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THURSDAY, MARCH 9

♦ The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library annual used book sale runs through Saturday, March 11, at the Ewald Branch library, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
 ♦ Grosse Pointe North High School presents "Bye Bye Birdie" tonight and Friday, March 10, and Saturday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets are \$8 for the balcony and \$12 for the main floor, and are available at Wild Birds Unlimited, at the door or by calling (313) 884-2462.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

♦ Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke will give a "State of the City" address at 12:30 p.m. in city council chambers, 20025 Mack.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

♦ The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods hosts a parenting symposium from 8 a.m. to noon at Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods. Admission is \$20 per person, \$30 per couple. Advance registration required and can be made by calling (313) 432-3832.
 ♦ The Grosse Pointe Historical Society conducts a class on French chocolate molding with Carol Milligan during its open house tours from 1 to 4 p.m. at Provençal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information call (313) 884-7010.

MONDAY, MARCH 13

♦ Registration starts today for the Grosse Pointe Public Library's Doll Tea Party on Saturday, March 25, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The event is free but advance registration is required. Sign up in person at any of the three library branches.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

♦ The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods in conjunction with Grosse Pointe South Community School hosts "Let's Talk About Boys" by John Hribljan at 7 p.m. The school is located on the Fisher Road side of the

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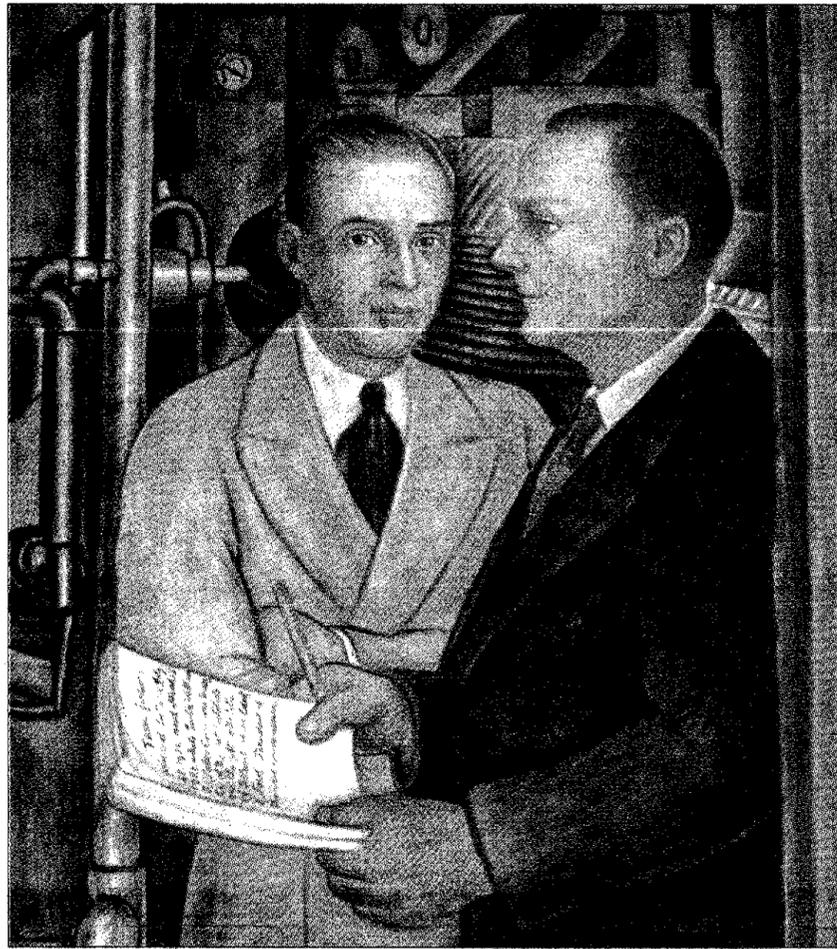


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A Ford legacy

Edsel Ford was a generous patron of the Detroit Institute of Arts. His portrait, left, and that of museum director William Valentiner, right, are incorporated in the Rivera murals at the DIA. Josephine Ford, daughter of Edsel and Eleanor Ford, continued the generous tradition. She donated more than \$15 million worth of art to the DIA, including some rarely-seen works by Renoir, Degas, Matisse, Picasso, Chagall and Modigliani, as well as a Queen Anne lowboy that was crafted in the late 1700s. See the story and photographs of the donated works on Pages 1 and 2B.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

No vacancy for bed & breakfast

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff writer

It could be a long time before anyone lives it up at the Hotel Grosse Pointe Farms.

Most council members are distancing themselves from telling a resident she can't turn her home in the first block of Moran into a bed and breakfast.

"She wants to move upstairs and lease space on the bottom for weddings and stuff like that," said Councilman Peter Waldmeir.

Waldmeir said he told the woman she has to "figure it out with her neighbors" before he would endorse her using residential property for commercial purposes.

"She's trying to get a feeling if the council will be willing to consider this," said Councilman Doug Roby.

"It would be a tough sell," said Councilman Louis Theros.

"I have reservations," added Councilman Therese Joseph, not intending to pun. "I wouldn't want a bed and breakfast

'I have reservations. I wouldn't want a bed and breakfast next to me.'

Therese Joseph,
 Councilwoman

next to me."

Theros envisioned traffic problems caused by guests patronizing a business operating in an otherwise quiet residential neighborhood.

"I would also be afraid it would lower the value of my property," she said.

Mayor James Farquhar said he'd listen to the proposal.

'It's an interesting concept, not just for the Farms, but for all the Grosse Pointes.'

James Farquhar,
 Mayor

"It's an interesting concept, not just for the Farms, but for all the Grosse Pointes," he said. "They have some beautiful old homes (with) additional property to become a bed and breakfast. You just have to manage it wisely."

Shane Reeside, city manager, said at least one neighbor sent him an e-mail letter of opposition.

The matter received lackluster response from the council when discussed informally in May 2005.

Reeside last week reintroduced the topic. He wanted to register the council's pulse instead of possibly wasting municipal resources by having the city attorney and planning consultant analyze the impact.

"I don't think it's appropriate for the Farms," said Councilman Terry Davis.

"I sounds to me (that) the message to deliver is we're willing to listen, (but) the hurdle is extremely high," said William Burgess, city attorney. "The hurdle is unreachable if neighbors object."

Mental health and teens

Experts provide advice, statistics on youth suicide

By Beth Quinn
 Staff Writer

When adults hear about a child committing suicide, most react in disbelief. It is difficult to grasp the concept of a child feeling such despair.

However, national statistics show that adolescent suicides are all too common.

Listed below are some facts on adolescent suicides from The National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children (TLC), located at the Children's Home of Detroit in Grosse Pointe Woods:

♦ Suicide ranks as the third leading cause of death for young people.

♦ It is the second leading cause of death for children between the ages of 15 and 19.

♦ Every hour and 40 minutes, a person under the age of 25 commits suicide.

♦ Youth suicide attempters come from all socioeconomic backgrounds.

♦ Firearms remain the most commonly used suicide method among youth, regardless of race or gender.

♦ A firearm was used in two out of every three completed suicides.

♦ The rate of youth suicides has tripled over the last 35 years.

See TEENS, page 6A

Lock up guns for safety's sake

Keep ammunition in separate location

Gun safety forum

What: Public forum on gun safety
When: 7 p.m. Thursday, March 16
Where: Grosse Pointe War Memorial

Sponsors: Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department and the Grosse Pointe News

By Brad Lindberg
 and Bob St. John
 Staff Writers

Movie fans know that when a platoon sergeant tells his men to lock 'n' load, someone on the other side of the battlefield is in for a world of hurt.

In the real world of household firearm safety, the rallying cry is more along the lines of

unload and lock. Firearms can't be used to kill if they're unloaded and locked

See GUN LOCKS, page 7A

POINTER OF INTEREST

'When people commit to each other, there's an obligation.'

Kevin Rubens



Quick biography

Home: Grosse Pointe Park
Family: Wife, Kathleen; children, Dionna, Emily, Anastasia and Patrick
Claim to fame: Business consultant and first-time novelist
 See story on page 4A

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Yesterday's headlines

1956

50 years ago this week

◆ **Grosse Pointe Farms officials challenge the school system's practice of using old Kerby School next to City Hall as a storage facility and repair shop.**

In order to force an end to the activity, municipal officials rule the building's activities as a warehouse and factory, both of which are not allowed.

◆ **A Wayne County Circuit Court judge orders Grosse Pointe Park to court.** Municipal officials will be asked to prove the city shouldn't be restrained from spraying elm trees on private property.

The order results from action filed by the Grosse Pointe Landscaping Association.

Landscapers claim spraying privately owned trees is an infringement on commercial

activities.

◆ **Dave McCarron is elected president of the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club.**

New directors include Bruce Bockstanz.

1981

25 years ago this week

◆ **The manager of Grosse Pointe Park follows through with his plan to lay off 10 city employees to keep the city out of the red until July 1.**

Layoffs include one policeman, a fire fighter and three public works employees. In addition, two retiring fire-fighters won't be replaced due to a moratorium on new hires.

◆ **Preliminary results from the 1980 U.S. Census show the Grosse Pointes having an overall population drop of 6,765 since 1970.**

New figures show a total population of 52,134 for the five Pointes compared to

58,899 16 years ago. The decrease amounts to 11.5 percent.

◆ **A Parcels Middle School teacher is fired for insubordination.**

The 14-year veteran of the district had been on fully paid leave since November for getting into a shouting match with administrators outside the principal's office.

1996

10 years ago this week

◆ **Members of the Grosse Pointe Woods planning commission vote 6-1 in support of lights proposed by the Grosse Pointe North Booster Club.**

The decision means that once again the long-discussed issue of installing lights around the Grosse Pointe North High School football field will go before the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council.

◆ **If you're stopped by a Grosse Pointe Park public safety officer, smile.** Chances are you're on camera. Video equipment is installed in five of the department's seven cruisers.

◆ **As part of a continuing effort to enhance the Colonial architecture theme along Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods, members of the city council study a proposed ordinance to ban hanging banners outside businesses.**

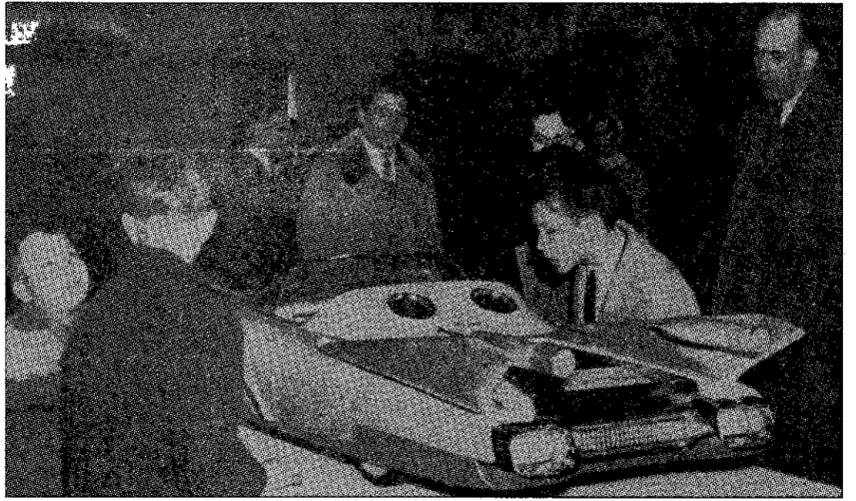


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1956: Model show attracts crowd to Memorial Center

Young and old swarmed through the spacious Grosse Pointe War Memorial Center Sunday to see a large display of models and hobbies. One that attracted a great deal of attention was this scale model of a dream car of the future lent by the Ford Motor Co. More than 1,000 Pointe residents were reported to have attended the one-day exhibit. (From the March 8, 1956 Grosse Pointe News)

2001

5 years ago this week

◆ **Retiring City of Grosse Pointe manager Tom Kressbach gives the oath of office to his replacement, Mike Overton.**

Kressbach served the City 34

years. Overton, 37, comes to the Pointes from his former job as manager of Roosevelt Park.

◆ **Grosse Pointe Shores boaters will pay an additional 5 percent this spring to dock their vessels at Osius Park.**

Shores trustees plan to save a portion of increased revenue for future harbor renovations.

◆ **Construction will start soon on phase two of the City**

of Grosse Pointe Village streetscape project.

Work at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair will consist of a water wall next to the Hallmark store and, kitty-corner, an area for concerts and other public events.

Phase one resulted in wider sidewalks and an arch and carillon over Kercheval.

— Brad Lindberg

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GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Pier Park harbor to miss the boat

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Not all sections of the harbor being modernized at Pier Park will be open in time for the boating season.

A portion of the harbor designed for smaller boats won't be ready until the middle of May, according to Shane

Reeside, Grosse Pointe Farms city manager.

"We'll be using the area (of the marina) next to the parking lot as a staging area to load and unload equipment," Reeside said. "That will be done last."

Wells designed for large boats will be ready when the harbor season officially begins May 1.

"By the end of May, the harbor will be completely usable," he said.

In some cases progress has been delayed by unexpected tasks.

"Additional work adds additional time to the project," Reeside said.

The south wall in the small harbor needed replacement.

"It was in danger of collapsing," he said.

Although some boaters have been known to rush the season and tie up before opening day, usually there are empty slips a few weeks into the season.

"We believe we will be able to accommodate all boats that

normally enter the harbor at the beginning of the season," Reeside said.

The new harbor will have more than 300 slips of 14 different sizes. Unlike the old facility, each boater this year will have a slip with a fingerdock.

Demolition of the old facility began in September.

Some \$4.3 million of the \$4.8 million project is being paid by bond receipts.

Harbor projects are mainly funded by slip rentals. General tax revenues can be used to pay for sections of the marina open to the general public. Such areas include fishing piers and an observation deck.

Library board seeks candidates

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Public Library is looking for people to represent Grosse Pointe Farms, City of Grosse Pointe, Harper Woods and one at-large position on its board.

Each is a four-year term from July 1 to June 30, 2010.

As of March 6, no applications have been submitted.

Applicants representing a specific city must live in the municipality and be a registered voter. Applicants for the at-large position must live in the Grosse Pointe Public School System. Applicants for the Harper Woods position must live within the Grosse Pointe school district boundaries.

Harvey Weaver, City of Grosse Pointe trustee and board president for the past year, announced at the Feb. 27 board meeting he will be stepping down from his position when it expires at the end of June.

"I have recently accepted a new position which requires a lot of traveling," Weaver said.

Kay McDonald, Grosse Pointe Farms trustee, plans to leave after eight years of service. However, she will consider staying if no one comes forward to fill her old position.

"I've served for eight years and am 81-years-old," McDonald said. "I thought I might retire."

James Haley recently decided to apply for his current seat as trustee for Harper Woods only after he heard that no one else had applied.

"I've been on the board for 10 years," Haley said. "So I thought I'd give someone else a chance. If someone good applies, I would step down."

Edwin Frederickson could not be reached to see if he would be returning for the at-large position.

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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Gunman testifies in murder case

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Work meant different things to different people on Tuesday, June 14, 2005 outside 21 Dodge Place in the City of Grosse Pointe.

For bookkeeper Barbara Ann Iske, 57, of Sterling Heights, it meant arriving at her employer's house on time.

For ex-convict Andre Lamar Williams, 36, of Detroit, it meant fulfilling a contract killing.

"It was time to put that work in," Williams said. "It was time to kill Miss Iske."

For newspaper carrier Anne Carpenter of Grosse Pointe Park, it meant finding a body.

For virtually every member of the City public safety department, it meant starting an eight-month investigation of their community's first homicide in at least six decades.

Sees the light

Williams was arrested last November for shooting Iske to death. He waived trial and pleaded guilty to second-degree murder. By doing so, he traded the prospect of life in prison for a sentence of 22 to 32 years.

The deal hinged on his testifying against two men police believe co-conspired to kill Iske.

Williams testified March 3 at a preliminary examination before City Judge Russell Ethridge. The hearing was held in Grosse Pointe Park Municipal Court because City court is too small.

"I am not a hit man," said Williams. "I'm a born again Christian. At the time (of the murder) I felt something evil can be hid. Now I know the lord will bring everything to light."

Prosecutors allege — and Williams states — Iske's death was ordered and paid for by Joseph Michael Marasco, 51. Marasco lived at 21 Dodge Place with his mother Iske kept accounts for Marasco's mother.

Marasco has been in Wayne County Jail without bond since his arraignment early February on charges of premeditated murder. Also arrested and in jail without bond while being tried for murder is Derrick Anthony Thompson, a 47-year-old three-time convicted felon from Detroit. Both men face life in prison if convicted.

Marasco is accused of conspiring with Thompson to recruit Williams as the trigger man in Iske's death.

"He (Thomson) came to me about somebody who wanted a job done," Williams said. "He (Thomson) explained he (Marasco) was supposed to receive monies from his mother. He (Thomson) told me this lady (Iske) was interfering with his (Marasco's) rightful portion of the monies."

"This case is about greed over a family inheritance," said Philip Thomas, Marasco's co-defense counsel.

Thomas said he will show that Marasco, a heroine addict who tests HIV positive, was



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

Accused murderer Derrick Anthony Thompson, left in white T-shirt, sits behind his lawyer, Antonio Tuddles, as attorney Michael Rataj and his client, Joseph Michael Marasco, listen to Philip Thomas, Marasco's co-counsel, speak during a preliminary hearing in Grosse Pointe Park Municipal Court in the homicide of Barbara Ann Iske.

being "shaken down" and extorted by Thompson.

"My client had no motive for hurting Miss Iske," Thomas said.

Ambush

Williams said he met Thompson more than a decade ago while incarcerated at Adrian Temporary Facility. Both have convictions for armed robbery, carrying a concealed weapon and more, according to state corrections records. Marasco has been convicted twice on drug charges and once for theft.

Williams told of a failed attempt to ambush Iske at 21 Dodge Place the morning of June 7. She didn't show up, so the hit was set for a week later.

On the morning of June 14, Williams' cellular telephone rang. It was Thompson.

"He called (to) ask if I was ready, just like the week before, to do the job," Williams said.

Thompson reportedly borrowed a blue Ford Tempo, picked up Williams at his girlfriend's house in Detroit and drove to Grosse Pointe.

"We stopped at a light and he slipped me a gun," Williams said. "It was a revolver." He said he believes it was a chrome-plated .38 or .357 caliber.

At about 10 a.m., they parked outside the Marasco home and waited for Iske to arrive for work.

"There were people working at the house next door," Williams said.

About a half-hour later, a car pulled up and parked at the back of the driveway next

to a row of evergreen bushes.

"That's her. That's her," Thompson said, according to Williams.

Williams got out of the car. He walked up the side of the driveway near the bushes.

"I went up quietly so I wouldn't be noticed," he said.

Thompson stayed in the parked car.

Iske, wearing a blue skirt, white blouse and glasses, exited her car. She holding a bag.

Williams, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, blue sweatpants and white tennis shoes, held the chrome-plated gun in his gloved left hand. He aimed at Iske.

"Give me the bag," he testified saying.

Iske obeyed.

"I shot her," Williams said.

"In the face."

Iske fell forward onto her purse. Williams shot her again in the back of the neck "to make sure the job was done."

Williams said, "She just lay there. I went back to the car."

Thompson allegedly exited the Pointes down Jefferson toward Detroit.

"We was making our way pretty swift," Williams said.

He said the gun, gloves, hoodie, bag, financial papers and other evidence were discarded at a do-it-yourself car wash in Detroit. The bag didn't contain money, he said.

Williams said he and Thompson separated for a few hours. They met again at about 3 p.m. in a casino downtown. That's where Thompson paid him \$3,300 for the job.

"He said he would pay more later after everything blowed over," Williams said.

As Williams testified, 10 members of the Iske family sat quietly in two rows of benches 15 feet away. They wore white campaign-type buttons stating, "Barb was innocent."

Face down

At the moment Iske was shot, police believe David

Macon, an 18-year-old Pointe resident, was riding in a car on eastbound Jefferson passing Dodge Place. It was between 10:15 and 10:30 a.m.

"While coming to a stop light (at Fisher) we heard two distinct pops," Macon testified.

He spoke of two black men hurrying from the driveway to a parked blue or aqua Ford Tempo.

Macon's testimony contradicted that of Williams.

Hours passed as Iske's body lay unnoticed on the pavement between her car and the row of hedges.

At about 3:15 p.m. Anne Carpenter arrived on her paper route.

"It was deathly hot," she said.

She parked her car at the foot of the Marasco driveway and hoofed the afternoon edition to the side door.

"I saw someone laying on the ground near the hedge," she said. "I thought she was pulling weeds."

Or maybe, Carpenter figured, someone had succumbed to the heat.

"As I walked up, I saw a very large pool of blood," Carpenter said. "She wasn't moving."

Carpenter flagged down a

driver to call 911, then approached the body to consider administering CPR. An open wallet lay about two feet from the body. Williams testified he never touched the wallet.

Police and medics arrived. Carpenter said she and the woman who called police didn't watch as medics took Iske away.

"We were afraid to look," she said. "We did not want to disturb her."

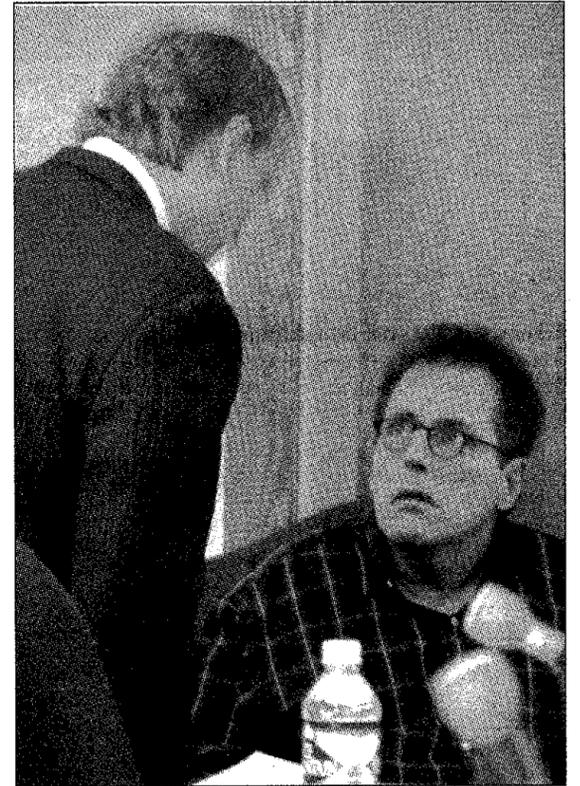
"The muzzle of the gun was held likely within two feet from her face," said Dr. Leigh Hlavaty, assistant medical examiner for Wayne County.

"The location in the back of the neck is consistent with what police consider an execution-style shooting."

Either wound was fatal.

"Structures that were injured were her brain and upper spinal cord," Hlavaty concluded. "She would have been rendered unconscious immediately, but it would take a few minutes for her brain stem functions to stop. There was evidence of aspirated blood from the wound track. She was taking a few last breaths before her body died."

Williams' testimony was scheduled to resume Tuesday, March 7, past the Grosse Pointe News deadline.



Joseph Michael Marasco listens to his defense attorney, Michael Rataj.



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Kevin Rubens culled material for his book by living and working in business in Russia and England and traveling through the Middle East.

Author paints father, son relationship

By Carrie Cunningham
Special Writer

The relationship between fathers and sons is sacred and meaningful. Through the ages, writers have documented its significance by limning themes of origin, love, redemption and loyalty.

Grosse Pointe author Kevin Rubens has painted the filial bonds between father and son in his new novel, "The Siberian Legacy." He reveals what happens when father and son relationships are sundered: pain and desolation transpire and every effort is made to restore the potent and emotional connection.

Set mainly in post-Cold War Russia, two men, American William Benn, a financier, and Russian Mikhail Petrov, an intelligence official, experience the loss of their sons. Benn's family is killed while they are sailing on the Aegean Sea, yet he has doubts about the fate of his son, Tristan. Petrov's son, Andrushka, was killed as a result of Petrov's work pursuing a Russian crime syndicate.

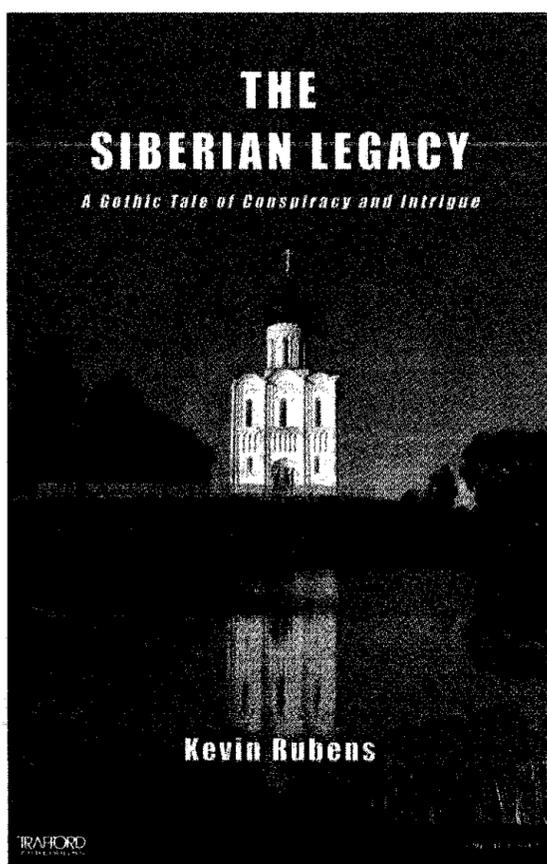
The men are introduced by a Russian priest, who Benn immediately saw as someone who could "lead people out of the darkness with a vision of justice." Benn and Petrov decide to help each other, and with a plot that travels through Moscow, Siberia, Turkey, Afghanistan, Great Britain and France, they seek to discover what really happened to Tristan and discern who killed Andrushka.

Rubens said he wanted to appeal to men in writing about the fathers and their sons.

"That kind of relationship is so compelling," he said.

Rubens, a management consultant, culled material for his book by living and working in business in Russia and England and traveling through the Middle East. He kept a log of vignettes about interesting people for six years. He crafted his novel with concern for developing his protagonists' characters and establishing a detailed account of contemporary Europe, Russia and the Middle East.

The chaotic atmosphere of post-Communist Russia is in particular finely fleshed out in the novel as a result of Rubens having lived in Moscow in both the early '80s when Communism still existed and then later when Mikhail Gorbachev transformed the country with glasnost and perestroika. Rubens continued trav-



COURTESY OF KEVIN RUBENS

"The Siberian Legacy" is a new novel by Kevin Rubens about fathers and sons in the post-Cold War era. For more information, visit Archipelago-Unionarts.com.

eling widely throughout the country during the Yeltsin and Putin years.

The economy was awakened with a nascent form of capitalism, and Rubens assisted Russian enterprises with privatization and helped Western companies to establish local operations.

"The world was moving very fast," Rubens said of changing Russia. "Every day there would be a new product on the street. There was new literature, new publications and new channels of communication. There was a lot of greed."

As archives storing historical data were opened, people discovered the reality of the Stalin years in which millions of people were killed. Rubens met people whose parents were killed. He also encountered people who were proud of Russian culture, literature and music.

Petrov's character embodied both a distaste of the corrupt Communist order, from which a lingering official killed his son, as well as affection for

Russian society and a deep love for his remaining Russian family.

While Rubens' book depicts the post-Cold War world with astonishing texture, he admits the changes have been so large and happened so quickly that it will take decades if not centuries to discern the years' real meaning.

"I don't think anyone has really distilled it down in terms of the social, economic, military and political changes," he said.

Rubens has a lifelong fondness for Russia; he majored in history and political science at Wayne State University and studied Russian language; he burnished his business skills with a degree in labor and industrial relations from Michigan State University.

He inherited a love of writing from his father, John, a literate man who worked as a sports writer in his youth and wrote speeches and poetry throughout his life.

"He sort of planted the

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TEENS: Parents must set the tone

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risk than in prior years.

"I think that adolescents needs haven't changed but the world around them has," said Pam Clapp-Green, director of the Psychiatry Department at Bon Secours Cottage Health Services. "The world is on fast forward. Sometimes reflection is useful."

Children and families are busier than ever. Many parents want to keep their children in planned activities to make them well-rounded. They want their children to be busy to stay out of trouble and out of harm's way.

"The world is busier. Kids are busier. They don't have much down time and there is more pressure for them to compete," Clapp-Green said.

According to Clapp-Green, more families have two parents working, making life more hectic. If the mother is isn't working outside the home for a paycheck, she is likely to be immersed in volunteer activities.

"Families are so busy. Maybe you as a parent miss things, subtle clues that your child is showing," she said. "It's all constructive (the activities) but it isn't necessarily emotionally intimate family time."

Clapp-Green suggests that families set aside regular family times when the family are not running around going from one activity to another. It

is during these more intimate times that parents and children will connect.

Children now are under more stress to perform and achieve than previous generations.

"Children today have so much pressure about getting top grades and getting into the best colleges. All their activities are so competitive," said Caelin Kuban, clinical specialist at TLC.

Kuban and Clapp-Green both believe children need a good balance between structured activities and down time.

Clapp-Green noted boys are more difficult to "read" than girls. Boys are less verbal and more apt to express their emotions physically.

"My experience, as a mother of boys and with working with boys in therapy, they are more likely to talk if they are doing something like shooting basketballs in the backyard. Parents should try to engage their son in a friendly physical activity. Most likely, this will be the time he will open up."

Parents can learn more about the special needs of boys during John Hribljan's seminar, "Let's Talk About Boys," presented by the The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods, in conjunction with Grosse Pointe South's Community School. It will held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 14 at the community school's center located in South High School off of Fisher Road.

Both women said stressors in the parents' life and the family such as illness, loss of a job, divorce, death or substance abuse can add to a child's stress level.

"Kids carry a lot of emotions about their parents. They are very loyal," said Clapp-Green. "They are unlikely to talk to a stranger, such as a priest or teacher, about their parents. Instead they will talk to peers about their family."

"It is better if a parents sets a tone that says, 'We can talk about this.'"

Kuban recommends parent keep the doors of communication open by discussing family problems. When parents try to hide family problems they are adding to their child's stress.

"Parents don't have to overload them in details but kids need to know why something is happening so their imaginations don't take over and induce worry," Kuban said.

She will be meeting with parents attending the March 11 Family Center Parenting Symposium at the Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods. After hearing last week about the two suicides of Grosse Pointe adolescents, Family Center director,

Opportunities for family support, info

◆ The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods Parenting Symposium will be held Saturday, March 11, from 8 a.m. to noon at Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods.

Topics including depression in children, managing grief and trauma and improving communication between parent and child will be discussed. Registration is required. Admission is \$20 per person, \$30 per couple. To register and for more information, call the Family Center at the (313) 432-3832.

◆ The Family Center with the Grosse Pointe South Community School presents "Let's Talk About Boys" by John Hribljan, at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 14. The talk will be held at the Community School located in the Fisher Road side of the high school.

For information, call The Family Center at (313) 432-3832.

◆ Christ Church Grosse Pointe is conducting grief support workshops for children and adults every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. through Thursday, April 27, at the church on 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd in Grosse Pointe Farms.

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

◆ Henry Ford Health Systems-Sand Castles sponsors ongoing grief and loss support groups at St. Margaret Parish Center in St. Clair Shores.

For more information, call (313) 874-6881.

Diane Strickler, added Kuban's session to the parenting symposium.

Kuban plans to leave the agenda open-ended so she can address specific questions concerning trauma and suicide in adolescents.

The symposium also has two related seminars planned. One is titled "Depression in Children and Adolescents," and the other is "How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk."

During the past year, Strickler has heard from many parents who are concerned their child might be depressed.

"We need to talk openly about depression in kids in Grosse Pointe," Strickler said.

"We must destigmatize depression. It is an illness. People should not be ashamed that they or a family member suffers from depression."

Dr. William Steele, director for The National Center of Trauma and Loss in Children, agrees.

"We must overcome the stigma of mental illness," Steele said. "It is an illness, like measles or diabetes."

Steele is facilitating the March 7 workshop for parents organized by the Grosse Pointe Public Schools System. It will provide the opportunity for parent support following the two teen suicides.

"I don't want to gloss over these two suicides. It's a wake-up call for the community," Steele said. "Our kids are stressed."

At the workshop, Steele will discuss what to look for and the kinds of situations that put children at risk for depression, trauma and suicide.

"I will try to help parents to understand how adolescents respond to stressful situations," he said. "It will make it easier for parents to respond to their child who has experienced a traumatic event."

Steele hopes to give parents insight on how a teenager reacts to a traumatic situation. The situation can seem to a

parent like a minor crisis, such as breaking up with a girlfriend or boyfriend. Other times the trauma can occur within a family such as a terminal illness or lost of family income.

He said teenagers suffer from a feeling of being powerless because of the situation. They can also feel unsafe and hopeless. The hard part falls on the parent to understand how their adolescent is processing the experience.

"Many times, we adults misread our kids," Steele said. "Good kids from good families do try to commit suicide."

Steele stresses many young people who attempt suicide don't demonstrate all the symptoms of clinical depression.

"Most kids reach a point where they feel they don't have any options," he said. "Many times a situation occurs in which the child feels shame or guilt and will attempt suicide."

Kuban noted most children attempt or commit suicide between the late afternoon and midnight when there is a chance that some will be home and might find them. This reflects their ambivalence about suicide.

"The reality is most teens don't want to kill themselves. We will provide guidelines for parents to help their kids."

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DR. WILLIAM STEELE,
Director for The National Center
of Trauma and Loss in Children

Stay connected

The community has been rocked by teenage suicide this month. Parents are talking and looking for answers. They want to know what to do.

All children need is to stay connected with an adult.

That is best advice Sean Hogan-Downey ACSW can give. She has 30 years of experience as a social worker, marriage and family therapist and is Grosse Pointe Academy's school counselor and staff consultant.

Children very much need to talk, she said. "They need to stay connected to adults. It's important for the parents to investigate ... what's going on inside."

With the considerable pressure on children in the 21st Century, talking with adults about how to reduce stress, how to take a break and how to stay connected with adults are skills that will help students navigate adolescence.

"They need an anchor," Hogan-Downey said.

Children need a place to go, a person to whom they can talk and ask questions. It is particu-

larly important for an adult to be present when children talk about death to act as a coach and ask the questions to guide them through the hard questions, she said.

Not only do parents need to keep the lines of communication open but they need to look for signs of depression, even though children are good at hiding those signs, Hogan-Downey said.

When a tragedy occurs, such as the Grosse Pointes have recently seen, don't blame the parents, she said, because parents need an outlet, as well.

"There is nothing worse than losing a child. It is a tragedy. Things like this happen in a small community and it's important to talk about it. Parents need a support network. Parents need to be supported to help them through the blame process. They feel isolated (and say) 'it is my fault.'"

Parents are encouraged to talk about the tragedy, whether a child is lost to suicide or to leukemia. "It is hard to talk about a violent death," Hogan-Downey said.

South crisis team responds to need

Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe South High School's Crisis Team assembled last week to help students deal with a recent tragedy.

The crisis team of parents, teachers, a school psychologist, social workers and administrators was on hand to help students sort out their feelings following the death of a fellow student, Danny Pogue.

On Monday, March 6, the team was on hand as well.

According to South Principal Al Diver, things were back to normal and early in the morning students had yet to visit the team in Cleminson Hall.

Pogue was in the hospital Monday, Feb. 27, when students came back to school af-

ter a week-long break.

"Kids had been grieving on Friday, Saturday and Sunday with one another," Diver said. The crisis team met early Monday morning to plan a course of action and was available to students when they came back to school.

"Last Monday we were prepared for the worse," he said.

Pogue died on Tuesday, Feb. 28, and the crisis team assisted students going through the grieving process.

Some 700 students attended his funeral on Friday, March 3.

A crisis is defined as anything that disrupts the school, whether it's an accident, a threat to the school or a staff member tragedy.

Similar crisis teams are available at all district schools.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Resurfacing project slated for Fisher Road

Grosse Pointe Farms has agreed to partner with the City of Grosse Pointe on a road repair project involving both communities.

Farms and City officials will team up this spring to resurface Fisher from Kercheval to Mack. Fisher forms the border between the two cities.

Because the road is shared, the two cities alternate arranging repairs, conducting engineering studies and seeking contractors.

"This time, it is in the City's court," said Shane Reeside, Farms city manager.

"The Farms' portion for this project will be approximately \$100,979," according to Terry Brennan, Farms public service director.

"Funds are available in this year's pavement program," Reeside said.

The matter has been bouncing back and forth between respective city council meetings. City officials are scheduled to discuss it March 20.

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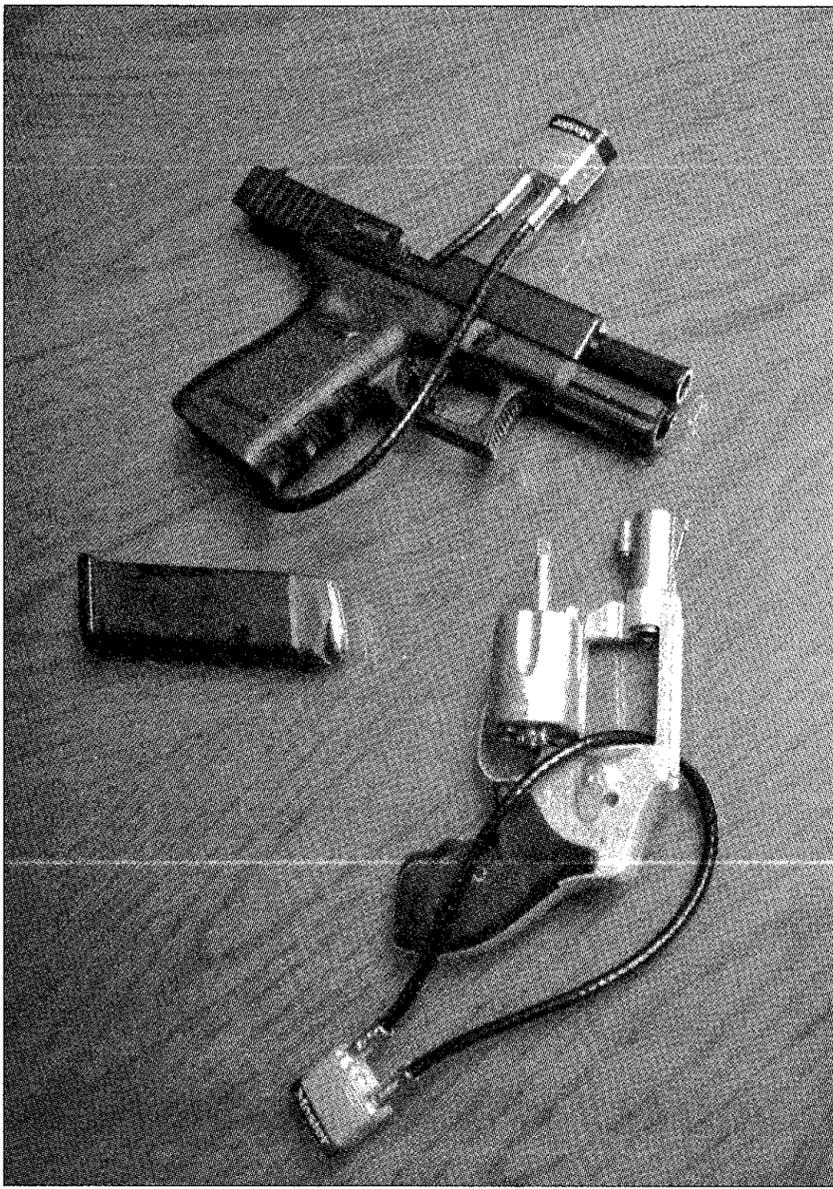


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Free gun locks available at all five Grosse Pointe public safety departments provide a safe way to disable a handgun. Shown at top is a 16-shot Glock-19 9 mm pistol and, below, .38-caliber Smith & Wesson five-shot snub-nosed revolver.

GUN LOCKS: Trigger guards available free

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away or fitted with a trigger lock.

All five Pointe public safety departments offer residents gun locks that prevent a typical pistol or revolver from being fired. Rifles and shotguns are better suited for trigger guards.

Locks, provided at no cost, link a wire cable through either the barrel or chamber, rendering the weapon inoperable.

"Anybody who takes the time to walk into the lobby of the public safety department can have a gun lock," said Farms Lt. Rich Rosati. "They're free to take. We would not deny anybody who wants one."

John Schulte, deputy public safety director in Grosse Pointe park, said gun locks are a great way for residents to exercise proper gun safety within their homes.

"We also suggest gun owners should lock their weapons in a safe, unloaded, so children don't play with them," Schulte said.

Grosse Pointe Woods residents are informed about gun locks when applying for a concealed weapon permit at public safety city headquarters.

"We give information and gun locks to residents who apply for a gun permit," said Mike Makowski, Woods director of public safety. "We welcome anyone to come into our office and pick up a gun lock. It is necessary so people, especially children, don't get hurt or killed in accidental shootings."

Some firearms are outfitted with their own special key that is part of the weapon itself. The gun can't be fired until unlocked.

"That's the safest way to keep them — out of sight, someplace secure so they can't be accessed by anybody but

people who are supposed to know how to get at them," said Sgt. Scott Rohr of Grosse Pointe Shores public safety.

Even display weapons need to be secured. A Winchester hanging over the fireplace makes for frontier decor, but isn't safe.

Instead, police advise gun owners to invest in a display case or cabinet.

"A display case should not be easily accessible by kids," Rohr said. "Guns should be behind glass or something that's locked."

City Lt. Paul Onderbeke suggests keeping ammunition locked up separately. "With children in the house, it's a dangerous combination. Kids are naturally curious."

"People think that keeping a gun and ammunition separate defeats the purpose of having the gun in the house," Rosati said. "But if someone finds your gun in your house, plays with it or shoots somebody or themselves, the gun owner could be legally responsible. A person who didn't have the gun locked up and put away properly could be charged."

Firearm safety experts recommend the following:

"We give information and gun locks to residents who apply for a gun permit. We welcome anyone to come into our office and pick up a gun lock. It is necessary so people, especially children, don't get hurt or killed."

DIRECTOR MIKE MAKOWSKI, Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety

◆ Never assume a firearm is unloaded. Treat every pistol, rifle and shotgun as if it were loaded.

◆ Firearms should be unloaded when not in use.

◆ Have a serious discussion with family members about firearms safety. Stress the dangers of careless or unsafe use.

◆ Burglars like to steal weapons. Improper or insecure storage of a firearm at home could result in a criminal stealing the weapon and causing injury or death to the homeowner or another family member.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

County gives \$2.2 million for Vernier paving project

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Vernier between I-94 and Mack will finally get the makeover it has needed for years.

Wayne County allotted \$2.2 million for the project through the federally funded Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The project involves both Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods with a majority of the area sitting within the Grosse Pointe boundary.

"We are the lead agency which has a contract with MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation) and Harper Woods officials said it is committed to this project," Woods City Manager Mark Wollenweber said. "We're surprised we received the funds from Wayne County, and I have to thank Hassan Saab (director of Wayne County Highway Engineering), our city engineer Scott Lockwood and our director of public works Joe Ahee for getting this project funded."

"It took a heck of a lot of work, but it's here and we're grateful."

Wayne County will pay approximately 80 percent of the

project costs, leaving the remaining 20 percent to the Woods and Harper Woods. Of that 20 percent, Grosse Pointe Woods' share is about \$400,000 and Harper Woods will pay approximately \$250,000.

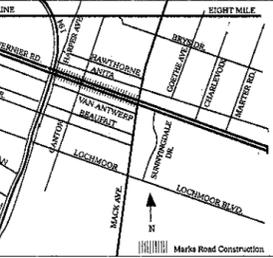
"We should be thrilled to get this money from Wayne County," Woods city council woman Lisa Pinkos Howle said during the Feb. 27 city council meeting. "I would hate for the city to have to pay the entire \$2.2 million; so we should take what we can get."

City council woman Dona Reynolds-DeSantis voiced her concern about the lane dividers not properly lining up on Vernier east of the I-94 overpass.

"Dona brought the road discrepancy to us and it is something we had to look into," Wollenweber said. "That issue will be resolved during the construction project."

The bids for the project went out March 3 and the total was \$2,227,436.65.

"The project is great. It is going to be a reconstruction and



GRAPHIC BY DIANE MORELLI

just not a repaving, but we need to make sure we are only going to be paying no more than \$400,000 out of our budget," Woods Mayor Robert Novitke said.

"I want to make sure Harper Woods is going to go through with the project."

Mayor Novitke and city council members will choose the contractor, with a lot hinging on the total of each bid.

Once council gives the OK, the project will be scheduled for the summer.

"It should start sometime in May or June and end in November," Wollenweber said.

"Traffic will be directed into one lane throughout the project and it will be a little bit of an inconvenience, but when it is finished Vernier will look great."

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LONG-TERM EFFECTS OF PROPOSAL A

Grosse Pointers take stand on tax reform

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Park city administrator Dale Krajniak and state representatives are making a concerted effort to bring relief to homeowners dealing with the long-term effects of Proposal A.

"There is a significant problem with tax reform passed back in the mid-90s," former state representative and Grosse Pointe resident Andrew Richner said. "It is unaffordable to move. It doesn't matter if you want to downsize or move to a larger home if your family is expanding because the taxes the home buyer will have to pay are too high."

The real estate market in the state is stale in some communities due to Proposal A, according to Richner. Passed in 1994, the legislation limited annual increases in property tax assessments for current homeowners. When the property is sold or transferred, the assessment is raised to meet the current value.

"This really hurts people who are trying to buy a home in Grosse Pointe Park, the other Grosse Pointes or even communities such as Birmingham," Krajniak said.

For example, if a couple selling their house on Pemberton Street in Grosse Pointe Park and pay \$4,253 in taxes, the new owner will have to pay the

current tax value (as a result of Proposal A) of \$8,204.

State Rep. Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe, and Michigan's Speaker of the House, Craig DeRoche, R-Novi, are also getting involved in the battle to get legislation rolling to change Proposal A.

DeRoche recently met with Richner to formulate a game plan. Gaffney suggested modifying the bill to give first-time home buyers tax breaks, as well as senior citizens who want to downsize.

California recently changed its form of Proposal A to help senior citizens.

Its Proposition 60 states that senior citizens 55 years of age or older can buy a residence of

equal or lesser value than their existing home and transfer the current taxable value to their new property.

"California is taking positive steps to help its home sellers and buyers; so why can't Michigan follow?" Krajniak said.

Richner is spearheading the formation of MCAP (Michigan Citizens Against Pop-Up Tax).

"Dale (Krajniak) and I recently formed this committee that is taking a look at what can be done to help ease this 'Pop-Up' tax," Richner said. "We're getting the ball rolling."

Residents can join this committee by calling Krajniak at Grosse Pointe Park's city hall at (313) 822-6200.



Edward J. Gaffney



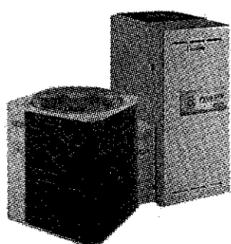
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Lake Front Park hosts tennis, lifeguard class

Lake Front Park's spring 2006 tennis classes will begin Tuesday, April 4.

The weekly tennis classes directed by Brian DeVirgilio, Brian Kean, Joe Rosa, Joe Fodell, Sam Poole, Al Williams and Bob Thoms, are available for all levels and abilities.

Lessons include instruction ranging from basic stroke production to technique and match play.

The five-week class concludes Tuesday, May 9, but will not run on Tuesday, April 18. The cost is \$50 (\$100 if individuals choose to attend Tuesday and Friday of each week).

The program is for Grosse Pointe Woods residents only. There is no membership fee.

Lake Front Park is also hosting American Red Cross lifeguard training courses on Monday, Wednesday and

Saturday from May 1 through May 24.

The classes on Monday and Wednesday run 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., and the Saturday class runs from noon to 5 p.m.

The classes teach the skills and knowledge needed to prevent and respond to aquatic emergencies.

Individuals must be 15-years-old by May 24, 2006; must be able to swim 500 yards using front crawl and breast-stroke; and dive to a depth of 13 feet to retrieve a 10-pound brick.

The cost is \$200 per applicant, which includes books and materials. Individuals must register before April 21 with the parks and recreation department.

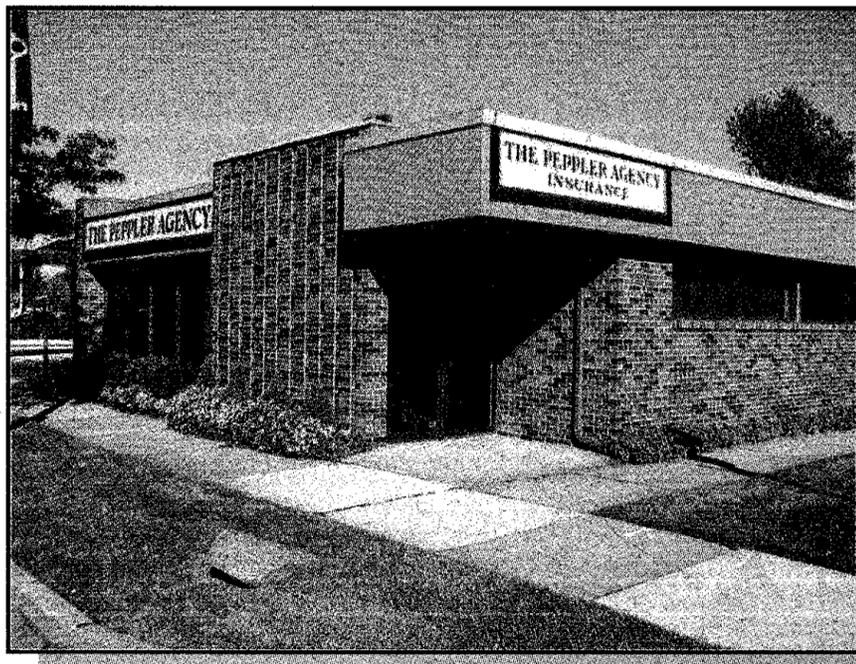
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GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Water main work scheduled for May 2006

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Farms officials are planning to replace a 2,800-foot stretch of water main that has more patches than a hobo's jeans.

Water service will be routed through an above-ground bypass system while underground pipes are replaced on streets east of Moross between Chalfonte and Mack.

Due for replacement are mains on Allard, Roland Court, Bournemouthe and Bournemouthe Circle.

Shane Reeside, city manager, said the mains in the area have broken an average 2 1/2 times per 100 feet.

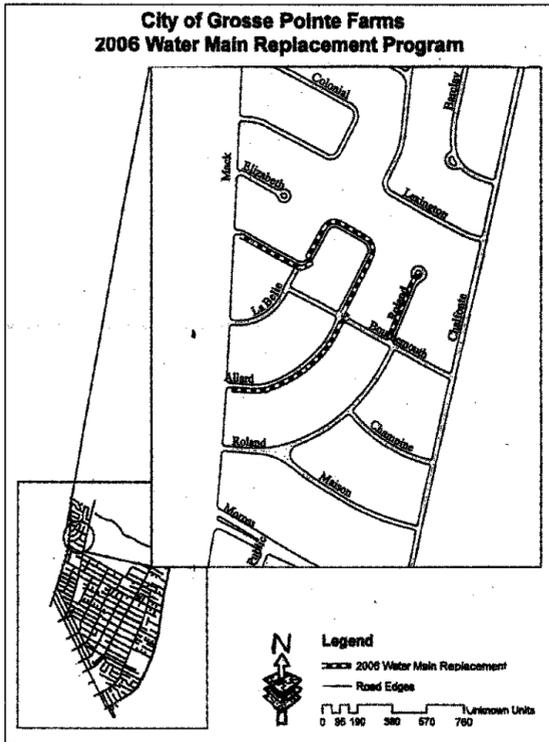
"This tends to be a problematic area," he said.

Work is being contracted to Utility Service Authority at almost the same unit prices charged last year for water main replacement elsewhere in the city.

The only difference this year is a 3 percent increase in the cost of eight-inch pipe. The price has risen from \$88 per foot to \$90.64 per foot.

"That reflects increased costs attributed to Hurricane Katrina," Reeside said.

The \$528,792, eight-week project is expected to begin in May and end by June 30, according to Reeside.



SOURCE: GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Grosse Pointe Farms plans to replace these water mains starting in May.

USA crews will install pipe by a method called pipe bursting.

New pipe is injected under

pressure into old pipe, breaking the old pipe and shoving it out of the way. The method avoids digging trenches to re-

move and install material.

"There will be fairly minimal damage to the roadway with this project," Reeside said.

"You don't tear out residential driveways and there's less potential for tree damage," said Tom Biehl of the Farms engineering consultants Hubbell, Roth & Clark.

USA used the same technique last year when replacing a water main on the street where Councilman Louis Theros lives.

"They had two big ditches at the end of the road and were feeding pipe through," Theros said. "It was unobtrusive. It didn't affect my driveway or the street. I hardly knew they were there."

Farms officials approved USA's offer without seeking

fresh bids.

Councilman Terry Davis was first to protest.

"Five hundred thousand dollars is a lot of money for a city our size," he said.

Given Michigan's slow economy, Davis reasoned the Farms might want to dangle the contract like a carrot before the construction industry.

"There might be some hungry contractors out there," he said.

Councilman Joe Leonard, former head of the Farms public service department, said sending contracts out for bid keeps suppliers from getting complacent.

"You have to keep those guys competitive," he said.

Biehl pointed out that USA was low-bidder and undercut

at least three competitors for last year's project.

Farms officials decided not to risk losing the offer by requiring bids, a process that costs about \$3,500, Biehl said.

Leonard was the only councilman to vote against the contract without bid.



Gas price up 24.5 cents in 14 days

Michigan self-serve regular gasoline prices jumped 13 cents per gallon on average during the past week, reports AAA.

The current statewide average of \$2.427 is 40.1 cents higher than last year at this time. The last two-week period

has seen increases totaling 24.5 cents per gallon.

The average for self-serve regular increased 13.1 cents in metro Detroit the week of March 6, with the average at \$2.401 per gallon. A year ago, the metro Detroit price was 40.6 cents per gallon lower at

\$1.995.

Over the past two weeks, metro Detroit prices have increased 22.5 cents.

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EDITORIAL

Our new look

Now that you have had a chance to look us over, we hope you like our new look. Probably the first thing you noticed was the absence of "Grosse Pointe News green" on our front page. We were divided on the matter but ceded to graphic designer Jason McKean's recommended red.

What we were not divided on was keeping the popular Week Ahead brief calendar listing on the front page. Readers also liked the Pointer of Interest introduction on the front page.

Also our folios — the top-of-page banners — incorporate a large page number to make it easier to find where you are and where you are going.

You will notice large anchor photos on most pages, as well as a uniform look. Our goal is to not only make the newspaper look better, but also easier to read. The mostly modular layout should help readers more quickly scan a page for items that interest them.

On this page, the Opinion page, you will notice better use of space. There is room for up to two editorials and ample space for Letters to the Editor, among our most well-read items.

Likewise, better use is made of the Op-Ed page with the Streetwise column dividing the page horizontally and separating the personal I Say columns by Grosse Pointe News staffers and the popular FYI column by Ben Burns.

Since the size of our sections is limited to 16 pages, Grosse Pointe News readers have noticed over the past several years that Section A has been divided in two, often with pages 1-12A in the first portion and pages 13A-24A in the second NewsExtra section. NewsExtra is now called News II, but it will still mostly contain schools items, obituaries, automotive and public safety reports.

The public safety briefs will be listed by city, making it easier for residents of each Pointe to find their city's crime and fire reports. True, some cities will have more reports than others, but that is largely a product of the size of the city, its commercial areas and the amount of traffic it experiences.

In the Features section, engagements and weddings will continue to be published on the last Thursday of each month under the banner, Celebrations. If we have to run corrected announcements, they will appear the following week or so.

Though not making its debut this issue, the Sports section will soon run a Scorecard on page 2C. The Scorecard will give an at-a-glance rundown of all Grosse Pointe high school sports.

The Classified advertising section, too, has changed with a new typeface, more color and a "cleaner" look.

On the surface, these changes should look simple yet pleasing. That is what we are striving to achieve. Obviously, the redesign did not come about without the hard work of Mr. McKean and all the Grosse Pointe News staff. To them we give our grateful thanks.

We want to know what you think. Drop us a letter — fax, e-mail or U.S. mail. Our contact numbers and addresses are near the bottom of the front page — every week!

Kudos to kids

We understand some 700 well-mannered, appropriately dressed teenagers attended the funeral of classmate

Daniel Pogue last Friday, as well as players and coaches from other schools. What a wonderful tribute.

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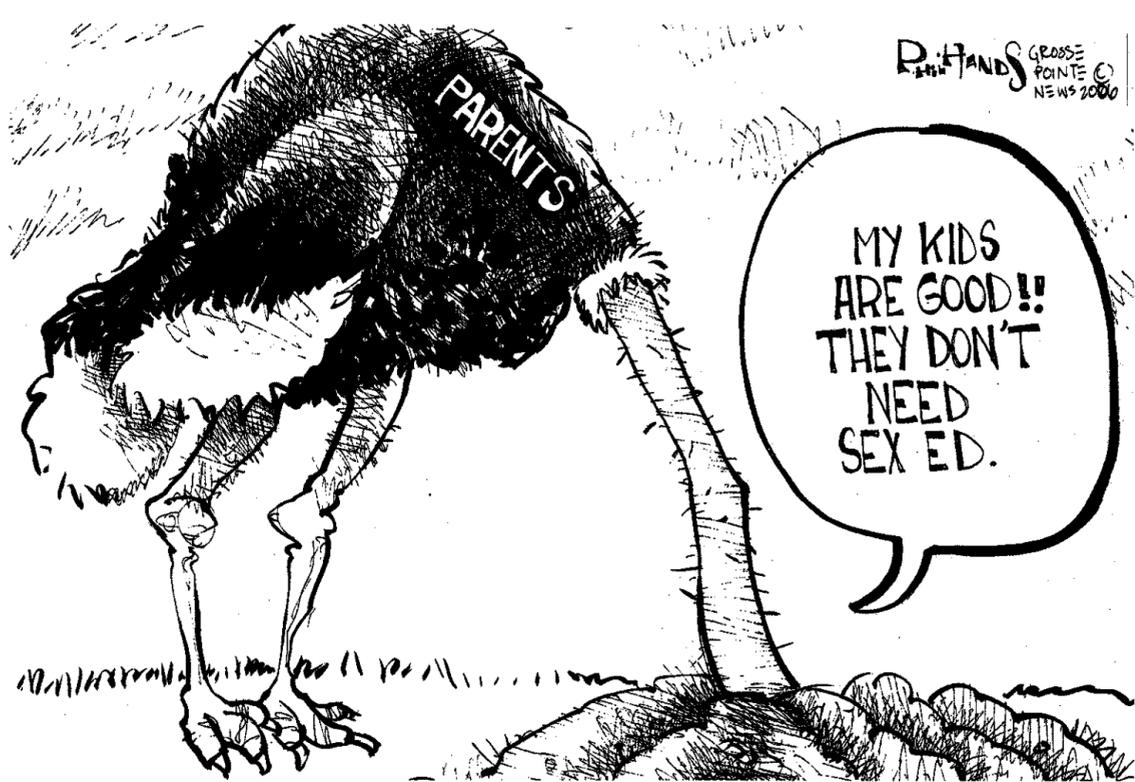
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The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your letters to the editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced, signed and limited to 250 words. Longer letters will be edited for content. Include a daytime phone number for verification or questions. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday.

Thanks community

To the Editor:

Our son and grandson, Danny Pogue, died on Feb. 27. The reaction to his death by those touched by his joyous, caring spirit still leaves us in awe.

That he loved people, competitive sports and school — teachers, students and coaches alike — we knew. What we didn't know was how wide-ranging his circle of friends truly was.

His capacity to love and be loved was seen in all who attended his visitation, church service and reception.

If we didn't have the opportunity to reflect our appreciation for your loving Danny, your countless contributions to our larder, and for turning the church sanctuary and our home into a botanic garden, we will thank you individually over time.

KRISTIN AND ROBERT
POGUE,
DAN AND JACKIE BECK

Open letter

Dear Grosse Pointe City Resident:

The mayor and city council have been presented with three proposals for the redevelopment of Lot 2 in the Village. The City received these proposals back on Oct. 2. This property is located behind Moosejaw, Starbucks and Hickey's, between St. Clair and Notre Dame.

These three proposals represent a new direction and a renewed growth pattern for the Village. It is important that we, the citizens of Grosse Pointe, understand the benefits of growth, quality and vibrancy to the community this project could provide, as well as its fiscal implications to the City and Village.

One exciting proposal of particular interest to all residents in the City includes the relocation of the Kroger food store. This proposal, as presented, includes Kroger's new expanded food store for the Village, with a new fresh food section, similar to their store in Birmingham.

The timing of such a move is of importance to Kroger, a time proven Village merchant. The Kroger Company has indicated that in the event the new relocation plan does not come to pass within the next few months, they will renovate the existing much too small store. No tax burden is implied in either move.

and not be delayed.

Therefore, I am requesting you to please inform us of your thoughts, needs and support. Please write the Mayor and City Council at City of Grosse Pointe, 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230 and/or Grosse Pointe News, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

G. JOHN STEVENS
COUNCILMAN

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE
PS. Proposal plans for Lot 2 can be viewed at Grosse Pointe City Hall. For more information, you can also visit www.grossepointenews.com and click on the Kroger box.

Village proposals

To the Editor:

The Jonna proposal looks like a winner.

While there has been much talk of various proposals to increase retail in the Village, it strikes me that we could do no better than to increase the size of our local grocery store.

I believe the Kroger store is something most residents use on a weekly basis, so if we want to enhance the quality of life, this should be the way to do it.

Since it's my understanding that Kroger will remodel its current space if it doesn't obtain a larger space such as that proposed by the Jonna plan, I urge the city to act promptly on this matter.

FRANK S. SZYMANSKI
CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

PUD

To the Editor:

I think it's important for the residents of the City of Grosse Pointe to understand what's happening regarding all of the potential development surrounding the Village.

First of all, for those who do not understand what a PUD or Planned Unit Development is, here's the basic premise. It gives broad power to the city in determining what potential developments can be approved. For example, if the city determines that building a high-rise apartment complex or a fast-food restaurant within a PUD area is in the best interest of the overall community, even if this development violates all existing zoning requirements in height, density, setback, traffic flow, parking, etc., the city can approve such a development.

Years ago, the City of Grosse Pointe placed into its zoning the ability to approve a PUD only within nonresidential areas of the city. Obviously whoever implemented this realized the negative effect on our resi-

dents' homes of having a PUD approved within a residential area.

In August 2005, the city changed the zoning without notifying residents, as required by Michigan law, and gave themselves the ability to approve a PUD within an area bounded by Waterloo, Cadieux, St. Paul and Neff. This designated area clearly includes residential.

Shortly thereafter, the city approved a PUD within the designated area and moved quickly to approve a massive four and one-half story condominium project, smack in the middle of a residential area.

Both my family and my neighbor's family are aggressively fighting this process. Why? On a personal level, because a four and one-half story condominium development surrounding half of our residential homes would have a devastating effect on our property values.

On an entirely different level, we believe granting the city such broad absolute power is just plain wrong.

Development can often be a good thing. And, for the record, both my family and my neighbor's family believe developing senior housing within the community is important. However, if such a development or any similar type of development comes at the expense of residents, it should not be allowed.

Zoning ordinances exist to protect residents. By rezoning properties into a PUD, property owners are stripped of all control and are left at the whim and discretion of the city council and profit-motivated developers. This broad use of power needs to be restrained.

I think it's important for the entire community to know that of the 27 developments done by the developer attempting to build the four and one-half story condominium project on St. Clair, not the Kercheval project, that of their 27 developments within a 200-mile radius of Detroit, only 11 of them are three or more stories and none of them are in a residential area.

All of the facilities with either three or four stories are in commercial areas or in rural developments.

Here are the names of the streets of the developments in southeastern Michigan: Mack, Vernier, Crooks, Franklin Road, Middlebelt, Telegraph, Haggerty, Pontiac Trail, East University Drive, Plymouth Road and Saline Road. All of these streets are high traffic commercial streets.

The residents will be hearing more of these issues in the coming weeks and months. I thought it was important for the truth to start coming out.

KURT MURPHY
CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Sex education curriculum

To the Editor:

My name is Elizabeth Roeske. I am a parent of three children in the Grosse Pointe

schools, a Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM) in the Henry Ford Health System and a member of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Human Sexuality Advisory Board (HSAB).

With the upcoming board vote on a new human sexuality curriculum, I feel compelled to respond to some of the opinions being expressed by a minority group of residents, and lend my voice in support of the new curriculum.

There is a minority opinion that implies the HSAB did not do its due diligence in approving the proposed curriculum. Nothing can be further from the truth. The HSAB came together and set goals for what a new curriculum should include.

The HSAB reviewed "off-the-shelf" programs and found them lacking in key curriculum goal elements, including Internet safety, puberty changes and hygiene. The HSAB provided a vision for a new curriculum, and the EPLC subcommittee delivered a program of study that met the HSAB goals.

This program was reviewed and approved by a super majority of the HSAB and unanimously by the EPLC. All this took place over some 14-plus months. The HSAB, made up of parents, teachers and medical professionals, more than did its due diligence.

There is a minority opinion that challenges the medical accuracy of some of the content. This minority opinion, which attempts to call into question the content, has no medical or factual basis. It is my professional opinion as a CNM that the content is accurate.

There is a minority opinion that claims most parents in Grosse Pointe want an abstinence-only human sexuality curriculum. This is an opinion I do not share.

While abstinence is the cornerstone for this new curriculum, our children need to know facts, presented in a positive way, to help them make the best decisions for themselves.

I believe that children should learn in an open, inviting environment that does not use fear and intimidation to teach. They need to know that changes in their bodies are a natural process. They deserve real, honest answers to the questions they have about those changes. They deserve to learn how to develop coping skills. This curriculum does all of that.

I urge the school board to approve the human sexuality curriculum in its entirety.

ELIZABETH ROESKE
GROSSE POINTE FARMS

The 'Great Pretension'

To the Editor:

I must have misplaced my special Grosse Pointe secret decoder ring. Could somebody please tell me what "Grosse Pointe community values"

See LETTERS, page 12A

I SAY By Brad Lindberg

Sibelius got to the point — and to Toledo



If Jean Sibelius had been a writer instead of a composer, he would have been a reporter rather than a novelist.

If Sibelius, the king of Finnish classic music, had been an athlete, he'd have been a short-track speed skater rather than a Nordic skier.

Reporters and sprinters get to the starting line, get going and get on with it. Their restlessness provides little patience. Reporters have romantic notions of themselves as thoroughbreds racing their words to the finish line, not

draft animals dragging a story outline and thesaurus through the back 40.

The distinction played out last weekend in harmonic fashion during performances of the Toledo Symphony at the Toledo Museum of Art.

Sibelius' "Valse triste" and "Symphony No. 6" shared billing with Beethoven's "Piano Concerto No. 5." Both Sibelius works combined were shorter than Beethoven's, but all were written to pack a wallop.

I'll take Beethoven over Sibelius any day, although people who think Beethoven wrote nothing but masterpieces never heard his "Wellington victory." (The transparently vivid piece celebrates Napoleon's defeat in sound-effects fashion. There are warring armies, rallying cries and canons ala Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture," but no music worth

listening to. A good recording of the rotten piece is coupled with a fine "1812" on the Mercury label. Former Detroit Symphony Orchestra leader Antol Dorati conducts the London Symphony Orchestra.)

But it was the Sibelius symphony, not Beethoven's popular concerto (buy the Schnabel-Sargent, Serkin-Bernstein or Ashkenazy-Solti couplings), that presented fresh opportunities in the column-ringed concert hall about 1 1/4-hour's drive south of Detroit.

Sibelius isn't as popular as he once was. Of all the works he wrote, only a few are played today with any frequency.

There's "Valse triste," the violin concerto, patriotic tone poem "Finlandia," "Symphony No. 2" and "Swan of Tuonela."

"Let's be honest, that's about it," said Stefan Sanderling, Toledo Symphony principal

conductor.

Sibelius wrote the sixth symphony at the end of his composing life. He lived another three decades but would not compose again.

"He just didn't feel the need anymore," Sanderling said. "He died in 1957 as one of the most celebrated composers, but the last piece he wrote was 30 years before his death."

Sanderling regards the atmospheric sixth symphony as beautiful and profound.

"The sixth is barely 30 minutes long," he said. "It is very classical. It could have been a symphony by Beethoven or Mozart."

Following Sibelius' dark and austere fifth symphony, the sixth, as with Beethoven's follow-up to his monumental fifth, has been termed a pastoral piece.

"The sixth is the perfect sym-

phony which describes a day," Sanderling said. "It starts with sunrise and ends with sunset. In between is life, many aspects of a normal life. One has the feeling of eternal beauty."

It has four movements and traditional orchestration. And oddities.

"Usually we expect one theme, one idea; a second theme, a second idea; a third theme, a third idea — everything is in development and we can follow a certain line," Sanderling said. "Think of a Beethoven (or) Bruckner symphony where development becomes very important."

Sibelius' sixth is more of a collection of thoughts than settled deliberation.

"Sibelius in the last years of his composing life used music like a mosaic — a little bit here, a little bit this and that," Sanderling said. "If you are too

close you don't see the whole thing. You don't get the whole picture. You only see one tiny little stone in a mosaic. You need to have a little distance from it and all of a sudden everything makes sense. This is what you will hear in this symphony. It has a little of everything in it, like daily life."

A theme is presented and taken away. Another one comes. It goes, too.

There's no slow movement, but no really fast movement. In the third movement, the harp, the most delicate of things, commands a different rhythm than stronger instruments.

One imagines the rhythms of a truck carrying a loose load down a gravel road in Sibelius' native Finland.

"In Sibelius, I always hear the country of a million lakes and billions of mosquitoes," Sanderling said.

STREETWISE

What can be done to enhance safety (especially along Mack)?

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



"I don't like the Mack 7-Mile intersection. I think the left turn could be improved."
ANGELA HILL
Bolton-Johnson Associates, Grosse Pointe Farms



"I don't have any problems with driver safety."
KEVIN P. BRENNAN
Bolton-Johnson Associates, Grosse Pointe Farms



"I think Mack Avenue is a very busy street. Maybe 25 MPH is a more reasonable speed limit."
MADELENNINE MERRITT
Grosse Pointe Farms



"The landscaping gets out of control. It's hard to see when making turns."
MIKE DUTCH
Grosse Pointe Farms



"I'm against cell phone use and other distractions while driving. Mack is a very busy street to be driving on while distracted."
LARRY CHENGGES
Grosse Pointe Farms



"We need better police enforcement of the speed limits. This is the worst I've seen it in 24 years. Our police department needs re-evaluation on traffic enforcement."
ANTHONY J. SKOMSKI
Grosse Pointe Farms

F.Y.I. By Ben Burns

Detroit historical tours cover the gamut



If you always want to know what is going on behind the scene, you should check out the Detroit Historical Society's list of 2006 tours.

The first-hosted by Ghassan Yazbeck and Marilyn Nash-Yazbeck is a tour of the Brush Park Inn at 97 Winder on Sunday at 11:30 a.m. You can buy tickets today (Thursday) or Friday online at www.detroithistoricalsociety.org or by calling (313) 833-7935.

The inn has been restored as one of the city's oldest late Victorian homes, according to the historical society. Tickets for this tour are \$10 for society members and \$15 for others and aren't sold the day of the event.

Other tours this year include

The Detroit Club, Saturday, March 25, at 10:30 a.m.; Comerica Park to kick off the baseball season, Sunday, March 26, at 1 p.m.; the Yamasaki-designed One Woodward Ave. hosted by assistant property manager Charles Brodeur on Saturday, April 8, at 11 a.m.; a second of the Brush Park Inn on Sunday, April 30, at 11:30 a.m.; a stroll through Corktown on Sunday, May 7, at 10:30 a.m.; the Mies van der Rohe apartments and townhouses in Lafayette Park guided by a resident; Woodlawn Cemetery where various automotive leaders and civil rights icon Rosa Parks are buried led by local historian Martin Brosnan on Sunday, June 4, at 4 p.m.; the Model T Automotive Heritage complex on Thursday, June 15, at 6 p.m. Some of these tours have higher ticket prices so you should check.

Challenge Grant

The Rev. William Yeager has served as interim senior pastor at Grosse Pointe

Memorial on Jefferson in the Farms for more than three years while the church searches for a permanent replacement.

When it appeared that the campaign for pledges to support the annual budget for 2006 was going to fall short last November, an anonymous member said he would match every dollar up to \$125,000 pledged or raised in December as a challenge honoring Yeager's work in Grosse Pointe. The church members responded by anteing up cash and promises of an additional \$167,000.

Now that is a real endorsement of a successful ministry.

British fans

Everyone who cares about music in the Grosse Pointes knows that long-serving South High School's Ellen Bowen would be a shoo-in for a Choir Directors' Hall of Fame if one existed. But it is nice to hear that others are also impressed with the array of talent she assembles, prods, nurtures and

displays at concerts.

Bowen received the following note after the Show Choir's highly successful recent European tour, and one of the choir parents shared it with us.

"Just a note to say that we saw the Gross[e] Pointe Singers in Prague last Friday. This was purely by chance as we had gone to visit the church early in the day we were told about the concert and we decided to return at 2 p.m. We were so pleased that we did so as it turned out to be one of the highlights of our weekend in Prague (we had traveled from the UK).

"The choir is fantastic, they are all excellent singers and we really enjoyed the wide repertoire. We are sure you are very proud of all the young people — they are a credit to themselves, their families and the school."

The letter was signed, Gill & Mike Purcell of Manchester, United Kingdom.

Live backwards

Retired urologist Dr. Donald

Blain sends along this item gleaned from the Internet with the facetious comment: "I could easily live with this concept..."

"The most unfair thing about life is the way it ends. I mean, life is tough. It takes up a lot of your time. What do you get in the end of it? A death. What's that, a bonus?"

"I think the life cycle is all backwards. You should die first, you know, start out dead, get it out of the way. You wake up in an old age home, feeling better every day.

"You get kicked out for being too healthy, go collect your pension, then, when you start work, you get a gold watch on your first day. You work 40 years until you're young enough to enjoy your retire-

ment.

"You drink alcohol, you party, and you're generally promiscuous ... and you get ready for high school. Then you go to primary school, you become a kid, you play, you have no responsibilities, and, finally, you become a baby; the last step, you spend your last nine months floating peacefully with luxuries like central heating, spa, room service on tap, larger quarters everyday..."

"Now that's what I'm talking about."

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.

OFFERING FROM THE LOFT

In search of peace — not closure

I don't like the word closure when used in reference to the grieving process. Most of us left behind are not seeking closure. We want the freedom and permission to grieve in our own way as individuals. What we don't need is constraints or boundaries on our feelings. We need time, some more than others.

Grieving is such a private emotion, and we each experience loss in varying ways. There are no rules, nor should there be. The dictionary defines closure as finish or completion. The word closure implies finality, and why would we want to deny our very present feelings? We can't just shut down our emotions at

will. (I will finish mourning in six months.) That is as archaic and senseless as widows wearing black for a year.

Many of us feel a sense of abandonment when we experience a loss. This loss can be the death of a loved one, a devoted pet or the termination of a career. This is not a time for others to make judgments about how one grieves, nor is it a time to make comparisons. It is just inappropriate and thoughtless, for we must each make our own way through these difficult days.

Loss is not unlike witnessing a large stone dropped into a lake. First we see great waves, then diminishing ripples until finally the surface resumes its calm state. I feel it

is important for the living to watch the reflections that continue to appear on the calm surface and to utilize those reflections and remembrances.

Grief must not wear only the face of tragedy. Our feelings can sustain and comfort us and should not be denied. I remember avoiding sitting in my father's favorite chair at our cottage until I told myself this was silly, as it was also the best chair in the room. I was surprised at how comfortable I felt, and still feel years later as I can almost feel his protective arms around me when I sit in his chair reading by the fire on cool summer evenings.

At times it is difficult to distinguish grieving from re-

membering or just plain missing someone. We want to share the exchanges; we miss the communication, and there are voids waiting to be filled again. It would seem to me that an occasional walk down memory lane, a daydream of things lost, and a tear shed mourning the loss of someone important to us are all within the realm of normal human behavior.

We should be gentle with ourselves during these difficult times. Thankfully, for most, we have our faith to turn to and with faith, family and friends we can draw on our innate resources to once again let the sun shine into our lives and cherish the gifts given us.

JOHN ATENCIO

The meek shall inherit the earth, but they'll never own the room.

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POINTER: Second book is planned

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seeds," Rubens said. "He looked at some of the stuff I wrote as a kid and encouraged me."

Rubens' mother, Gertrude, was a homemaker. His wife, Kathleen, works for DTE Energy, and he has three children: Dionna in Minnesota,

Patrick at Grosse Pointe South High School and Emily Anastasia at Trombley Elementary School.

Rubens grew up on the east side of Detroit and now lives in Grosse Pointe Park. He likes Grosse Pointe, he said, for its proximity to the water, its friendly neighborhoods and top-notch schools.

While he is very active in business, moonlighting as a writer seems to be his true passion. He is planning a new novel, "Babylon's Tower," about espionage and betrayal in the United Nations.

LETTERS: The 'Great Pretension'

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means?

In this past issue of the Grosse Pointe News (March 2), "community values" are nebulously referred to at least half a dozen times in regard to the sexual education program debate. Would somebody please spell it out for me exactly what "our" community values supposedly are? Every single one of them, if you will. I really want to know.

I'm all in favor of encouraging abstinence until adulthood has been attained. The fact of the matter is, however, that some of the young people in our community are going to be sexually active whether we approve of their decisions or not. It is imperative that these children have as much information as possible to help them make informed decisions to keep themselves and their partners safe and healthy.

Keeping them ignorant is not going to keep them from engaging in sexual behavior. It is simply going to put them at higher risk for diseases and unwanted pregnancies. If our goal is truly to protect our children, then let us do that by empowering them to make good choices based on all of the information they need to make the best decisions possible for themselves.

Ignorance is not the same thing as innocence. Information does not equate to permission to do things that we would rather they not. Values that are enforced from the outside rather than embraced from the inside are not true values that will guide our children through their lives.

When our children are given information to process on how to respect themselves, how to protect themselves and how to make "good" decisions for

themselves and then are given the space and respect to decide for themselves how to live, they will have internalized values that will not fail them when we aren't around to supervise their every move.

When we force them to hide who they are from us, and when we deny them access to information that they need to keep themselves healthy and safe, they might be good at pretending to embrace our values, but the truth is they are off doing whatever they want to when we aren't looking. Compliance is not the same thing as having values.

The Great Pretension in Grosse Pointe that our children are somehow special — that they are innocent and protected and safe and "good" — does not serve this community or our children.

The least that we can do for our children is to provide them with comprehensive information about every important area of their lives — sexuality being one of those areas. I would think a good sexual education program is necessary to balance out the misogynistic, over-sexualized, dehumanizing models of sexuality that they hear in the music they listen to and see on TV and in the movies.

We need to teach our children more than just the mechanics of sex. We need to teach them respect for their bodies and how to honor and protect themselves. We need to teach them respect for other people, tolerance and diversity so that our community is safe for every child.

I love Grosse Pointe, but this city is not some little bubble of innocence, and our children, while precious, are not little angels. We all know children who have gotten into trouble in one form or another. We've all watched as tragedy has taken some of our children from us. We all have our horror stories. We just drift back into pretending that Grosse Pointe is simply wonderful. Could we just get real a minute?

If you don't know, risky behavior is happening in Grosse Pointe, then you either don't talk with your children or they, too, have become outstanding members of the Great Pretension.

Personally, those aren't the values that I want to teach my child — or our community of children. They deserve better than that. All of our children deserve to have as safe and empowering an atmosphere to grow up in as is humanly possible.

It is time to pull our heads out of the Great Pretension and address the true needs of all of our children.

KATHY BARRON
GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Lavished care at school

To the Editor:
I have just read the letters to the editor printed in the Grosse Pointe News March 2 issue

and was touched to see a letter from Mr. Karl Pfaehler, "Janitorial woes."

All three of our children attended Maire Elementary and Mr. Pfaehler was one consistent face there for them as teachers and principals came and went.

I can't say enough good things about the loving care he lavishes on that building and its students and staff. Here are two examples: our daughter had a jacket with such a recalcitrant zipper that I was considering replacement. All of a sudden it was working fine and when I asked her what had happened, she said, "Oh, Mr. Pfaehler fixed it."

Also, on the last day of school one year, she left her glasses on the stage in the gym. Mr. Pfaehler went from classroom to classroom until he found the child who had misplaced her glasses, knowing, I'm sure, how frustrating and expensive lost glasses are to a parent.

Our children are now in college but they, and we, still remember Mr. Pfaehler with affection and gratitude.

I don't think it is possible to put a price on the kind of service he and others like him provide to our children. Replacing our support staff with outside contractors would be a sad loss to the children and schools of Grosse Pointe.

HELENE (TIGCHELAAR)
DAVIS M.D.
GROSSE POINTE PARK

Tax break

To the Editor:

Here we go again, it's that time of year when Grosse Pointe Woods' residents receive their "Assessed Valuation" updates.

Despite decreased assessed value and decreased state equalized value, tentative taxable value increases, which relates to an increase in taxes due to the city. A call to city hall results in double talk to justify us paying more taxes when the value of our property is decreasing. Something is wrong with this picture.

The city is in great financial shape but keeps coming back to residents for more, and more, and more.

Maybe it's time for Grosse Pointe Woods to adopt some of the actions taken by General Motors, Delphi, Northwest Airlines, Verizon, and others to have: No more pension programs for employees, no more benefits for retirees, no more paid health insurance for anyone, reduction in pay for all employees, reduction of staff, and outsourcing many Department of Public Works jobs and others.

The city can't keep coming back to residents for more and more. Many residents have been affected by the above cutbacks by their employers, and it's time the city falls in line with other companies to reduce costs.

Many people are moving out of the city and many are not

moving into the city because taxes are too high. Let's start with reductions at city hall. Give us a break — tax break.

ROBERT KOCIAN
GROSSE POINTE WOODS

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high school. For more information, call (313) 432-3832.

◆ Grosse Pointe Academy's third annual Evening of Gospel Music, with guest conductor Preston Brown, is planned from 7 to 8 p.m. at the school's auditorium. For more information, call (313) 886-1221.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

◆ The Grosse Pointe South Band and Orchestra Spring Festival Concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Parcels Middle School. Refreshments will be served after the concert. Tickets are \$5 for general admission, \$3 for students and seniors and can be purchased at Posterity: A Gallery in the Village or at the door.

◆ Grosse Pointe South and North Synchronized swim teams will perform "Dolphins on Broadway," tonight and Friday, March 16, and Saturday, March 17. Shows are at 4:30 p.m. each day with a final show also on Friday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. Refreshments will also be sold prior to the show. Special scout group arrangements may be made by calling 313-885-9593.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

◆ The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library continues its Classic Books Lecture Series with "Middlemarch" by George Eliot at 7:30 p.m. at Grosse Pointe South High School auditorium. Gregg Crane of the University of Michigan will discuss this classic. The lecture is free to members, students and teachers. The cost is \$10 for nonmembers. For more information, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 6 or log onto www.gpfriends.org.

◆ Our Lady Star of the Sea School performs "Annie Jr." today and tomorrow, Friday, March 17. Performances are in the school gymnasium at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Admission for the evening performances is \$5. Tickets are available at the door.

◆ The Pointer Bridge Club meets a 11 a.m. at the Alger House at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial for a St. Patrick's Day lunch and bridge. For more information, call (313) 886-7595 or (313) 881-8566.

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PEOPLE

FRANCIS L. CHARBONNEAU, JR. recently joined the Industrial



Automation Division of Omron Corporation of Japan with the U.S. office based in Schaumburg, Ill., as strategic sales engineer.

He previously was with NCC Electronics Division of Jokab Safety International as account manager from 2000 through 2006.

Charbonneau has specialized in assisting large Automotive OEM, Tier One, Tier Two, and Robotics Manufacturers and Integrators with automation controls, safety systems, sensors to help maintain environmental health and safety of workers at and around hazardous industrial machinery and robotics.

Part of Charbonneau's training has been in understanding the application of current ANSI, OSHA, RIA, ISO, EN and IEC standards for quality and environmental industrial safety. At Omron Corporation, he will continue to do this in an expanded role for clients.

Charbonneau received his Master of Business Administration with a major in International Business and Marketing from Wayne State University in 2004. During his M.B.A. studies, he was named by the Associate University Provost, Dr. Barbara Price, to the Excellence in Research Committee during 2003 and 2004.

This highly visible committee meets to evaluate the research and scholarly publications of the Ph.D.s of the College of Business Administration for the Excellence in Research Award. This is given annually to one of three nominees. Charbonneau was the only M.B.A. student to be selected by this committee to participate in the evaluations and review of nominees' research in two consecutive years.

He also participated during his M.B.A. studies in a joint Virtual Environment Negotiating Project with the University of Munich in Germany during 2002. His group finished its project on location in Munich in March 2002.

He also holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Wayne State University with a major in history. He is currently finishing a second Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering at Wayne State University.

Charbonneau is also fluent in several foreign languages, including French which is his family heritage. He also speaks German and Japanese; and has begun to study the Mandarin Chinese. He also participates in his family association which is based in Montreal, Quebec, L'Association Des Charbonneau D'Amerique. He is an officer of the Board of

Directors for the Alliance Francaise De Grosse Pointe and a member of the French-American Business Chamber of Commerce in Southfield, and works actively with his organizations to foster and preserve French culture in North America.

He also is an amateur genealogist for family and friends and has traced his family history into Europe going back more than 1,000 years. Charbonneau, a Grosse Pointe South High School graduate and long-time Grosse Pointe resident, currently resides in Harper Woods. He is married and has two young daughters.

CLARK JOHNSON was honored at the recent State Bar of Michigan annual convention by the Michigan State University College of Law, receiving a tribute from the law college, the state legislature and Gov. Jennifer Granholm for his service as faculty advisor to the Michigan State University Journal of Medicine and Law, which he founded in 1995.

Johnson, a professor, has been a faculty member at MSU College of Law for 32 years and served as Associate Dean from 1984 to 1985. Johnson is a longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident.

MICHAEL WEST has been elected to the status of senior associate/stockholder by the board of directors of Albert Kahn Associates, Inc. (AKA), a leading planning, design and management firm. With more than 20 years of experience in planning and development, West's experience in the fields of urban planning, strategic facilities planning, civil engineering and site design have provided him a diverse background with which to formulate responsive and innovative planning solutions.

At AKA, he has been responsible for planning and design services for numerous corporate, institutional and public sector clients on projects throughout the United States and Europe.

His current projects include the University of Detroit Mercy's campus improvement plan, strategic planning for General Motors Corporation's global real estate and facilities portfolio, the Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority's Huron Streetscape Improvements and a master site plan for Auto Owners Insurance Company's new global headquarters office building in DeWitt, MI. He is a graduate of Michigan State University and is a certified planner. He is a member of the American Planning Association, Michigan Association of Planning, Urban Land Institute, and the Society for College and University Planning.

West resides in Grosse Pointe.

LET'S TALK STOCKS By Joe Mengden

2 bottles of water = 1 gallon of gas



The school kids gladly pay \$1.25 for a plastic bottle of cool water. Two bottles cost \$2.50, and the state doesn't even charge a 10-cent return bottle deposit. Some days, regular gas costs \$2.50 a gallon — some days more, some days less.

Most of us have driven past and seen the Marathon oil refinery on the west side of I-75 in Allen Park.

Behind the "cat cracker" are the unseen pipelines bringing in the crude oil, probably from Texas. Don't forget the tanker trucks that deliver the petrol to your friendly retail gas station — all that for one gallon of regular gas, or two bottles water!

Hey! Exxon-Mobil, you're selling your gas too cheaply. Why not switch to water and really make some big money!

Ideas for income

One area of the energy stock market has proved to be attractive to income-oriented investors, is the sector known as "oil and gas storage and transportation."

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Jersey was built at the beginning of WWII and is still in service? It was enlarged several times and has had major maintenance, but it is still operating after 60 years good as new!

These long-lived assets are financed with about 50/50 debt and equity in a new organizational structure created about 20 years ago: the master limited partnership (MLP).

As a partnership, the MLP itself does not pay any corporate income taxes since all income and expenses flow down to the "investor" partners.

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Instead of the usual quarterly dividends, some MLPs pay monthly dividends out of the monthly cash settlements of their contracts.

The MLPs are registered ownership interests and trade like ordinary stocks on the NYSE and ASE.

Investors desirous of generous income (yield), should look to the MLPs that are active in the merger and acquisition of additional properties.

As a large user of capital, interest rate changes are more important to MLPs than fluctuations in market prices of petroleum products.

As a matter of policy, LTS does not recommend investments mentioned in the articles.

Neither LTS or his immediate family own such investments at the time of publication.

Freedom of the press

Last Friday, March 3, the New York Times published another article in its continuing coverage of the U.S. Securities Exchange Commission's (SEC) so-called harassments of journalists and their confidential, off-the-record sources.

Late last month, the SEC staff issued subpoenas to two Dow Jones columnists, Herb Greenberg and Carol S. Remond, and to James J. Cramer, the host of "Mad Money" on CNBC (Channel 38 on Grosse Pointe's Comcast cable, at 7 p.m. weekdays).

These subpoenas had been issued in a SEC investigation into accusations of stock manipulations by a group of hedge funds and an Internet retail fund.

Years ago, "freedom of the press" used to permit members of the press to keep confidential the names of their secret sources, much as the Catholic Church requires its priests to keep secret any information acquired in the confessional.

Public awareness of inroads to the freedom of the press heightened during last fall's search for the CIA tipper, which is still unsolved!

On Tuesday, Feb. 14, the

SEC temporarily suspended enforcement of the subpoenas after reporters were eager to expose this power play.

On Monday, Feb. 27, SEC Chairman Christopher Cox publicly rebuked the enforcement division for failing to inform him and the other commissioners about these first subpoenas of the financial press before they were served.

On last Thursday, Mar. 3, Cox announced that the commission had unanimously voted to move quickly to write a policy that determines when it is appropriate to issue subpoenas to journalists, completion of which is expected in two weeks.

Don't hold your breath! As a journalist, LTS first joined the Detroit Press Club in the 1980s, when its clubhouse was on Howard Street, several blocks west of "Checkerboard Square," which was NBD's home office on Woodward. Later the press club was relocated to the second level of 300 Tower in the Ren Cen, where the club folded in the early 1990s.

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

Advice for choosing tax return preparer

Taxpayers who pay someone to do their taxes should choose a preparer wisely.

If you choose to use a paid tax preparer, it is important that you find a qualified tax professional.

Taxpayers are ultimately responsible for everything on their return even when it's prepared by someone else.

While most tax return preparers are professional and honest, taxpayers can use the following tips to choose a preparer who will offer the best service for their tax preparation needs.

Ask about service fees

Avoid preparers who claim they can obtain larger refunds than other preparers, or those who guarantee results or base fees on a percentage of the amount of the refund.

Plan ahead. Choose a preparer you will be able to contact after the return is filed and one who will be responsive to your needs.

Get References

Ask questions and get references from clients who have used the tax profession-

al before.

Were they satisfied with the service received?

Check to see if the preparer has any questionable history with the Better Business Bureau, the state's board of accountancy for CPAs or the state's bar association for attorneys.

Find out if the preparer belongs to a professional organization that requires its members to pursue continuing education and also holds them accountable to a code of ethics.

Determine if the preparer's credentials meet your needs. Is he or she an Enrolled Agent, Certified Public Accountant or Tax Attorney? Only attorneys, CPAs and enrolled agents can represent taxpayers before the IRS in all matters including audits, collection actions and appeals.

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Business group brainstorms

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

The Shoreline Business Network (SBN) brings together some of the tri-county's small business owners once a week to brainstorm.

Last week, the group met at Bank One in Grosse Pointe Farms and took an hour to listen to the expertise of Detroit Free Press business writer Carol Cain.

"This was a great way for all of us to sit back and talk to someone who knows what we, as small business owners, are going through," said Elizabeth Carpenter, a Grosse Pointe Farms resident and owner of Lions Gate Unlimited.

Cain discussed how important it is as a small business owner to have a niche in the

community and to share ideas with others to improve their business.

"We meet with our business friends every week for breakfast and we share ideas that can help our businesses grow," said Kathy Hix, owner of NuStar Insurance. "We're not competitors, but we're friends who have a common goal — to make our businesses better."

"We exchange ideas we like and dislike about our businesses," said Wayne Wegner, owner of Wegner and Associates, P.C. "We're establishing relationships that will last a lifetime. The time we spend is very productive."

Carpenter said the group is looking for other business owners to join. "We want one owner from different types of businesses because we can get

a wide variety of information. We don't want to get too big where we have to sit in rows. We like to sit around in a circle and talk."

Hix, Carpenter and their fellow entrepreneurs had time to ask Cain questions about the ins and outs of owning a business.

One question asked by a group member centered around the Single Business Tax, which has come under fire in recent days by Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson.

Cain addressed the question, saying legislation might come into play concerning this tax, which brings in 1.8 billion to Michigan.

Other members of the SBN are Roula Tsapraillis (CPS, MSF of Godfrey, Hammel, Danneels and Co., P.C.), Heide Siklich (Shoreline Graphics, Inc.), Bob Frick (Pole Position Auto Body, Inc.), Ted Roney (Roy O'Brien Ford), Michele Hartson (Peoples State Bank), Dean J. Kuhn (D.J. Kuhn Boat-Yard), Christina Schlitt (Cameron Bridge Management), Larry Klimek (JKL Associates), Jim Cicerone (Sound Security, Inc.), Kevin Hickey (Northern Computer Services), Judith A. Latcha (Latcha Design Group, LLC), Jeff Brayton (Raymond James Financial Services), Dee Kmetz (Kmetz Heating and Cooling, Co.), Cynthia Campbell (Fresh Start Home Organizing and Estate Sales), Susan Gawel (Chase Home Finance at Bank One), Karen Gennari (Higbie Maxon Agency), Maria Rivera (Bellacinos), and Sandra C. Harville (Park Winery).

For further information, contact Carpenter at (313) 886-0243 or Siklich at (586) 773-4000.



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Members of the Shoreline Business Network, including Dean Kuhn, right, enjoyed the time spent with Detroit Free Press business writer Carol Cain, left, who spoke about the importance of small business in today's society. Bank One in Grosse Pointe Farms hosted the event.



Come on in

DeSeranno Wealth Management celebrated the Grand Opening of its new location on Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms on Thursday and Friday, March 2 and 3. Farms Mayor James Farquhar attended Thursday evening to officially welcome Don Joseph DeSeranno, founder and CEO of DeSeranno Wealth Management, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce (GPCC). GPCC Co-Director Jane Lightfoot, above far right holding the ribbon, Barry Nannini, far left holding the ribbon, of the Metro East Chamber of Commerce, and 400 invited guests were on hand to celebrate one of Mack's most recent business expansions with two evenings of festivities, including live jazz and catering from the Hill Restaurant. DeSeranno Wealth Management relocated to its current office at the corner of Mack and Kerby from its previous office in November 2005. The 6,000 square foot facility is home to wealth managers specializing in independent, fee-only investment advice and planning for its clients.

Better Business Bureau warns to invest wisely

With the start of the New Year, many people will resolve to improve their financial security by taking advantage of investment opportunities.

To steer clear of risky ventures, the Better Business Bureau is urging would-be investors to carefully evaluate the investment product or program, its promoters and its sales pitch.

"Every day, the BBB hears from consumers who invested in what they thought were solid and sure money-makers," said Fred Hoeffcker, president of the Better Business Bureau of Detroit and Eastern Michigan. "They abandoned their common sense and succumbed to enticing promotions that were short on details but full of dollar signs."

According to Hoeffcker, investment schemers frequently try to peddle products using sales pitches that are "tied to the headlines."

Recent suspect promotions include oil-and-gas schemes (higher gas prices are on everyone's mind), bird flu stock scams (from companies claiming to have products to fight bird flu), "get rich quick" real estate investment seminars (to take advantage of soaring housing prices), advance stock notifications for Mexico-based companies (to serve growing Hispanic popu-

lations), and investment pools (to help hurricane and tsunami victims).

To avoid falling victim to fraud, the BBB advises investors to be particularly cautious of any of the following red flags:

- Words like "risk free," "guarantee," "high return," or "limited offer." According to government regulators, no financial investment is "risk free" and a high rate of return means greater risk.

- Offshore scams and investment opportunities in other countries, particularly if they claim to be "tax free" and "confidential." If you send your money abroad and something goes wrong, it will be particularly difficult to locate your money.

- Promises of "quick" profits or "fast" cash, "ground floor" opportunities, offers to share "inside" information, and pressure to invest immediately because the "market is moving."

"Before making an investment decision, get the facts in writing," said Hoeffcker. "At the very least, you should obtain and verify the following information:

- If the investment and seller are licensed and registered. Check with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (www.sec.gov) or the

Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Services (www.mich.gov/cis).

- If there is a record of complaints about the promoter of the investment company at the BBB, the SEC, or Michigan's Officer of Financial and Insurance Services.

- The costs to buy, hold and sell the investment.

- The risk that you could lose the money you invest.

- The rate of return to expect on your money and when.

- The company's headquarters location, how long it has been in business, and its product or service.

- What the promoter is being paid to tout the investment opportunity.

In addition, the BBB advised investors to always request and carefully read through financial information about the investment, such as prospectus, annual report, offering circular and financial statements.

"Compare the written information to what you were told or read online," said Hoeffcker. "Watch out if you are told there is no such information available."

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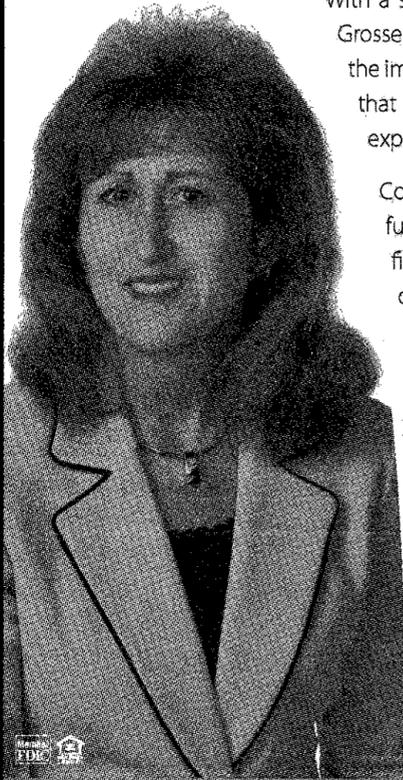
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Cosgrove is a half block south of Martin (1 1/2 mile) between Mound and Ryan, and just north of I-696.

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Maire rubber stamps art class

Students learn printmaking

By Ann L. Fouty
 Staff Writer

Maire Elementary students are rubber stamping their art curriculum.

In their latest activity in Michael Heenan's art class, fifth-graders were introduced to printmaking, a required part of the Grosse Pointe Public Schools curriculum. They used skills not often called for in other classes — manipulating a sculpting tool and spreading thick ink on a variety of papers.

It turned out to be a hit with students, many of whom ranked it as a favorite project.

Chris Gideon gave relief printmaking a 10, as did Will Newell. "It's fun. It looked neat and it was cool," Newell said.

His sister, Kaki, also rated the project a 10. Brother, Alex, ranked the project a nine, saying he enjoyed making a bald eagle print.

An enthusiastic printer,

Heenan had his students designing, carving and printing on various types of "paper."

"I am a printmaker and love the medium. At this age I love it because it's all about the process. The art may not be beautiful but it's making it that means everything," he said.

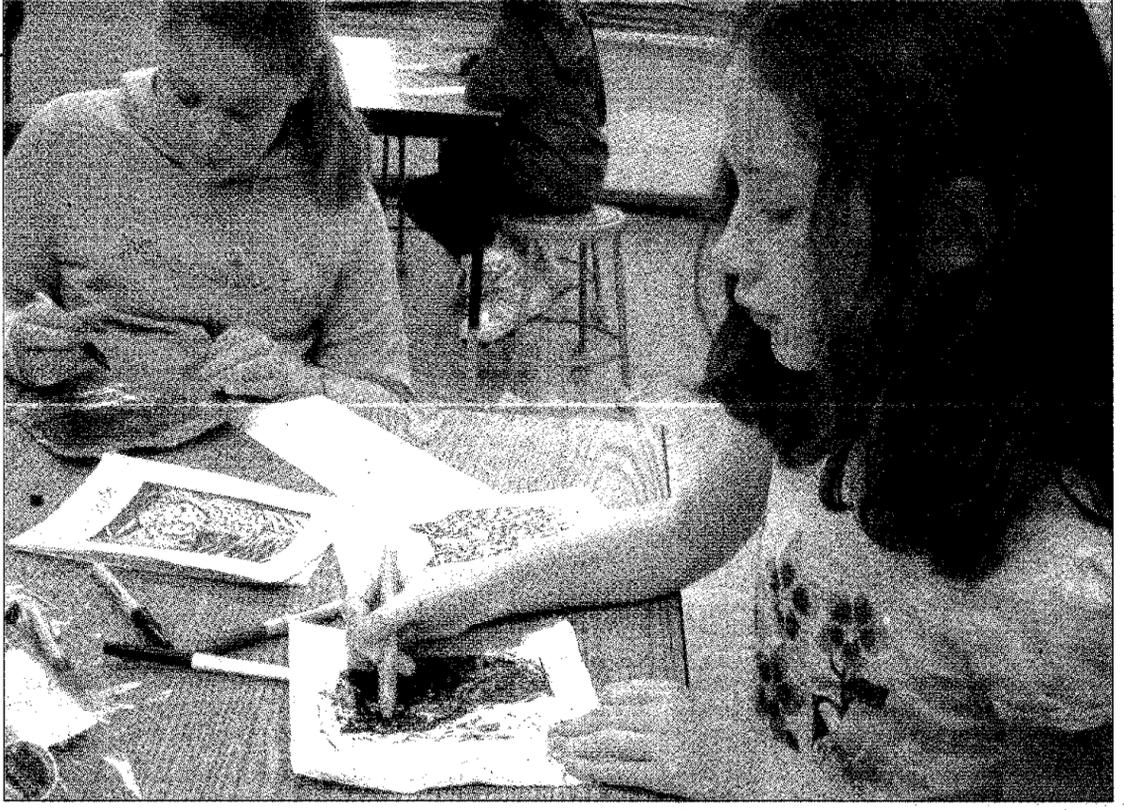
The first step for students was to settle on one picture. Whether it was a favorite animal or an ice cream cone, they traced the outline onto a rubber block, carved out the excess, rolled the ink on the block and pressed it onto waxed paper, aluminum foil or paper.

"Choosing waxed paper and foil are just another source to print on," Heenan said. "We could do T-shirts and all sorts of things but those are easy to color on."

Once the print is made, markers are used to add color.

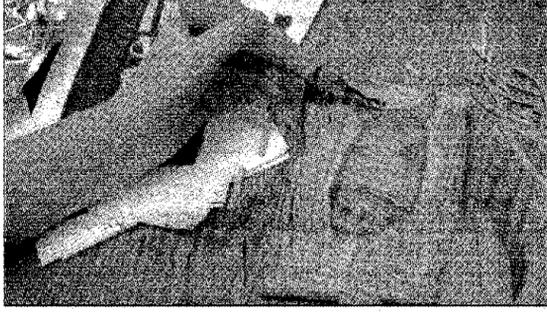
"This is my favorite class," said Abby Grobell. "I get to make all different colors."

Hannah Liska made a horse and Shelby Frye chose a cat because she has two cats at home.



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Above, from left, Becky Weiland and Shelby Frye color in their prints. Both made prints on aluminum foil and found the art of printmaking fun during Michael Heenan's art class at Maire Elementary School. At left, students carved excess material from around the print on the rubber block. This was followed by rolling thick ink and a print was made on a variety of "paper." The final step was to color in the white spaces.



Becky Weiland chose a cheetah because she said she wanted to challenge herself. Kiera Valente chose the cheetah because orange is her favorite col-

or and her brother likes cheetahs. Not to let the cat out of the bag, but a cheetah print will be his birthday present.

Patrick Kelly chose a bald ea-

gle because "it would be cool to do the country's bird."

Students will exchange their prints with students in Loudon County Public Schools in

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South's band, orchestra head to Big Apple

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

A heritage of music is part of the New York City image.

Next week, Grosse Pointe South High School Symphony Band and Orchestra will take advantage of what the Big Apple has to offer during the New York Heritage Festival of Music, March 17-18.

"Performance trips provide students with an opportunity to work toward elevating their performance to a higher level," said band director Dan White.

"Knowing that they'll be performing with other top groups from around the country motivates our band and orchestra students to practice more and work harder in daily re-

hearsals."

"Appearing at out-of-town festivals also helps develop a higher level of poise and professionalism. Aside from the musical benefits, visiting landmarks and famous sights in various cities is educational and exciting, too," he said.

The two-day festival, featuring high school performing ensembles (bands, orchestras, and choirs) from around the United States, will be held at Riverside Church on Manhattan's lower east side.

Participating ensembles perform for adjudication by a panel of music professionals and receive a rating for the quality of their performance, said Jim Gross, symphony orchestra director.



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South Symphony Orchestra Band will perform at the New York Heritage Festival, March 17 and 18.

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Feedback from the three adjudicators is studied, White said. "The sheets are essential to the learning process, as specific aspects of the performance are critiqued."

South's Symphony Band will perform a tribute to the long tradition of musical excellence in the Grosse Pointe Schools entitled "Proud Heritage." It will also perform a composition entitled "Sun Dance," written by University of Michigan composition graduate Frank Ticheli.

"More concentrated attention is given to artistic performance," White said of the

Heritage Festival preparation. "We work on playing more than just the notes, and actually bringing the music to life."

Directors, too, receive a benefit from festival attendance by hearing new pieces and attending a clinic and a short rehearsal with an adjudicator.

"During these sessions," White explained, "the ensemble's strengths and weaknesses are discussed and the adjudicator works directly with the band and director."

"We directors often learn from seeing and hearing other bands and orchestras perform," he said. "I frequently

hear new and unfamiliar music that I'm excited to play with my own bands once we get back."

The symphony orchestra will perform "Variations on a Shaker Melody" by Aaron Copland and an original composition by Grosse Pointe native Chris Plansker entitled "Robotica Transformed."

In addition to their festival performances, the 81 participating band and orchestra students will visit attractions in Manhattan, including Times Square, Greenwich Village and the former World Trade Center site.

"There is a wealth of historical and cultural insight to be gained from visiting the former World Trade Center location or going backstage at Carnegie Hall," White said.

Students will be given a private tour of Carnegie Hall before attending a concert there by The Orchestra of St. Luke's.

The South Band and Orchestra have performed to outstanding reviews in similar music festivals in Toronto, Chicago and Orlando. They last performed in New York in 2000.

Students paid for trip expenses through fundraisers.

Spring, summer community education brochure available

Grosse Pointe's Community Education catalog of spring and summer classes is available. Registration is under way.

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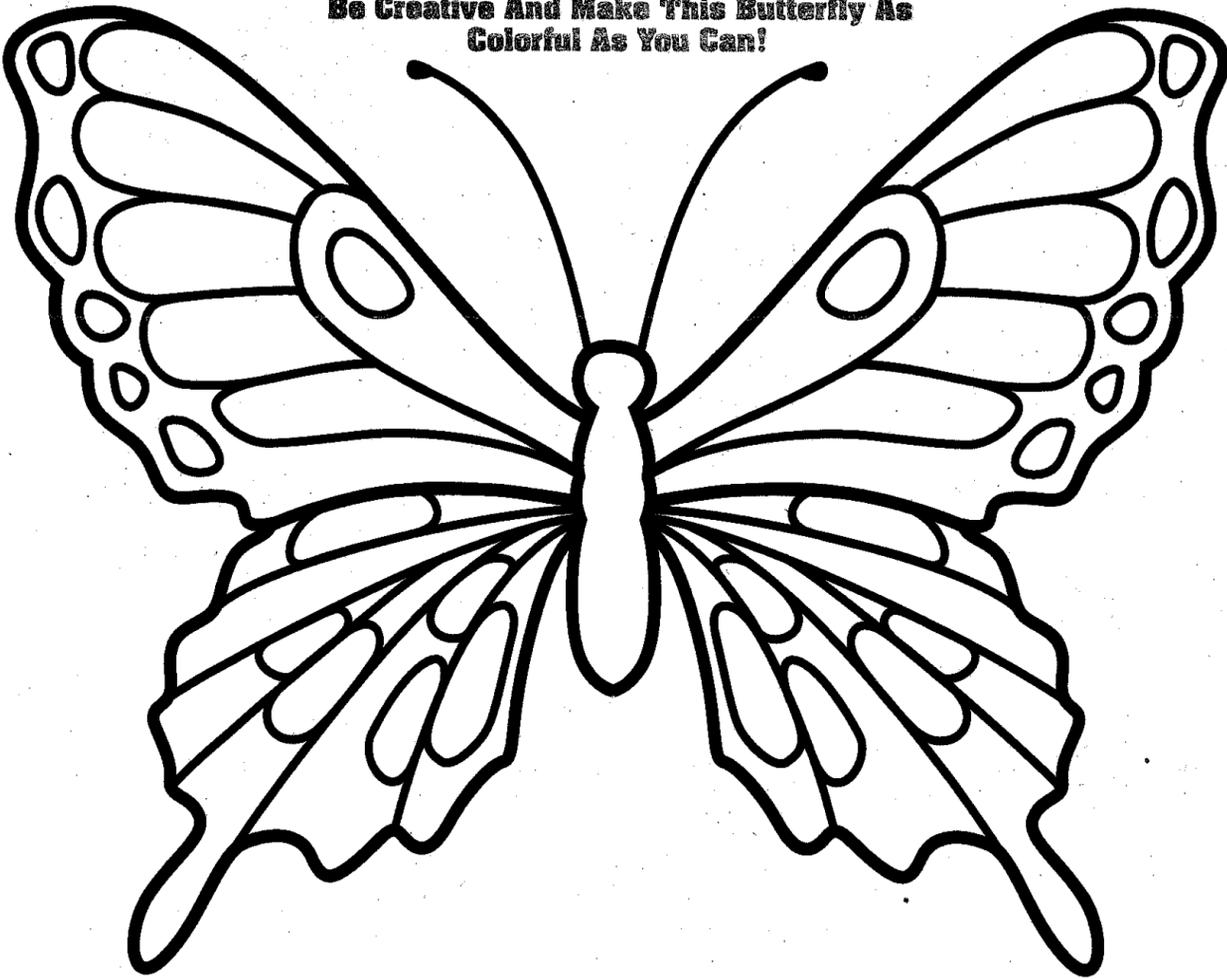
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More credit requirements on deck

Change to address global work force has educators smiling, frowning

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Proposed changes in high school graduation requirements have educators both clapping with happiness for the increased rigors and frowning with its inadequacies.

The Michigan Senate is scheduled to vote on the proposed changes today, March 9. The graduation modification requirements include four each of English language arts and math credits, three credits in both the sciences and social sciences, two foreign language credits, a single credit for health/physical education and one credit for visual and performing arts. (The House has already passed the bill.)

Modifications to graduation requirements have long been a concern of the Michigan State Board of Education Kathleen Straus said during a Senate hearing at the Macomb County Intermediate School (MISD) district on Friday, March 3.

Hearings were held around the state for public input prior to a Senate vote. The MISD hosted a regional hearing and found it necessary to open a second room to hold all who wanted to address their concerns.

Speakers mentioned a number of issues including the lack of middle school/junior high preparation; the strain of finding more math and science certified teachers, while possibly laying off music and art teachers; and the lack of career and technical education (CTE) built into the curriculum.

Today's students need more than a high school diploma, said Straus, president of the Michigan State Board of Education, thus the proposed requirement changes, which include one year of math taken in the senior year.

"The senior year will become important and not just to blow off," she said. Straus defended the two credits of foreign language enabling students to function in a global society.

"The best place (to introduce foreign language) is to start in elementary and continue in the high school," she said.

Learning through on-line classes is also critical to today's students education. "The Internet is not just for downloading music," she said.

Superintendent Ron Kraft of Harbor Beach Community Schools agreed that using the Internet increases a school district's teaching ability. His economically disadvantaged school district in Huron County uses distance learning to offer German and French classes and computer instruction.

He also said his district has partnered with a hospital in which health providers come

into the high school once a week for 17 weeks to discuss specific topics and fulfill the health requirement.

Kraft said using credits and not years frees up schedules for electives.

"Book smarts are great," said Martin Thomas, a Utica High School industrial arts teacher. "Knowledge pays off. (However), each student should experience CTE. (For example) writing technical papers in English class."

Taking into account various high school schedules, students would have time for electives or CTE classes throughout their high school career. More time for electives could be found in the junior and senior years. If math is absorbed into CTE, students can receive a math and CTE credit, according to Jeremy Hughes, chief academic officer for Education Services in the Michigan Department of Education. It is

up to the school districts to decide how to package the credits, he said. Hughes also suggested that districts use real-life and problem-based lessons to produce students exposed to a global manner of thinking.

Paulette Osga of DaimlerChrysler said new hires need math, science and computer skills. "Michigan students are competing globally."

"The bar has been raised for skilled and non-skilled workers. There is a need for team oriented problem solvers."

Grosse Pointe Public Schools Assistant Superintendent Susan Allan said early this week, "Most of our students already accomplish the new requirements in science and math. (Social studies and English are already at state recommended levels and haven't changed.)

"The district's goal is to assure that all students complete a challenging program in the

core instructional areas while permitting substantial flexibility for individual needs and interests."

Other issues raised during the hearing were:

- Implementation. The state would like to put the new requirements in place in fall 2006. Speakers suggested waiting a year due to:

- The lack of certified math and science teachers.

- The lack of Career and Technical Education programs.

- Content and standards have not been adopted.

- The need for flexibility and choice. Educators want to make sure there is room to fail and recover.

- Lack of rigor at the middle school/junior high level.

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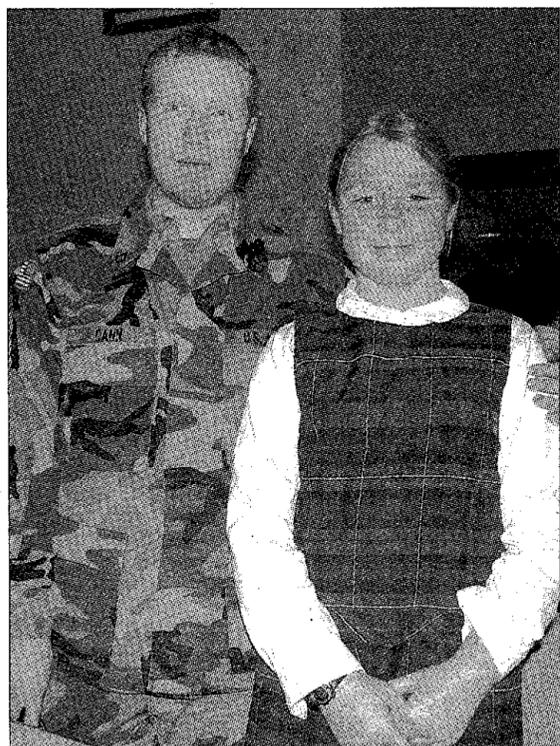


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Catholic Schools Week

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School in Grosse Pointe Woods celebrated Catholic Schools Week with a full calendar of activities. On Monday, Jan. 30, students carried a favorite book for Drop Everything and Read time each hour. Thursday, Feb. 2, students contributed canned food and a household item to a Detroit parish and wore crazy hats. Regina High School band, conducted by Bob McKay, entertained the students on Wednesday, Feb. 1. Special Person Day, on Friday, Feb. 3, fifth-grader Meredith Tulloch, Grosse Pointe Woods, shared Special Persons Day with cousin U.S. Army Private First Class Jeffrey Cann, stationed in Fraser.

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Gleaners' girls

Sorting food at Gleaners Community Food Bank was one job assigned to the members of Girl Scout Troop 686 from Monteith Elementary School as they worked on their service badge during winter break. They are also organizing a food drive at the school March 20 through 31. Each of the 580 Monteith students will be given bags, supplied by Gleaners, for the purpose of donating canned food to the organization. Girl Scouts who worked at Gleaners included, at back left, Nicole Fletcher, Carmen Thomas, Jenna Belote; in front from left, Emily Murray, Elizabeth Bejin and Christina Amato. Not pictured is Paula Bejin, troop leader.



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Winners

Pierce Middle School 2006 National Geography Geo-Bee School top three finalists are from left to right, third place winner David Carter, second place winner Colin Belanger and Rob Gregory who captured first place to become Pierce's school champion.

GROSSE POINTE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Attention drawn to curriculum change

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Nearly 30 people spoke passionately for and against the proposed revisions to the adolescent health education curriculum during the Grosse Pointe Board of Education meeting Monday, March 3.

During the same meeting, no one commented on the middle school transitions nor the proposed revised math curriculum.

The adolescent health unit is covered in five hours, once a year in grades four through seven. Eighth-graders may spend about seven hours on the unit.

Those in favor of revisiting the curriculum reiterated points of non-compliance with state code, lack of parental input in curriculum content, abstinence not being covered, the use of inappropriate language, an established curriculum should be purchased, and the possible copyright laws violation in some material.

Elizabeth Roeske, a nurse/midwife, Human Sexual Advisory Board (HSAB) member, and parent took the opposite view saying the information was medically correct because she and other health professionals on the board had checked the material.

"Abstinence is the cornerstone," she said of the curriculum which will have a second public hearing and board vote on Monday, March 13. "But curriculum needs to be presented in an open and inviting environment for a real and honest answer."

Michael Dib, co-chair of the HSAB and Brownell principal, gave an overview of the curriculum to be covered in each of the five grades. He explained the new curriculum will cover Internet safety, media messages, harassment, home learning activities, hygiene, refusal skills and responsible choices. An opt-in form has also been generated.

The 24-member committee agreed 14 months ago the present curriculum needed to be updated and medically accurate, said parent and HSAB co-chair Dr. Deb Wright. "Each (member) wanted to include things that are not in. It's not perfect, but it's excellent. The middle school has the same information as before but it's updated. By eighth-grade children are sexually active, drinking and taking drugs. They need current information. They need good facts to make good decisions. These classes are a springboard for at-home discussions."

A minority report presented

Board meeting

Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets at 8 p.m. Monday, March 13, in South High School's Wicking Library. The school is at the corner of Maumee and Fisher Road.

by parent and HSAB member Elizabeth Martinelli indicated that 30 percent of the parents had voted no on the proposed curriculum.

Her reasons included the program goals were not first identified, there was no discussion of community comments, abstinence needed to be stressed and the idea of mutual monogamous relationship was used, rather than marriage.

"Thirty percent of the parents voted no.

"We can do a better job. We want a professionally produced product," Martinelli said.

Board members Alice Kosinski, Angela Kennedy and Brendan Walsh found the proposed material to be appropriate for the students.

Kosinski and Walsh particularly liked the Internet safety section.

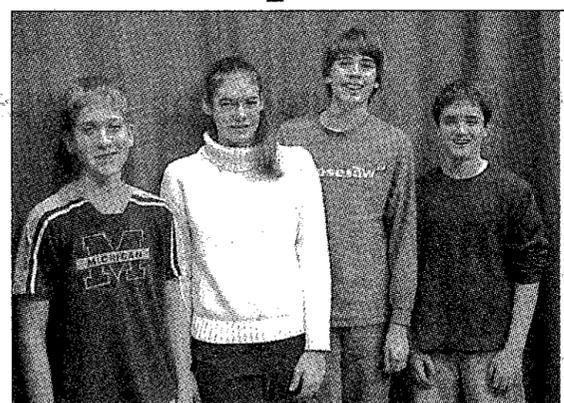
"This is a good opportunity for students to get information from outside the home from a knowledgeable adult," Kosinski said.

Pierce math students place fourth

Four students from Pierce Middle School placed fourth in the 30th annual Detroit Country Day Math Competition on Saturday, Feb. 4.

Students from 30 private, public and parochial middle schools in the tri-county area competed in a three-hour rigorous math competition.

Seventh-graders Will Quinn and Craig Campbell joined seasoned competitors and eighth-graders Sam Robinson and Claire Eckert to represent Pierce.



Pierce Middle School math students who competed in a math competition were Sam Robinson, Claire Eckert, Will Quinn and Craig Campbell.

They were accompanied by teacher Gina Walker.

The first of the three-part competition was a 30 question written exam to be completed in 45 minutes with no calculators.

The second part was a rapid relay with all four students working together on math problems.

The final section of the competition was a math application problem where each student worked with their own grade level teammate.

Students get writing awards

Taylor Hauck, Paul Manganello and Peter Althuler, all juniors at Grosse Pointe South High School, have been selected to compete in the National Council of Teachers of English competition.

The annual nationwide writing competition asks English teachers to nominate their finest writers from an impromptu writing session.

Five English teachers read the impromptu and select three outstanding pieces. South teachers nominated 36 writers to participate.

An impromptu topic will be forwarded in March and Hauck, Manganello and Althuler will have two hours to respond.

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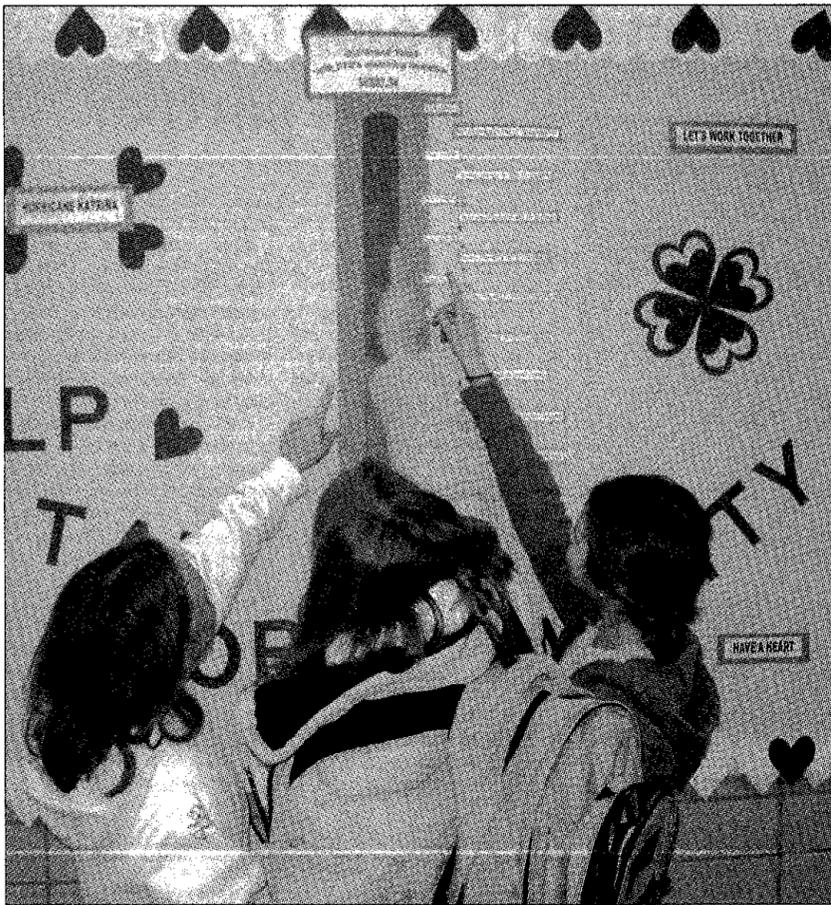
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Ferry's heart

Ferry Elementary students have found innovative ways to raise funds for Have A Heart to help purchase a prefabricated home for Hurricane Katrina victims. For \$1 students were allowed to wear a hat in class on Feb. 10. Second graders had a garage sale in their classrooms. Students brought in unwanted items to sell, including Mitchell Blaine who was happy to sell his used book to JP Navetta. Other students sold hot chocolate outside their homes and did extra household chores. Teachers are getting into the spirit by donating \$5 so they have the privilege of wearing jeans on specified days. The student council is designing and hanging posters in the hallways to keep the project in the limelight. There is even a father who has donated his time to rolling all the coins. The most recent total from Ferry's fundraising activities has topped the \$1,000 mark.

Cottage Hospital Auxiliary seeks contest entries

Local high school seniors planning to pursue a career in health care are invited to apply for one of three \$2,000 scholarships provided by the Cottage Hospital Auxiliary.

The contest is open to applicants who reside or attend school in one of the following ZIP codes: 48205, 48212, 48213, 48224, 48225, 48230, 48234, 48236, 48021, 48026, 48045, 48047, 48066, 48080, 48081, 48082.

Each applicant must write a 500-word essay on the thought:

"Health care is rapidly changing because of medical advances and specialized care. In what role do you see yourself as you plan your career in

the medical field?"

Essays are judged on adherence to theme, support of ideas and quality of writing. Extracurricular activities and grades are also considered.

Students must complete an application form and submit two letters of recommendation, an official copy of their high school transcript, SAT or ACT scores, and an activities form. Entries for the Cottage Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship Essay Contest must be postmarked by Wednesday, March 22. Winners will be selected and notified by late April.

Complete instructions and scholarship applications are available by calling Nancy

Jones, Bon Secours Cottage Health Services Foundation, at (313) 640-2539.

GROSSE POINTE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Some public comment sent to back of line

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Residents wishing to address non-action items on the Grosse Pointe Board of Education will have to wait.

That portion of public comment has been moved from the first to the last item on the list. However, those wishing to address action items can still do so at the beginning of the meetings.

The changes were unanimously approved at the board's Feb. 16 meeting. Trustee Lisa Vreede was absent.

According to board president Jeff Broderick, the change was made to make the meetings more efficient.

"We have tried to streamline the meetings. The past couple years everyone has been bouncing around between board meetings and committee

meetings. We wanted the board members to be informed."

Resident Charles Collinson said, "After hearing so many claims of transparency, I was surprised that the board entertained and unanimously passed a motion late Thursday night. That vote requires community members to wait until the end of board meetings for public comments on non-action items."

Part of any public meeting is the chance for community members to voice their opinions on both scheduled agenda and non-agenda items. Agendas are posted prior to the meeting and are subject to change.

Broderick said agendas from other school districts were reviewed, but no pattern was found.

"There is no hard and fast rule when comments can be

made as long as we provide a time for the public to comment," he said.

As the board discusses budget cuts, the public gets involved, more people talk and the meetings get longer, he noted.

The change will mean that those items on the agenda will be discussed prior to board discussion and vote; while non-agenda items have been relegated to the end of the meeting.

"We find when we're listening to comments across board. They (those who want to talk about agenda items) should have the first opportunity to talk and we should be able to move forward. We have tried to streamline the meetings," Broderick said.

"We are not trying to eliminate (opinions) but to put it in a proper place. We do have other means for them to talk to us."



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St. Paul Catholic School cheerleaders lead a pep assembly during Catholic Schools Week

Celebration time ULS and Leave a Legacy partner

St. Paul Catholic School celebrated Catholic Schools Week with the theme "Character, Compassion and Values" and included an open house, a pep assembly and Special Persons Day.

During the open house, the community met teachers and viewed work students had on display. Students also presented life-size Egyptian mummies in brightly painted colors and made board games for visitors to play.

Later in the week, cheerleaders lead the entire school in a "spirit" pep assembly where students on the various sport teams were introduced.

The eighth-grade advanced math class got involved in the celebration by presenting projects on careers students were considering.

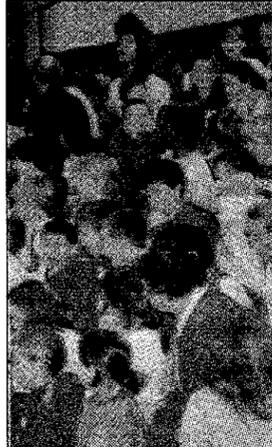
Each student interviewed someone in their field of interest and was asked how math was used in their career.

Also displayed along the walls were quotes from eighth-graders why they attended Catholic school.

"My parents saw great things happening in my future if I attended St. Paul," wrote Giorgio Rastelli. "I have made good and close friends. I am allowed to receive sacraments of Baptism, communion and confirmation. St. Paul campus is less than a mile away for where I live and it makes it easy to ride my bike."

James Bobco wrote, "It is a nice established school with beautiful grounds and renovations to the church which shows commitment. My parents send me here to have great opportunities for career growth."

"Almost everyone here cares for one another and wants what is best for each other," Jack Bernard wrote. "Another great thing about St. Paul's is now that I am older, I realize how much I have



Students, wearing the school's colors of red and white, shouted their loudest during the grade "cheer off." The pep assembly was one of the highlights of Catholic Schools Week observed at St. Paul Catholic School in Grosse Pointe Woods.

grown in my faith. Feeling loved is one of the greatest feelings a person can feel. That is why it is good to be going to school at St. Paul."

Catholic Schools Week also contained a Teacher Appreciation Day and Student Appreciation Day when students could wear jeans instead of their uniform and play bingo.

Another highlight of the week was Special Person Day. Each student invited someone special to attend school, visit the classroom and meet the teacher and their classmates.

This was followed by a special prayer service during which all were reminded how that someone special helps direct lives, acts as role models and offers love and encouragement.

Students formed a circle around the special people and sang a song of tribute.

University Liggett School (ULS) is now a community partner of the Southeast Michigan chapter of Leave a Legacy.

Through its partnership, ULS maintains its commitment to the community by supporting and promoting the need for employees and citizens to leave a charitable bequest in their will or estate plan to the school.

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assist donors with charitable estate planning.

This partnership provides the opportunity for ULS to showcase its donors who have made commitments through their wills or estate plans and to engage others who are considering deferred giving as they look to the future.

"We look forward to this partnership with Leave a Legacy which provides ULS with a marvelous opportunity to educate and engage donors and friends," said Catherine G. Rogg, ULS Director of Development and Alumni Relations. "ULS is in the business of providing an unparalleled education to its students, and we look forward to extending that quality of education to our donor base as well," she said.

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Scrolling advertisements to generate revenue

Art Van will be sponsoring South High's stadium scoreboard.

The furniture company will also provide \$5,000 a year in revenue to the South Athletic Booster Club for five years, the length of the contract.

In a memo to the board of education members, assistant principal Matt Outlaw said in addition to the sponsorship, the scoreboard will be equipped with scrolling advertising.

Grosse Pointe is possibly the first high school in the country

to have such a revenue-generating scoreboard.

Since there is no history of rates for such advertisements, Outlaw is looking at rates charged to be in the athletic programs.

Also, Outlaw said he has been working with the Detroit Tigers and the University of Michigan for insight on possible rates.

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Park centenarian recalls WWII, family life

Is age 34 too old to be drafted into the army? Is 44 too old to get married for the first time? Carl Henrichs doesn't think so. He had a craniotomy at 96 and a pacemaker installed when he was 98. And last Monday, March 6, he celebrated his 100th birthday.

"Continual growth and improvement," he said with a smile, has helped him reach this milestone.

Henrichs, whose parents Anton and Elise Kranz Henrichs emigrated from Germany just a few years earlier, was born in Detroit in 1906. He had two older brothers: Tony, who died of bone cancer at 16, and Paul. The Henrichs family lived on Canfield Street on Detroit's east side and Henrichs attended St. Elizabeth Elementary School, where he took care of Father Anthony Termes' Scripps Booth automobile.

A music lover, classical in particular, Henrichs would often accompany his mother to some of Detroit's top venues.

"She would take me to places such as the Arcadia Ballroom, the Masonic Temple and Orchestra Hall where I heard many concerts led by Ossip Gabrilowitsch, who conducted the Detroit Symphony from 1918 to 1936," he recalled.

After graduating from the University of Detroit High School, Henrichs attended the American Institute of Banking where he studied accounting and banking. He joined the distribution and clearing department of the Wayne County Home and Savings Bank during the mid-1920s. He sorted and delivered all checks drawn on other banks in person.

In January 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt closed one of the banks for reorganization. The Depression had a devastating effect on them. At that time, with the help of General Motors, the National Bank of Detroit was formed. Henrichs was invited to join NBD, where he began a 35-year association.

Henrichs was working in the credit department when his banking career was interrupted in early 1941. He was drafted into the army just shy of his 35th birthday.

"I didn't have the opportunity to join another service or go to officer candidate school," Henrichs said. "In November 1941, the top draft age was lowered to 28." (Later, during the war, he was told he was too old to attend officer candidate school.)

Henrichs was sent to Camp Livingston, La., as a member of the 32nd Infantry Division, also known as the Red Arrow Division. He is believed to be the oldest surviving

member of the division.

In August and September 1941, he participated in the Louisiana Maneuvers, the largest and most extensive peacetime training exercises to date, with more than 500,000 men taking part in preparation for the war in Europe.

After the Pearl Harbor attack, Dec. 7, 1941, the Red Arrow Division was scheduled to go to Europe, but a huge fire on the transportation ship resulted in a change of plans. The need for help in Australia due to the encroachment of the Japanese Army sent the 32nd Infantry Division to Camp Adelaide. From there, the Red Arrow Division started their 654 days of combat, more than any other American division fought during the war.

Henrichs was a quartermaster for a division that had about 20,000 personnel.

"We had a complete fighting unit there," Henrichs said. "There were rumors, which weren't always accurate, about where we would be sent next. We never questioned anything. We just obeyed our orders, which came from Gen. MacArthur, to go to New Guinea."

Those orders were delivered on Sept. 13, 1942.

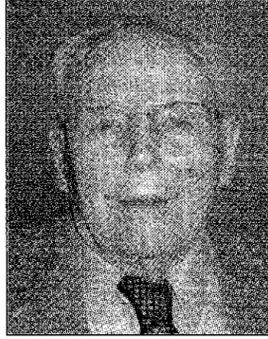
Now they would be taking the fight to the Japanese in New Guinea's unfamiliar and treacherous jungles. The Red Arrow Division was the first American unit ever to be flown into combat. American and Australian troops would engage in battle against the Japanese for almost two years with the Allies gaining control of the air bases on the island in the summer of 1944.

"The New Guinea natives were helpful," he said. "They didn't like the Japanese."

"The next stop would be to liberate the Philippines from Japanese control.

Leyte, an island in the central Philippines held by the Japanese, was where in October 1944 the Allies hoped to establish a base from which to launch further attacks against the Japanese in the rest of the Philippines. It was the largest Allied operation in the Pacific Theater during World War II to date; more than 200,000 Allied troops would take part in the campaign. During the invasion, Henrichs's life nearly ended at age 38.

"The Japanese had dug in, and they were waiting for us," he said. "I was hit in the upper leg by a sniper. I was taken to a Red Cross ship in the bay, where I enjoyed the first real, clean, comfortable bed in years."



Carl Henrichs on his 100th birthday, Monday, March 6.

Henrichs recovered from his wounds and was awarded the Purple Heart. He eventually was reunited with the Red Arrow Division and was present on Luzon for the surrender on Sept. 2, 1945, by Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita of the Imperial Japanese Army, the highest commander in the Philippines. Yamashita was later found guilty of war crimes and hanged in February 1946.

Henrichs was sent to Japan shortly after the surrender to help prepare for the occupation forces. "I saw the areas where the atomic bombs were dropped," he said. "All you could see was just telephone poles and twisted metal. We couldn't go to Tokyo because it was too bombed out."

The Japanese people did not present any problems to Henrichs as he drove a Jeep around the reeling country.

"We were constantly reminded that the war was over, and we were always treated with respect," he said.

Due to a battlefield commission, Henrichs had reached the rank of second lieutenant before, the war ended and was awarded the Bronze Star.

"Waiting for a ship home, I remember being in a church in

Yokohama on Dec. 8, 1945, and feeling loneliness for the first time," he said. "In the army, everything is structured and done in units."

Back in Detroit, his job at NBD was waiting.

"Most guys coming out of the service didn't have a job to go to, and I had the chairman of the bank asking where I wanted to be in the company," Henrichs said.

Later, as an officer, he was asked to join the NBD Revolver Club.

"We used to shoot at the police range after work," he said. "All tellers used to have guns kept on top of the cash box."

He is credited with shooting the club's first perfect score.

Henrichs had met Betty Grewe shortly before the war when she started working at NBD. The difference in their ages made Betty hesitant when Henrichs started to show an interest in her after his return. But his persistence won her over, and they were married Nov. 23, 1950. He was 44, and she was 29.

Henrichs continued at NBD, eventually rising to vice president as a loaning officer. Many of the loans he gained approval for aided the growth of Detroit. Henrichs fought for a client, the Brooker Electric Co., which was seeking a loan to install lights at Briggs (later Tiger) Stadium.

"The board didn't want to approve the loan," Betty said, "so Carl went right to the chairman, who gave his permission."

Another of Henrichs's customers was William Fisher, father of Max Fisher. The elder Fisher had an oil reclamation business.

"He used to filter used oil through cheese cloth and resell it," Henrichs said. Fisher later owned Speedway and Marathon Oil companies.

In 1952, the Henrichses moved to Grosse Pointe Park, where they raised four children and have resided ever since. Henrichs remembers Grosse Pointe's days of



Carl Henrichs in December 1943 while serving in Australia and New Guinea during WWII.

ribbon farms, interurbans and an unpaved Lakeshore Drive.

"I still think Lakeshore is one of the most beautiful drives in the country," he said.

In 1968, Henrichs retired from NBD to work as president of Beaver Realty Group, a holding and insurance company. He had inherited a controlling interest in the company from his friend Joseph A. Schulte, an early executive of Cadillac Motor Car Co., a family friend and Henrichs' mentor.

He retired for a second time in 1984. At 78, after traveling the entire United States and Canada with his children, Henrichs and Betty

had the time to travel abroad to most of Europe, including Scandinavia and Russia. They also took many cruises to the Caribbean, the Panama Canal, Mexico and Alaska.

For the past 58 years, Henrichs has been a member of the Detroit Athletic Club, and for 54 years a member and supporter of St. Clare of Montefalco Parish. He helped form the Parish Council and was elected its first president.

He has continued his love of music, investing in the latest photographic equipment and amassing a large collection of records and CDs. Photography has been an interest. Henrichs has taken thousands of 35 mm slides and also has a stereo camera that takes three-dimensional pictures.

A highlight of retirement has been having the time to spend with his children, Carl Jr., Tony, Marianne and Lisa; and grandchildren, Carl III, Joseph, Ellen and Nicholas Henrichs; Zachary and Beau Adams; and Alexander and Max Mager.

Henrichs wonders why the "Good Lord" has kept him here for 100-plus years. His family says:

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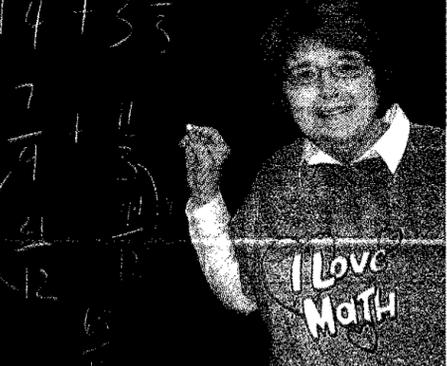
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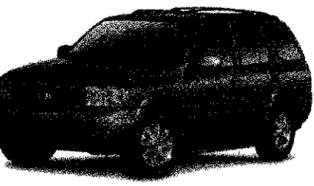
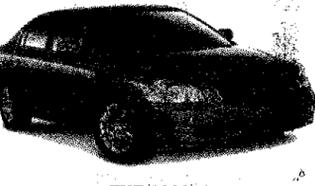
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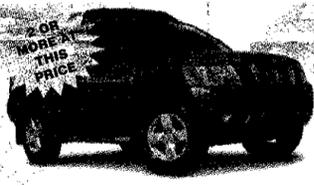
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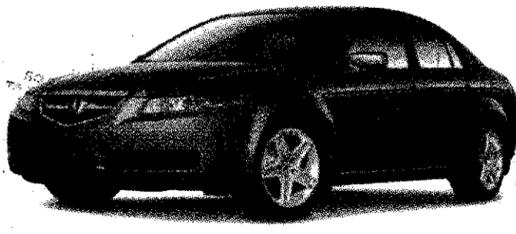


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Victor Rudolph Breidenbach

Former Grosse Pointe resident Victor Rudolph Breidenbach, 91, of Port Charlotte and Marco Island, Fla., died Wednesday, March 1, 2006, at the Tidewell Hospice and Palliative Care in Port Charlotte.

He was born Feb. 23, 1915, in Reynolds, N.D. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army as an engineer in the Philippines.

Mr. Breidenbach graduated from the University of Michigan and worked in Michigan as a land developer and builder of residential and commercial properties.

He was a member of the Circumnavigators Club, the Detroit Yacht Club, Gowanie Golf Club and the Detroit Curling Club. He was an avid traveler, golfer and curler.

He and his wife, Betty, retired to Florida in 2000, spending time at a home on Marco Island, and living at South Port Square.

Mr. Breidenbach is survived by his wife of 62 years, Betty of Port Charlotte; his sister, Julia of Grand Forks, N.D.; his daughter, Bonnie of St. Clair Shores; his son, Hal of West Bloomfield; granddaughters, Anne Buehler of Waterford, and Sarah and Becky Breidenbach, both of Austin, Texas; and one great-granddaughter.

A funeral Mass was celebrated in Port Charlotte March 3.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled Veterans of America, DAV Chapter #82, 1232 Market Circle, Unit B2, Port Charlotte, FL 33953; Tidewell Hospice and Palliative Care, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238; St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 21505 Augusta Ave., Port Charlotte, FL 33952, or a charity of one's choice.

Elizabeth F. Butterfield

Elizabeth F. Butterfield, 90, of the City of Grosse Pointe, died on Monday, Feb. 27, 2006, at Bon Secours Hospital.

She was born on March 6, 1915, in Dallas County, Iowa to Carl Fred Lassen and Elizabeth G. (nee Robinson) Lassen.

She earned her RN degree from the University of Iowa and worked in various area doctors' offices for many years.

Mrs. Butterfield was an active member of the Grosse Pointe South Mothers Club and served on various committees at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church. She belonged to numerous bridge groups and knitting circles.

Her other interests included reading, bird watching and flowers. She enjoyed attending social and church functions and spending the summer with family and friends at her cottage, Birch Bob.

She is survived by her son, John (Barb) Henderson; stepson, Paul T. (Pat) Butterfield; granddaughter, Kelly (Abe) Schlott; step-grandchildren, Paul (Alea) Butterfield, Jim Kanehl and Sandy Iaquina; great-grandchildren, Jonathan and Nicholas Schlott; step-great-grandchildren, Nicole and Danielle Iaquina, and Amanda, Sarah and Zack Kanehl; brother, Jack Lassen; and brother-in-law, Bob (Dibby) Henderson.

She was predeceased by her first husband, John Henderson, and second husband, Paul Butterfield.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, March 4, at Grosse Pointe Congregational

Church, Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment is at the church's columbarium.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Ronald F. Dettloff

Retired Harper Woods contractor and Grosse Pointe churchman Ronald F. Dettloff, 80, died Wednesday, March 1, 2006.

Mr. Dettloff was born on April 22, 1925, and raised in Detroit by his mother and stepfather, Esther and Jack Lewis. At 17, during the height of World War II, he graduated early from Cass Tech High School and joined the U.S. Marines. While with the Corps, he was sent to Notre Dame University and Utah State. He was honorably discharged in 1946 and returned home to earn an engineering degree from DIT.

Mr. Dettloff formed his own company, which served the Pointes for decades. He also met and married the love-of-his-life, Doris, who shared the next 58 years with him.

Mr. Dettloff enjoyed sports, especially basketball and baseball. He coached for years at the YMCA and in various church leagues. He was a founding director of Macomb Christian Schools, and ministered as a deacon, elder and teacher at Grosse Pointe Baptist Church. He loved and served Jesus Christ.

He was survived by his wife, Doris; his children, Gary (Cheryl) Dettloff, Joan (Kevin) Sayers, Steven (Susan) Dettloff and Carol (David) Clerebout; his grandchildren, Christopher (Cara) Dettloff, Jennifer (Jason) Gant, Timothy Sayers, Phillip (Elizabeth) Sayers, Jared Sayers, Michael Dettloff, and Evelyn, Erica, Kenneth and Danielle Clerebout; and his great-granddaughters, Katy Rose and Maggie Ann Dettloff.

He was predeceased by his grandchild, Jaclyn Dettloff.

Visitation will be Friday, March 10, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, 21336 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. A memorial service will be conducted at the church on Saturday, March 11, at 11 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Macomb Christian Schools or Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, 21336 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Elizabeth Frances Eckel

Elizabeth Frances Eckel, 44, of Grosse Pointe Park died Wednesday, March 1, 2006, at Bon Secours Hospital.

She was a dedicated RN, devoted family member and cherished friend.

She was born on Nov. 12, 1961, in Detroit to Mary Margaret and Richard P. Eckel and was a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Park.

She graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1979 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing (BSN) from Madonna University in 1983.

Her passion for nursing began while volunteering as a candy striper at Bon Secours Hospital during high school. After graduating from college with a nursing degree, she returned to Bon Secours to work in the Coronary Care Step Down Unit. Known for her compassionate care and genuine concern for her patients and their families alike, she was a highly respected and dedicated member of the nursing staff for over 23 years.

As one colleague described her, "There's no one else in the world like her. She had a heart of gold and would do anything for anybody and never expect anything in return."

Ms. Eckel was a member of Michigan Nurses Association

and a longtime member of the St. Clare of Montefalco parish in Grosse Pointe Park.

She was an avid gardener who thoroughly enjoyed working in the yard no matter what the season. In 2004, she and her mother were the recipients of one of the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Awards. Their beautiful flower beds and stunning rose bushes were often admired.

Ms. Eckel thoroughly enjoyed decorating at the holidays, planning family gatherings and making arrangements for special occasions including weddings and baby showers for friends and family.

Perhaps more than anything else, she enjoyed spending time with her family, particularly her nieces and nephews. She loved the family vacations up north every summer. Few activities gave her more pleasure than to be with her family enjoying the view from Little Traverse Bay.

Friends and family will remember her as a kindhearted and gracious woman with a wonderful sense of humor and a spirit of generosity which knew no limits.

She is survived by her mother, Mary Margaret Eckel; her sisters, Susan (Rene) Morales, Kathryn (Thomas) Bejma, Margaret (David) Lujan and Ann (Brian) Callahan; and her nieces and nephews, Matthew, Mary Kate, Christopher, Aidan, Annie, Conor and Tyler.

She was predeceased by her father, Richard P. Eckel.

A funeral service was held on Monday, March 6. Interment is at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to the VanElslander Cancer Center, c/o St. John Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 673271, Detroit, MI 48267-3271.

Arthur C. Ericksen

Arthur C. Ericksen, 78, died peacefully on Friday, March 3, 2006, after a series of illnesses.

Born in Detroit on July 16, 1927, he grew up in New York, having moved there at an early age with his parents. He attended schools on Long Island.

He served with the U.S. Marine Corps at the close of World War II and went on to study speech at Emerson College in Boston, continuing his education at Stetson University in Deland, Fla., and earning a degree in business administration.

Mr. Ericksen began his long career in advertising in the 1950s at New York's Batten, Barton, Durstine and Osborn where he was an account executive for "Your Lucky Strike Hit Parade." He met his future wife, Doris, a TV-Radio copywriter, at this Madison Avenue agency.

Both theater enthusiasts, their first date was to a performance by the late Basil Rathbone, starring in Terence Rattigan's "The Winslow Boy." Throughout their marriage, theater-going was to be a favorite recreation, with get-aways to London, the many Canadian festivals, as well as enjoyment of local productions.

By 1960, Mr. Ericksen had become assistant advertising manager at Brown & Williamson in Louisville, Ky. Further career moves took the Ericksens and their three children to the Chicago area and eventually a return to Detroit, where he became executive director of advertising and creative services for the Stroh Brewery Co.

The Ericksens have lived in Grosse Pointe since 1966. Mr. Ericksen served on the board of the Adcraft Club of Detroit and on the boards of deacons and ushers at the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church. He was a longtime member of the Founders Society of the Detroit Institute of Arts, as well as Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

An avid reader of history, travel and biography, he was also a fan of opera and vintage



Ronald F. Dettloff



Elizabeth Frances Eckel



Arthur C. Ericksen

films. With family life centermost, Mr. Ericksen took special pleasure in planning summer vacations to show his children the wonders of the USA. Trips to Scotland, England and Jamaica were also planned surprises.

In recent years, his pride in his grandchildren's interests and activities brought him great joy.

He is survived by his wife, Doris; his children, Bruce of Las Vegas, Nev., Craig (Donna) of Shepherd, and Ellen (Randall) Davis of Crownpoint, N.M.; his grandchildren, Matthew, Benjamin and Joshua Ericksen, and Andrew and Callie Rose Davis; and his siblings, Alice (Ted) Kase III and Edward of New Mexico.

Mr. Ericksen was predeceased by his sister, Norma (Graham) Hay of New York.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., with visitation starting at 1 p.m., on Wednesday, March 15, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, with the Rev. Dr. Eddie Bray officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Foundation Fighting Blindness, Macular Degeneration Research, 11435 Cronhill Dr., Owings Mills, MD 21117, Attn.: Sherry Darney.

Alexander H. Forrester

Former Grosse Pointe resident Alexander H. Forrester, 70, of Galesburg, died Monday morning, March 6, 2006, at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo.

He was born Jan. 9, 1936, in Highland Park, the son of the late Alexander C. and the late Margaret (nee Hardie) Forrester.

Mr. Forrester graduated from Grosse Pointe High School and Western Michigan University. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, stationed at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

On July 16, 1960, he was united in marriage to Suzanne Bachi in Alma.

Mr. Forrester taught at Galesburg-Augusta Junior High and High School for 32 years. During this time, he coached football, basketball, track and golf. Mr. Forrester spent the last 11 years of his career as athletic director.

After his retirement, he subbed as principal or teacher. He also had a part in the design of the new high school.

Mr. Forrester was a longtime member of the Galesburg United Methodist Church.

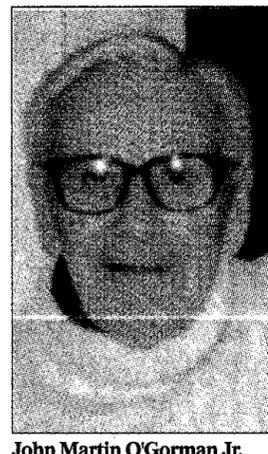
He is survived by his wife, Suzanne; three sons, Scott of Ann Arbor, Michael of Oxford, and Eric of Kalamazoo; his brother, Norman of Hartford, Conn.; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, at Galesburg-Augusta High School, 1075 N. 37th Street, Galesburg, with the Rev. Keith Heifner officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Galesburg United Methodist Church or Galesburg-Augusta Educational Foundation/KCF care of G-A superintendent's office.

John Martin O'Gorman Jr.

John Martin O'Gorman Jr., 87, of Grosse Pointe Farms, died surrounded by his children and several grandchildren on Friday, Feb. 24, 2006,



John Martin O'Gorman Jr.



Louise Varney TeWalt

at Bon Secours Hospital.

He was born Nov. 24, 1918, in Buffalo, N.Y., and moved to the Grosse Pointe area in the mid 1950s. Mr. O'Gorman attended Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and Canninus College in Buffalo, N.Y.

He retired from Ford Motor Co. in March of 1992 after working for 25 years as a system analyst.

In retirement, he devoted himself to volunteer work such as tutoring St. Pauls schoolchildren, working with the homeless and at the Capuchins Soup Kitchen.

When his eldest son, John III, was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS), Mr. O'Gorman became a supporter of the ALS Foundation.

He is survived by his children, Melissa (William) Schwoppe, Louis (Mary), Mark (Alison), Amanda, Timothy (Nancy), Helen (Basil) Johnson; daughter-in-law, Christina O'Gorman of Austin, Texas; and 13 grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his wife, Jane C. O'Gorman, who died in 1995, and his son, John O'Gorman III, who recently died.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Sunday, Feb. 28, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment will be at St. Paul Columbarium in late spring.

Memorial contributions may be made to the ALS Foundation of Michigan, 21311 Civic Center Dr., Suite 200, Southfield, MI 48076.

Louise Varney TeWalt

Louise Varney TeWalt, 90, of the City of Grosse Pointe, died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006.

She was born May 3, 1915, in Evanston, Ill., and was raised in Winnetka, Ill. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at Smith College in 1938 and attended post-graduate studies in social work at the University of Chicago, where she was a member of the Settlement House staff.

She spent an extended period abroad while in high school. She spent a year in a boarding school in France and pursued an interest in the French language throughout her life.

She became a certified social worker in Michigan.

She married Perry Lincoln TeWalt of Vincennes, Ind., in December 1942.

During World War II, Mrs. TeWalt was a caseworker for the American Red Cross in Washington, D.C., in charge of all overseas correspondence.

She moved to Grosse Pointe in 1954 and in later years taught classes in French and cooking for Grosse Pointe Community Education and was active in the 1980 Grosse Pointe Millage Campaign.

Mrs. TeWalt is listed in "Who's Who in American Education." She was a board member of many organizations, including the American Red Cross, The Children's Center of Detroit, Family Life Education Council (founder and advisory board), Services for Older Citizens (founder), Grosse Pointe War Memorial, Detroit Artists Market, Detroit Adventure (president), Grosse Pointe South Mothers Club (president), Grosse Pointe Public Schools Department of Education (advisory board), American Cancer Society, Neighborhood Club (volunteer coordinator), Travelers Aid Society (national chairman and president), Women for United Foundation (president), Camp Happy Hollow Inc., The Fowler Center, Rehabilitation Institute of Detroit (president), Smith College Club (president), Seven Eastern Women's College, Alliance Francaise of Grosse Pointe and Detroit (president), French Festival of Detroit, Detroit Industrial School (president), Tribute Fund (president), Senior Center Inc., John Lake Scholarship Committee (chairman), Seniors Onward for Change Inc. (vice president), United Community Services, The Friends of the Detroit Public Library, Detroit Coalition for Homeless and Daughters of the American Revolution.

Her memberships included American Association of University Women, Wilested Art Gallery (Windsor, Ontario), Herb Society, Delta Kappa Gamma, Reach for Recovery (Grosse Pointe chairman), United Way (co-chair metropolitan drive), Detroit Senior Center, Neighborhood Service Organization-Detroit, Federal Volunteer Action Center-Detroit, Festival to Promote French Culture-Detroit, Metropolitan Camp (counselor), American League of Human Services, Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library, the Detroit Institute of Arts, Earthjustice and The Nature Conservancy. She was also a member of the Detroit Boat Club and the Grosse Pointe Garden Club.

She was the recipient of the Detroit Heart of Gold in 1977. Mrs. TeWalt was a gourmet cook and enjoyed gardening, needlepoint and knitting.

She was predeceased by her husband and is survived by her daughters, Jessa Louise TeWalt and Kellen Louise TeWalt-Perry.

Interment will be at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, April 7, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial contributions may be made to any of the aforementioned organizations.

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Nothing left but broken glass

Shattered automotive glass littering the 900 block of Neff was all that was left of a 2005 Dodge van stolen during the early hours of Thursday, March 2.

The owner told City of Grosse Pointe police the theft occurred between 2:45 a.m. and 4:20 p.m.

"The vehicle had been locked," said an officer. "(I) observed broken tinted glass in the street where the vehicle was said to be parked."

Parking violation leads to arrest

A parking violation led City of Grosse Pointe police to arrest a 38-year-old Detroit man on Friday, March 3, at 9:02 p.m.

An officer noticed the man's 1987 Chevrolet Monte Carlo parked in a handicap space in a lot on Mack at St. Clair. The car lacked a handicap sticker. The license plate was traced to a Ford van.

The car owner was wanted on a \$13,090 Wayne County civil warrant for failure to appear in court.

I.D. theft and Internet fraud

On Friday, March 3, a City of Grosse Pointe woman learned someone had made two fraudulent \$125 Internet transactions on her credit card.

Police traced one transaction to a company in San Diego, Calif.

Kids with drugs in stalled SUV

On Thursday, March 2, at 6:33 p.m., drug charges resulted from City of Grosse Pointe police stopping to help four teenage males in a red 1998 Ford Explorer stalled on Lincoln north of Kercheval.

When an officer smelled the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle, the department's new police dog, Raleigh, was brought to the scene. Raleigh led officers to a bag of suspected marijuana in the passenger compartment. Officers found additional suspected marijuana, a pipe and bottle of Visine in the vehicle.

Officers arrested the driver, an 18-year-old Farms resident. A 16-year-old Park male reportedly admitted owning the pipe and 3.3 grams of marijuana.

na. A 16-year-old Farms resident also was arrested for drug possession.

—Brad Lindberg

Grosse Pointe Farms

A bad mix

Grosse Pointe Farms police said a 23-year-old woman from Brooklyn, Mich., was uncooperative during a drunken driving investigation beginning Saturday, March 4, at 3:28 a.m.

The woman had been reported at a service station at Mack and Moross.

Officers said the woman admitted consuming alcohol and Vicodin pain killer. Officers said they found a container of 14 miscellaneous pills in her white 1999 Mercedes.

She reportedly sat down on the sidewalk rather than complete a series of field sobriety tests.

Police said she registered a .22 percent blood alcohol level.

Plants and shrubs stolen on Moross

A Grosse Pointe Farms woman recently discovered the theft of nearly two dozen bushes and landscape plants from property in the 200 block of Moross.

The woman suspects the thefts occurred while the property was vacant from April 2005 to March of this year.

Missing items consisted of 15 hostas, three evergreen bushes, two lily plants and one peony bush.

Suspended driver has fake I.D.

An 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms woman was caught last week possessing false identification showing her to be old enough to legally consume alcohol.

On Wednesday, March 1, at 1:35 a.m., police cruising Lakeshore pulled over the woman because the license plate wasn't illuminated on her silver 2001 Ford Focus.

The woman had a fake Maryland license with a fraudulent birth date listing her as 22-year-old. Records showed her license was suspended.

—Brad Lindberg

Grosse Pointe Park

Fire run

On Monday, Feb. 27, at 12:35 p.m., a Grosse Pointe Park resident noticed smoke coming

from his home in the 1400 block of Lakepointe.

Firefighters used a rapid interior attack to extinguish the blaze that started by electrical wires in the basement ceiling.

Smoke

On Wednesday, March 1, at 11:36 a.m., Grosse Pointe Park firefighters responded to a call that smoke was emanating from an area in the 1200 block of Berkshire.

Firefighters determined it was caused by construction crews cutting cinder block

Car stolen

During the night of Sunday, March 5, a 2003 Chrysler Sebring was stolen from the street in front of a home in the 1200 block of Bedford in Grosse Pointe Park.

—Bob St. John

Grosse Pointe Shores

Drunk driver speeds 60 mph

On Saturday, March 4, at about 4 a.m., a drunken 26-year-old Chesterfield Township man was caught driving 60 mph on northbound Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Officers pursued his 1992 Plymouth from Vernier to the intersection of Jefferson and Doremus in St. Clair Shores.

Police said the man admitted drinking 15 to 20 beers. His blood registered a .155 blood alcohol content. He posted \$100 bond and was released from jail at 11:45 a.m.

Burglar alarm needs fixing

Between Friday, March 3, at about 7:45 p.m. and 1:19 a.m. the next day, Grosse Pointe Shores police responded several times to a burglar alarm sounding at a house in the 500 block of Lakeshore.

Each time officers gave the all clear. After the seventh run, police notified the homeowner to fix the alarm.

—Brad Lindberg

Grosse Pointe Woods

Too much to drink

On Monday, March 6, at 12:31 a.m., a 25-year-old Troy man disregarded the red light on Mack and Torrey and was pulled over by a Grosse Pointe

Woods police officer.

The officer could detect a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the man and asked him if he had been drinking.

The driver said he had "a little" and was asked to perform several field sobriety tests, which he failed.

The officer also administered a portable breath test (PBT), which registered .088.

The was arrested and the officer found a nearly empty 200 ml bottle of Hennessy Cognac in the vehicle.

Busted

On Sunday, March 5, at 8:34 p.m., a 42-year-old Detroit man was pulled over when a Grosse Pointe Woods police officer noticed the driver's 2003 gold Ford Windstar had a broken headlight. The man was also traveling 50 mph on Mack, which is a 35 mph zone.

The officer's radar con-

firmed the speed, which prompted the traffic stop. A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) revealed the driver had five license suspensions and a warrant out of Detroit.

He was arrested and issued three citations.

All kinds of trouble

At 11:42 p.m. on Friday, March 3, Grosse Pointe Woods' Department of Public Safety received a call from a resident saying a 31-year-old Dearborn man took her 2005 white Pacifica from her home in the 500 block of Hidden Lane without her permission. The driver, she said, was intoxicated.

A police officer noticed the vehicle traveling westbound on Lochmoor, drifting between lanes.

The officer pulled over the driver and told him to shut the car off, keep his hands in a visible position and exit the vehicle.

The driver was asked why he took the vehicle and he replied that he wanted to go home but couldn't find his keys. He also said he saw the woman's keys on the counter; so he took

them and drove away.

While conducting the interview, the officer detected a strong odor of intoxicants on the man's breath and noticed his eyes were watery, bloodshot and glassy.

He was asked how much he had to drink and the man responded he had several beers between 6 and 11 p.m.

The driver failed several field sobriety tests and registered a blood alcohol level of .161 after performing a PBT.

The man was arrested.

Have to wear a seat belt

On Wednesday, March 1, at 12:25 p.m., a 27-year-old Troy man was stopped in his 2007 Mazda for not wearing his seat belt.

A LEIN check revealed the man's license had been suspended four times and was arrested previously on a driving while license suspended charge.

Two of his suspensions are out of Detroit and the other two are from Dearborn.

The man was arrested.

—Bob St. John

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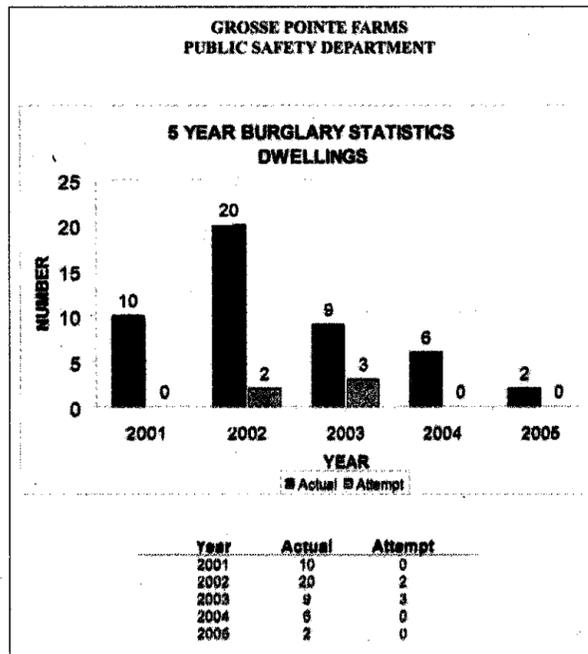
Drug users mess up 2005 crime report

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Burglars brought out the best in Grosse Pointe Farms

police during 2005. "Criminals work until they are apprehended, and we apprehended them," said Robert Ferber, public safety director.

Ferber said two sets of law breakers were responsible for most of the burglaries and larcenies reported in the department's 2005 annual report.



Larcenies during 2005 increased by 18 incidents to a total of 138, a 15 percent hike over the year before. Police blame a male resident drug user who spent nights breaking into parked vehicles for a majority of the increase.

"The crimes stopped when we arrested the perpetrator the second time," Ferber said.

"It's been our experience with serial B&Es or larcenies that usually one individual or two people working in tandem are responsible for the crimes," said Lt. Rich Rosati, head of the detective bureau. "We eventually catch those individuals, who much of the time are desperate drug addicts breaking into houses and cars to get their next fix."

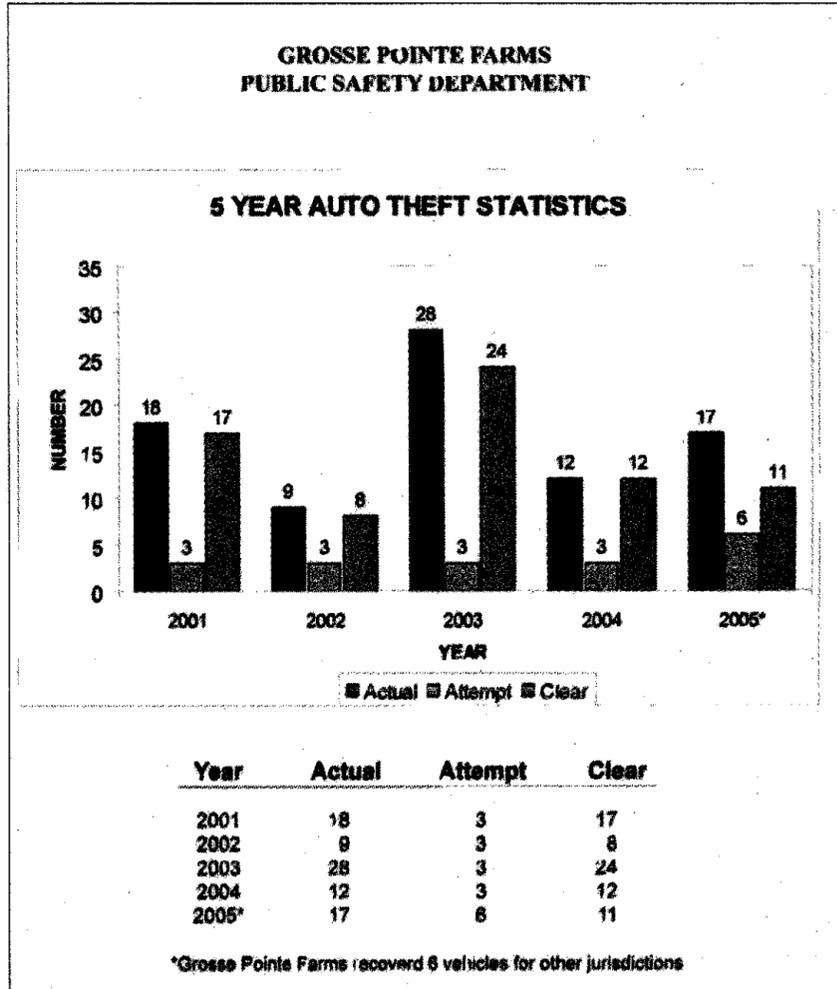
The profile extended to a pair of Detroit men arrested for breaking into a

number of area businesses.

"It's the reason business burglaries were up by six (cases) over the previous year," Ferber said. "Two perpetrators kept working until they were apprehended."

Two houses were burgled last year, both in September.

Auto thefts, including attempts, totaled 23 reports last year in the Farms compared to 15 cases the year before. Car thieves helped fuel a nearly 20 percent increase in major property crimes. Property crime accounted for 96 percent



of all major crime reported last year in the Farms.

"Auto theft is very complex societal problem involving much more than police to resolve," Ferber said. "Auto manufacturers play a role. They make their vehicles too easy to

steal. Our statistics revolve around Chrysler products. Chrysler has finally made a move to put computer chips in their car keys which should result in a reduction in auto theft as time goes on."

Police say it's difficult to catch someone in the act of stealing a motor vehicle.

"Most of the time we just recover the car," Rosati said. "Even if we catch a suspect in the stolen car, in order to charge with stealing a car you'd have to see them breaking into the car. Many suspects get charged with receiving and concealing stolen property."

Juveniles often steal cars and vans for fun and a quick profit.

"We're finding that students take cars to go for hair cuts," Ferber said. "They take cars to go to grandma's house. They drop off a stolen car with the motor running while they steal another one. They will sell cars on the street for \$30 or \$40 for someone else to joy ride."

Department policy rules out

most high-speed chases of car theft suspects.

"We normally don't pursue juveniles because of safety factors involved for the general public," Ferber said. "The criminal justice system doesn't play much of a deterrent when it comes to juvenile auto theft. Consequently, our problem lingers. It just goes on and on and on. I think the most important step taken was Chrysler doing something about thefts of their vehicles."

Robbery last year increased to five reports from three cases in 2004.

Of 114 fire alarms last year, most were false, canceled en route or, as on April 1 in the 200 block of Lothrop, involved nothing but smoke from bagel burning in a toaster.

Four fires resulted in a combined \$45,500 loss in property, including a car that caught fire at a service station on Mack due to a spilled gasoline container. Losses in 2004 totaled someone else to joy ride."

See FARMS, page 29A

Village of Grosse Pointe

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2006 VILLAGE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE AND 2006/2007 GENERAL BUDGET

The Council of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan, will hold a public hearing during the regularly scheduled Council meeting, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 21, 2006. Purpose of the hearing is the adoption of the general fund and other budgets for fiscal year 2006/2007. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this hearing.

The hearing will take place in the Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building, 795 Lake Shore Road. Copies of the proposed budgets are available for public inspection.

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Victoria J. Boyce
Village Clerk

Grosse Pointe Township

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ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS AND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2006/07 TOWNSHIP BUDGET

To the Electors of Grosse Pointe Township, Wayne County, Michigan:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the Electors of Grosse Pointe Township will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2006. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building, 795 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan. All matters required by law to be acted upon by the Township electors will be considered at said Annual Meeting.

A public hearing will also be held at the time of the Annual Meeting on March 21, 2006 upon the adoption of the Township Budget for Fiscal Year 2006/07, of which a copy is available for public inspection at the office of the Township Clerk, 795 Lake Shore (second floor), Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan. The public may provide written and oral comments on the budget.

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Michael Kenyon,
Deputy Township Clerk

CITY OF HARPER WOODS POLICE DEPARTMENT WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE AUCTION OF IMPOUNDED/ABANDONED VEHICLES

Pursuant to PA 104, an auction will be held on March 16, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. at Woods Towing, located at 22755 Lexington, Eastpointe, MI. The following impounded/abandoned vehicles will be auctioned:

- 1990 Pontiac Grand Prix 1G2WJ14T9LF299978
- 1991 Oldsmobile 98 1G3CW53L4M4307796
- 1998 Pontiac Sunbird 1G2JD11K1J7592858
- 1989 Ford Escort 1FAPP9192KPT184098
- 1992 Safari Van 1GKDM15Z6NB530492
- 1992 Honda Accord 1HGCB7655NA213435
- 1992 Club Wagon Van 1FMEE11N9NHA34529
- 1997 Plymouth Neon 3P3ES47C7VT512520
- 1997 Ford Taurus 1FALP53SXVG173807
- 1984 Chevrolet Cavalier 1G1AD35P9EJ101659
- 1997 Pontiac Grand Prix 1G2WP12K6VF202280
- 1997 Ford Thunderbird 1FALP624XVH142544
- 1995 Oldsmobile Cutlass 1G3AJ5546S6386448
- 1992 Mercury Cougar 1MEPM6043NH610961
- 1992 Chrysler New Yorker 1C3X66R5ND763182
- 1988 Buick Regal 2G4WB14WXJ1418334
- 2000 Toyota Camry 4T1BG22K3YU952604
- 1993 Buick Roadmaster 1G4BR837XPW400124
- 1986 Audi WAUF0448GN069613

The above vehicles can be viewed 1/2 hour prior to the auction, at Woods Towing. Payment by cash or certified check only. Cars listed may be pulled released prior to the auction by the Harper Woods Police Department.

POSTED: March 6, 2006
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Sgt. Dennis Root,
Traffic Safety Section

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS: "WATERSLIDE FENCE ENCLOSURE"

Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 16, 2006, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing the following item: "WATERSLIDE FENCE ENCLOSURE". Copies of specifications and bid sheets may be obtained from the City Clerk. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

G.P.N.: 03/09/2006

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

NOTICE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW

The CITY OF GROSSE POINTE Board of Review will meet at 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, Michigan on March 7th, 20th and 21st, 2006. The Board will organize and review assessments on Tuesday, March 7th. The Board will hear protests from aggrieved property owners by appointment on Monday, March 20th from 9 am to 9 pm and Tuesday, March 21st from 9 am to 5 pm. Appointments may be made by calling the City offices at 313-885-5800 from 8:30 am to 5pm.

The tentative ratios and estimated multipliers necessary to compute individual state equalized values are as follows:

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ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS AND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2006/07 TOWNSHIP BUDGET

To the Electors of Lake Township, Macomb County, Michigan:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the Electors of Lake Township will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 2006. The meeting will be held in the second floor conference room of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building, 795 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan. All matters required by law to be acted upon by the Township electors will be considered at said Annual Meeting.

A public hearing will also be held at the time of the Annual Meeting on March 20, 2006 upon the adoption of the Township Budget for Fiscal Year 2006/07, of which a copy is available for public inspection at the office of the Township Clerk, 795 Lake Shore (second floor), Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan. The public may provide written and oral comments on the budget.

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Raymond Suwinski,
Township Clerk

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council will be considering the following proposed ordinance for a second reading at its meeting scheduled for Monday, March 20, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The proposed ordinance is available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The above Council meeting is open to the public. All interested persons are invited to attend.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 94 WATERWAYS BY AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS TO UPDATE THE WATERCRAFT STORAGE PROCEDURES AND PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF HARBOR RULES AND REGULATIONS BY RESOLUTION

G.P.N.: 03/09/2006

Lisa Kay Hathaway,
City Clerk

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

BOARD OF REVIEW

Meeting for the purpose of reviewing the 2006 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2006

From 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 pm

and

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2006

From 12:00 pm. - 4:00 pm

and

5:00 Pm - 7:00 pm

at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236.

Hearings will be scheduled by appointment by calling (313) 885-6600 extension 1252. You may also petition the Board in writing, with letters having to be in the office by Friday, March 24, 2006.

GPN: 3/02/2006, 3/09/2006
3/09/2006, 3/16/06, 3/23/2006

Timothy E. O'Donnell,
City Assessor

Public Safety reps help talk homeland security

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Are you prepared in case of an emergency?

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial hosted a town meeting last week with the topic "Let's Talk About Local Emergency Preparedness."

Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Judge Lynne A. Pierce introduced a panel of experts who shared their expertise on the subject of keeping people safe in case of a natural or manmade disaster.

"We have been gathering homeland security information and high-tech equipment ever since 9/11," said James Buford, Director of Wayne County's Homeland Security. "We're trying to get everyone on the same page, and we're encouraged with how well local authorities are handling the upgrades in security."

The Grosse Pointes are five of 43 communities in Wayne County, which is home to 2.1 million people.

"I work with a staff of 10 with three contractors; so we're very busy," Buford said. "We always have to be prepared, and I think preparedness starts at the local level."

Buford, as well as Al Shenouda, Protection Security Advisor with the Department of Homeland Security, said local police, firefighters, EMS and civilian help is key to getting a handle on an emergency situation.

"Readiness is part of being a community," Shenouda said. "It comes down to police, fire and EMS stepping up to combat any situation that arises. They're the front line."

FBI Agent (Detroit Bureau) William Kowalski said, "After Sept. 11 (2001), everything changed. I got a first-hand look at what families go through during an emergency

since I was one of the first on the scene in Pittsburgh after the plane went down and it was chaos. We have made great strides since then when it concerns homeland security."

Kowalski said he was impressed with how well the tri-county area handled security for world-renown events such as the Ryder Cup, Major League Baseball's All-Star Game and Super Bowl XL.

"We work closely together," Kowalski said. "We rely on first response for a lot of our information. It is our number one focus to prevent another terrorist attack."

At the moment, six counties that encompass southeastern Michigan — Wayne, Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair, Monroe and Washtenaw — are tied together when it comes to homeland security communication.

Each of the panelists said southeastern Michigan has areas that could be potential targets; the Renaissance Center, Fermi II nuclear power plant, Detroit's water treatment plant, electrical substations, banking institutions, Metropolitan Airport and local malls.

Lt. Paul Fawcett of the U.S. Coastguard, told the audience it is important for his group to patrol not just the ports and waterways, but property as well.

"It's our job to prevent guns, drugs and people from entering our country illegally," Fawcett said. "We're a police group and military group rolled into one. We're part of a team that is helping to keep everyone as safe as can be."

Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent for business and support services at Grosse Pointe Public Schools System said, "Our top priorities are the students in all of our schools and staff at each facility, and

the safety of each building housing the students and staff."

A question and answer session followed during which each of the panelists told the audience the tri-county area is in safe hands.

They also re-enforced the importance of each family to have an emergency plan and supplies, including candles and batteries, in case of another brown-out or loss of power due to a storm.

For families, officials suggested making an emergency list including: 1. making a plan; 2. building a kit of medical supplies; 3. getting trained; 4. volunteering; 5. giving blood.

After the question and answer session, public safety officers from Grosse Pointe Farms, the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Shores, Grosse Pointe Woods, Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores told residents what each community has in supply when it comes to local homeland security.

"This is a good experience for all of us," Park Public Safety Chief Dave Hiller said. "It's important for all of us to be on the same page, and I think we are when it comes to the safety of our residents."

For information, call the public safety departments from the either the five Grosse Pointe communities, Harper Woods or St. Clair Shores.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Public safety likes YAS

Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department is once again endorsing the city's participation in the Children's Home of Detroit Youth Assistance Services (YAS).

The program provides the Woods with local control over first offender juveniles involved in criminal behavior.

The YAS also offers residents programs such as family counseling, parenting work-

shops, chemical assessment and referral services without charge.

Deborah Liedel, the Director of Community Services for the Children's Home of Detroit, indicated in a report that 26 Grosse Pointe Woods residents participated in YAS last year.

A total of 107 youths, and their families were served in 2005 within the communities of Grosse Pointe and Harper

Woods. Since 1991, the YAS program has served 1,958 youths from the local cities.

The Children's Home of Detroit's request of \$15,012 to support its 2006 programs was approved at a city council meeting.

FARMS: Crime is down

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about \$137,500.

There was one fatal traffic crash last year in the Farms. A man riding a bicycle on Chalfonte was hit by a man driving a van. Police ruled the incident accidental.

Among many department awards issued during 2005, PSO Antonio Trupiano ended the year by saving a life.

On Dec. 31, at 1:36 a.m., he was first on the scene of a one-week-old infant who wasn't breathing.

"Officer Trupiano turned the infant over and administered a series of back blows which cleared the child's airway of mucus congestion," according to a tribute accompanying his Life Saving Award. "The child

began to cry and resumed breathing and was transported to St. John Hospital."

Among personnel changes last year, Lt. Mark Brecht, a 31-year veteran, retired as head of the detective unit.

PSOs Andrew Rogers and Holly Krizmanich were promoted to sergeant. Krizmanich became the first female supervisor in any of the Pointe public safety departments.

One officer left service and two joined the department during 2005, bringing the ranks to 48.

New officers are:

- Vincent Peter Finn. Finn is a third-generation law enforcement officer.

His father was on the force in Detroit and Roseville. Finn's late grandfather, Vincent Peters, retired from the Farms police department in 1978 after 26 years of service.

- James Corbett is a long-time Pointe resident.

Source: Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department

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- May 9, 20067:00 p.m.City of Mount Clemens**
One Crocker Blvd.
Mount Clemens, MI 48053-2537
(586)469-6803
- July 11, 20067:00 p.m.City of Grosse Pointe Farms**
90 Kerby Road
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236-3100
(313)885-6600
- September 12, 20067:00 p.m.City of Grosse Pointe Woods**
20025 Mack Avenue
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236
(313)343-2440
- November 14, 20067:00 p.m.Village of Grosse Pointe Shores**
795 Lake Shores Road
Grosse Pointe Shores, MI 48236
(313)881-6565
- January 9, 20077:00 p.m.City of Harper Woods**
19617 Harper Avenue
Harper Woods, MI 48225
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For further information, please contact our General Counsel:

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GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Council approves dispatch upgrades

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods' Department of Public Safety's dispatch center is getting a makeover.

Mayor Robert Novitke and city council members recently approved a bid by of \$15,260 to install dispatch console furniture.

"It's a mobile platform that will move up and down to accommodate our dispatchers who put in eight-hour shifts," Woods Director of Public Safety Mike Makowski said. "It's also going to be ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compatible and more ergonomically accommodating."

A start date hasn't been penciled in as of Monday's council

meeting, but most likely the work will start sometime this spring and take a few weeks to complete.

It has been a little more than a decade since the dispatch center has seen an improvement.

XYBIX Systems, Inc., is a specialty manufacturer of dispatch console furniture. It has installed 300 police, fire and medical dispatch centers nationwide.

"We feel very comfortable with XYBIX doing this work," Makowski said. "The dispatch center will have a nice new look when the work is complete."

The city's budget set aside \$30,000 for a "Dispatch Remodel." The cost of \$15,260 is half of what was budgeted.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Police dog to get his own vest

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Raleigh has a badge but not a bullet-proof vest. He doesn't want one. But he's going to get one.

Raleigh is the drug-sniffing, suspect-tracking police dog in the City of Grosse Pointe.

He goes wherever other officers go, including harm's way. He's been instrumental in drug arrests during everything from late-night traffic stops to the SWAT team's early-morning Thanksgiving raid of a Detroit dope house.

Although Raleigh's German shepherd coat protects him from the elements, it provides no protection from bullet or knife injury.

"Dogs aren't crazy about vests," said PSO Mike Almeranti, Raleigh's partner. "They weight eight to 10 pounds, Raleigh wore one once. He hated it. We'll have to do some training."

City resident Brian Leslie wants to help.

Leslie is helping organize a fundraising drive to outfit Raleigh with a vest that could save his life.

The goal is \$2,000.

Leslie is president of Venture Communications but also works part-time as a sergeant in the Oakland County Sheriffs

Department Mounted Unit.

He knows the importance of animals in law enforcement.

"When I heard that the City started the first K-9 unit in the Pointes, I was eager to volunteer to raise funds for a bullet-proof vest for the dog," Leslie said.

Leslie and fellow resident Janice Cassetta have joined forces in the fundraising drive.

"My efforts have been to develop flyers publicizing the fundraising effort and distributing them to homes and businesses mostly in the City, although the dog will be used as needed throughout the five Grosse Pointes," Leslie said. "People can get copies of the flyers to send in their donations at Ace Hardware, Grosse Pointe Locksmiths, Caribou Coffee, Starbucks, Einstein's, Border's and Mr. C's Carwash."

Leslie said checks can be made out and mailed to: City of Grosse Pointe K-9 Fund, City of Grosse Pointe, 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

Cassetta has scheduled a dog wash from 1 to 5 p.m., Sunday, March 19, at Dapper Dog Wash, 28401 Harper, St. Clair Shores.

"Proceeds will go the K-9 Fund," Leslie said. "If we raise more than the \$2,000 needed for a bulletproof vest, the addi-



FILE PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Raleigh has a badge. Now he needs a bullet-proof vest.

tional funds will go towards deep-tinting the windows on the K-9 patrol car, installing an alarm on the K-9 car and continuous mandated training." "I'm really happy that people are being supportive," Almeranti said.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN BOARD OF REVIEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN 48225 PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Review of the City of Harper Woods will be holding public meetings at 19617 Harper Avenue on Monday, March 20, 2006 to review the Assessment Rolls and Monday, March 27th from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Tuesday, March 28th from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to consider appeals on property assessment.

Residents who are unable to attend this meeting may submit their appeal by letter to the Assessor's office at 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225 on or before March 28, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS

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Posted: 02/27/2006

MICKEY D. TODD,
City Clerk

City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF THE 2006 ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Board of Review of the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Wayne County, Michigan will be in session in the Municipal Building, 15115 East Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan on:

Tuesday, March 28, 2006
Wednesday, March 29, 2006

From 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on March 28 & from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 29.

HEARINGS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. To schedule, call (313) 822-4361 NO LATER THAN MARCH 23, 2006. Written appeals accepted no later than Monday, March 27, 2006.

Tentative state equalization factors:	
Commercial property	1.000
Residential property	1.000
Personal property	1.000
Taxable Increase for 2006 is	1.033

G.P.N.: 03/09/2006, 03/16/06

Diann H. Lulis,
City Assessor

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

FEBRUARY 22, 2006

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

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Cheryl A. Costantino & Daniel Palmer.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse councilpersons Cheryl A. Costantino & Daniel Palmer from tonight's meeting due to prior commitments.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held February 6, 2006, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Election Commission meeting held on February 16, 2006.
- 3) To open the Public Hearing on the 2006 Community Development Block Grant.
- 4) To close the Public Hearing on the 2006 Community Development Block Grant.
- 5) To add to the agenda discussion and/or action on lifting the sign moratorium that City Council placed on signs in Districts Zoned C-1.
- 6) To remove the sign moratorium that City Council placed on signs in Districts zoned C-1, and refer the proposed amendments back to the Ordinance Committee for further review and recommendation.
- 7) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 76453 through 76563 in the amount of \$494,088.68 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 Car-Bee Incorporated in the amount of \$12,365.21 for the replacement of the control modules on the City Hall boiler with an upgrade conversion of 220-volts to 110-volts. (3) Approve payment to Oakland County Information Technology in the amount of \$7,161.73 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department. (4) Approve the appointment of Peter Ries to the Planning Commission with his term expiring in January of 2009.
- 2) To adopt the 2006 Community Development Block Grant Program as follows: Administration \$9,300, SOC Minor Home Repairs \$33,000, Kelly Road Improvements \$29,700, Pointe Area Assisted Transit Svc. \$21,000 (Handicapped Transportation); TOTAL \$93,000.
- 3) To approved payment to Turner Construction Company in the amount of \$233,430.70 for Progress Payment No. 11 on the Library Renovation Project, subject to further review by the City Manager.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Mickey D. Todd, City Clerk

Published: GPN, March 9, 2006

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

G.P. Yacht Club appoints officers and board of directors for 2006

The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club (GPYC) Board of Directors recently appointed Robert J. Kay, of Grosse Pointe Farms, commodore for 2006.

Kay joined the club in 1994 and is the GPYC's 73rd commodore. Prior to his appointment, Kay served on the GPYC Board of Directors. He is also the director of client services at World Asset Management in Birmingham.

Also selected are the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Officers and Board of Directors for 2006. The officers are J. Dennis Andrus, vice commodore; David E. Martin, M.D., rear commodore; James L. Taylor Jr., secretary; and Mary Treder Lang, treasurer. The board of



The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Officers and Board of Directors for 2006 are: front row, from left, James L. Taylor Jr., secretary; David E. Martin, M.D., rear commodore; Robert J. Kay, commodore; J. Dennis Andrus, vice commodore; and Mary Treder Lang, treasurer. Back row, from left, Michael Mooney, CCM, general manager; and directors Richard J. Bania; James J. Downes; Robert L. Rader Jr.; Dwight D. Labadie; Mark W. Peyser; Robert B. Joslyn; and Ronald A. Schaupter.

directors includes Richard J. Robert B. Joslyn; Dwight D. Robert L. Rader Jr.; and Ronald Bania; James J. Downes; Labadie; Mark W. Peyser; A. Schaupter.

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES FEBRUARY 27, 2006

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor James C. Farquhar, Jr., Councilmembers Douglas F. Roby, Jr., Peter W. Waldmeir, Therese M. Joseph, Joseph T. Leonard, Charles S. Terry Davis III.

Those Absent Were: None.

Also Present: Messrs. Burgess, City Attorney; Reeside, City Manager; Tepper, Assistant City Manager; Brennan, Director of Public Service; Ferber, Director of Public Safety; Jensen, Deputy Director, Public Safety; Parks & Recreation Director, Huhn.

Mayor Farquhar presided at the Meeting.

The Council requested the Director of Public Service re-bid the repavement of Fisher Road.

The Council approved the Revised Grosse Pointe Farms Harbor Rules & Regulations, as corrected.

The Public Safety Department Report, January 2006, was received by the Council and ordered placed on file.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236, ON MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC. INTERESTED PROPERTY-OWNERS AND RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. RESIDENTS MAY ALSO VIEW THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: WWW.CI.GROSSE-POINTE-FARMS.MI.US/

James C. Farquhar Jr.,
Mayor

Shane L. Reeside,
City Clerk

GPN: 03/09/06



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

The Farms' new look

The days are ending when Grosse Pointe Farms police cruise the community in cars painted with conservative colors of a Brooks Brothers catalog. Oxford gray and boardroom blue patrol cars are on the way out. In come the black-and-whites. The retro look is pure "Adam 12," complete with the motto "To protect and to serve" appearing on both front quarter panels. PSO Christopher Fontaine, shown ready to join a fellow officer on patrol, said the change is being well-received by the public. "Black and white cars are more visible," Fontaine said, adding that motorists drive safer when they see a patrol car sharing the road.

Taxpayers, deduct sales tax

Those that itemize their taxes, you may choose to deduct state and local sales taxes instead of state and local income taxes.

The state and local General Sales Tax Deduction Worksheet in the 2005 Form 1040 instruction booklet will help determine the sales tax deduction amount in lieu of saving receipts throughout the year.

The state and local general sales tax paid on certain specified item may be added, such as:

- A motor vehicle, but only up to the amount of tax paid at the general sales tax rate.

- An aircraft, boat, home building materials, or a home (including mobile or prefabricated) if the tax rate is the same as the general sales tax rate.

Claim the deduction on line 5 of Schedule A, checking box B to indicate the amount that represents sales tax.

While this deduction will mainly benefit taxpayers with a state or local sales tax but no income tax — in Alaska, Florida, Nevada, South Dakota, Texas, Washington and Wyoming — it may give a larger deduction to any taxpayer who paid more in sales taxes

than income taxes.

For example, you may have bought a new car, boosting your sales tax total, or claimed tax credits, lowering your state income tax.

The 2005 Form 1040 Instructions can be downloaded from the IRS Web site at IRS.gov, or ordered by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

Generally, most income is taxable. But there are some situations when certain types are partially taxed or not taxed at all.

A complete list is available in IRS Publication 525, Taxable and Nontaxable Income.

Some common examples of items that are not included are:

- Adoption Expense
- Reimbursements for qualifying expenses
- Child support payments
- Gifts, bequests and inheritances
- Workers' compensation benefits
- Meals and lodging for the convenience of your employer
- Compensatory Damages

awarded for physical injury or physical sickness

- Welfare benefits
- Cash rebates from a dealer or manufacturer

Examples of items that may or may not be included are:

- If a life insurance policy is surrendered for cash, include in income any proceeds that are more than the cost of the life insurance policy. Life insurance proceeds paid because of the death of the insured person are not taxable unless the policy was turned over for a price.
- Scholarship or fellowship grants;

If you are a candidate for a degree, exclude amounts received as a qualified scholarship or fellowship.

Amounts used for room and board do not qualify.

These examples are not all-inclusive.

For more information, visit the IRS Web site at IRS.gov to view or download Publication 525 from the Forms and Publications section or call 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

Levin wants to tighten grip on Canada's trash trucks

At a Senate hearing On Wednesday, March 1, Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., confronted Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff on the screening process used to inspect trash trucks entering the United States along the Canadian border.

On a weekly basis, approximately 2,000 trash trucks cross the U.S.-Canada border into Michigan for disposal.

"We've got a major container

It's a big problem. It is the municipal waste trucks that come in from Canada that cannot be adequately inspected.'

security issue in Michigan that is festering," Sen. Levin, a senior member of the Homeland Security-Governmental Affairs

Committee, said. "It's a big problem. It is the municipal waste trucks that come in from Canada that cannot be adequately inspected."

Last month, the Department of Homeland Security issued a report, prepared in response to an October 2003 request by Sen. Levin, Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., and Rep. John Dingell, D-Dearborn, which indicated the current screening process is inadequate.

DHS labeled the document "For Official Use Only" and requested the findings not be shared with the public.

Levin also asked Chertoff to "support language in our law which will tell Canada, 'sorry, we are not able to practically inspect that waste, you're going to have to keep your waste and find a dump site for it yourselves.'"

The trucks enter Michigan from Windsor and Sarnia.

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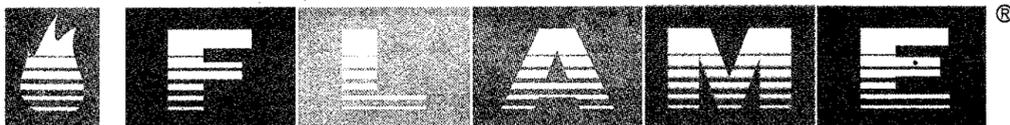
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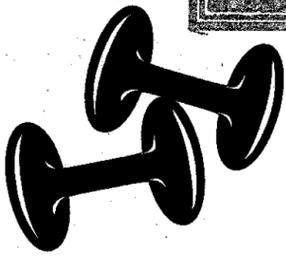
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Josephine Ford, daughter and granddaughter of the 'automotive Fords,' who married Walter B. Ford of the 'chemical Fords,' left more than \$15 million worth of art to the Detroit Institute of Arts.

DIA gets 'surprise' gift

By Margie Reins Smith
Special Writer

The Detroit Institute of Arts announced in mid-February Josephine Ford left more than \$15 million worth of art to the museum, including some rarely seen works by Renoir, Degas, Matisse, Picasso, Chagall and Modigliani, as well as a Queen Anne lowboy that was crafted in the late 1700s.

"The gifts were a surprise," said DIA Director Graham W.J. Beal. "I didn't know about them beforehand. They were in her Grosse Pointe Farms home.

"Josephine has given \$100 million worth of art, cash and support in her lifetime. She was also instrumental in two of our capital campaigns. But she was a very private person. I met her only twice."

Josephine Ford, daughter of Edsel and Eleanor Ford, only granddaughter of the first Henry Ford, was a lifelong supporter and benefactor of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

The 81-year-old widow of Walter B. Ford II died on June 1, 2005.

Walter B. Ford was a mem-

ber of an unrelated Ford family that is often referred to as "the chemical Fords" to distinguish them from "the automotive Fords." He died in 1991.

Previous donations to the museum by Josephine and Walter B. Ford II include the "Benin Horseman," a bronze statue of a horseman created in the 16th century in the African nation of Benin, and Vincent van Gogh's well-loved portrait, "The Postman."

The van Gogh painting inspired the "Van Gogh Face to Face" exhibition organized in 2000 by the Detroit Institute of Arts. "Face to Face" drew a record crowd of 325,000 viewers.

The six newly donated Ford paintings have never been loaned, Beal said. They will be

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Graham W.J. Beal, director of the Detroit Institute of Arts, stands beside one of Josephine Ford's previous gifts to the museum, van Gogh's portrait of his friend Joseph Roulin, "The Postman."

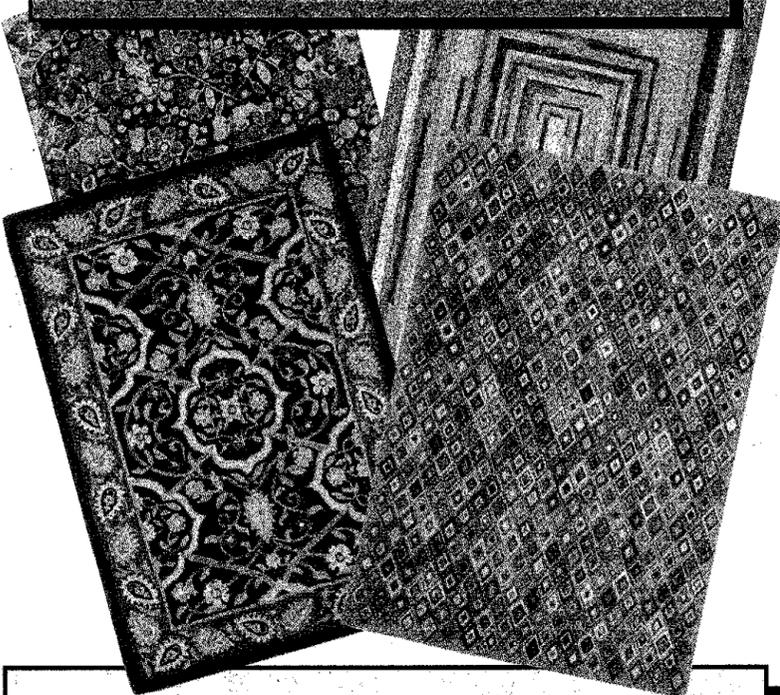
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DIA GIFT:
Family has long
history of giving

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new to Detroiters when they go on display in November 2007, at the opening of the DIA's renovation and expansion project. Josephine Ford was also one of three underwriters of the current six-year project. She joined Richard A. Manoogian and A. Alfred Taubman with a combined \$50 million to kick off the capital campaign.

"Ford's gifts and other recently acquired objects will most certainly be part of a special display when our new space is opened in 2007," Beal said.

The Ford family has a long history of patronage at the DIA.

"Edsel and Eleanor Ford were quiet patrons," Beal said. "In the early days of the museum, generous benefactors such as Eleanor and Edsel Ford, Ralph Booth and Robert H. Tannahill would go on buying sprees in Europe. Often, they would not only buy art for themselves, but also for the museum. Josephine Ford's brother, Henry Ford II was also a generous patron.

"The dynamics between the museum director and the benefactors was a loosey-goosey relationship back then," Beal said. "Often it was 'understood' that certain pur-

chases were ultimately destined for the museum.

"This old-style patronage gave benefactors a feeling of ownership of the museum," he added. "But this attitude shifted as philanthropy became more closely tied to tax codes and marketing.

"On the one side, the DIA is an example of many southeastern Michigan institutions in that it is under endowed," Beal said. "Museums that are considered our peers characteristically have five to 10 times the operating endowment we have.

"On the other side, Josephine Ford's parents were active supporters of the DIA," Beal said, "and they helped transform what was, in 1920, a respectable Midwestern museum, to an institution that owned one of the greatest collections of European art in the country."

Credit also goes to Edsel Ford's close relationship to museum director William R. Valentiner, Beal said. The friendship, along with Valentiner's introduction and subsequent friendship with Mexican painter Diego Rivera, led to the commission for the Rivera murals, one of the museum's most-prized treasures. Rivera painted Edsel Ford and William Valentiner in the lower right-hand corner of the mural on the south wall of Rivera Court.

Beal said the Detroit museum is one of the most active buying museums in the country, but much of the money for

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EUGENE A. GARGARO,
Chairman of the Board,
Detroit Institute of Arts

acquisitions is restricted funds. That is, the money carries a stipulation that it be used for purchases of certain kinds of art.

"Less than 10 percent of our annual operating budget comes from endowed funds," he said.

Josephine Ford was also a benefactor to other local institutions. During her life, she made major donations to the Josephine Ford Cancer Center and the College for Creative Studies.

"She set the date, September 21, 2005, for the dedication of a sculpture from her garden as a gift to the College for Creative Studies," Beal said. "Unfortunately, the dedication became a memorial in recognition of her gift. She was an extraordinarily generous woman."

"Josephine Ford was one of our most dedicated patrons during her lifetime," said Eugene A. Gargaro, DIA chairman of the board, "and this remarkable gift of art is a lasting testament of her devotion to the Detroit Institute of Arts. We are once again truly grateful for her generosity."

Josephine Ford's gifts to the DIA

"GIRL READING," BY PABLO PICASSO, 1938

The subject of the portrait was most certainly Argentinian photographer Dora Maar, Picasso's lover at the time. He painted many portraits of Maar and she photographed the creation of this painting. According to a press release from the Detroit Institute of Arts, the twisted profile pose and the compressed and flattened image of the face is characteristic of Picasso's work in the 1930s.



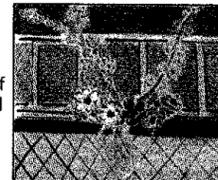
"SEATED NUDE WOMAN BRUSHING HER HAIR," BY EDGAR DEGAS, C. 1890-1900

Degas was apparently fascinated by women brushing their hair, as he used this theme in nearly 50 drawings. According to the DIA, the soft black, white, blue, brown and tan strokes of charcoal and pastel on the dusty blue-gray paper creates subtle and profound color.



"ANEMONES AND PEACH BLOSSOMS," BY HENRI MATISSE, 1944

According to the DIA, the work was created near the end of Matisse's life when he was working in Nice, France. The still life combines brilliant color with blossoms drawn in quick, black strokes.



"COCO," BY PIERRE-AUGUSTE RENOIR, 1905

The portrait is of the artist's third son, Claude, when he was about 4 years old. A DIA press release pointed out that the child's face is emphasized by a cloud of color around the head and the sketch treatment of the body and background.



"THE GREEN CIRCUS RIDER," BY MARC CHAGALL, 1961

Chagall was Russian, but preferred living in Paris with the avant-garde artists and writers of the day. He moved to New York City before World War II. His style remained quite constant, according to the DIA, with brilliant colors applied to delicate, weightless figures. Images of circus performers were frequent subjects of his work.



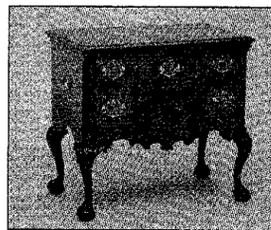
"GIRL IN A WHITE BLOUSE," BY AMEDEO MODIGLIANI, C. 1915

Modigliani created many studies of his friends and acquaintances, according to the DIA. The elongated figure is emphasized in this portrayal of a woman with a delicate, oval face and long neck.



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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF DETROIT

Interior designers selected for Show House

The Junior League of Detroit has selected the designers assigned to transform this year's Designers' Show House at 330 Lincoln Road, City of Grosse Pointe.

The home has more than 8,000 square feet of living space with surprising architectural features throughout. The rooms are large with high ceilings and detailed moldings. The home features six fireplaces and small anterooms precluding spacious rooms.

Designers located in the Grosse Pointes are: Charlene Blondy of Posterity: A Gallery, third floor hallway and Waterman Motors Display; Audrey Brennan of As You Like It Interiors, "Command Central;" D.J. Kennedy of Kennedy & Company, formal dining room; Patty Kloka of the Kloka Design Group, third floor guest bedroom; Jennifer Mitchell of the Jennifer Mitchell Design, "Gentlemen's Club" room; Karen Swanson of Accommodating Interiors, small foyer; and Joan Whitman of Joan Whitman Interior Design, formal living room.

Designers located in Harper Woods and Southfield are: Ray Dymon, Charles Bommarito and Brian Clay Collins from Marshall Field's Design Studios, Eastland and Northland Stores, great room.

Designers located in Plymouth are: Sharon Holton of Sharon A. Holton Interiors, second floor guest bedroom; and Jennifer Imamura of The Velvet Plum, "Teen Retreat."

Designers and studios located in Birmingham include: Jennifer Haver of Design In Time, "Secret Garden" on the third floor; Amy Pritchard and Kristi Karimpour from Maison Furniture, third floor room; Phyllis Whitehead of P.J. Whitehead's, great foyer; and Kevin Serba of Serba Interiors, "Escape."

Designers located in Pleasant Ridge are: Mark Johnson and Bob Endres from Mark Johnson & Associates, tiled sunroom.

Designers located in Royal Oak: Rick Carmody of Au Courant Interior Design, kitchen and keeping room.

Designers located in Rochester: David Michael Johns of DMJ Interiors, master suite.

Designers located in Troy are: Renea M. Lewis of Design By Choice, master suite sunroom; and Barbara Marini with the Student Chapter ASID/IADT Detroit, third floor bathroom connection.

The original owner of this home, Cameron Beach Waterman, invented the outboard motor in 1906. Even though he was captain of the rowing team at Yale, it is said he "hated to row." While repairing a motorcycle engine attached to the back of a chair, he conceived the idea of attaching a motor to a boat and the Waterman Marine Motor Co. was established.

Waterman also developed a gasoline-electric lighting plant for farms or districts remote from lighting systems. He



Marvin Hamlich

Marvin Hamlich will be the guest of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO) Volunteer Council at its Celebrity Luncheon at noon Friday, March 24 at the Townsend Hotel, Birmingham. Hamlich, an accomplished musician, entertainer and speaker, will speak and perform at this fundraiser to benefit the education and outreach programs of the DSO.

Co-chairs for the luncheon are Judy Agley of Grosse Pointe Park, Debbie Dingell of Dearborn and Roseanne Duncan of Bloomfield Hills.

Tickets cost \$75 for general admission; \$125 for patrons, includes valet parking; \$200 for benefactors, includes valet parking and a champagne reception with Hamlich prior to lunch. The \$1,000 sponsors will be seated with Hamlich at lunch and at the champagne reception; valet parking is included. For more information, call (313) 576-5154.

built his Grosse Pointe home in 1911 and shared it with his wife, Lois, two sons and a daughter. The Gothic-styled library was added on to the house for his daughter's debut.

The house has had three owners who preserved and restored many original details of the home and grounds.

The Designers' Show House is presented as the major fundraiser of the Junior League of Detroit. Held biennially since 1976, the event has raised more than \$3 million for projects and programs that help to elevate the lives of children in the city of Detroit.

Proceeds from this year's event will support a newly established committee committed to multiple small-scale projects in the 48215 ZIP code on the east side of Detroit. Past projects in that area include the renovation of the Monteith Branch of the Detroit Public Library and the Children's Hospital of Michigan's Pediatric Mobile Team east side locations. Currently, the Junior League of Detroit is building a chil-

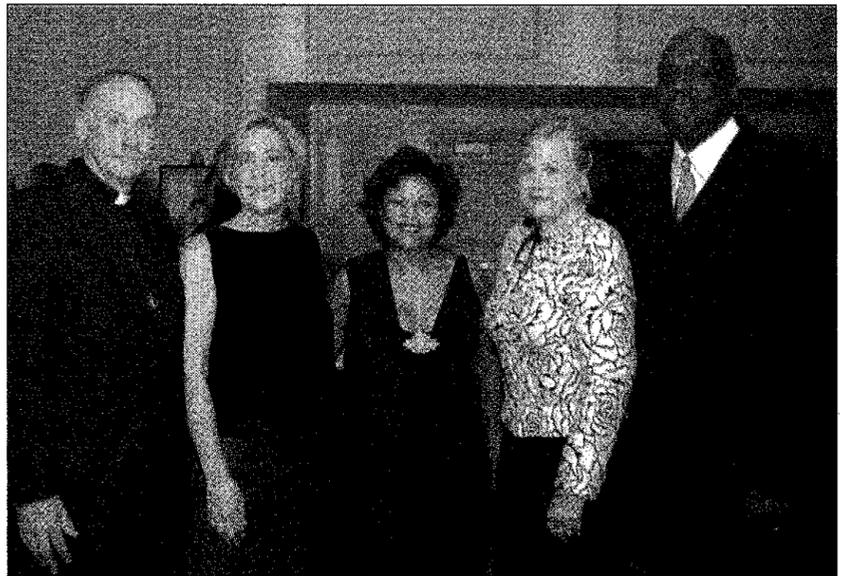
dren's "Creation Station" at the new Belle Isle Nature Zoo on Belle Isle.

Co-chairs of this Designers' Show House are Grosse Pointe Park residents Cynthia Hempstead, Julia Keim and Linda Smith.

The house will be open daily from Saturday, April 29, through Friday, May 26, and



Junior League of Detroit hosted a party for St. John Hospital Pediatric Oncology Unit for children affected by cancer.



Literacy Ball

The Northeast Guidance Center held its first Literacy Ball at the Marriott of Detroit Renaissance on Dec. 2. Some 150 guests attended the event benefiting The Family Life Center Program of NEGC. The event was hosted by Brother Frances Boylan of Boysville, Inc., and former resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, Jane Damren of Grosse Pointe Park, Cheryl Coleman, Executive Director NEGC, Sherry McRill of Grosse Pointe Park, and Curtis Longs, M.D., medical director.

closed on Mondays.

Hours are: Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Thursday, Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased prior to April 29 for \$15, or \$20 at the door throughout the event.

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PEDIATRIC BALL: The Junior League of Detroit hosted the seventh annual party for the Pediatric Oncology Unit of St. John Hospital in the ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Children currently treated at St. John Hospital for various types of cancer, ill with cancer, or whose cancer is in remission were the guests of honor.

The Junior League of Detroit originated the party seven years ago with Dr. Hadi Sawaf, section chief of the pediatric hematology/oncology department at St. John Hospital, to bring families together as a celebration of life.

"Paws," the Detroit Tigers'

mascot, Dan the Reptile Man from Little Creatures, manicures by Friends Hair and Nail Salon, and science projects by Mad Science added to the festivities.

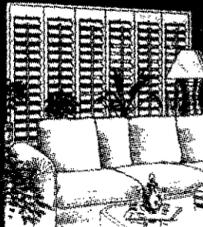
The children also participated in arts and crafts projects and face painting. Food was provided by National Coney Island and Nona's Pizza.

Children participated in a raffle to win one of eight prize packages and all children re-

ceived goodie bags.

"This is what Junior League is all about when you see the kids, smiling faces," said Susan Lesha and Sandra Cavataio, party organizers.

"We must all celebrate life." In partnership with the Detroit Zoo, the Junior League of Detroit offers educational, recreational and environmental conservation opportunities to Detroit children and their families.



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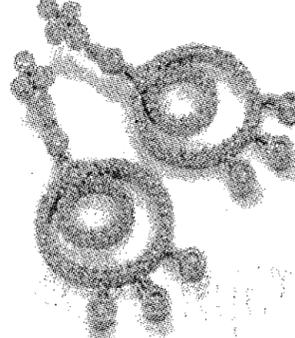
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Bishop Charles E. Jenkins, bishop of Louisiana, brings first-hand experience of the destruction and despair left behind by Hurricane Katrina. While working to rebuild cities and homes, he also works to rebuild faith among the disheartened and disenfranchised along the Gulf Coast.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

The evening begins with a 5:45 p.m. prayer, soup and salad

supper is 6 p.m. and the Purple Perspective lecture from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Supper reservations and on-site child care may be made by calling (313) 885-4841, ext. 114. The church is located at 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

"Sabbath Economics: The Stewardship of the Household," a two-day seminar, will be held at **St. John's Episcopal Church**, 26998 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak.

The seminar runs from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 24, and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, with presenter **Ched Myers**.

If you wonder What is

Sabbath economics? How do I use my assets for the benefit of the common good? How do I make economic changes in my life? How can I think differently about my household economics? This is the workshop for you.

Lay people, clergy, educators, members of stewardship teams and church members who seek ways to see God in the economics of the "household" should attend. This a repeat collaboration between the Lay Theological Academy and the Whitaker School of Theology.

Myers travels widely in an evangelistic ministry teaching biblical literacy and social analysis; resources groups

working for peace, social justice, church renewal and radical discipleship; and writes on issues of theology and social justice. He is co-founder and program director of **Bartimaeus Cooperative Ministries**, currently focused on "Sabbath Economics" and a seven-fold household covenant as a concrete way to challenge disciples to "recovery" related to four lifestyle issues and three money issues.

The cost is \$35 for the seminar; \$30 per person for groups of five or more; \$20 for Friday only; and \$10 for students. Bring a sack lunch on Saturday.

To register, call (248) 886-4301.

PASTOR'S CORNER

By Hamid Dana

The importance of context

A few days ago, near the end of an interfaith discussion group, one of the participants said, "I'm happy to learn that not all Muslims believe everything that's written in the Qur'an." Naturally, my response was, "We didn't say that."

I don't know of any practicing Muslim who doesn't believe in the entirety of the Qur'an. It is for us the word of God. But, as in any text, taking a passage without understanding its context can lead to gross misinterpretation.

The person mentioned above had been reading an English translation of the Qur'an and had encountered the phrase, "Take not the Jews and the Christians for your friends."

In this case there are two contexts to be considered: historical and textual. Historically, that passage was revealed at a time when certain Jewish and Christian leaders were hostile toward the Muslim community. The Arabic word, translated in the above phrase as "friends," also has the meaning of guardian or "protector." Turning for security to one who wishes you harm is not a wise thing to do. In some cases, it could be considered treason.

Furthermore, and this takes us into the textual context, it is explicitly stated in other verses that this admonition does not apply to all Christians and Jews, or other non-Muslims:

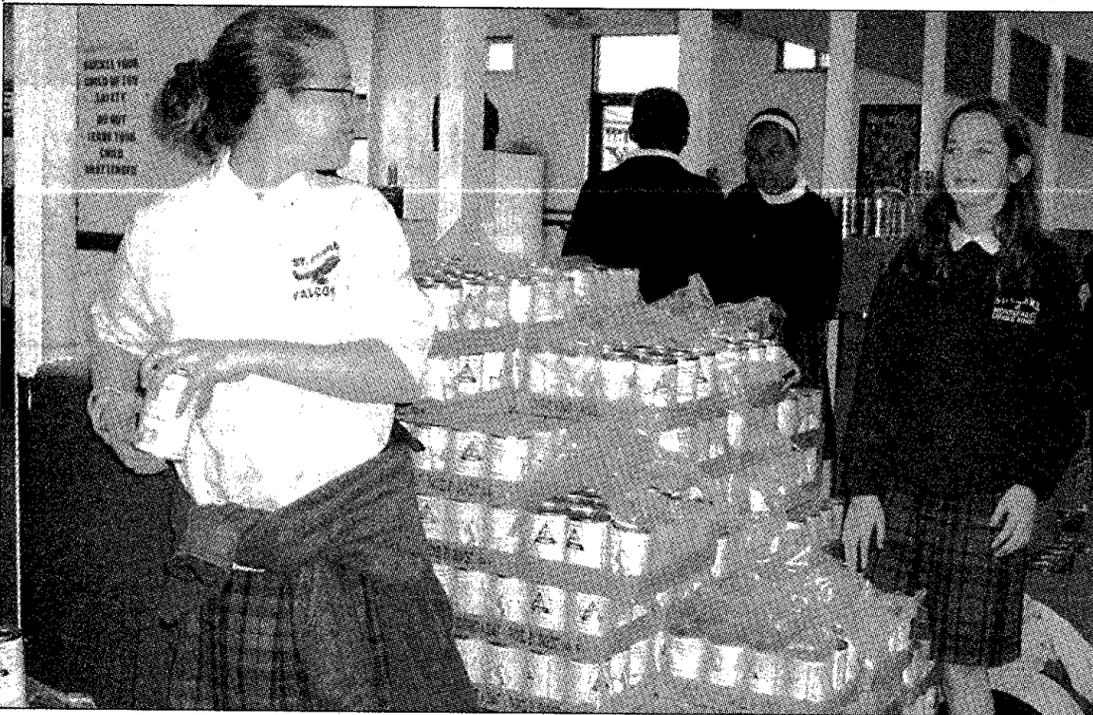
"Not all of them are alike: Of the People of the Book are a portion that stand for the right." (Qur'an, 3:113); and,

"God forbids you not, with regard to those who fight you not for (your) Faith nor drive you out of your homes, from dealing kindly and justly with them: for God loves those who are just. God only forbids you, with regard to those who fight you for (your) Faith, and drive you out of your homes, and support (others) in driving you out, from turning to them (for friendship and protection). It is such as turn to them (in these circumstances) that do wrong." (Qur'an, 60:8,9).

It is a maxim of Qur'anic exegesis that the best interpretation of the Qur'an is the Qur'an itself, and therefore any interpretation resulting in discord between one verse and another is faulty.

Enemies of Islam are fond of taking verses of the Qur'an out of context to advance their agendas, and sadly so do some Muslim extremists. Happily, my conversation partner on that day was neither of those.

Hamid Dana is chairman of the Outreach Committee at the Albanian Islamic Center in Harper Woods.



Lending a hand

The seventh-graders at St. Clare of Montefalco volunteered their time at Focus: Hope. Founded in 1968 to provide "intelligent and practical actions to overcome racism, poverty and injustice," the organization provides supplemental food for 43,000 people every month. The field trip showed the students how they can work to make a difference in the lives of others. They helped in the Food Resource Center for more than an hour by assisting seniors shop, stacking food, shelving books and welcoming all who came in that day. This field trip kicked off the seventh-graders' two-year commitment to service as they grow in discipleship. Student volunteers included Christa Balow and Marion Berger.

Star governing board elected

Gregory L. Ulrich, a partner at the law firm of Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho, has been elected president of Our Lady Star of the Sea School Community.

Cristine Berms was elected vice president and LeeAnn Seymour secretary.

The 15-member committee makes recommendations for the school's operations and collaborates with the parish council and pastor.

Our Lady Star of the Sea is a 470-student Catholic school

in Grosse Pointe Woods, with grades preschool through eighth.

Ulrich, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident, concentrates his legal practice on business litigation, real estate, technology, estates, dispute resolution and governmental matters.

Berms heads the finance committee and has experience in budgeting.

Seymour is a sales director with Freescale Semiconductor Inc.

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Beans, corn, squash: Pointe food

By Doug Cordier
Special Writer

Lakeshore is an anachronistic, ancient Indian trail and one of the most beautiful residential thoroughfares in the United States, if not the whole planet. Every time I skirt along the western shore of Lake St. Clair, I am inspired, and it gets me thinking.

What was it like in the very early days of Grosse Pointe when the indigenous Indians and French "habitants" traveled these waters and land to carve out an existence in a wilderness? How did they survive 300 years ago, and most of all, where did they get their food?

As I pondered this ancient culinary conundrum, I made it a point to once again don my historian cap. I wanted to investigate those original, sketchy days of Grosse Pointe. As always, my first stop was our local historical society. I met with Suzy Berschback, curator of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society and co-author of "Grosse Pointe 1880s-1930."

Berschback knows just about everything about "the old days" and is always willing to help. She filled me in on plenty of our area's local history. Then, as a "special bonus," she gave me the name of Marguerite Humes. Berschback told me Humes literally "wrote the book" on food in our earliest years, and she lives right here on the east side. Lucky me!

I contacted Humes, who is an editor and the author of "Celebrating 300 Years of Detroit Cooking." Over a very long morning coffee, she painted a colorful and intriguing picture of where our food came from before Kroger and Farmer Jack arrived on the scene.

Humes explained many of the "habitants" lived on "ribbon farms" granted to them by the French in the 1700s. These tiny farms were only 200 to 400 feet wide, but extended inland as far as three miles, thus the name, "ribbon farms."

In those early days, it was very important to be friends with the Indians, because "they had the food," said Humes. Our area was inhabited by friendly Miami, Huron, Fox, Chippewa, Ottawa and Potawatomi tribes.

Indians made use of many native indigenous flora and fauna. One of their most nutritious concoctions was a mixture of pulverized venison and fish, bear grease and berries. Yum.

"Foodstuffs such as rabbits, squirrels, fish, berries, mush-



PHOTO COURTESY GROSSE POINTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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rooms, wild dandelion and watercress were commonly traded for by the early Grosse Pointers," she said. Interested in an authentic, quick-and-easy, 1750-style recipe for roast squirrel? Try this culinary delight.

Roast Squirrel

Throw freshly killed squirrel into fire to burn off the fur.

Remove the pelt, scrape with a knife or sharp rock.

Wash squirrel well with water and wood ashes until the skin turns white.

Remove the innards.

Cook on stick before fire until brown.

The habitants lived in hand-hewn cabins. In each of these early households, cooking was done over an open fire in the hearth. Every hearth had a swing arm and a hook. Three-legged iron pots, called "spiders," were commonly used to make wild game stews of all kinds, Humes said. Many of the French families brought seeds with them. Corn, beans and squash (called the "Three Sisters") provided a very nutritious addition to many meals.

"Special foods were sweetened with maple sugar, which became the same as a local native currency," Humes said.

Eventually, the habitants began to farm the area. Because the ribbon farms were so narrow, the area never developed into a booming farm community. Instead, many early Grosse Pointers planted family gardens and fruit orchards, which better suited the land accommodations. "Some of these early pear trees can still be found

in local back yards," said Humes.

"Eventually, as French trading posts grew, and more merchants arrived, enterprising Grosse Pointers would transport their goods to and from markets by horse cart or even two-wheel carts similar to those used in the Laurentian Valley."

After the great fire that destroyed Detroit in 1805, the city and roads were rebuilt and commerce expanded. By the 1830s, larger food markets were established for the brisk trade that ensued. One of these first markets was the Gratiot Central Market, located on the east side of Woodward behind the old city hall.

In 1830, the Erie Canal opened, thus increasing the flow of goods into Detroit. Early Grosse Pointers could purchase pots, pans and tinned items for cooking at The Housekeepers Palace on Woodward. With the addition of better cooking supplies and stoves (Detroit was also the center of iron stove manufacturing), more complex meal preparation became possible. The better equipment, no doubt, spawned the popularity of the latest culinary fad: the cookbook. Now cooks and homemakers could follow the latest in food preparation and

Nun's Puffs

Boil one pint of milk with half pound of butter, stir them into three quarters of a pound of flour and let them cool. Then add nine eggs, yolks and whites to be beaten separately, and whites to be added last. Fill tins half full and bake. When done, sprinkle with white sugar while hot. Very nice with tea.

culinary trends.

Early recipes were written in paragraph form as seen in this example, Nun's Puffs, from the mid-1800s.

As the Grosse Pointe area grew and prospered, so did the population. By the 1850s, Detroit had become a major center for the manufacture of hard goods and food products exported to the East Coast.

Humes added, "Soon hotels, restaurants, museums, theaters and even zoos were built to accommodate the burgeoning higher class of traveler. At the Benjamin Woodworth Hotel, a man could rent a special stall, take a hot bath, including a bar of soap, and two towels for 25 cents. A complete meal cost 20 cents."

More new eating establishments popped up like mushrooms overnight.

Grosse Pointe also featured small inns, restaurants and markets where food could be procured. Early examples of this bygone age still exist.

For instance, the four-family apartment house at 342 Rivard was one of Grosse Pointe's first grocery stores. John Hoben, who has owned the property for the past 25 years, commented, "The property was originally the Parent Grocery

Store, and was always owned by the Parent family. We're not sure, but we believe it served in this capacity even before the turn of the century."

Another early storefront that is now a residence is owned by Roberta Hill. She told me, "This 100-year-old farmhouse (232 Kerby Road) was in fact operated as a storefront by the two widows who lived there. A few Grosse Pointers still remember buying their sweets here during the 1930s."

One of those who remembers the old storefront is Ben Daume: "I was 5 years old at the time. It was a big adventure. I walked all the way from La Salle, across Kercheval to the corner of Kerby and Ridge. They had all the great penny stuff."

Today, we take the procurement of food as just another convenience. Exotic fares from all over the world are offered for our consumption. As I discovered, this is a far cry from our early days when obtaining food for the table was a very serious endeavor.

Learning about how our early neighbors managed their need for sustenance has helped me to connect with our past. I can just imagine what it must have been like when having enough to eat was not as-

sure. Perhaps you can, too. If you would like to take a look back at the past and see how you or your family are connected to your area's history, start with a trip to your local library or historical society or just go to www.gphistorical.gov, and as the French "habitants" would say, bon appetit!

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Preservation Wayne, Detroit's oldest architectural preservation organization, will hold a volunteer recruitment meeting for people who love Detroit and want to get involved, at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 11, at 500 Griswold, one block west of Woodward, in Detroit.

Founded in 1975, Preservation Wayne is celebrating 30 years of promoting, preserving and protecting Detroit's unique buildings and neighborhoods.

The association restores buildings and has been honored by the Michigan Historic Preservation Network and the National Trust for Historic Preservation for its many projects and programs over the years.

Preservation Wayne provides tours for the general public, workshops and technical

assistance for the development community and for historic building owners, lectures and classes on architectural history for students from the fourth grade through college level,

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Urology institute appoints vice chair

Hans J. Stricker, M.D., F.A.C.S., senior staff urologist of the Vattikuti Urology Institute at Henry Ford Hospital, has been appointed vice chairman of the Vattikuti Urology Institute. Stricker lives in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Stricker will oversee one of the largest urology programs in the nation with nearly 20 board-certified urologists and researchers who treat more than 50,000 patients annually at Henry Ford Hospital and the Henry Ford Medical Centers in

Dearborn, West Bloomfield and Sterling Heights.

Stricker graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School and completed his residency in urology at the University of Michigan Hospitals.

He joined Henry Ford Hospital in 1993, where he specializes in the treatment of cancers of the prostate, bladder and kidney. He is currently working with the Department of Radiation Oncology researching gene therapy for

prostate cancer. He has performed several different types of robotic surgery including nearly 200 robotic prostatectomies.

Stricker is a board-certified member of the American Urologic Association and a member of the Southwest Oncology Group and American College of Surgeons.

The Vattikuti Urology Institute at Henry Ford Hospital is the leader in robotic prostatectomies — the minimally invasive surgical re-



Dr. Hans J. Stricker

moval of the prostate and surrounding tissue as a method for treating prostate cancer. It has performed more of these operations than any hospital in the world.

Vans donated to Henry Ford health project

Two Ford Freestar vans were recently donated to the School-Based Health Initiative at Henry Ford Health System, a project aimed at improving the health of children and teens in metropolitan Detroit.

The vans were donated by Grosse Pointe Farms residents Edsel and Cynthia Ford, longtime leaders in charity and community work.

The School-Based Health

Initiative takes primary and preventive care to area schools where it may be the only health care a child receives.

The health initiative recently launched mobile health units at five K-8 or high schools in Detroit. Under the project, each school has a room set aside for students to meet with the health team one day a week. With the vans filled with medical supplies (vaccines, hearing test and blood pressure equipment, etc.), a nurse and a medical assistant travel to a school each day to meet and evaluate students and provide primary care services.

"The generous contribution by Edsel and Cynthia Ford provides for necessary and vital services to teens and children in the city," said Kathleen Conway, director of the School-Based Health Initiative at Henry Ford. "Today Henry Ford has 11 sites serving 14 schools, nine school-based programs, one mobile unit, and one community-based site, the largest number of school-based health programs in the state managed under one entity."

The Henry Ford sites handle nearly 20,000 patient visits each year. A 1999 evaluation found that standardized test scores in the schools with Henry Ford health centers were 23 percent higher than their non-clinic counterparts across the city.

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U-M studies blood pressure genetics

By Kara Gavin

University of Michigan researchers are studying what genes might be involved in blood pressure, and how they are inherited. By studying those genes, they hope to get earlier diagnosis and better treat blood pressure.

Recently, Alan Weder, M.D., U-M cardiologist and blood pressure specialist, and member of the U-M Cardiovascular Center, and his colleagues reported the discovery of a link between high blood pressure and a particular gene variation.

Using DNA samples from Tecumseh, Mich., residents and their blood pressure records, Weder and his colleagues found a gene involved in regulating the chemical dopamine in the brain and body is also involved in regulating blood pressure.

The discovery may help explain why some people develop high blood pressure and others don't — and why blood pressure sometimes increases with age. It also gives new insight into how the kidneys govern the balance of salt in the body, a crucial task for regulating blood pressure. Even more, the study reveals how a gene already linked to behavior and mental health can play a role in the body as well.

"We're just in the process of identifying genes for hypertension," says Weder. "Studying the genetics of hypertension may allow us to predict who is going to get it before they do. And if we could predict the individual characteristics that would put someone at risk for hypertension, presumably we

HEALTH COLUMN By Jeff and Debra Jay

Beer's health pitch?



Dear Jeff and Debra:

My husband is a heavy drinker. It's probably accurate to call him an alcoholic. He drinks about a six-pack of beer on weeknights and more on Saturdays. He rarely appears drunk, but his mood always changes for the worse. After a few beers, he doesn't want to engage in family activities or help around the house. He never used to drink on Sundays because we are a religious family and attend church twice on the Sabbath. But now I can smell alcohol on his breath by early afternoon, and he often skips Sunday evening services. I've told him he needs to quit drinking, but he tells me drinking is healthy. His dad had a heart attack five years ago and so now my husband tells me he drinks for his heart. When I try to reason with him, he tells me to take a look at all the positive reports in the press. How do I get through to him?

— AT MY WITS' END

Dear Wits' End:

According to the president of the American Heart Association, studies do not prove that alcohol is responsible for health improvement, only that there is an association between the two. A new study released by the National Institutes of Health, for instance, finds that people who drink the least amount of alcohol have the healthiest diets. The more someone drinks, the poorer their diet. It may be diet, not alcohol, that is the true indicator of improved health.

"Clarifying the relationship between alcohol consumption and diet quality is an important step in determining the extent to which diet influences studies of alcohol and cardiovascular outcomes," explains Dr. Rosalind Breslow.

Breslow and her colleagues analyzed data collected from

more than 3,000 participants in an ongoing survey of representative cross-sectional samples of the U.S. population.

Your husband and others will benefit from understanding that research on alcohol's health benefits is not meant as a prescription for America and has been wrongly presented as such through the media. The beverage-alcohol industry, limited by federal regulations, can't make health claims through advertising. It instead uses third parties to circumvent laws to spread a message about alcohol and health. The focus has been largely to convince abstainers to begin consuming moderate amounts of alcohol rather than encourage heavy drinkers to reduce their intake.

For example, Anheuser-Busch, according to The Wall Street Journal, has a medical doctor from Harvard speaking on its behalf. His lectures to medical journalists extol the benefits of moderate drinking and make the point that drinking beer provides the same health benefits as wine. This echoes back to the 1960s when cigarette companies carried out a similar campaign: finding physicians to hawk the results of research that "proved" that people who smoked a few cigarettes a day were healthier than those who didn't.

Your husband is exhibiting signs of alcoholism and needs a professional assessment at an alcohol treatment center. Contact Brighton Hospital or Maple Grove for an appointment. If your husband refuses, learn about family intervention. Go to the Grosse Pointe Public Library and check out a copy of "Love First: A New Approach to Intervention." It'll give you a complete roadmap on how to help your husband.

Jeff Jay and Debra Jay are the authors of "Love First: A New Approach to Intervention for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction," and Debra Jay is the co-author of "Aging and Addiction." Both are Hazelden publications. Jeff and Debra Jay are professional interventionists who live in Grosse Pointe Farms. They may be contacted with your questions at (313) 882-6921 or www.lovefirst.net.

interventions to everyone. If we had some way of identifying individuals who would respond to a particular drug or intervention, we could spend our time treating them for what's really wrong."

For information, call (888) 287-1082.

One in every four American adults has high blood pressure, and many don't know it. About 90 percent of middle-aged Americans will develop high blood pressure in their lifetime, and nearly 70 percent of people with high blood pressure do not have it under control.

GENETICS:
Many people don't know

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could figure out strategies to intervene and prevent the disease."

Researchers are hopeful the research will help in the development of better treatments for high blood pressure.

"Currently, we don't have a good way of predicting whether someone will respond to a particular lifestyle intervention or a particular drug," says Weder. "And for that reason, we spend a lot of time trying to apply all

Lymphedema could be cause of swelling

By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

Q. My 12-year-old niece has had swelling of her leg, ankle and foot for the past two years. X-rays and scans of her legs are normal. We would like to obtain a second opinion but don't know what type of specialist to see. Your thoughts, please?

—N.G.

A. One possibility for your niece's swelling is lymphedema, a disruption of the lymph vessels.

Those vessels siphon fluid that bathes tissues and cells and return it to the circulation. If there is an obstruction in those channels, fluid stays in the tissues and causes them to swell.

X-TRA SPECIAL ADVICE By Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan

Spend entertainment dollars on fundraisers



There are two wonderful reasons to attend fundraisers. You want to give money to a good cause — and you want to have a good time.

With many organizations having budget issues because of our not-so-healthy economy, there are many fundraisers from which to choose.

With many family budgets also having cash-flow problems, it may be difficult to decide whether you can afford to attend a fundraiser.

If you have to choose between entertainment costs or fundraiser donations, why not choose a fundraiser to be your entertainment?

Here are entertaining choices for your March, April and May calendars.

◆ St. Philomena Parish will host its annual Spaghetti

Dinner on Sunday, March 26, from noon to 4 p.m. in the Social Hall at the Activities Building at 4281 Marseilles, Detroit (the first block north of Mack, across from Rivard). Your free-will offering goes toward summer program costs for children with special needs who are parish members.

Part of the 2005 dinner's proceeds paid for Andrew's summer speech therapy and occupational therapy. Other parish children attended various summer camps (including Just Kids Camp at the Neighborhood Club), were tutored at home, and received various types of therapy. It's a wonderful gift from the parish to families who know how having a child with special needs can break a budget.

St. Philomena's dinner includes tasty all-you-can-eat pasta with homemade meatballs and sauce, salad, bread, drinks and a delicious dessert table compliments of many wonderful bakers in the parish. You'll have friendly servers if you stay to eat your pasta, but carry-out service is also available.

◆ STARS-kids will host its Run for the Roses Dinner Dance, Silent Auction and Triple Crown Cash Raffle on Saturday, April 1, from 7 p.m. to midnight at Best Western Sterling Inn in Sterling Heights. Seeking Techniques Advancing Research in Shunts — STARS-kids — is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization working to eliminate complications associated with hydrocephalus and shunts.

You may help STARS-kids by buying a raffle ticket for \$10 (or three for \$25). You'll have a chance to win up to \$5,000. Buying a ticket to attend the dinner dance and silent auction also supports STARS-kids. Buy an ad from \$25 to \$150 and be listed in a book that is distributed at this fundraiser and two others later in the year.

Learn more by visiting www.STARS-kids.org or call (586) 206-9012.

◆ Special Olympics Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods will host its Bowl for Special Olympics fundraiser on Friday, May 19, at Harbor Lanes in St. Clair Shores. The event is in the

planning stages and there are still many opportunities to help raise funds — via lane sponsorships, gift and cash donations for the silent auction — to lower the costs of uniforms, equipment and training, as well as covering fees to attend local and state competitions.

Last year's athletes competed in basketball, bowling, and track and field events. Swimming is being added to this year's list of competitions for the local athletes who must be age 8 or older. The group is excited to report membership has grown over the past year.

For more information on Special Olympics Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods and how to contribute to the bowling fundraiser, contact Chris Beck at (313) 343-5375.

Grosse Pointe residents Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan created this column to share experiences from their journey as parents of a child with Fragile X Syndrome [fragilex.org and fraxa.org]. Send your questions or comments to ag5046@wayne.edu or mblangan@hotmail.com.

Diabetic retinopathy can lead to blindness

More than 130,000 people in Michigan may have a disease that could lead to blindness and don't even know it. The disease is called diabetic retinopathy and the only way it can be detected is through a dilated eye exam by a medical professional.

Just as it sounds, diabetic retinopathy occurs in people who have diabetes. Estimates from the Michigan Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System indicate that as many as 400,000 people in Michigan have diabetes, but fewer than half of them receive an annual dilated eye examination. The National Institutes of Health estimates that one-third of the people with diabetes in Michigan have diabetic retinopathy. Diabetic retinopathy is the most common eye disease among people with diabetes.

That is why the Michigan Department of Community Health's Diabetic Prevention and Control Program, Michigan Optometric Association, SouthEast Michigan Diabetes Outreach Network, the Lions Club of Michigan, Optometric Institute and Clinic of Metropolitan Detroit, local retinal specialists and former University of Detroit basketball coach Dick Vitale have come together to form Michigan Eyes on Diabetes, a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising public awareness of this silent disease that could rob you of your eyesight.

Diabetic retinopathy damages the tiny blood vessels inside the retina, the light-sensitive tissue at the back of the eye, leading to blurry vision or blindness. The only way for diabetic retinopathy to be diagnosed is through a dilated eye exam by an eye care profes-

sional. Once detected, diabetic retinopathy can usually be treated through laser surgery that seals the leaks.

A typical dilated pupil eye exam costs about \$150, and is covered by most major medical insurance and Medicare for senior citizens. Michigan Eyes on Diabetes has doctors who are willing to provide exams for those people who are uninsured and are without the financial resources to pay for an exam and meet certain requirements. A majority of these exams will be performed at the Optometric Institute and Clinic of Metropolitan Detroit, when funding is available. Currently, Optical Dimensions of Royal Oak is donating a percentage of its revenue toward Michigan Eyes on Diabetes to cover the cost of these exams.

Continuing his commitment in the fight against diabetes, former University of Detroit basketball coach and current ESPN college basketball analyst, Vitale urges people with diabetes to be checked annually for diabetic retinopathy.

"If you or a loved one has diabetes, get a dilated eye examination every year. Ask your family eye doctor or call Michigan Eyes on Diabetes," Vitale said. "It's awesome, baby! You may be able to prevent loss of eyesight with an annual dilated eye examination. Damage from diabetes can be detected and at times be stopped, before you're slammed."

Michigan Eyes on Diabetes is a direct outgrowth on Healthy Eyes - Healthy People 2010, which was developed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to improve Americans' health regardless of income, race or ethnicity.

Michigan Eyes on Diabetes is a collaboration of community agencies and eye care providers dedicated to educating people with diabetes on the importance of having an

annual dilated eye exam. For more information, call Michigan Eyes on Diabetes at (313) 872-6011.

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Understanding weight-loss surgery

By Randal Baker, M.D., F.A.C.S.

Today's headlines are filled with news on obesity and its continued rise across the nation. The most recent report released by the Trust for America's Health ranks Michigan 6th in the United States for rates of adult obesity. More than one quarter of Michigan's residents (25.3 percent) are now considered obese.

What is obesity? In order to describe and treat this condition, doctors use a uniform medical standard called Body Mass Index (BMI) — a measure of body fat based on height and weight. A person is considered obese when he or she has a BMI of 30 or greater. A person is considered morbidly obese with a BMI of 40 or greater. You can calculate your BMI online at mmpc.com/specialties/cfhe/weight/bmi.

As the awareness of this issue continues to increase, so do the options. Now, more than ever, physicians have a wide range of tools to help patients return to a healthy body weight.

One of these weight-loss tools is bariatric surgery. It is important to understand surgery is not for everyone. In fact, the National Institutes of Health state that surgery for obesity is largely reserved for those approximately 100 or more pounds overweight, with a BMI of 40 or greater — the morbidly obese.

Having a BMI greater than 40, however, is not the only criteria for weight loss surgery. The morbidly obese often have other medical problems including: Type II diabetes, hypertension, coronary artery disease, obstructive sleep apnea, gallbladder disease and acid reflux.

Individuals with high-risk conditions and a BMI of 35 to 40 may also meet the criteria for surgery. A qualified physician and surgeon should be consulted to determine if surgery is an appropriate option.

Surgery for weight loss has existed since the 1960s, and the number of surgeries performed annually has increased as a result of new technology and improved surgical techniques. The most common weight loss surgery today is Roux-en-Y gastric bypass (RYGB). RYGB involves creating a small pouch, generally no bigger than an egg, in the top part of the stomach. A feeling of fullness is achieved when the pouch is filled with small amounts of food, helping patients to eat less and lose weight.

RYGB is usually performed laparoscopically rather than by a traditional open incision. A laparoscopic procedure involves the placement of six tiny incisions in the abdominal wall. The advantages of the laparoscopic method are that the hospital stay is generally minimized (one to two days), and the total recovery period is much shorter.

More recently, the FDA has approved a new tool for surgical weight loss called the Laparoscopic Adjustable Gastric Band or Lap-Band. This technique involves plac-

ing an adjustable silicone band around the top of the stomach. The band can then be adjusted by a surgeon who inflates the band with saline solution.

Lap-Band does not involve any stapling of the stomach or bowel, and is therefore less invasive. It is also adjustable and reversible — two benefits not associated with RYGB. The downside is that Lap-Band patients tend to lose weight more slowly than those with RYGB. However, Lap-Band is appropriate for patients who don't meet the criteria for RYGB because of certain chronic diseases or illness.

Surgery is never a quick fix. It is simply a tool to a lifetime of change. Patients who elect to pursue such a procedure still have to work very hard to change fundamental habits and mindsets.

Obesity is a complex problem, and each individual's situation is unique. If you are contemplating bariatric surgery, be sure to do your homework and work closely with your physician every step of the way. Look for a program that embraces a multidisciplinary approach and includes lifelong follow-up. Look for a program that offers nutritional and behavioral counseling along with lifelong support groups.

Make sure you select a surgeon who has proven experience and performs a large

number of surgeries. A national patient safety group, the Leapfrog Group for Patient Safety, cites hospital and physician experience, and volumes as important measures of surgical outcomes. Leapfrog also states that more than 100 studies have demonstrated better results at high-volume hospitals for high-risk procedures. Successful bariatric patients must have an ongoing commitment to a healthy lifestyle. Surgery isn't the end; it's just the beginning.

The risks of surgery should not be downplayed. At the same time, we must acknowledge the serious and increasing risks of morbid obesity. As this epidemic continues to grow, so does the awareness of obesity as a disease. And, just like any other disease or public health crisis, we continually look for new ways to treat it.

Randal Baker M.D., F.A.C.S. is the medical director of the Spectrum Health/MMPC bariatric program in Grand Rapids. He performs bariatric surgery at Spectrum Health's Blodgett Campus, an American Society of Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence. Additionally, he is a leading bariatric medicine researcher and an assistant professor of surgery at Michigan State University. Reach Baker and the MMPC staff via e-mail at mailto:weightlossspecialists@mmpc.com.

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Who is at risk?

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

Symptoms may include extreme tiredness, excessive thirst, blurred vision and frequent urination throughout the night; some people have only one or two symptoms. Diabetic retinopathy can get worse over time and cause vision loss and possible blindness. An eye doctor can detect early diabetic retinopathy through a dilated eye exam and treat the disease before a person has permanent damage to eyesight.

WHAT KIND OF DAMAGE DOES DIABETIC RETINOPATHY DO?

Diabetic retinopathy causes blood vessels in the retina to swell and leak fluid. To replace the damaged blood vessels, the eye grows abnormally fragile new blood vessels on the surface of the retina. These new blood vessels are prone to leaking, too. Finally, the blood and fluid leaking into the eye can cause blurred vision or even blindness.

HOW IS DIABETIC RETINOPATHY DETECTED?

The only way to detect the disease is through a dilated eye exam. During the exam, an eye care professional puts drops in the eye to dilate (widen) the pupil to get a better look at the back of the eye. By widening the pupil, the examiner can then use specialized equipment to get a magnified view of the retina.

CAN DIABETIC RETINOPATHY BE TREATED?

Yes. In most cases a retinal specialist can treat diabetic retinopathy through laser surgery. During the procedure, the specialist uses a laser, which is a high-powered beam of light, to shrink or seal the abnormal blood vessels. The laser beam affects only the tissue it is focused on, and does not damage other tissue. Laser surgery cannot restore vision that has already been lost, but may prevent further loss. With early detection and treatment, the risk of blindness is reduced by 95 percent.

LASER SURGERY? IS THIS LIKE THE LASIK PROCEDURE?

No, this procedure does not correct poor vision. The only thing the laser does in this procedure is cauterize or seal a leaky blood vessel.

I HAVE DIABETES. HOW OFTEN SHOULD I GET MY EYES CHECKED?

You need to have a dilated examination at least once a year to make sure there's no bleeding in your eyes.

HOW MUCH DOES THE PROCEDURE COST?

Typically, a dilated eye exam costs \$150. Some eye care professionals charge a little more, some charge a little less.

WILL MY EYE EXAM BE COVERED BY MY INSURANCE OR MEDICARE?

Your eye exam should be covered under your major medical insurance. The exam is also covered under Medicare for seniors.

WHAT IF I CAN'T AFFORD THE PROCEDURE? WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?

Michigan Eyes on Diabetes has doctors (in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties) who are willing to provide exams to those people who are uninsured, are without the financial resources to pay for an exam and meet the requirements. Most of these exams will be performed at the Optometric Institute and Clinic of Metropolitan Detroit, when funding is available. Currently, Optical Dimensions of Royal Oak is funding Michigan Eyes on Diabetes to cover the cost of these exams.

I HAVE DIABETES AND HAVE ALREADY SEEN AN EYE DOCTOR. HOW CAN I BE SURE THAT I'M BEING THOROUGHLY CHECKED FOR DIABETIC RETINOPATHY?

Your doctor must dilate your pupils and ask you about your blood sugar. Whether you like it or not, your doctor should be clear about the risks of having diabetes, because if you fail to control your diabetes, you are at risk of losing toes, a leg, your eyesight or your life.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION OR MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH AN EYE CARE PROFESSIONAL?

If you don't have a family eye care professional, call Michigan Eyes on Diabetes at (313) 872-6011 or visit www.michiganeyesondiabetes.net for a list of participating eye doctors.

WHAT IS MICHIGAN EYES ON DIABETES?

Michigan Eyes on Diabetes is a collaboration of community agencies and eye care providers dedicated to educating persons with diabetes on the importance of having an annual dilated eye exam. If you already have an eye doctor, make sure you visit annually for a dilated eye exam. If you do not have an eye care provider or if you do not have medical insurance and have no ability to pay for the exam, contact the organization.

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Okay, let's talk about something in dentistry that gets a bad rap: root canals. I understand that root canals (removal of the nerve from inside of a tooth) are not as fun as watching UofM beat MSU, but they can be painless and are actually instrumental in saving a tooth. The alternative is the removal of the tooth! When a cavity reaches the nerve of the tooth, or if a tooth

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Join your mayor for lunch March 22

March has been proclaimed March for Meals Month in all of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

In an effort to draw public awareness to the homebound seniors in their community, the mayors of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods issued proclamations encouraging residents to ensure seniors are provided the nutritional means to maintain their lives in independence and dignity.

Wednesday, March 22, will officially be known as Mayors for Meals Day. More than 235 mayors from across the country will be delivering meals to

the homebound seniors in their city.

While this is the first year for this major event nationwide, it is the second time local mayors have delivered to the homebound.

The meals program is a lifetime for seniors, providing a hot nutritionally balanced meal five days a week. The success of the program relies heavily on donations and volunteers.

Volunteers deliver a hot meal and provide a smiling face and a safety check. Volunteers then report back with any problems or concerns regarding the seniors they see.

All the mayors in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods are members of the national steer-

ing committee for the Meals on Wheels Association of America, which is working on a major publicity campaign promoting this special event.

Services for Older Citizens invites the public to join the mayors for lunch at 11:15 a.m. on March 22. For more information or to make a reservation for lunch, call the SOC office at (313) 882-9600.

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping older citizens maintain their lives in independence and dignity. SOC was founded in 1978 to provide comprehensive services for seniors in the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

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SOC upcoming events

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) will hold the following events at the SOC office, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

◆ "Travelogue and Artifacts of Ireland" will be held at 11:15 a.m. Monday, March 13. Guest speaker is Maryann Judge. See Ireland via digital photography as three generations journey to

the southeast coast of Ireland.

◆ Oldies but Goodies Singer, Douglas Whitaker, will perform at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, March 15. Whitaker sings a combination of standards — rock and roll, Motown and country from the '40s, '50s, '60s and '70s. Lunch will be served and dancing held.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at SOC

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) will celebrate St. Patrick's Day from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 17, at the SOC offices, 17150 Waterloo in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The celebration includes

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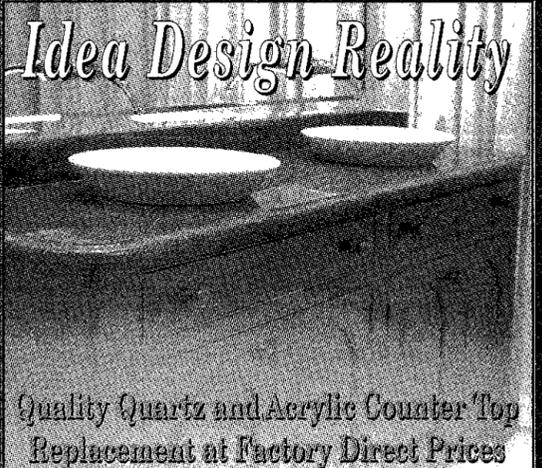
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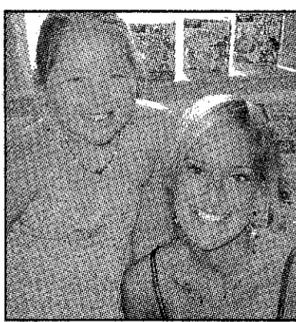


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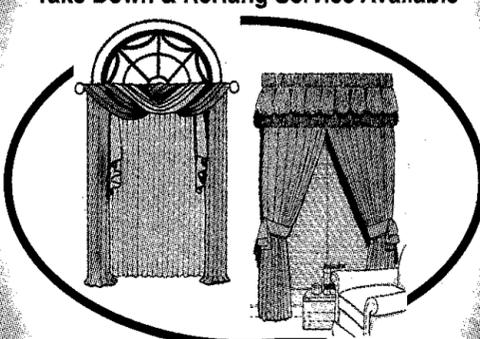
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Machines allow a more controlled exercise motion and are more popular with women. Walking or running on a treadmill for 30 minutes burns more than enough calories to satisfy any exercise buff.

Grosse Pointe women serious about staying fit

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Women are turning more and more to fitness to sustain and balance their busy lives.

Grosse Pointe residents don't have to travel far to either join a fitness club or purchase a piece of exercise equipment.

Your Time Fitness For Women, located on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods, caters to female clients of all ages.

"We want women to feel comfortable when they're here working out, and we're serious about helping women lose weight or stay toned," owner Annette Cyburt said. "We have the perfect setting to help our clients lose weight and keep that weight off."

"I'm excited about coming here to work out," Grosse Pointe Woods resident Jo Mikula said. "I like to stay fit, and this will be the perfect place for me."

American Home Fitness, located on Mack near St. John Hospital and Medical Center, offers exercise equipment for women (and men) to shed excess pounds and stay toned.

"We have treadmills and elliptical machines that are very popular selling items for women," General Manager Kevin Temerowski said. "We're here to help the public, and we encourage women to come in and ask us about the equipment we sell and how it can benefit them. We know how important physical fitness is."

Machines or free weights. Which is the best to use? Each offer unique advantages.

Curves For Women, with two

locations in the Grosse Pointes, offers circuit training in which women go from station to station, utilizing several machines that work specific muscle groups.

Free weight training also allows women to emphasize individual muscle groups.

Dumbbells can be used for curls, presses, lateral raises, lying side laterals, shrugs, kickbacks, extensions, lunges, upright rows, flies and even squats.

Utilizing dumbbells in a workout allows women to work on the shoulders (deltoids, trapezius), the back (trapezius, latissimus dorsi, spinal erectors), the arms (biceps, triceps, forearms or extensors and flexors), the thighs (quadriceps, glutes, hamstrings), calves, and abdomen (external obliques, rectus abdominis) and chest (pectorals, serratus anterior, deltoids).

Machines allow a more controlled exercise motion and are more popular with women because they are easier to use.

The leg press, rotary torso, diverging lat pulldown, leg extension, chest press, seated pushdown, arm curl, low back extension, shoulder press, abdominal crunch, diverging seated row and prone leg curl are several examples of machines that allow individuals to easily adjust the weight for each repetition. They also allow for easy movement during each exercise.

A treadmill or similar machine can be purchased for home use or others may opt to join a gym.

Walking or running on a treadmill for 30 minutes burns



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American Home Fitness has every imaginable piece of exercise equipment, especially treadmills and elliptical machines, pictured above.

more than enough calories to satisfy any exercise buff. Turn that into a full one-hour workout and double the number of calories burned.

Combine that with eating healthy, balanced meals and be on the road to the pinnacle of physical fitness.

It doesn't take a ton of weights or hours upon hours of training to accomplish physical fitness, but it does take a commitment.

Any kind of exercise program depends on the training effectiveness for results. This means when the body is subjected to unusual stress over a period of time it adapts so that it can deal more effectively with that stress.

The more someone exercises, the more the body gets used to what the muscles have to do to reach each person's desired results.

Get comfortable with an exercise routine that fits the schedule a person can adhere to.

Mary Ann Uznis, owner of Uznis Physical Therapy, says when looking for a gym, make sure the facility is clean (bathrooms, locker room, showers); the equipment is well maintained (enough cardio machines with good placement); has a fitness assessment (weight, height and percentage of body fat); personal trainers with credentials and a knowledgeable staff; is open during convenient times and offers classes with the potential of babysitting; if co-ed, what is the ratio of men to women.

Uznis said people looking to buy home equipment should make sure the business is reputable, offers a service contract. Remember that cheaper doesn't mean better.

Uznis says things for people to be aware of when working out is the alignment. Machines should be adjusted to fit the body and don't squeeze with your hands. Instead, lightly hold them and stabilize using abdominal muscles and proper progression.

Dedication and commitment is critical to an exercise program. Eating proper meals is also a key component to accomplishing a routine that will maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Women should consume food from the milk group (plain, nonfat yogurt, Swiss cheese, chocolate milk shake, American process cheese, fruit-flavored lowfat yogurt, and 2 percent reduced fat milk are some examples of foods from this group); the vegetable group (frozen cooked kale, frozen cooked okra, fresh cooked beet greens and frozen cooked broccoli are a few examples); the fruit group (oranges are excellent); the grain group (enriched English muffin, pancakes, corn tortilla, and packet instant oatmeal are good examples); combination

foods such as baked potato with cheese, taco salad, one slice of cheese pizza, and a small taco; and coffee beverages (caffe latte, caffe mocha or cappuccino).

Strength training for a female differs than that of a male, Uznis said.

Females demonstrate different muscle activation patterns compared to males. Females are typically quadriceps dominant athletes, meaning females use their strong quadriceps muscles and do not use their weak hamstrings.

Studies show that 20 to 30 percent of female athletes have one leg significantly weaker than the other leg, which means they are 2.6 times more likely to suffer a leg injury.

Lastly, females demonstrate a slower speed of muscle contraction. The typical female takes 3/10ths of a second longer to generate maximum contraction of the hamstrings. This may seem insignificant, however realize that a sprinter spends less than a tenth of a

second balancing on one foot before pushing off and landing on the other foot.

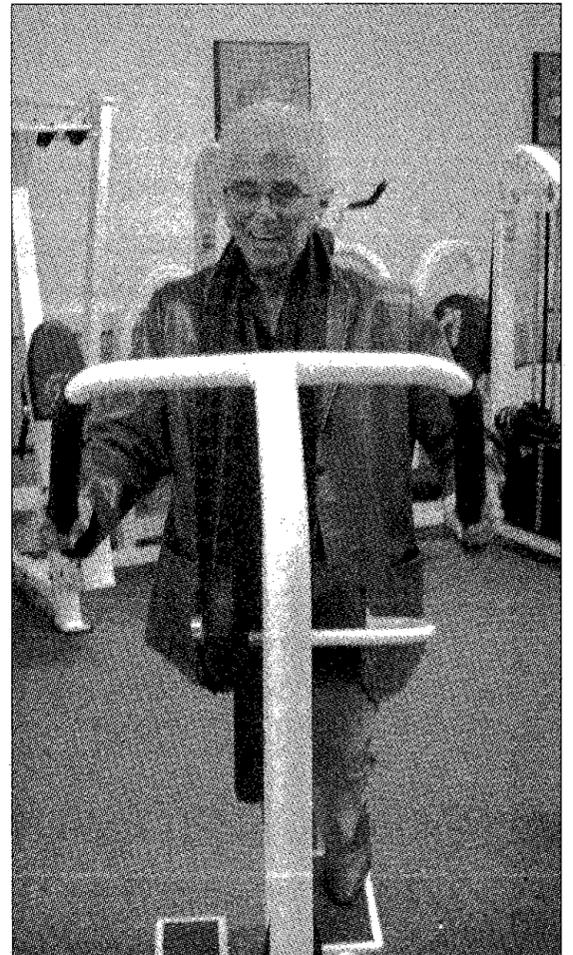
Uznis says it is crucial for women to utilize proper mechanics when exercising at a gym, at home or on the playing field.

Remember to never lift too much weight because utilizing good form while performing an exercise will allow the muscle or muscle groups to work properly and not overextend, which could cause a pull or strain.

Curves For Women and Your Time Fitness For Women offer comfortable facilities in which women can exercise with a partner or meet other people who share similar interests.

Your Time Fitness for Women is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"We have the best approach for women to come in and exercise at any time of the day or night," Cyburt said. "We know women want to get in and stay in shape; so we offer an atmosphere that will help women do that."



Your Time Fitness For Women offers circuit training along with a multitude of machines and treadmills as Grosse Pointe Woods resident Jo Mikula demonstrates.

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GROSSE POINTE ARTISTS ASSOCIATION

Draper Hill takes part in juried competition

By Margie Smith
Special Writer

Draper Hill, former editorial cartoonist for The Detroit News and other publications, served as juror for the Grosse Pointe Artists Association's current show, "Caricature."

Hill lives in the City of Grosse Pointe and is currently active as a lecturer and writer.

"I draw a bit, too," he said. "It was fun for me to have something to do with the exhibit. There is a future for this show in a community like Grosse Pointe that is bristling with talent. Cartooning holds a noble bundle of possibilities for communicating."

The show opened with a reception and presentations of awards last Friday, March 3, at GPAA headquarters, 1005 Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park. It runs through Friday, March 31. All the pieces are for sale.

"The topic is unusual," said Susan Macdonald, director of the art center. "We frequently have shows dedicated to fine art. While caricature is not generally considered fine art, it is a bona fide art form. It is unique, different, creative and it has been around forever. This was an excellent opportunity for artists to expand their interests and abilities."

The call for submissions was open to anyone over age 18. It was not restricted to GPAA members. "The majority of entries came from the Greater Detroit area," Macdonald said.

George Bay of Grosse Pointe Farms took the top honor with his three-dimensional caricature, "Tortoise, Nude...Freshly Laid Rock."

Second place went to Andy Marone of Hamtramck, with "Smart Bomb," a combination doorbell and music box.

Kenji of Detroit, took third place with his color caricature of Condoleezza Rice.

"We were searching for a unique show," said Jon Bell, GPAA president, "so I contacted Draper Hill. We will also display a few of his cartoons during the month of March."

Caricatures often go to the absurd and beyond, Hill said. "Then beyond, in the twilight zone, so that lots of people don't get it and won't get it. George Bay's (first-place) entry is a wonderfully exciting mix of accident and opportunity. It was a found piece of wood or root that was polished until it glistened and beckoned. It sits on an obese gray rock.

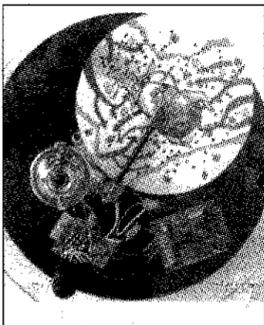
"It is successful on an abstract level and an invasion of privacy level. The tortoise has no shell. It provokes lots of



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"Smart Bomb," by Andy Marone of Hamtramck won second place at the exhibition. It is a combination doorbell and music box. Another of Marone's entries earned an honorable mention.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident George Bay won first place in the "Caricature" exhibit, with "Tortoise, Nude...Freshly Laid Rock." The caricature is a polished burl.

possible thoughts for a single object and it doesn't need words to make it better."

Bay said the piece is a burl, a knotty growth often found on tree trunks. "We found it in California a few years ago," he said. "Driftwood flows down a river to the ocean near Mendocino. The beaches are loaded with driftwood. We collected a trunk full of this stuff, boxed it into two big boxes and mailed it home.

"Artists see things in a base piece — a design or a picture or idea," Bay said. He entered another piece in the show, a carving he calls "Charlie."

Bell said the organization is

always searching for new and provocative themes for exhibitions. "Our April exhibition is called 'Avant Garde,' and will be in collaboration with the College for Creative Studies and artist Bill House of the City of Grosse Pointe."

The exhibition, "Caricature," may be viewed at GPAA headquarters from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays and from noon to 7 p.m. Thursdays. Admission is free, although donations are accepted.

For more about the Grosse Pointe Artists Association or the "Caricature" exhibition, call (313) 821-1848.

DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

'Behind the Scenes' debuts with Inn at 97 Winder tour

A special tour of the historic Brush Park Inn at 97 Winder on Sunday, March 12, kicks off the 2006 season of the Detroit Historical Society's Behind the Scenes program series.

Rain or shine, the tour begins at 11:30 a.m. and lasts two to three hours. Hosts Ghassan Yazbeck and Marilyn Nash-Yazbeck guide visitors through this former mansion that has been restored as one of the city's oldest late Victorian homes.

Tickets are \$10 for Detroit Historical Society members and \$15 for all others. Tickets may be purchased at www.detroithistorical.org or by calling (313) 833-7935 during normal business hours. Tickets are not sold on the day of the event. Meeting place and parking instructions will be on the tickets, which are mailed in advance of the event.

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Other Behind the Scenes events coming up this spring include:

- ◆ A tour of The Detroit Club on Saturday, March 25, at 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ Kick off baseball season with a tour of Comerica Park on Sunday, March 26, at 1 p.m.
- ◆ A look at Detroit's skyline at One Woodward Avenue on Saturday, April 8, at 11 a.m.
- ◆ A revisit to The Inn at 97 Winder on Sunday, April 30, at 11:30 a.m.
- ◆ A historic stroll through Corktown on Sunday, May 7, at 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ A tour of The Residential District of Lafayette Park on Sunday, May 21, at 1 p.m.
- ◆ A tour of the historic Woodlawn Cemetery on Sunday, June 4, at 1 p.m.
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Would you like to look and feel great by losing up to 10 pounds in just 10 weeks? Nutrition experts agree that a lifestyle change, rather than a temporary fix, is the best way to lose weight and keep it off. The Brand New You 10/10 Challenge is a program offering daily meal plans with built-in portion control and nutritional information to help you make that lifestyle change.

The 10/10 Challenge is a free, online-based weight loss program that allows participants to lose weight at a healthy rate — up to 10 pounds in 10 weeks — by balancing calorie intake with exercise output,

all while savoring familiar food, great taste and convenience. As a participant, you'll receive a daily menu plan tailored to meet your individual needs.

When you take the 10/10 Challenge you'll enjoy a variety of balanced meals, made with products you already know and love. In fact, you may already have many of them in your cupboard. And you will shed pounds gradually, without sacrificing taste. The recipes are easy and delicious — Roasted-Vegetable Lasagna and Broiled Peaches With Blackberry Sauce could become two of your favorites — the health tips are useful and the results are very real.

Getting started on the 10/10 Challenge is easy. Visit www.brandnewyou.com and register for the free 10/10 Challenge program. Just complete an online questionnaire and you'll receive 10 weeks of customized daily meal plans developed by registered dietitians. These customized meal plans, created for a safe and healthy weight loss of up to one pound per week, are designed around a recommended daily caloric allotment based on your height, weight, gender and activity level. The Brand New You Web site also features a section full of downloadable coupons for great savings on products included in the 10/10 Challenge meal plans.

Roasted-Vegetable Lasagna

Create a whole new love of vegetables with this noodles and cheese favorite!

Prep: 50 minutes
Start to Finish: 1 hour 25 minutes
Makes 10 servings

Vegetables

- Olive oil cooking spray
- 2 medium bell peppers, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 medium onion, cut into 8 wedges, separated into pieces
- 2 medium zucchini, sliced (4 cups)
- 8 ounces mushrooms, sliced (3 cups)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Tomato Sauce

- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped garlic
- 1 can (28 ounces) Progresso tomato puree
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh basil leaves or 1 tablespoon dried basil leaves
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh oregano leaves or 1 tablespoon dried oregano leaves
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes

Lasagna

- 12 uncooked lasagna noodles
- 4 cups shredded mozzarella cheese (16 ounces)
- 1 cup shredded Parmesan cheese (4 ounces)

1. Heat oven to 450°F. Spray 15 x 10 x 1-inch pan with cooking spray.
2. Place bell peppers, onion, zucchini and mushrooms in single layer in pan. Spray vegetables with cooking spray; sprinkle with salt and pepper.
3. Bake uncovered 20 to 25 minutes, turning vegetables once, until vegetables are tender.
4. Meanwhile, spray 2-quart saucepan with cooking spray. Cook chopped onion and garlic in saucepan over medium heat 2 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in remaining sauce ingredients. Heat to boiling; reduce heat. Simmer uncovered 15 to 20 minutes or until slightly thickened.
5. Cook and drain noodles as directed on package. Rinse noodles with cold water; drain. Mix cheeses; set aside.
6. Reduce oven temperature to 400°F. Spray 13 x 9-inch (3-quart) glass baking dish with cooking spray.
7. Spread 1/4 cup sauce in dish; top with 3 noodles. Layer with 3/4 cup sauce, 1 1/4 cups vegetables and 1 cup cheese mixture. Repeat layers 3 more times with remaining noodles, sauce, vegetables and cheese mixture.
8. Bake lasagna uncovered 20 to 25 minutes or until hot. Let stand 10 minutes before cutting.

Simplify: Use 1 jar (32 ounces) tomato pasta sauce instead of making fresh tomato sauce.

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Broiled Peaches With Blackberry Sauce

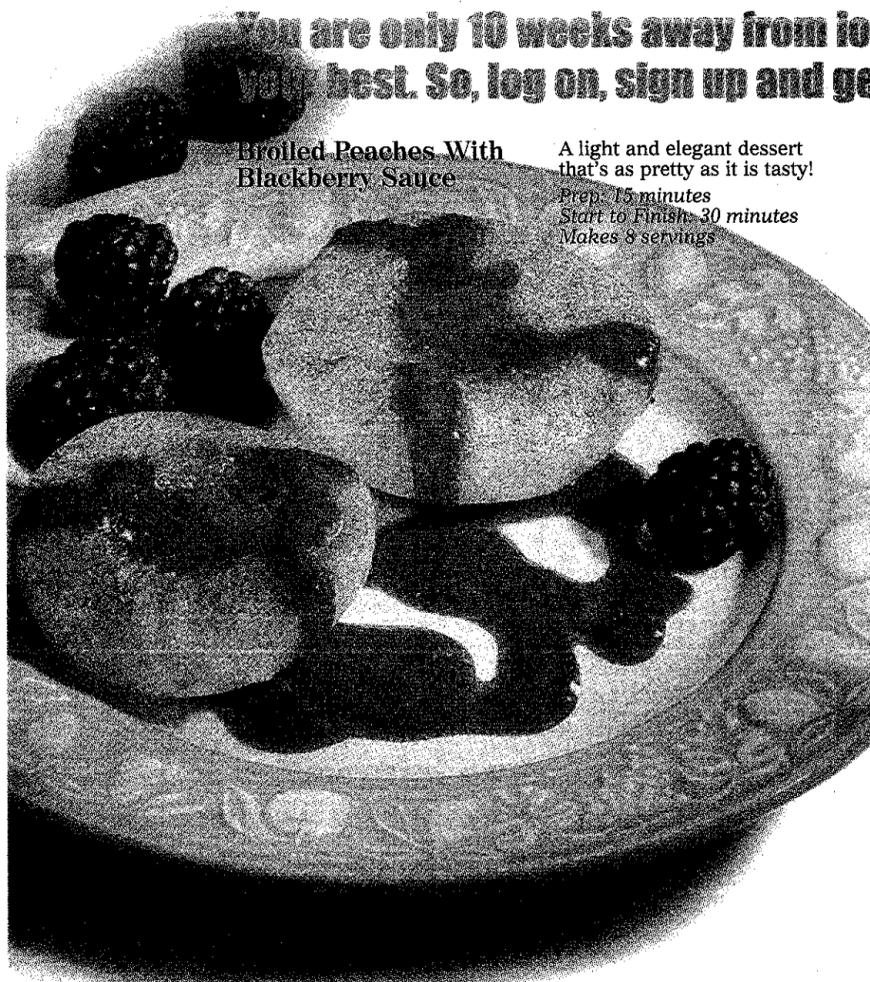
A light and elegant dessert that's as pretty as it is tasty!

Prep: 15 minutes
Start to Finish: 30 minutes
Makes 8 servings

- 4 cups frozen blackberries
- 1 teaspoon lime juice
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 16 canned peach halves or 8 medium fresh peaches, cut in half, pitted
- 3 tablespoons packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons peach liqueur or lime juice
- Additional blackberries, if desired

1. In blender, combine blackberries, 1 teaspoon lime juice and honey; blend at medium speed about 45 seconds, stopping blender occasionally to scrape sides, until smooth. Strain sauce. Cover; refrigerate until serving.
2. Place peach halves, cut sides up, on large piece of heavy-duty aluminum foil. Sprinkle with brown sugar, cinnamon and liqueur. Fold foil over peaches and seal.
3. Broil foil packet 4 inches from heat about 15 minutes or until peaches are heated through. Serve hot with blackberry sauce. Garnish with additional blackberries.

Tip: Frozen raspberries or strawberries are colorful stand-ins for blackberries. And if you like, maple syrup or brown sugar can be used instead of honey.



DOWN TO EARTH By Kathleen Peabody

Mail carrier: Use the path created for you

For the past two summers, we've watched one of three Echinacea have trouble making it to the height and width of the other two growing in a row down the side of our driveway. I think I now know the reason.

Diagnosing why a certain plant doesn't do quite as well as its sister living right next door is an interesting process. That's the case with this purple coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*) in our front yard. This is a "rib-boned" area of the driveway shared by our neighbors. Planting these prairie natives was one way to alleviate the problem of grass that never grew in this location. We also thought plants would create a more attractive area.

I think I've solved the dilemma of the smaller coneflower. Sorry to say, it was our postal carrier. Because the space is very narrow and between two driveways, our neighbor laid a short path between us. It was a perfect spot for all of us, young children and adults, to make our way back and forth. We also thought the folks delivering mail would use it. It just made sense.

Well, the children are great about any sort of path. However, the mail carrier is not quite as adept. Back to the Echinacea. The postal person

stomps on it as he makes his way from one mailbox to another. Diagnosis made.

What tromping can do to a plant

Stomping on a plant in cold, damp weather or walking across the same section of grass leads to compacted soil, which is a problem for plants and trees. Not only is the mail carrier at fault, but many gardeners get the early urge to work their garden soil before it's ready. Whether walking on it or using a tiller, plow or just a garden spade, overuse of wet soil will badly compact the soil, and the effects will last for many years to come.

Excessive soil compaction impedes root growth and, therefore, limits the amount of soil explored by roots. Roots obtain water, oxygen and minerals from soil. They do not grow toward anything or in any particular direction.

Compacting the soil can decrease the plant's ability to take up nutrients and water. Because of the root restriction, the amount of water available to the crop is often decreased. For example, most tree roots are located in the top 6 to 24 inches of the soil and occupy an area two to four times the diameter of the tree crown. They do not usually grow deeper than 3 to 7 feet.

Tree root systems consist of large perennial roots and smaller, short-lived, feeder roots. The large, woody tree roots and their primary branches increase in size and grow horizontally. Root functions include water and mineral conduction, food and water storage, and anchorage.

Roots grow where water, minerals and oxygen are found in the soil. Because the greatest supplies of these materials usually are located in the surface layer of soil, the largest concentration of feeder roots exists in this zone.

One of the biggest killers of urban trees is soil compaction. The restriction of water and oxygen taken up by the roots caused by soil compaction is associated with roads, parking lots, foot traffic, construction machinery, poor soil preparation, and a host of other factors. Add the use of deicing salts, inappropriate use of herbicides and other chemicals, and it's a wonder our plants and trees even make it through the winter.

Working wet soil tends to compress the soil particles so that they become more tightly packed, thus leaving less room for penetration of water and air. While early working of the soil may not cause quite the same problem for a tree as for the rest of your garden, it also

makes it more difficult for plant roots and gardening equipment to move through the soil (think clay here). The compression forms large, tight clods (clumps) of soil that become hard as a rock upon drying and are difficult to break up. In addition to making it difficult for plants to grow, compacted soils also tend to drain more slowly, in turn delaying the ability to work the soil after the next rainfall.

This type of soil compaction has long lasting effects, taking years to rebuild a healthy soil structure. Rescuing a compacted soil generally will require filling in organic matter, such as composted plant and animal wastes or perhaps growing a green manure crop, such as annual rye or winter wheat to return nutrients to the compacted soil.

To minimize soil compaction, remove compacted soil and replace it with non-compacted soil. Provide adequate drainage before planting. Use an organic amendment (peat moss, wood chips, tree bark) around the base of a tree to improve aeration and water availability.

Keeping the top of soil healthy will help aid in a healthy plant. The best course of action is to prevent the compaction from happening in the first place. In my case, it may mean a fence around that par-

ticular plant, a sign pointing to the path or a talk with the mail carrier.

To avoid compacting the soil by those of us itching to get our hands into the earth, the rule of thumb is to wait until the soil is dry enough to crumble through your fingers when squeezed in your hand. If the soil forms a muddy ball when squeezed, it is still too wet. Give the soil another few days to dry, and sample again later.

In the meantime, you can sketch out garden plans, leaf through mail-order catalogs, and browse the local garden centers so you'll be ready for action when the soil does dry out enough to work. Or, talk with your mail carrier.

Kathleen Peabody is an Advanced Master Gardener who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods. Reach her online at kmaslanka.peabody@sbcglobal.net.

What's going on?

A Day in the Gardens, Saturday, April 1, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Belle Isle Conservatory. Learn from gardening professionals, shop for unique garden accessories and enjoy the greenery. A program of the Belle Isle Botanical Society and Association of Professional Gardeners, its proceeds benefit the Belle Isle Conservatory. Tickets are \$25 for members/\$30 general public/\$40 at the door. Call (313) 822-2548 to register.

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FAMILY DAZE By Debbie Farmer

Birthday blues — how many shopping days do I have left?



I haven't wanted to talk about it, but it's my birthday — AGAIN. Granted, it's not what anyone would call a "milestone birthday," which is all you're going to get out of me.

But you could say that I'm now officially in the same group of people who shouldn't wear leather halter tops or drive after dark.

So it stands to reason why I'm a bit sensitive this year and would rather avoid the whole thing altogether. But I'd be a fool to think this would happen.

"Happy birthday, Mom!" my daughter said when I came down for breakfast. "Say, have you seen the Death Clock site on the Internet? It's cool!"

To some of you this may seem, well, macabre, but is just the sort of remark I'd come to expect from my family on my birthday.

"Very funny." "No, it's real. You type in your information and, voila! It tells you your date of death," she said, a little too brightly.

Let's stop right here and say that there are several items on my List of Things to Do On My Birthday and looking up my death isn't one of them. But we all know pre-teen kids live for this kind of weird stuff.

"Well, I don't care. I just hope it's not before next Tuesday because I have a hair appointment," I said dryly.

I'd be lying to say I wasn't tempted to at least look. After all, I'm now at the age where I should probably be thinking about things like good moisturizers and death.

And, yes, we all know that even with the staggering technological advancements of the past decade, a computer can't really know your date of demise. It's all in, well, fun.

So since I'm the type of person with heaps of curiosity and not a lot of character, I waited for my kids to leave for school then went to the

site to see for myself.

For those of you lucky enough not to have ever seen it, let me just say you'll know you're in the right place when you see the words: "Welcome to the Death Clock, the Internet's reminder that life is slipping slowly away."

Which, I suppose, is exactly the sort of greeting you'd expect from a site like this.

Next, if you're not depressed enough already, you'll be prompted to type in your age, gender and something called a BMI, which I had always thought was a type of sports car. It turns out to stand for "Body Mass Index," a precise ratio of fat versus muscle that is arrived at by using a complex calculation of weight and height divided by the gravity on the moon multiplied by the number of times the Earth rotates around the sun.

But I digress. After spending what

seemed like an (ha, ha) eternity punching in the required information, I finally received my death day: Aug. 20, 2045. Or, in the words of the death clock site: 1,992,823,551 seconds (300 of which were just wasted looking up my death).

I have to admit a site like this does teach you a thing or two about life.

For instance, if I were an intellectual sort of person, I'd say the lesson is that time goes by fast, so we should all live our life to the fullest.

If I were a halfway intellectual sort of person, I'd say the lesson is that we'll all die someday so we might as well accept it and move on.

But me, I say the real message is that I shouldn't be wasting my apparently precious time sitting here on the computer when I could be out, say, shoe shopping.

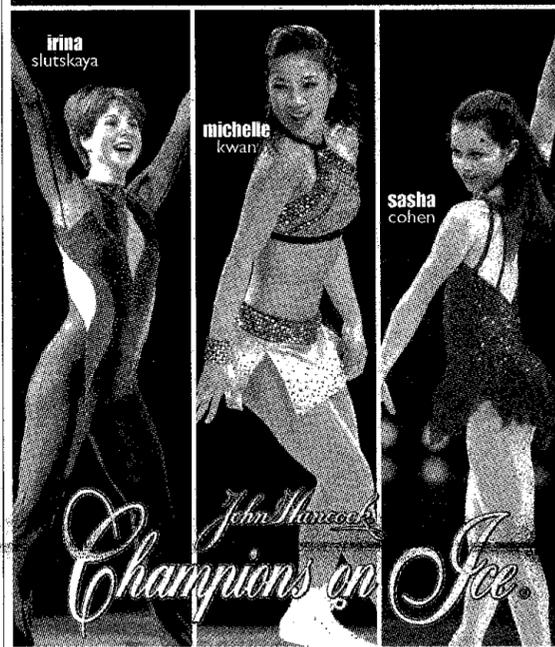
That said, I'd best get going. After all, I only have 41 years, three weeks, two days

and 54 seconds left.

Converted, that's 489 pairs of new shoes.

But who's counting? Debbie Farmer is a humorist and a mother holding down the fort in California and the author of "Don't Put Lipstick on the Cat." She may be reached at www.familydaze.com, or by writing familydaze@oasisnewsfeatures.com.

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The fabric is donated by individuals, estates and companies.

"Express sends us all their seasonal samples from New York," said City of Grosse Pointe resident Peg Upmeyer, director of Arts & Scraps. "They're wonderful pieces. We're really excited about the quantity and quality of this year's sale."

There is no limit to how many grocery bags customers can fill.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., a bag is \$7, from 1 to 3 p.m., \$5 and from 3 to 4 p.m., \$2. A \$1 donation to the educational programming at Arts & Scraps is appreciated at the door.

Volunteers from Pieces Be With You, the quilting group at St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Farms, are helping to present the fabric.

"This is great," said Margaret Harms, member of St. Paul's Quilting Group and Grosse Pointe Farms resident. "We get to help a wonderful organization and get first pick of the fabrics!"

Arts & Scraps is a nonprofit that recycles industrial scraps into affordable creative materials for learning and fun, and provides educational programming. It impacts 275,000 children, families and artists annually, recycling 28 tons of material. Its programming takes place at its east side Detroit location or at group sites all over the Detroit metro area.

Arts & Scraps is located at 16135 Harper, Detroit. For directions and more information, call (313) 640-4411 or go to the Web site, ARTSandSCRAPS.org.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau Scheriff

Minivan moms: Be cool



Busy schedules leave most people with little or no time in the kitchen. Enter the ever popular slow cooker or crock pot.

Popular, that is, because almost everyone I talk to owns one. Not so popular in the actual use department.

Crock pots are like minivans. Neither are considered "cool" to be seen with. I can't get you out of your minivan, but I can give you a reason to pull your slow cooker from the closet.

Pulled barbecue-beef sandwiches will leave your kids calling you the "coolest" mom on the block.

Pulled Barbecue-Beef Sandwiches

2 - 1 1/4 lb. flank steaks, cut in half crosswise

- 1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon packed dark brown sugar, divided
- 3/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 - 6 oz. can tomato paste
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup ketchup
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 3 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablespoons molasses
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 2 teaspoons prepared yellow mustard
- 12 sandwich buns, split and toasted
- 24 red onion rings, raw or sauteed

Combine 1 tablespoon of the brown sugar with the pepper and rub the mixture over the meat. Set aside. Place the remaining brown sugar in a 4-quart electric slow cooker. Stir in the tomato paste, onion, ketchup, chili powder, cider vinegar, Worcestershire sauce, molasses, salt, dry mustard and prepared mustard. Mix well to incorporate the ingredients.

Add the meat to the slow cooker, turning each of the four pieces to be coated with the mixture. Cover and set cooker on high for 1 hour. Turn the setting to low and cook for another 7 to 8 hours.

Transfer the meat to a platter and use two forks to pull the meat into shreds. Return the shredded meat to the cooker and mix well with the sauce.

Spoon 1/2 cup of the shredded beef onto each toasted bun and top with 2 onion rings (raw or sauteed). You may also top the tangy beef sandwiches with dill pickle slices.

This shredded barbecue-beef is really, really tasty. Super simple to throw together, this slow cooker recipe is just a sample of what I'll be preparing at my Slow Cookery class at the Pointe Pedlar on Monday, March 20. You'll taste a different crock pot meal for each day of the week, sip on a little vino and have a lot of laughs for sure. To make a reservation, call the Pointe Pedlar at (313) 885-4028.

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Maple Sugar Festival on tap at Cranbrook

Cranbrook Institute of Science will host its 32nd Annual Maple Sugar Festival from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 11, and 12, at the institute, 39221 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills.

Programs include pancake breakfast, making maple candy and syrup, children's games, scavenger hunts, and visits to the sugar hut where sap tapped from trees at Cranbrook is dis-

tilled into syrup. In addition to the festival, this year Cranbrook Institute of Science offers Whisper in the Woods, Michigan's Nature Journal, as host of Whisper in the Woods Discover Nature Weekend.

Throughout the weekend Whisper in the Woods will present 30- to 120-minute educational demonstrations of activities such as snowshoeing, birding, GPS navigation and more.

Seminars will be held on topics ranging from orphaned wildlife to plant identification. Guided tours of Cranbrook trail will be offered.

Maple Sugar Festival and Whisper in the Woods Discover Nature Event are free with museum admission.

For more information or to make breakfast reservations, call (248) 645-3245 or visit the Web site science.cranbrook.edu.

Rhonda Larson to perform at Jefferson Ave. Presbyterian

Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church presents Rhonda Larson, flutist, composer and band leader, as its featured musician in a performance held at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 East Jefferson Ave., Detroit.

The program is fee and open

to the public. A reception will be held following the performance.

Larson, a world-renowned performer, played with Paul Winter Consort and won a Grammy Award during her last year with the group.

She recorded a variety of flute music for the CBS TV se-

ries, "Survivor" and "The Restaurant."

Larson will join the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir in Paul Halley's "Voices of Light" at 10:30 a.m. during church worship service.

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MEETINGS

Herb Society to meet April 12

The Herb Society of America Grosse Pointe Unit (HSAGPU) will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The speaker is Sandy Jackson of HSAGPU. "Spicing Up Your Life" will be the topic.

Visitors are welcome. For more information, call Kathleen Peabody at (313) 886-2797.

G.P. Questers

The Grosse Pointe Questers will meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, March 10.

Priscilla Schaufpeter will present the program "Depression Pressed Glass."

Lois Jacobs is hostess; Jesse Davies and Elsie MacKethan are co-hostesses.

Women's Build

Join the Women's Build Project from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 31, at Day Spa, 22121 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores. Hors d'oeuvres, drinks, on-site massages, facial waxing and make-up consultation will be offered.

Spa services donations will benefit the local women's work for Habitat for Humanity. The project starts on Mother's Day.



55th anniversary

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club marked its 55th anniversary on Oct. 19 by wearing vintage garb representative of the 1950s. Hats, gloves and furs were in abundance. From left are Fran Ahee, Mary Ann Schwartz, Helen Endres, Carole Sulad, Pam Zimmer and Doris Strek enjoyed playing "dress up" for the afternoon.



Fundraiser

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club (GPWC) annual scholarship fundraiser was a success. The highlight of the GPWC scholarship luncheon on Nov. 16 was the fashion show presented by Chicos of the Village. Club members who modeled were, from left, Carol Oster, Ruth Naegel, Pat Wilson, Carole Sulad, Joyce Stedman and Beverly Zimmermann.

G.P. Woman's Club to meet March 15

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club will meet at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The featured speaker will be Dominic Pangborn, member of the Governor's Advisory Council on Asian and Pacific American Affairs. The council is charged with serving in an advisory capacity to the governor and alerting her to relevant issues within the Asian and Pacific American community. Pangborn's topic is "Asian/Pacific American Awareness."

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The club will observe St. Patrick's Day by club members "Wearing O' the Green" during this meeting.

The Woman's Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month for lunch at 12:30 p.m. in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial from September until May.

All current and former Grosse Pointe residents and business owners are invited to attend.

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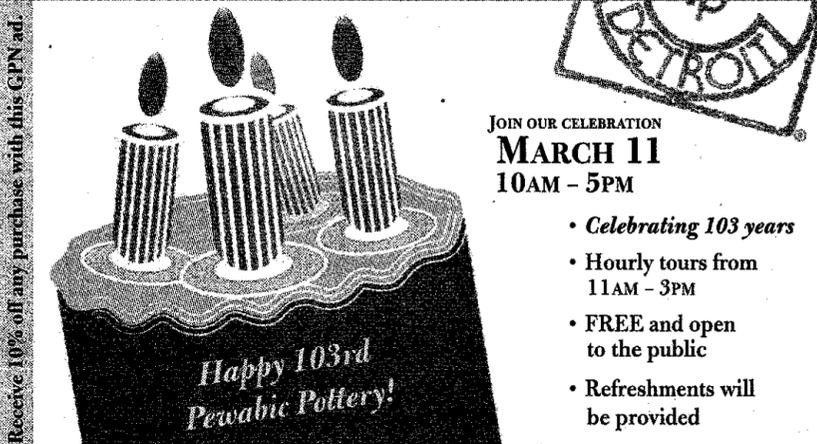
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WEDDINGS

Neumann-Loomis

Kathryn Neumann, daughter of Kathy and Rick Neumann of Grosse Pointe Farms, married Steven Loomis, son of Bud and Sharon Walker of Laingsburg and Bob and Patti Loomis of East Lansing, on Dec. 26, 2005, in Kauai, Hawaii, followed by a reception at Waimea Plantation.

The bride wore a white silk A-line dress and carried a bouquet of bright tropical flowers.

The matron of honor was the bride's sister, Jennifer Neumann of Harper Woods.

The groom's father, Bob Loomis, was the best man.

The mother of the bride wore an orange and white silk

ensemble and an orchid lei.

The groom's mother wore a pastel floral silk sheath and an orchid lei.

Music was provided by Hal Kinnaman.

The bride earned a bachelor's degree from Albion College and a master's degree in early childhood education from Western Michigan University. She is a preschool teacher in Allegan County.

The groom earned a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in reading from Western Michigan University. He is a high school history teacher in Hastings.

The wedding trip was in Kauai, Hawaii.

The couple lives in Shelbyville.



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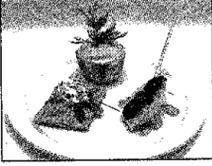
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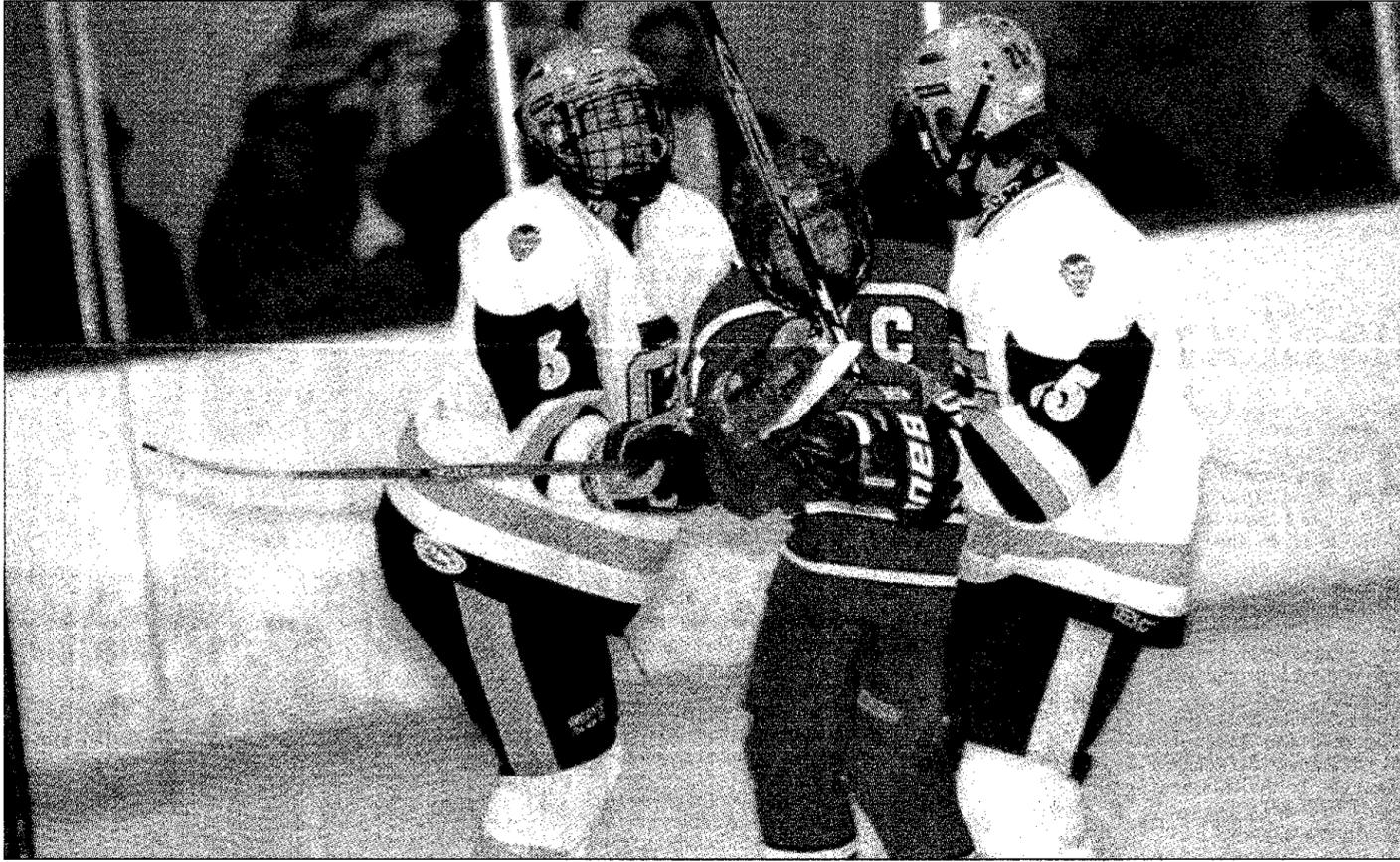
SPORTS

North spikers win
Sweep three opponents to win district championship. PAGE 2C

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SOUTH BOYS HOCKEY

Blue Devils cruise into quarters



Two regional foes blanked

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

After beating De La Salle in the first game of the state tournament, the rest of the Division I regional was somewhat anticlimactic for Grosse Pointe South.

But the Blue Devils took care of business, beating Anchor Bay 3-0 and Waterford Mott 4-0 to move into the quarterfinal round of the state tournament for the first time since 1998.

"Those were both games we felt we should win," said South coach Bob Bopp, whose team played Michigan Metro League rival Trenton in the quarterfinals.

"We beat the best team in the opening game and after winning that game we certainly didn't want to have a letdown and have a great opportunity get past us."

South wasn't as sharp in either of the two games as it was against the Pilots, but the Blue Devils played well enough to win convincingly in each of the contests.

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Grosse Pointe South defensemen Sam Mott (3) and Scott Maxwell (25) put the squeeze on Anchor Bay's captain.



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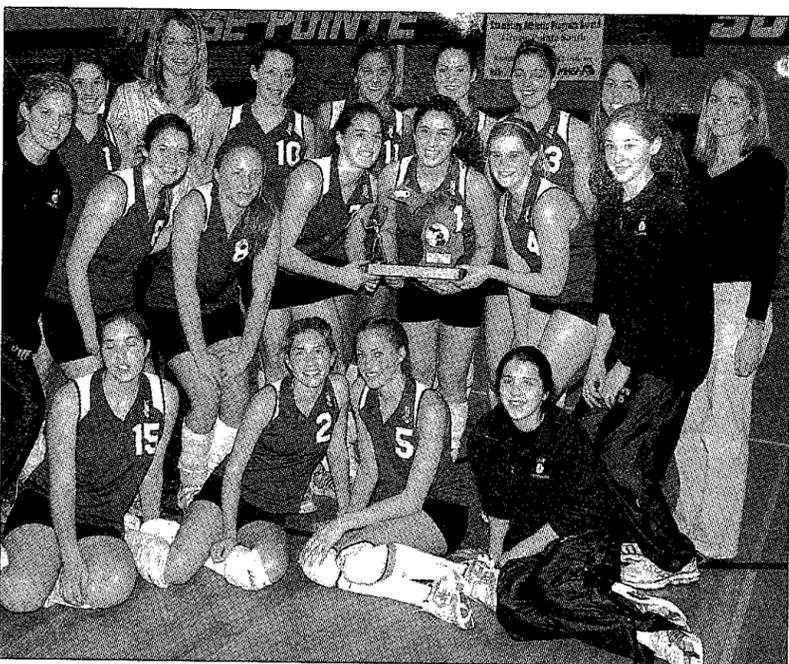
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Grosse Pointe North's volleyball players and coaches celebrate after winning the Division I district championship at Grosse Pointe South.

NORTH VOLLEYBALL

North wins district title

It looks like Grosse Pointe North's volleyball team might be ready for another strong run in the state tournament.

The Norsemen, who advanced to the state Class A quarterfinals last season, swept their competition in the district tournament at Grosse Pointe South last weekend.

North plays in the regional at South on Saturday. The Norsemen will meet Fraser at 11 a.m. in the first regional semifinal.

The championship match is scheduled for 1 p.m.

North began district play with a 25-12, 25-15, 25-8 victory over South.

The Norsemen followed that with a 25-6, 25-0, 25-5 romp over Detroit Kettering. In the Kettering match, Erica

Gaitley set a school record with 13 ace serves.

In the second game with the Pioneers, North's Sarah Perry served all 25 points.

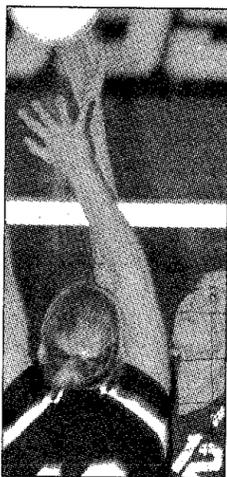
North beat Lakeview 25-8, 25-17, 25-15 in the final match.

Andrea Bedway finished with nine blocks in the tournament. Gaitley had 25 digs and 11 kills, while Colleen Ryan collected 19 digs and seven kills.

Caitlin Bennett had 14 digs, three aces and five kills. Meghan Potthoff had 12 kills.

Danielle Zohrob finished with 37 assists.

North, which finished 5-7 in the tough Macomb Area Conference Red Division, closed out the regular season with a 25-11-9 overall record.



Meghan Potthoff (12) blocks a shot.

BASKETBALL DISTRICTS

Finney foils South's hopes

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's basketball team had lost nothing but close games this season — until Monday night.

"It took until the last game of the year for us to get a whipping," said Blue Devils coach Jay Ritchie after Detroit Finney rolled to a 54-37 victory in the opening round of the Class A state district tournament at South.

"But they're a good team. It's nothing to be ashamed of."

Even though the score might look lopsided, it wasn't exactly a walk through the park for the Highlanders.

"We were worried about their guards," said Finney coach Ray Reeves, referring to Christian Conroy and J.C. Cruse. "We knew that we couldn't let both of them get away from us."

"One time we helped out (on defense) and didn't guard No. 10 (Conroy). He hit a three-pointer. He's a good player. After that, we told them, don't ever leave him to help out."

Finney led 12-7 after the first quarter but the Highlanders started the second quarter with a 13-0 run and that was pretty much the whole story.

"We didn't shoot well," Ritchie said. "We shot 5-for-21 in the first half. We didn't get many open shots and the ones we did have we didn't make."

Finney led 28-12 at halftime and stretched the lead to 20 points early in the second half before South went on a 13-2 run to cut the lead to 34-25 with just under three minutes left in the third quarter.

It looked like the Blue Devils might have a replay of their game at Country Day last week when they almost overcame a 16-point deficit to lose by two points.

However, this time it wasn't to be.

Twice in the span of a little more than a minute, Finney's Damone Pledger scored on the rebound off a missed free throw. He had another putback

for a basket and James Scott hit a three-point basket to boost the Highlanders' lead back to 43-29 after three quarters.

"Those two putbacks were huge," Reeves said. "And so was the three-pointer by Scott. I told Scott that he had to take over when they made that run. We had to take their crowd out of the game."

Finney's defense went to work again in the fourth quarter, holding South without a field goal until Conroy's basket with 1:41 remaining.

"We knew we had to be sound defensively because South is a good team," Reeves said. "This is the first time we've had our whole team together. We've always been missing somebody because of injuries or suspensions."

South has been successful be-

cause of its defense this season but even that didn't work against the Highlanders.

"We went to a half-court trap to try to get some steals, but they're a hard team to trap," Ritchie said. "They're quick and they're physical inside."

Pledger led Finney with 16 points, including a spectacular dunk after a blocked shot, and 14 rebounds. Scott finished with 15 points and Kavon Rose had 12.

Cruse had 14 points and seven rebounds for South. Conroy had 12 points and Jimmy Saros finished with eight. Conroy and David Baldwin each had five rebounds.

South closed out the season with a 10-11 record. Finney took a 10-10 mark into its district semifinal against Grosse Pointe North.

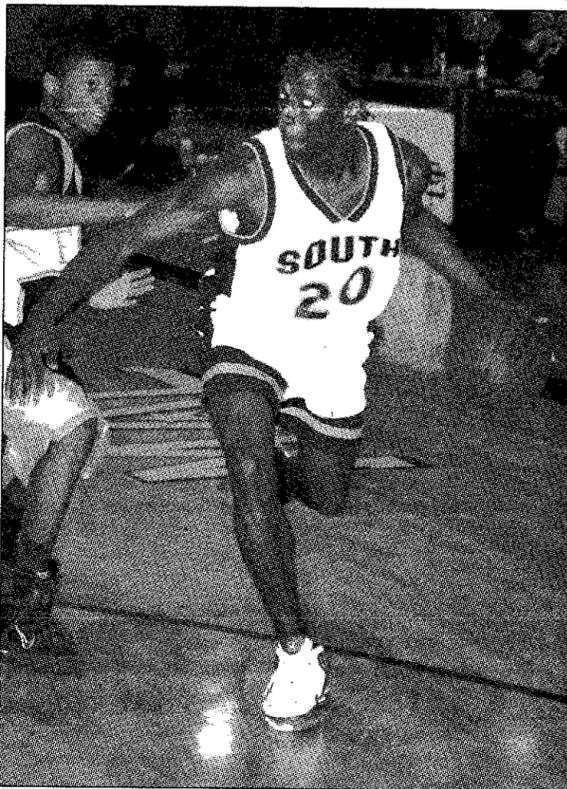


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J.C. Cruse led Grosse Pointe South with 14 points and seven rebounds.

SOUTH BASKETBALL

Blue Devils give Country Day a scare

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Walking into Detroit Country Day's gym can be disconcerting, to say the least.

Hanging from the rafters are banners commemorating the school's five state championships in boys basketball.

There are also banners with the names of the school's All-State players — names like Chris Webber, Shane Battier and the two most recent, Omar Thomas and Alex Legion.

That's what Grosse Pointe South's basketball team walked into last week, and when the Blue Devils walked out, they were just one three-point basket away from a victory over the perennial state power.

South outplayed the Yellowjackets in three of the four quarters but a second quarter in which Country Day held an 18-2 advantage was the difference as the Blue Devils lost 46-44.

"We just lost our composure in the second quarter," said South coach Jay Ritchie. "Usually if you're going to lose your composure, you're going to do it in the first or fourth quarters."

"Give our kids credit. They made a great comeback."

A defensive adjustment also helped the Blue Devils.

"They were hurting us with the high-low in the second quarter, but we were able to stop that in the second half," said assistant coach Jim Twigg.

Country Day, which was ranked in the top five in Class B in all of the state polls, had to feel fortunate to escape with the victory.

South led 9-4 with 2 1/2 minutes left in the first quarter. Country Day then went on a 22-2 run for the rest of the half that gave the Yellowjackets a 26-11

halftime lead.

The second half was a different story.

The Blue Devils started the half with baskets by David Baldwin, Christian Conroy and J.C. Cruse and never stopped battling until the final buzzer sounded.

By the end of the third quarter, South had closed the gap to 33-29.

The Blue Devils never got the lead but when Cruse, who spent his freshman year at Country Day before transferring to South, made two free throws with 18.7 seconds left, it cut the Yellowjackets' lead to 45-44.

Legion made one of two free throws with 13.5 seconds remaining to put Country Day back up by two points.

Cruse got a final shot off for South as time was running out but it hit the rim and bounced into the hands of Country Day's Legion.

"We had a good look. That's all you can ask for," Ritchie said, then added with a smile, "but I was hoping we'd hit a three-pointer and could walk out with the win."

Everyone on the floor played well for South in the second half, but none better than Conroy, who scored 17 of his game-high 22 points in the second half.

The senior guard had several assists and he had two steals that led to baskets in the third quarter.

"Christian had a great game," Ritchie said. "But a lot of people played well. I think we showed tonight that we can play with almost anybody."

"The nice thing is, we're playing our best basketball at the end of the season, which is what everybody wants to do."

Cruse finished with seven points and five rebounds. Baldwin and Melvin Malone

each had six rebounds. Jimmy Saros had four points and four rebounds but played a strong defensive game.

Legion, a two-time All-State player and is still only a junior, led Country Day with 18 points and seven rebounds.

South finished the regular season with a 10-10 record, while Country Day improved to 15-4.

Earlier, the Blue Devils had another sparkling defensive performance in a 53-28 romp over East Detroit in a Macomb Area Conference crossover game.

South broke open a close game with an 11-0 run to start the second half, and the Blue Devils' tight defense held the Shamrocks to only eight points after the break.

"That's a team we matched up well against," Ritchie said. "I felt that player-for-player we had the advantage."

Defense has been a key to South's success all season. By holding East Detroit to 28 points, the Blue Devils' defensive average fell below 44 points-per-game.

"We bend but we don't break," Ritchie said. "We make it difficult for anybody to score from inside 20 feet."

South's coaches were pleased with the Blue Devils' offensive efficiency against East Detroit. South shot 68 percent from the field and the Blue Devils made only 12 turnovers.

"Turnovers have been a problem," Ritchie said. "We can't afford to eliminate our chances on offense."

South had 12 assists, including three apiece by Conroy, Cruse and Saros.

Conroy led the Blue Devils with 14 points and Cruse finished with 13. Baldwin added nine.

Tom Rollo led East Detroit with eight points.

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- CVS Kelly south of State Fair - Newsbox
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NORTH BASKETBALL

Final week of season a struggle for Norsemen

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North basketball coach Matt Trombley was baffled by the way his team played in its final two regular season games last week.

"I'm confused," Trombley said after the Norsemen lost 63-51 to L'Anse Creuse in their final Macomb Area Conference Red Division game, and closed out the regular season with a 72-27 loss to Detroit Country Day.

"Last week in practice we competed like we were fighting for a league championship. It was one of our more competitive weeks so I'm confused as to why we didn't play like that in the games. The games are supposed to be more fun than practice."

North got off to bad starts in each of the contests. L'Anse Creuse led 18-8 after the first quarter and stretched its lead to 38-24 at halftime.

"We weren't competitive at all in the first half," Trombley said, "but we did play much better in the second half."

There were some aspects of the L'Anse Creuse game that pleased Trombley.

"Adam Miller did a good job defensively against their point guard (Antonio Roland), and Jacob (Bloomhuff) did a good job defensively inside against their big guy."

"That's where Jake is his best, when he's banging against somebody else who plays physical."

"Dwight VanHoesen was more assertive against L'Anse

Creuse's zone than he has been when we've faced zones before. It was nice to see him take a leadership role."

Trombley also praised Billy Schrage, who played quite a bit off the bench in the second half.

"He got a couple of big rebounds and worked hard like he always does," Trombley said.

"He works hard in practice every day. He works with our posts and makes a positive difference. He makes other people better — that's his job."

VanHoesen led North with 14 points and Miller scored 10.

Kyle DeMaster led L'Anse Creuse with 12 points. Nick Carreri added 10 points and five steals.

In the Country Day game, the Yellowjackets scored the first six points and never slowed down.

"If we were going to beat them this year we would have needed to play our best game and have them have a downer," Trombley said. "Instead, they were at their best and we had a downer."

Country Day led 16-4 after the first quarter and extended its lead to 39-13 at halftime.

Two-time All-Stater Alex Legion led the Yellowjackets with 15 points and Clayton Beard scored 10.

Miller led North with 12 points. Nick Waller had six rebounds for the Norsemen, one more than VanHoesen collected.

North finished the regular season with a 3-17 record and a 1-11 mark in the MAC Red.



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University Liggett School's Mike Zukas and Drew Amato head toward the net in the Knights' state tournament game with Marysville.

ULS HOCKEY

Knights boys, girls lose

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

The state playoffs weren't kind to University Liggett School's boys and girls hockey teams.

The boys lost 3-2 to Marysville at Orchard Lake St. Mary in a Division III regional first-round matchup on Feb. 28.

The girls dropped a 9-1 decision to defending state champ Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood in the first round of the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League playoffs at Artic Edge Arena in Canton.

Head coach Terry Olson

watched his Knights fall behind 1-0 just 20 seconds into the opening period.

It was 3-0 Marysville after the first two periods.

The Knights came back with two tallies to tighten things up in the final few minutes, but they couldn't get the tying goal.

This was the third time the boys faced Marysville this season. They beat them 5-1 on Nov. 17 and 7-2 on Feb. 25.

The girls started off strong against the favored Cranes as Monique Squires' goal early in the first period tied the game 1-1.

Alex Houghtalin and Cora Smith assisted on the tally.

The Cranes scored 20 seconds before Squiers and added a goal at the 5:56 mark of the first period to lead 2-1.

"We were really playing a good game, doing the little things to stay in the game," head coach Laura Owczarski said. "Unfortunately, we tired out having only several skaters. It has been the case the entire season, playing with a very short and inexperienced bench, but I have to give my girls credit for playing their hearts out and not giving up. It was a tough season, but I saw a ton of improvement and look out for us next year."

The ULS boys' team finished the season 8-15-1 and the girls finished 2-19.

NORTH BOYS HOCKEY

St. Clair Shores spoils Norsemen's state run

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

There are three elements that bring success in hockey.

One is solid goaltending. Another is capitalizing on scoring chances. The third is playing physical.

St. Clair Shores Unified had all three last week as the Lakers defeated Grosse Pointe North 5-2 in a Division I pre-regional game at the Shores Civic Arena.

"This is a big win for us," said Shores coach Frank DiCristofaro, who took the reins when the program, combining Lake Shore, Lakeview and South Lake, was reinstated three years ago.

"The kids had something to prove. We want to show people that we can play with the top teams in the state. We want to get better and the only way you can do that is by playing the best competition around. I hope some of those teams will give us a chance now."

For North, it was a frustrating ending to a season filled with frustration.

"I don't want to take anything away from St. Clair Shores because they were fired up and they played well, but it was one of those nights where nothing we did was going to work for us," said North coach Scott Lock.

"It was their night. We outshot them 38-18 but their goalie (Ed Thomas) kept them in the game."

The game wasn't even two minutes old when the Lakers jumped out to a 1-0 lead. A costly turnover led to a goal by Bryan Burlingame at 1:41.

"That was huge," DiCristofaro said. "That showed the kids that we could play with this team."

North had two power plays in the first period, and two more early in the second but couldn't capitalize on them.

A St. Clair Shores penalty with 14 seconds left in the opening period gave the Norsemen a good opportunity to get the tying goal on fresh ice at the beginning of the second period.

However, the Lakers' penalty kill was outstanding and North, which had several good scoring chances late in the first period, couldn't get anything going while it had the man advantage.

St. Clair Shores made it 2-0 on its first power play of the game at 5:41

of the second period. North goalie Evan Chase stopped a hard shot by Vinny DiCristofaro, but juggled it and it was ruled that the puck crossed the goal line.

"I didn't understand why it was a goal, and neither did the kids," Lock said. "Then while the kids were trying to figure out what had happened we had another turnover and it was 3-0."

Brandon Hentrich scored the Lakers' third goal at 7:16.

"Our forechecking was the key," said Frank DiCristofaro, of his team's ability to force the turnovers.

"We play old-style hockey. North has a lot of skilled players. They skate well and move the puck nicely, but I thought tonight we outthit them."

It looked like North had closed the gap to 3-1 with just over two minutes remaining in the second period, but that goal was disallowed.

Moments later, Mike Rourke was robbed by Thomas on a good scoring opportunity.

"We thought we still had a chance at the start of the third period, even though it was 3-0," Lock said. "We were flying and the kids never stopped working hard."

However, two more goals by Ryan Fett and Mark Zasucha boosted St. Clair Shores' lead to 5-0 before North's Rob Ireland and Michael Yakamovich scored 42 seconds apart late in the third period.

Rourke assisted on both goals, while Julien Horrie had an assist on Ireland's.

Even though North's record (10-15) wasn't what the Norsemen have become accustomed to, Lock wasn't disappointed with the effort he got from his team.

"We were like a runaway truck waiting to crash," he said. "We were just waiting for the next thing to go wrong. We had our full lineup for only four games."

"But even with all of that, the kids worked hard and competed day-in and day-out. Rourke had a dislocated elbow, but still played, and our other captain had heart surgery two weeks ago and he was back in the lineup. I'm proud of the effort everybody gave."

St. Clair Shores defeated previously-unbeaten Utica 4-1 in the regional championship game.

ULS VOLLEYBALL

Knights sweep district foes

University Liggett School's volleyball team breezed through its Class D district tournament.

"Our defense was terrific and our hitting was consistent," said coach Heather Barbash. "It's the best it has been all year."

The Knights beat Detroit Urban Lutheran 25-6, 25-5, 25-10 in a district semifinal match.

ULS then defeated Sterling Heights Bethesda Christian 25-14, 25-9, 25-4 in the championship match.

The Knights will play host Oakland Christian in a regional semifinal match on Saturday at 10 a.m.

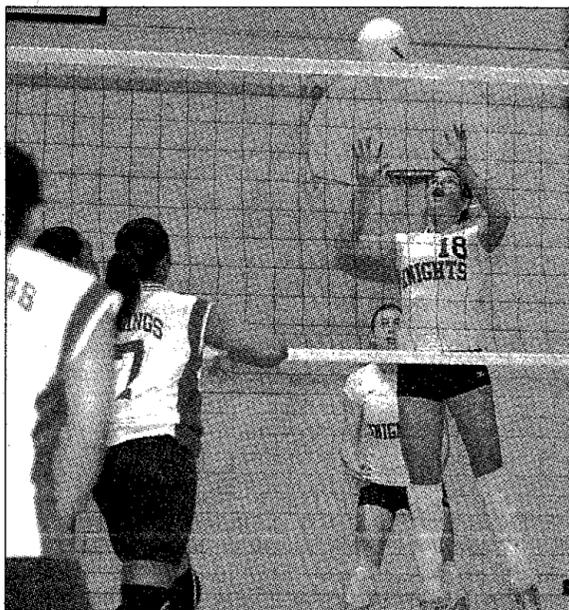


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University Liggett School's Samantha Troyanovich sets a play in the district semifinal against Urban Lutheran.

South baseball camp is March 25

The 15th annual Grosse Pointe South Baseball Instructional Camp will be held in the school's gymnasium on Saturday, March 25.

The camp is open to boys and girls from the fourth through eighth grades.

The cost is \$50 per player and all proceeds go to the South baseball program. Checks should be made payable to the Grosse Pointe South Dugout Club.

Instructors are South varsity and junior varsity players and coaches.

The camp will be held in two sessions. One is from 9 a.m. until noon. The other is from 1 to 4 p.m.

Camp director Dan Griesbaum, the head varsity baseball coach at South, urged campers to sign up early so that they can have a better chance to attend

the session they prefer. The registration deadline is Thursday, March 23.

There will be no registration at the door.

Registration forms are available on the counter in the main office at South, at the Neighborhood Club or by calling Griesbaum at (313) 884-7834.

Forms were distributed at the local Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball registrations.

Campers will rotate through seven stations that feature instruction in hitting, pitching, infield play, outfield play, baserunning and sliding and catching.

Players are expected to bring their own equipment and to be dressed in proper baseball attire.

Local youth coaches are invited to attend the camp for free to observe or videotape the drills.

South: Beats Mott in regional final

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Taylor Flaska got South on the scoreboard against Mott, which upset Brother Rice in the pre-regional, with an unassisted goal at 4:46 of the third period.

The Blue Devils were buzzing around the Corsairs' net at the start of the second period, but couldn't score until Tim Shield put the puck in the net at 4:56. Ryan Abraham dug the puck off the boards and passed to Shield. Trevor John also assisted.

"I was happy to see that goal because I was disappointed with the chances to score that we were missing," Bopp said. "We had a three on nothing and didn't score."

"I would have liked to have put a few of those in to build up a big lead early."

South goalie Trevor Sattelmeyer made a couple of good saves early in the third period before the Blue Devils broke the game open with Flaska's second goal of the game at 9:13, assisted by Mike Lewandowski and Scott Maxwell, and a shorthanded goal by Abraham at 10:44.

Abraham broke in alone on the Mott goal after John forced a turnover at the blue line in South's defensive end. Abraham lost his glove and was being hounded by a Corsairs player, but he still was able to get the puck past goalie Mark Noel.

Sattelmeyer made 20 saves in posting the shutout.

The Anchor Bay game was similar in many ways to the Mott contest.

It was scoreless until 3:15 of the second period when Maxwell jumped into the slot, took a pass from Frankie DeLaura and beat the goalie. Abraham also assisted.

"I thought we came to play in the first period but we just didn't get it going," Bopp said. "It was a much different game than our opener against De La Salle, which was a fast-paced game played by two very skilled teams. Anchor Bay was more concerned with just keeping South from scoring."

South got an insurance goal at 8:20 of the third period. During a power play, goalie Evan Breen passed to John, who relayed the puck to defenseman Nick Cinqueranelli. Cinqueranelli skated into the attacking zone and fired a shot from just inside the faceoff circle. Breen, who stopped 14 shots in posting the shutout, got a rare assist for a netminder. "Now I'll have to change our stat sheet and add a column for points for goalies," Bopp said.

South capped the scoring with a power-play goal by Mac Brookes, assisted by DeLaura and Shield, at 12:17.

South took an 18-8-1 record into its quarterfinal game.



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AUTOS By Jenny King

The current Saab lineup starts with the all-wheel-drive 9-2X; followed by the 9-3 series with a sedan, convertible and five-door wagon; a larger, luxurious 9-5 sedan and wagon; and the new 9-7X sport utility vehicle.

Saab 9-3: A wolf in sheep's garb



Whoa! We were doing close to 100 mph merging onto eastbound I-94 in a 2006 Saab 9-3 turbocharged sedan.

The driver was surprised at the burst of instant speed. "Is that gauge in miles or kilometers?" he asked, figuring the latter would be more acceptable in the eyes of any watchful public safety professionals cruising the highway that afternoon.

We quickly backed off and slid into traffic. It was indeed mph.

The five-speed manual transmission was so smooth, both shift lever and clutch, that the vehicle was almost as easy to drive as an automatic.

The Saab has, at least to some of us, lost its characteristic quirkiness in exterior and interior design. But we will consider forfeiting that in favor of an amazing driving experience.

Right from the get-go (first-timers, the ignition port is on the floor between the front bucket seats), the 9-3 was a pleasure.

The 2.0-liter, four-cylinder, 210-HP turbo-charged engine is of German origin. The transmission is Swedish. Saab cars are assembled in Trollhatten, Sweden.

We found the vehicle to be extremely tight. Doors make a nice snug sound as they close. Handling is precise — it had best be with that turbo-charged engine under the hood.

Amenities in the car for review included the \$550 heated seats and headlamp washers option; \$550 parchment silver metallic paint; and a \$3,890 navigation/premium package.

Saab offers no-charge scheduled maintenance for three years or 36,000 miles. The new vehicle limited war-

ranty extends to four years or 50,000 miles.

The standard \$25,900 9-3 with 2.0-liter engine includes electronic stability, antilock brakes, driver/front passenger side (torso) air bags, full side air curtain bags and front-seat active head restraints to protect against whiplash injury.

Also standard are power heated outside mirrors, cornering brake control, steering wheel-mounted audio controls, dual front seat temperature controls and pass-through 60/40 split rear seats.

The 9-3 with the smaller engine is rated at an average 22 miles per gallon in the city and a more respectable 31 mpg on the highway — provided you don't do too much merging at 100 mph.

Saab has always been a fine winter-weather car — all the way back to the first Saabs to come into the United States in the early '60s. You're revealing old age if you remember that tiny, aerodynamic solid sedan with a surprisingly fast two-cycle three-cylinder engine and front-wheel drive that scoffed at snow.

Complaints? A few. Those leather-trimmed seats are mighty cold on one's backside until the three-level heating unit kicks in. And the leather-wrapped steering wheel was freezing to the touch during our mid-February close encounter with single-digit temperatures.

The 9-3 is a bit snug inside. Pushing the front passenger's seat to a comfortable distance from the instrument panel puts its back only an inch or two from the knees of the rear-seat occupant. One also has a sense of low-overhead up front.

And what is it with Saab's nomenclature for its lineup? We continually grouse about the trend toward alphanumeric badging from the more familiar names on cars. But Saab was one of the first to the table with numbers rather than names.

Saab — from Svenska Aeroplan Aktiebolaget — dates from 1937 in Trollhatten, Sweden. The company origi-



2006 Saab 9-3 is a polished, sophisticated high-performance sedan.

nally built high-performance military aircraft.

The 9, according to Saab public relations spokesman Tom Beaman, was used as part of the designation for Saab's civilian aircraft.

Following World War II, the company branched out into passenger cars. The Saab Museum Web site says the first of them, the 92.001, was put together in 1947 by hand by a small team of men. It was powered by an 18-horsepower two-cylinder, two-stroke DKW engine, later famous for the clouds of exhaust — an incarnation of it produced in the East German Trabant.

The Saab Museum in Sweden houses this little '47 prototype, unrestored.

In 1990, Saab was restructured. General Motors purchased a 50-percent interest in the new automotive portion of the company with Saab AB holding the other half.

The current Saab lineup starts with the all-wheel-drive 9-2X, a five-door or station wagon or SportCombi model

which, with a 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine starts at around \$23,700.

It is followed by the 9-3 series, with a sedan, a convertible and a five-door wagon. There is the larger and more

luxurious 9-5 sedan and wagon and the new 9-7X sport utility vehicle. The base 9-5 has a turbo-charged 2.3-liter, 260-HP engine and starts at \$34,820.

The brand-new 2006 Saab

sport utility, the 9-7X, comes with standard all-wheel drive. The smaller engine is a 4.2-liter in-line six; this model is priced at \$39,240 (and up). The 9-7X with 5.3-liter V-8 starts at \$41,000.



This odd-looking '64 Saab 96 with two-cycle three-cylinder engine and front-wheel drive was an early ancestor.

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SHOP TALK By Greg Zyla

Efficient oil refills

Q. Greg, I have a 1996 Olds Ciera LS with a 3.1-liter V-6. The engine takes 3.5 quarts of oil each oil change, and since you can't buy a half-quart anywhere, I thought maybe I could use a bigger oil filter that would hold the extra oil. So, I switched to a NAPA Gold 1040 because the NAPA filter has an anti-drain-back-check valve, which keeps the oil in the filter when you shut off the car.

There is room under the hood for the longer filter, thus it takes that extra half-quart of oil. Could you give me some advice?

— Kenneth H., Spokane, Wash.

A. Kenneth, I checked with my professional mechanic source, who has done thousands of these oil changes over the years. He tells me that regardless of filter, the 3.1 GM V-6 takes 4.5 quarts of oil with filter, so I'm going to take it that your 3.5-quart statement is meant to be 4.5.

That still leaves you with a half-quart to deal with. Adding an extra half-quart is not in the best interests of your engine, as too much oil can decrease an engine's efficiency by causing things like oil slapping against the crankshaft.

However, your theory on the NAPA Gold — one of the best filters available today — does make sense, and since the filter is full when the engine is off, you are probably OK as long as you get the correct reading on your dipstick.

We also checked the Pennzoil crankcase capacity info for your engine, and it's listed at 4.7 quarts, not 4.5. All in all, you're probably safe, especially if the Pennzoil info is correct. However, some AC Delco PF47s also have an anti-drain-back-check valve, so check which one you were using or I could throw the whole

theory off. If it were me, I'd put 4.5 quarts in with the filter and add oil as necessary to get to the full mark on the dipstick. You might have some left, but you'll be sure the crankcase is full.

Q. Greg, I'm about to move to another state with my 1972 Challenger. How can I find a reliable mechanic to do some work on my car? Thanks in advance for your help.

— Lucky, via e-mail.

A. Lucky, here are some tips about finding a good garage. First, contact the area street rod, antique car or hot rod clubs, of which I'm sure there are several. If you can't find any, go to any speed shop or auto-parts store, and I'm sure they can help. Talk to the members of these car clubs, and before you know it, they'll point you in the right direction.

It is important to establish a rapport with the owner of the garage where you will take your car, so he knows you'll be a steady customer and one who appreciates good work.

Take care of that '72 Challenger, as it is one of the better pony cars produced and, when compared to Mustangs and Camaros, are in more demand because there just aren't as many around. Good luck, and change that oil every 3,500 miles.

Q. Greg, I enjoy reading your columns on car care, and I wanted to know what this new nanotechnology is all about? A computer friend told me that nanotechnology is common in computers, and now it's being used in auto wax and wheel cleaners. Is this correct?

— Jimmy K., Pennsylvania.

A. Jimmy, your friend is correct. We contacted Eagle One, which introduced the first liquid polish and wax using nanotechnology in 2004. Eagle

One said that nanotechnology is engineering at the molecular level to create useful products.

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Q. What era do you feel really kicked off the high-performance days in Detroit? The late '50s or early '60s?

— H.M., via e-mail.

A. The high-performance era was well under way in the late '50s, with fuel-injected '57 Chevys, Cross-Ram Chrysler 300s and powerful big-block Fords. However, in 1962, Ford had a 406 engine, Chevy had the famous 409 and Chrysler expanded its 413 into 426 programs. So, 1962 gets my vote as the year it all happened for us high-performance lovers.

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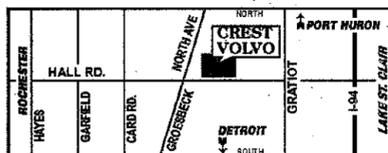


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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

'06 Camry LE ranks most solid sedan

This week, we test-drive one of the most solid sedans on the planet, even if it still doesn't turn any heads. The 2006 Toyota Camry retains its standard, non-flashy look, but it hasn't lost any of its famed attributes, either, with solid performance, good fuel mileage, long life and a low price still driving sales — base price: \$20,375; price as tested: \$22,691.

Since it replaced the Corona late in the 1983 model year, the Camry has been a top seller for Toyota year after year. Jokes about its looks aside, we were reminded in our weeklong test drive why this car remains so popular.

The Camry's trim options range from standard to LE, SE and XLE. The LE and XLE include options for a 3.0-liter, six-cylinder engine that produces 190 horsepower, while the SE has a 3.3-liter V-6 option that delivers 210 horses. Our tester had the standard 2.4-liter four-cylinder, which produces an ample 154 horsepower. We didn't find the Camry wanting for more power at all, although the bigger engine would no doubt add a little zip to the otherwise unexciting Camry feel.

Beware the notable fuel mileage drop-off with the bigger engine, however, as 24 miles-per-gallon city and 34 mpg highway EPA ratings with the four-cylinder drop to as low as 20 and 28 mpg with the sixes.

While a manual transmission is still an option on all but the XLE Camry, our tester had the standard five-speed ECT-i automatic. The push-button feature to turn overdrive on and off came in handy during some rough-weather driving here in the Northeast, and we were glad for the power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering.



2006 Toyota Camry XLE

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We salute the Camry's front-wheel-drive system as well.

For those stuck on Camry's routine outside appearance, just crawl inside and you'll be reminded that beauty is only skin deep. The Camry is more impressive from the inside out, with soft, comfortable seating and a great view of the road.

Interior comforts and conveniences include air conditioning with air filtration, cruise control, AM/FM/CD audio with six speakers, steering wheel-integrated audio controls, power driver's seat with lumbar support, 60/40 split rear folding seat, power windows and door locks, adjustable driver and passenger shoulder-belt anchors, center-

console armrest with dual storage, rear window defogger, outside temperature gauge and remote trunk and fuel release. Also noteworthy are Camry's keyless entry with trunk release, and its color-keyed power outside mirrors.

For a model in the low \$20,000 range, Camry gets a good dose of Toyota's safety technology, with anti-lock brakes, driver and front-passenger advanced air-bag system, adjustable headrests for all five seats, three-point seat belts and child-restraint system. Camry also has Halogen auto on-off headlamps and daytime running lights.

Adding to our base price were the driver and front-passenger side and curtain air bags (\$650), power tilt-and-slide moonroof (\$900), a carpet and trunk mat set (\$186) and destination charge (\$580).

Other important numbers include an 18.5-gallon fuel tank, 3,164-pound curb weight and a 107.1-inch wheelbase.



Among its long list of four-door sedan competitors, Camry is still most challenged by Honda's Accord. Break down all of the categories and statistics, and the final decision may lie in the eye of the beholder.

In summary, we rate Camry

an 8.5 on a scale of one to 10, with 10 highest.

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Dislikes: It's been 23 years — add a little flash.

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Situations Wanted

300 SITUATIONS WANTED BABYSITTERS

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400 ANTIQUES/COLLECTIBLES

Dr. Mouchelles
Auction at the Gallery
Auction Dates: Friday, March 10th at 6:30pm - Saturday, March 11th at 11:00am - Sunday, March 12th at Noon.
Exhibition Dates: Friday, March 3rd; Saturday, March 4th; Tuesday, March 7th; Thursday, March 9th 9:30am - 5:30pm; Wednesday, March 8th 9:30am - 8:30pm
FEATURING
The Estates of Mary H. O'Leary, Grosse Pointe Shores; Nancy Faellen, Novi; & Frank Sladen, Grosse Pointe Farms. Also, a Chickering concert grand piano from Dr. Charles Vortriede, Indian Village, Detroit. Over 1800 catalogued lots.
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304 SITUATIONS WANTED GENERAL

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305 SITUATIONS WANTED HOUSE CLEANING

AFFORDABLE house cleaning by Polish lady. Honest, dependable, detail oriented. Grosse Pointe references. (313)729-6939

AFFORDABLE house cleaning, family owned, discounts available. Miscellaneous Cleaning, 586-477-8502.

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EXPERIENCED house keeping. Excellent Grosse Pointe references. Call Sherry, 586-202-2141 or 586-776-3430

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We Do It Your Way! You'll Love My Service. Fantastic References.

QUALITY residential cleaning done by 2 stay at home moms. References and free estimates. Lori, (586)783-7343

310 SITUATIONS WANTED ASSISTED LIVING

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312 ORGANIZING

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406 ESTATE SALES
1280 S. Oxford, Grosse Pointe Woods, Friday, Saturday 9am-4pm. Fine furniture, china, linens, washer, dryer, tools, T.V. Everything must go!

409 GARAGE/YARD/RUMMAGE SALE
FURNITURE & misc. items. 17560 Mack Avenue, Condo #10. Saturday, March 11, 9am-1pm.

MOVING! Saturday, 9am-6pm. 635 Moorland, Grosse Pointe Woods. Antiques: toy trucks, mantels, lighting, windows, furniture...

HARPER Woods, 19978 Woodmont. Saturday, 10am-3pm. Furniture, Christmas, kitchen accessories, household.

MOVING/ estate sale; furniture, yard equipment, artist supplies, exercise equipment, housewares, etc. Thursday-Saturday, March 9, 10, 11; 10am-5pm. 11580 Anna Lisa, off Dodge Park, North of 16.

ROSEVILLE- 18570 Meier, 1 block south of Martin Road, 1 block east of Gratiot. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 9am-5pm. Moving out of state! Everything must be sold. Lots of clothes, and furniture.

410 HOUSEHOLD SALES
1026 Yorkshire, Grosse Pointe Park. Furniture, glassware, collectibles. Saturday, Sunday 9am-3pm.

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1730 BURNS, DETROIT HISTORIC INDIAN VILLAGE
FRIDAY, SATURDAY, MARCH 10TH, 11TH 9:00AM-4:00PM.
SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH 10:00AM-2:00PM.
Burns is halfway between Grosse Pointe and downtown off Jefferson Ave.
The estate of Dr. Charles and Rosalie Vortriede, this historic 30 room, 10,000 square foot home has something for absolutely everyone. Eight piece heavily carved dining room set including buffet, many English oak chairs, pair heavily carved chairs, large marble topped carved antique table, Jacobean English oak bench, French silk sofa (needs upholstery), antique carved desk, 12 pew, very large antique gold mirror, Hammond C-3 organ (needs minor repair) clocks, tons of vintage clothing, vintage drapes, piano items, kimono, hat pins, hats, jewelry, display items from jewelry store, pique a jour, tons of china, crystal, silver overlay, carnival glass punch bowl, Palpoint lamp shade (slight damage) Rookwood, Roseville, cinnabar, netsukes, ivory puzzle ball, violin molds, wood, architectural iron and wood, plaster medallion for ceiling, entire room from Windmill Point estate including paneling, hardware, boat building and violin magazines, tools, tractor, cement mixer, chipper/ shredder, car parts, lawnmowers, robot, giant mangle, stove, refrigerator, lots of large crocks, tons of books, linens, Christmas, every room open including basement and large garage! Plan on spending some time, there is so much to see!
Street numbers Honored Friday at 8:30am VISA, MasterCard and Discover accepted. Check my website www.marcia-wilk.com for pictures and map!

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408 FURNITURE

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DINING set, 12 chairs, table, 5 piece curio cabinet, marble top server on wheels. Oak/tinted glass. \$3,000/ offer. (313)882-2602

OAK dining room set. 1920's. 70" round table (expands 90"), buffet, 11 chairs- 5 original, 6 new. \$500. (313)884-2339

SIX contemporary dining room chairs \$200; professional computer corner desk \$75; single head board & dresser \$150; white crib & mattress \$125. (313)884-8817

SOFA, camel back, Wedgewood blue, 90", \$200. Cherry nightstand; \$35. Ivory area rug; \$75. (313)886-2862

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412 MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES

2004 McLaughlin Optimus/ Advanced Racer. Like new condition, used 1 season. (313)884-5436

32" Sony Triniton TV, with heavy duty ceiling mounted bracket. \$375. (313)980-1617

DRESSER with hutch, 2 large nightstands (cream/ yellow formica top). 24" girls 15 speed bike. Sears luggage carrier. Life-styler treadmill. Weight bench. Oak pedestal table/ 6 chairs. 313-550-3785.

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413 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

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WANTED: musical instruments of all kinds. Cash paid. Will pick up! (248)842-6869

415 WANTED TO BUY

FINE china dinnerware, sterling silver flatware and antiques. Call Jan/ Herb. (586)731-8139

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416 SPORTS EQUIPMENT

NIKE NDS Fairway woods, #3, #5, women's, never used, \$100/ each. (586)773-2108

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Wanted Vintage Clothes And Accessories
Paying Top Dollar For The Following:
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406 ESTATE SALES

WHOLE HOUSE MOVING SALE
429 MORAN
GROSSE POINTE FARMS
FRIDAY & SATURDAY 9AM- 4PM
The house is full of furniture- pair of wing back chairs, 3 bedroom suites, hand painted antique armoire, down sofa, large assortment of antique oak, sterling coffee/ tea set, cookbooks, tools, all appliances, and so much more.
We are still sorting!
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HARTZ HOUSEHOLD SALES, INC.
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FRIDAY & SATURDAY
MARCH 10TH, 11TH, 2006
10:00AM- 4:00PM
89 MEADOW LANE
GROSSE POINTE FARMS
Off Grosse Pointe Blvd. Between Fisher & Moran
Traditional furnishings include old, new, unusual & interesting treasures featuring mahogany Chippendale ball and claw loveseat, pair of rose damask ladies chairs, antique pew from Mariner's Church, 1900's oak dresser, NEW BALDWIN CONSOLE PIANO IN CHERRY CASE, several iron plant stands, 4 piece carved stone Oriental screen, nest of handpainted 1940's mahogany tables, upholstered loveseat, pair of end tables, wicker loveseat, chair & table, 2 chaise lounges, Mission Oak foot stool, Queen Anne wing chair, antique Victorian carved chair, green plaid loveseat, and much more.
Decorative items include Howard Miller wall clock, framed prints, and oil paintings, several area rugs, miniature Tiffany clock. Coffee table books, and more.
We will also have crystal & china, costume jewelry, cookbooks, videos, a wooden high chair, a three wheel senior bike w/ large basket, Schwinn Aerodyne, Brown Jordan patio furniture, gold silk valances, professional Kitchen Aid mixer, professional coffee maker, pair of twin beds, and more.
We are still unpacking so we are bound to have loads of treasures not listed in this ad. Come & bring your friends. All items priced to sell quickly.
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Animals

500 ANIMAL ADOPT A PET
COLLIE Rescue- see us Saturday, March 11, 11am- 3pm. Petco, Allen Park, 23155 Outer Drive, 877-299-7307 collierescue.com

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ADORABLE Yorkie-Poo puppies. Available April 1st, taking deposit now. (313)881-0844

CHI- Pom/ yorkiepool pups. Tiny, too cute, 6 weeks. \$350. (313)886-0360

505 LOST AND FOUND

FOUND- Parakeet, March 1. Mack/ 8 Mile area. (313)640-1262

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TABBY cat, butter-scotch. Found 2/ 25, Mack/ St. Clair. Male. (313)885-8667

Automotive

600 AUTOMOTIVE CARS

CASH! Best price paid for cars, vans, trucks. Immediate pick-up (248)982-0625

602 AUTOMOTIVE FORD

2001 Lincoln LS V8, sports package, fully loaded, premium wheels, \$15,000/ best. (586)557-0007

1997 Mercury Grand Marquis- excellent condition, dad's car loaded, 62K. \$4,500. (586)776-4440

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Heated Leather Seats
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\$20,100.
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1993 Volvo 240DL-Black, 4 door sedan. Well maintained. 157,700 miles. \$3,300. 313-881-3883

606 AUTOMOTIVE SPORT UTILITY

1997 Ford Explorer-Florida car, loaded, including AWD, 45K. \$7,500. 586-405-1849

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2001 Jeep Cherokee Laredo- Great shape

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**700 APTS/FLATS/DUPEX
POINTES/HARPER WOODS**

\$600. Vernier 1 bedroom upper, garage, air, appliances, references, no pets. (313)881-3149

1 bedroom apartment, \$600/month. All utilities, pets negotiable. Landlord on site. Available immediately. (313)884-1813

1052 Lakepointe- spacious 2 bedroom flat. Large deck, garage, laundry. Squeaky clean. \$720. 313-510-0579

1419 Wayburn upper, 2 bedrooms, appliances. \$700/month, plus security, utilities. (313)881-8653

1447-1449 Maryland. Spacious, 2 bedroom upper and lower units available. Freshly painted. Newly remodeled kitchen and bath. New carpeting throughout. Shared basement. Each unit, \$750. Shown by appointment, Jim Saros Agency (313)884-6861

1464 Lakepointe- 1,100 sq. ft. 2 bedroom, living, dining, kitchen, bath, basement. Hardwood floors, washer, dryer and water included. \$800, plus security deposit. (313)570-3065

2 bedroom unit, 1118 Maryland. Heat & water included. Parking. \$780. (313)613-4224

2 bedroom upper, \$650. 2 bedroom lower, with family room, \$750. (313)885-6475

2 bedroom upper, \$800/month. New kitchen. Washer, dryer, air, no pets. (313)824-2687

2037 Vernier, 2 bedroom lower. Basement, one car garage, appliances. No smoking, no pets. Peaceful. \$795. (313)881-6780

2500 sq. ft. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, finished basement, 2 fireplaces, air, garage, immaculately decorated, \$2,200. (586)677-0521

2ND floor apartment- spacious, furnished or not, near Bon Secours hospital. Includes all utilities. Wireless internet, cable, laundry room facilities, parking. \$750, security. \$750/month. (313)882-9686

3 bedroom, 2 full bath, living room, dining room, kitchen, air, garage, washer, dryer. New furnace. (313)824-2687

596 Notre Dame- completely renovated 1 bedroom lower unit. Walking distance to the Village! New kitchen, bath, carpeting, roof, windows, garage and dishwasher. Stove and refrigerator provided. New furnace, window air conditioning unit provided. Separate basement storage. No pets. \$900. Shown by appointment. New Clam Investment. (313)884-6861

598 Notre Dame- Completely renovated 1 bedroom upper loft. Walking distance to the Village! New kitchen, bath, carpeting, roof, windows, garage. Stove and refrigerator provided. New furnace, window air conditioning unit provided. Separate basement storage. No pets. \$750. Shown by appointment. New Clam Investment. (313)884-6861

633 Neff- spacious lower flat. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, family room, air, appliances, wood floors, 2 car garage. \$1,300/month, 1/2 month security. (313)885-7273

755 Harcourt- \$875. 2 bedroom, new kitchen, air. Sharp decor throughout. (313)821-8411

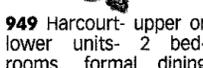
BEACONSFIELD- lovely 3 bedroom lower, appliances, carpeted, porches, full basement. \$750/month. (313)727-3623

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POINTES/HARPER WOODS**

876 Trombley, 3 bedroom upper, 2 baths, natural fireplace, newly decorated. Garage, Separate basement. No pets. \$1,500/month plus security deposit. (313)882-3965

908 Nottingham, 2 bedroom, appliances, off-street parking, no pets. \$675. (313)617-8663

926 Nottingham- 2 bedroom lower, all appliances, off-street parking, \$750/month plus security. 313-823-5852



949 Harcourt- upper or lower units- 2 bedrooms, formal dining room, family room. Fireplace, all new appliances, patio. Basement, garage. Security deposit, \$980. Monthly \$980. 313-882-9686, 313-570-9799

AFFORDABLE townhouses (2) in Grosse Pointe Woods. 2 or 3 bedroom. Clean, well maintained, central air, cable ready. No pets. Starting at \$825. Call for appointment, (248)848-1150

BEACONSFIELD 2 bedroom loft apartment, south of Jefferson, completely renovated, on-site parking, all appliances, heat & water included. \$795/month. (586)465-2398

BEACONSFIELD, South of Jefferson, upper, 2 bedrooms, quiet. No smoking, no pets, \$600. (313)881-5618

BEACONSFIELD- 1077 3 bedroom totally remodeled, central air, \$825/month. 586-703-0666.

CARRIAGE house on Lakeshore: 7 rooms, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, garage, appliances included. \$1,200/month. (313)884-2814

DUPEX, 19119 Roscommon, 2 bedroom, basement, yard. \$650/deposit. Open Sunday, 1-3pm. 586-791-2534.

EXCEPTIONAL 2 bedroom, 1,100 sq. ft. carriage house. Ideally located near lake and park. \$1,100/month. Please fax resume to 313-886-3365

GROSSE Pointe City, Lakeland/ Mack- 1st floor, 1 bedroom apartment available. Appliances and utilities included. \$750/month, plus security deposit. No pets. (313)640-5702

GROSSE Pointe Park, (2 available) 2 bedrooms, appliances. Separate utilities, \$585-\$685, (313)647-0120

GROSSE Pointe Park, 1300 Maryland- 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, laundry, \$750/month includes heat, water. (586)822-1062

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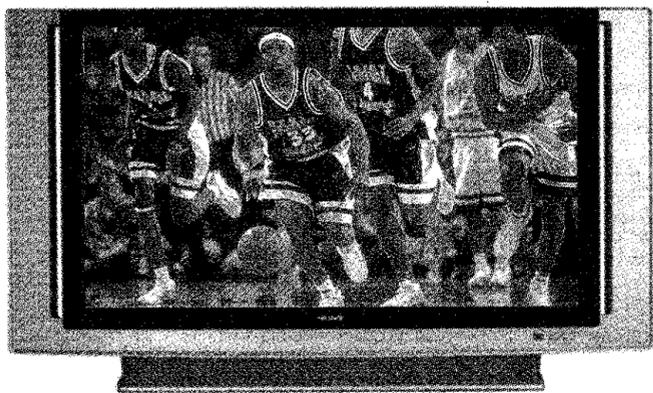
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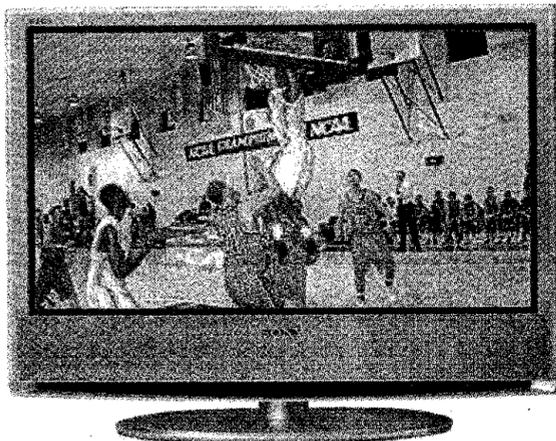
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