliced
- 1 cup thinly sliced OSO Sweet onion

Whisk together dressing ingredients. Toss with vegetables, season to taste and marinate in refrigerator at least 30 minutes before serving.

Five-Way Cincinnati-Style Turkey Ćhili

- 1/4 cup canola oil, divided
- pounds ground turkey (dark meat preferred for moistness)
- **OSO** Sweet
- onion, chopped teaspoons
- chopped garlic
- tablespoons cider vinegar
- (12-ounce) can tomato paste,
- diluted in 1 quart water

Chili G**arnishes**

Grated cheddar Chopped sweet bell peppers and/or jalapeños **Diced OSO Sweet onions** Chopped fresh tomatoes **Chopped cilantro Diced** avocado Sour cream Wedges of lime



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hili originated as a way to make great-tasting, tough cuts of meat tender,

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By Aliza Green

so it's easy on the budget and tastes even better if made ahead. Just about

the only thing chili fanciers agree on is that chili originated in Texas, not Mexico. For fresh, juicy crunch, top chili with chopped sweet onions. To sop up those delicious juices, serve with warm cornbread, and round out the meal with colorful slaw.

OSO Sweet onions (mild enough for children and older folks, with no tears or onion-breath) are grown at the foot of Chile's Andes Mountains, where perfect growing conditions produce large, juicy onions with record-high sugar content,

crisp texture and mild flavor that doesn't kick back. They contain so little pyruvic acid — the substance that causes tearing, harshness and indigestion — that they are gentle enough raw for chili, sandwiches or salads; versatile enough to caramelize, sauté, grill, fry or roast. Onions contain naturally occurring phytochemicals that can reduce the risk of cancer and protect against heart disease.



Aliza Green is author of "Field Guide to Produce" and "Field Guide to Meat" (Quirk Books) and "Beans: More than 200 Wholesome, Delicious Recipes from Around the World (Running Press).

"Anybody that eats chili can't be all bad."

Said about Billy the Kid

"Wish I had time for just one more bowl of chili." Alleged last words of Kit Carson, frontiersman

Vegetarian Chili

Serves 8

- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- **OSO** Sweet onion, chopped
- carrots. diced
- tablespoon chopped garlic
- (28-ounce) can chopped tomatoes
- 1 butternut squash, peeled and diced (or 1-pound package diced butternut)
- small celeriac (celery root), peeled and diced
- (1-pound) bag frozen corn
- 2 (15-ounce) cans dark red kidney beans
- 2 (15-ounce) cans black beans Salt to taste
- 1/4 cup chili powder

2 chipotle chiles in adobo, chopped

Heat oil in large Dutch oven. Add onions, carrots and garlic and cook over medium heat 5 minutes, until crisp-tender. Add tomatoes, butternut squash and celery root and bring to boil. Cover and simmer 20 minutes.

Stir in remaining ingredients, bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer 20 minutes, stirring occasionally, until chili has thickened.

Chili Fun Facts

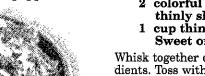
Chili was called "Soup of the Devil" by Spanish priests who warned against the passion provoked by hot chile peppers, thereby making it immensely popular.

- The first chile powders were concocted around 1850 by chuckwagon cooks on the trail to feed cowboys.
- » In the late 1800s the Texas prison system was renowned for its chili. Freed inmates often wrote for the recipe, saying what they missed most was a really good bowl of chili.
- Till the 1930s, San Antonio's "Chili Queens" sold homemade chili from colorful wagons in the main plaza. By the 1930s there was hardly a town in Texas that didn't have its own chili parlor.
- Dave Chasen, of Hollywood's famed Chasen's Restaurant, personally cooked up his secret-recipe chili prized by stars like Clark Gable and Elizabeth Taylor every Sunday.

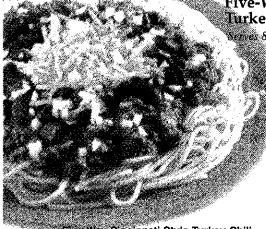
Veggie Slaw

Serves 8 Dressing:

- 3/4 cup canola oil
- tablespoons cider vinegar
- tablespoons sugar
- tablespoons coarse mustard
- tablespoons poppy seeds
- teaspoons celery seeds Salt and black pepper to taste



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Ive-Way Cincinnati-Style Turkey Chili

- 2 tablespoons chile powder
- tablespoon cinnamon
- 4 bay leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon allspice
- teaspoon Worcestershire sauce Salt and black pepper to taste
- 1 pound spaghetti

Garnishes: 1 (15-ounce) can dark red kidney

beans, rinsed, drained and heated

1/2 pound sharp cheddar, shredded **1** OSO Sweet onion, chopped

In large Dutch oven over medium-high heat, heat half of oil and brown turkey. Remove and reserve.

Add remaining oil to same pot, and lightly brown onion and garlic. Stir in remaining ingredients, seasoning to taste with salt and pepper, and bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer 45 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Bring large pot of salted water to boil. Add spaghetti and cook until "al dente." Drain well and place in large serving bowl. Top with chili (discarding bay leaves). Serve with beans, cheese and onions as garnishes.

Cook's Tip: For lower fat chili, cool and then refrigerate overnight. The next day, remove and discard any solidified orangecolored fat from the surface.

